

Dublin



City Development Board

Minutes of Meeting of
Dublin City Development
Board held in Civic Offices
16th December 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

Local Government

Cllr. Daithi Doolan
Cllr. Eric Byrne

Local Development

Pat Lynch, City Enterprise Board
Greg Swift, City Enterprise Board
Des Bonass, Dublin Inner City Partnership

Social Partners

Brendan Dowling, Comm Forum
Una Ui Lachtnain, Comm Forum
Tom Murphy, ICTU

Statutory Agencies

Dan Flavin, Dept of Justice, Equality & Law Reform
Stephen Falvey, Dept of Education & Science
Brian Chadwick, Dept of Social & Family Affairs
Gerry McMahon, Enterprise Ireland
Ciara Sugrue, Dublin Tourism

Community & Enterprise Staff

Martin Kavanagh, Director of C&E
Gerry Folan, Senior Executive Officer
Monica Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
Miriam McKeown, Acting Senior Staff Officer

Apologies

Lord Mayor, Cllr. Eibhlin Byrne
Cllr. Sean Kenny
Cllr. Gerry Breen
Cllr. Tom Stafford
Ciaran McNamara, Assistant City Manager
Ciaran Reid, Ballyfermot Partnership
Gina Quin, Chamber of Commerce
Brian Malone, Community Forum
Michael Bowe, Finglas Cabra Partnership
Joe Rynn, Dublin City Childcare Committee
Tara Smith, Rathmines Community Partnership
Jim Wadden, FAS

1. Welcome & Apologies

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr. Sean Kenny, Cllr. Daithi Doolan kindly agreed to chair the meeting. The apologies were duly noted and Cllr. Doolan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review of the Outcomes 2006-2008

The DOE have requested that all City & County Development Boards should undertake a review of their strategies 2006-2008, focusing on a very limited number of priorities over the period mid 2009 to end 2012. The Director, Martin Kavanagh said that the meeting would be broken into two sessions, Session 1 would review the outcomes of 2006-2008 and Session 2 would set the priorities for 2009-2012.

The Director went through a number of the key outcomes that were working well and said that a lot of achievements had been made in the areas of social inclusion, building communities, family and children and integration.

3. Consider Priority Actions 2009-2012

The Director informed the Board that the purpose of the review was to identify a limited number of priorities for the next three years and focus on CDBs core role re coordination of local public services. Key developments since 2005 Review were also be identified and the implications assessed, along with achievements to date and proposed adjustments. The review would have to be looked at in the context of the economic climate and changes in the census also, a number of reports Towards 2016, the OECD Review of CDBs and Indecon Report would all have to be considered as they all reinforce the coordination role of the CDBs nationwide.

In particular, the Indecon Report recommended that a National CDB Group be established which would report to the Taoiseach and would look at public sector reform and it would identify inter-agency initiatives for all CDBs nationwide.

The three themes suggested as priorities for the revised strategy would be social inclusion, enterprise and economy and enviromental and sustainability and this was agreed.

There was some discussion from Board Members about the work being carried out by the CDB and the remit and authority it had. Some members felt that setting up smaller sub-groups to work on these 3 key themes would be the route to take. These smaller sub-groups would be chaired by the Elected Chair of the SPCs and any Board Member who had an interest in the topic could sit on the sub-groups. The main CDB Meetings would then be used as a forum for progress reporting from the 3 key sub-groups.

It was agreed that the Executive Sub-Group of the CDB meets in early January and fleshes out these priorities further and then reports back to the Board Meeting at the end of January.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded. The next meeting of the City Development Board will be held on 29th January 2009.