

Dublin



City Development Board

Minutes of Meeting of  
Dublin City Development  
Board held in City Hall,  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2008

**Local Government**

Cllr. Séan Kenny  
Cllr. Eric Byrne

**Local Development**

Eibhlin Curley, City Enterprise Board

**Social Partners**

Brendan Dowling, Comm Forum  
Una Ui Lachtain, Comm Forum  
Gina Quin, Chamber of Commerce

**Statutory Agencies**

Dan Flavin, Dept of Justice, Equality & Law Reform  
Stephen Falvey, Dept of Education & Science  
Brendan O'Sullivan, IDA Ireland  
Brian Chadwick, Dept of Social & Family Affairs

**Community & Enterprise Staff**

Gerry Folan, Senior Executive Officer  
Monica Murphy, Senior Executive Officer  
Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer  
Paddy McGrath, Administrative Officer  
Miriam McKeown, Acting Senior Staff Officer  
Anna Brannigan, Clerical Officer

**Apologies**

Lord Mayor, Cllr. Eibhlin Byrne  
Pat Lynch, Dublin City Enterprise Board  
Greg Swift, Dublin City Enterprise Board  
Brian Malone, Community Forum  
Michael Bowe, Finglas Cabra Partnership  
David Treacy, CDVEC  
Des Bonass, Dublin Inner City Partnership  
Gerry McMahon, Enterprise Ireland  
Tara Smith, Rathmines Community Partnership

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**1. Minutes and Matters Arising:**

The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

**2. Priority Actions – Progress Report:**

There were no issues arising out of the Progress Report.

**3. Funding the Dublin City Region**

A presentation was made by Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance DCC on the recently published report on funding the capital city. The report is a collaboration between the Finance Strategic Policy Committee and business interests. The report stated that city regions are the drivers of economic development and that Dublin's success economically is critical for the success of the rest of the country. Dublin represents the best prospect for Ireland's growth, however it does not represent the entire economy. Dublin needs regional economies, which can absorb spill over. Improvements in transportation will

make the city more efficient and accessible, which is central to economic development. The presentation was very well received.

**4. The National Conversation on Democracy**

A presentation was made by Edmund Grace, SJ on the next phase in this project. The National Conversation on Democracy is an initiative of the Jesuits in Ireland and it aims to promote a more reflective and effective democratic process by inviting politicians, public servants and community reps to reflect together on their experience of public life. The next stage in the process is to set up a series of “juries” throughout the country which will be established nationwide by the City & County Development Boards. The Director informed the board that letters of nomination would be going out to them in due course.

**5. City Enterprise Week**

Eibhlin Curley of the City Enterprise Board gave a short presentation on the City Enterprise Week, which is part of the Global Enterprise Week. Over 500 people attended and the event was to recognise the contribution made by small businesses to the economy. She said the week was extremely successful and this was down to all the partners who worked together on the event.

**6. City Indicators Report**

Jamie Cudden of the International Relations Office, gave a presentation on “Measuring Dublin”, indicators and benchmarking for the City. The indicators will measure how the city is progressing. The overall aim of the project is to develop a set of accessible indicators across a range of policy themes, which, will provide an evidence base for decision-making and identify the city’s strengths and weaknesses. This city databank will then become a one-stop-shop for key information on Dublin. The presentation was very well received.

**7. “Speak Up Speak Easy” Focus on Homelessness**

Brendan Dowling spoke about the 3<sup>rd</sup> consultation with the homeless, which will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> December next. The open consultation is for people who are having, or have had, direct experience of homelessness in the city. There will be 5 workstations where people can feedback their views, which will eventually become a newsletter.

**8. CDB Review**

Following a requirement from the DOE, the current CDB Strategy 2006-2008 needs to be reviewed and the strategy for 2009-2012 addressed. The Director said that a half day meeting of the CDB would be required in order to achieve this and this would take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008. This review would be completed by April and returned to the DOE for their review.

**9. AOB**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded. The next meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008.