**Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge & Libraries SPC**

**Meeting 4th May 2016 (5.30pm) – IT Conference Room**

**Report.**

**Attended**

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| **Cllr D Richardson (Chair)** | **Cllr Madeleine Johanssen** |
| **Cllr B Bonner** | **Ms D Mooney,** |
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**Officials present:**

Mr F Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms Bernie Meenaghan, A/County Librarian

Ms Domitilla Fagan – Senior Executive Librarian

Ms Orla Scannell, Arts Officer  
Ms Rosaleen Dwyer – Heritage Officer

**Apologies** : **Mr Peader O’Caomhnaigh, Cllr. B Leech.**

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| **Headed Item 1: Minutes of 3rd February 2016.**  **Minutes were AGREED.** |
| **Headed Item 2 - Libraries Update - Events Programme Overview**  DF presented the update and overview:  **Events Programme in Libraries**   * 4,871 events * 61 exhibitions * 1,472,314visitors   Main Strands include:  **A Year of Celebrations**  **A Year of Learning**  **Events Programme for Children & Schools**  A presentation was also given on the Red Line Book Festival 2016 and an update will be made to the next SPC meeting. |
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| **Headed Item 3.   In Context 4 – Commissioning Strategy**  A new commissioning strategy, for a four year public art programme under the Per Cent for Art Scheme, developed by the Council’s Public Art Working Group, was presented to the SPC.   * Proposed budget €284,000 * Commissioned through open competitive submissions * Strands:   (1) Project Awards   (2) Evaluation  (3) Artist Support  (4) Curators Commissions  The SPC recommended the adoption of this strategy on the roll out of Context 4 by South Dublin County Council. |
| **Headed Item 4. Arts Development Strategy Overview**  OS presentedan overview of the Arts Development Strategy 2016 -2020. It outlined the primary objectives of the strategy and the role of the Arts Office in delivering this. The four main themes of the strategy are: Sustainability; Public Engagement, Learning and Participation; Infrastructure and Arts Service Development.  ***A*** presentation of the final draft of the strategy will be made to the SPC early September 2016. |
| **Headed Item 5 : Mountains Project update**  FN presented an update of the Mountains project and it was agreed that a joint meeting with the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism SPC would be useful on tourism projects generally. |
| **Headed Item 6** : Preparation Process for Heritage and Biodiversity Plans  The 2016 process for the preparation of the county’s first Biodiversity Plan and the review and updating of the County Heritage Plan was presented by RD. A public consultation process is underway and is to close on 13th May. A County Biodiversity Forum is being established and membership of the current Heritage Forum will be refreshed. Priority is to be given to preparing the Biodiversity Plan initially, so the new Biodiversity Forum will meet before the end of May to commence a review of public submissions and agree actions for the Plan. A draft Biodiversity Plan is expected by September. The SPC will be updated on progress for both Plans. |
| **Headed Item 7 : AOB**  No business.  **Meeting concluded at 7pm.** |