



MINUTES OF THE HOUSING SPC MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019

1 Chairperson's Business:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the new Strategic Policy Committee on Housing and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Correspondence

The Chair informed the Committee of correspondence from Mr. Mike Allen of Focus Ireland suggesting the organisation of a Festival of Social Housing. She indicated that a working group had been established drawn from academia, heritage, AHBs and the DCC Housing Section to discuss and plan for such a Festival.

2 Housing Supply/Delivery

3 Report from Deputy Chief Executive

The Housing Supply and Delivery Report by the Deputy Chief Executive was noted. The following considerations were raised:

- Accommodation for senior citizens and supporting an age friendly city
- The finite amount of land available to DCC for housing purposes
- Matching building targets with housing needs

Agreed: *Age Friendly report encompassing all aspects for the DCC remit be made to the December monthly meeting for debate*

4 Understanding the Capital Appraisals Process & funding streams open to DCC

The Capital Appraisals Process and Funding Streams Report by the Deputy Chief Executive was noted. The following considerations were raised:

- Key Statistical Information
- Voids

- 4-Stage Approval Process
- The single-stage approval process

Agreed: *A letter be sent to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to bring forward the Affordable Rental Model Scheme.*

5 **Role of Approved Housing Bodies in Housing Supply and Delivery: Presentation from Irish Council for Social Housing (I.C.S.H.)**

Ms Karen Murphy was thanked for giving the presentation on the Role of AHBS in Housing Supply and Delivery. The following considerations were raised:

- The role of the PRTB in AHBS tenancy
- Management fees in apartment blocks
- Funding streams available to AHBS

Agreed: *List of Councillors and their local areas to be distributed to all Approved Housing Bodies.*

6 **Increasing supply through DCC regeneration projects**

A presentation by Mr Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, on how Increasing supply through DCC regeneration projects was noted. The following considerations were raised:

- Funding for the various regeneration projects
- Provision of fire escapes in older complexes
- Timelines for projects

Agreed: *Presentation on positive interventions to Protected Structures at a future Housing SPC.*

Agreed: *Extend the Housing SPC meeting to 5:45.*

7 **Homelessness - Report from Director of DRHE**

The Homeless Report was noted. The following considerations were raised:

- The budget for homeless services
- National Quality Standards
- Allocation of voids to those on the legacy homeless priority list
- Consultation regarding the conversion of Avalon House to an Emergency Services Provision

Agreed: *Report Noted.*

8 **AOB**

The Chair detailed the intention behind the *Symposium on Public Housing* being held in the Mansion House on Wednesday 27th November to which all SPC members were invited along with key DCC and DHPLG officials, the CEOs of

AHBs and key academics were invited – that the symposium would support the SPC in defining an agreed concept of public housing for use by DCC.

Chair thanked members for their attendance,

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Alison Gilliland
Chairperson
Wednesday 13 November 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Alison Gilliland (Chairperson)
Mike Allen
Pat Dunne
Criona Ni Dhalaigh

Members:

Hazel Chu
Mary Fitzpatrick
Cieran Perry

Members:

Kevin Donoghue
Tina MacVeigh
Michael Watters

Officers

Apologies:

Daithí Doolan
Murray

Anthony Flynn
Mick O'Reilly

Liam Kelly
Colm O'Rourke

Non-Members: