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

**Meeting 6th November 2019 (5.30pm) – Council Chamber**

**Report**

**Attended**

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| Cllr. Mick Duff (Chair) | Cllr. Guss O’Connell |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes | Ms. Freda Manweiler |
| Cllr. Peter Kavanagh | Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Teresa Costello

Cllr. Kenneth Egan

**Officials present:**

Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service.

Ms. Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms. Cristian Hurson, Senior Executive Officer

Ms. Maoilíosa Boyle, Director of Rua Red

Mr. Michael Barker-Craven, Director of Civic Theatre

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| **Headed Item 1: SPC introductions**  **Members and officials introduced themselves.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Lobbying Regulation Act**  **Cristina Hurson, Senior Executive Officer, provided information on the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 to the Strategic Policy Committee.**  The report was **noted.** |
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| **Headed Item 3:   SDCC Corporate Plan 2019-2024**  **Cristina Hurson, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation on SDCC Corporate Plan 2019-2024.**    **The report was noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Minutes of the SPC meeting of 6th Feb 2019.**  The minutes of the SPC meeting of 6th Feb 2019 were **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 5: Libraries Presentation**  Bernadette Fennell, County Librarian, gave a presentation on South Dublin Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 ‘Open to You’.  Following some discussion with contributions from Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr O’Connell, Cllr. Hayes and Cllr. Duff the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 6: Arts Office Update**  Orla Scannell, Arts Officer, gave an update on Arts programmes including the Youth Arts Programme, InContext 4, Music Generation and the Creative Ireland Programme.  Following contributions from Cllr. O’Connell and Cllr. Kavanagh the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 7: Rua Red Presentation**  Ms. Maoilíosa Boyle, Director of Rua Red, gave a presentation on the work carried out by Rua Red and several programmes were discussed.  The report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 8: Civic Theatre Presentation**  Mr. Michael Barker-Craven, Director of the Civic Theatre, gave a presentation on the work and programmes carried out by the theatre.  Following a contribution by Cllr. Hayes the report was **noted.** |
| **Headed Item 9: Appointments to the Board of SDCC Arts Company/Civic Theatre Board**  Mr. Frank Nevin, Director of Service, informed Members that the nominations to the board of the Civic Theatre were approved at the July County Council meeting:  Cllr. Kavanagh and Cllr Baby Pereppadan and the two executives from SDCC are Mr. Eddie Conroy and Ms. Bernadette Fennell.  The nomination of three (3) members to the Board of the South Dublin Arts Company, (Rua Red), was discussed by the members. It was agreed that:   * The previous protocol that the three members to be nominated would be : the SPC Chair (ex officio), one elected member and one non-elected member, would continue. * In line with this protocol it was agreed that Cllr Mick Duff, (Chair) and Ms Freda Manweiler, (PPN) would be nominated to the Board. * At the meeting Councillors Hayes and Kavanagh expressed interest in the third nomination but, as not all elected members of the SPC were present for the discussion, it was agreed that the nomination be deferred to the next SPC meeting. * The two Executives from SDCC appointed to the board are Mr. Frank Nevin and Ms. Anne Lynch. |
| **Headed Item 10: Draft SPC work plan**  There was also discussion in relation to the SPC workplan. Time was limited but it was agreed that a DRAFT plan be circulated for discussion and agreement reached at the next SPC meeting. |
| **AOB**  Cllr Kavanagh expressed his thanks to all and the **meeting concluded at 7.25pm.** |