

**MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**9 JANUARY 2017**

**MEETING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE & AGEING  
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Samuel Beckett Civic Centre**  
**29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 5pm**

**Present**

Councillor Peter O' Brien, Chairperson  
Councillor Patricia Stewart  
Councillor Dave O' Keeffe  
Councillor Deirdre Donnelly  
Councillor John Kennedy  
Councillor Mary Hanafin  
Ms. Michele Relihan  
Mr. Tom Conlon  
Ms. Ann Cannon

Councillor Peter O' Brien presided as Chairperson.

**Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the following:

Councillor Mary Fayne  
Councillor Karen Furlong  
Councillor Sorcha Nic Cormaic  
Ms. Geraldine Graydon

**Officials Present**

Dearbhla Lawson, Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development  
Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer  
Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer  
Tim Carey, Heritage Officer  
Helen Griffin, Administrative Officer

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016, with amendment to reflect apologies received from Ms. Michele Relihan, were agreed and adopted, having been proposed by Cllr. Donnelly and seconded by Cllr. Hanafin. Dearbhla Lawson noted the deferral of Geraldine Graydon's summing up on some of the key issues from her presentation at last SPC Meeting, which was raising awareness on autism issues. There were no other matters arising.

**2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Information items submitted by members for written reply**

There were no items submitted by members.

#### **4. Director's Business**

##### **a. AsIAM Presentation by invited guest speaker, Mr. Adam Harris**

Adam Harris, founder of AsIAM, gave a presentation on what it is like to live with Autism and outlined small changes which organisations, like the Council, can take to make it easier for autistic people to navigate services.

A discussion ensued, during which Mr. Harris was congratulated by the Chairperson and all members of the SPC. It was agreed that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council would look to explore opportunities for becoming more autism friendly. Dearbhla Lawson responded to comments and suggestions of SPC Members.

##### **b. Report on Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's 1916 Programme**

Tim Carey, Heritage Officer, presented a report reviewing the Council's 1916 Centenary Programme, including the launch of the Grants Programme, number of events held, attendance at events and highlights of the year. In the course of the discussion that followed, SPC Members congratulated the Council on a very successful programme.

##### **c. Public Age, our Arts and Health Architecture Project**

Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer, gave a presentation on this project under the dlrCoCo/HSE Arts and Health Partnership Project 2016/2017, with additional support from the Arts Council. During the discussion which followed, K. Redmond and D. Lawson responded to questions from the SPC Members. It was agreed that updates on this project will be brought to the SPC in 2017.

#### **5. Topics for Future Work Programme**

D. Lawson outlined the proposed 2017 SPC work programme, which was agreed by the SPC Members.

#### **6. Business referred from Council**

It was **noted** that there was no business.

#### **7. Business referred from Corporate Policy Group**

It was **noted** that there was no business.

#### **8. Any other business**

It was **noted** that there was no other business.

#### **9. Next meeting**

Date of next SPC Meeting to be confirmed

Venue will be the Annex, County Hall.