



**MINUTES OF THE HOUSING SPC MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020**

1 Minutes of meeting dated Thursday 5th December 2019 and matters arising

Under matters arising, the following considerations were raised;

- Rent Arrears
- Rent Arrears Management

Agreed: *Minutes agreed*

Agreed: *Management to circulate the written report on rent arrears as presented at the December meeting the item to be included in future meeting*

2 Chairperson's Business:

Correspondence

Agreed: *Acknowledgement letter from the DHPLG noted*

Festival of Public Housing

Agreed: *Proposal shall be presented to members at the next meeting*

Understanding Public Housing Working Group & Rent Model Review Working Group

Chairperson briefed members on proposed terms of reference & welcomed suggestions.

3 Housing Management Update

4 Housing Supply Report

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

- Housing Land Initiative Update – Oscar Traynor Rd. development
- Public Housing terminology Vs Social Housing
- Potential of Dublin City Council to acquire lands for residential use/building
- Rezoning Industrial Land

- The non-viability of HAP as a housing policy
- Update on St. Michael's estate - cost rent model
- The correlation between housing needs, housing target and housing output
- Social Housing Concentration
- Rate of void refurbishment & funding from DHELG
- State Owned Land and role of Land Development Agency
- Housing Build Costs
- Site Disposals
- Height & density considerations
- Estate Management in context of social housing objections
- Public Procurement process

Agreed: *New Letting report/update at March SPC meeting*

5 **Depot Consolidation Report - Identified for Housing Projects**

The Deputy Chief Executive gave a verbal report on the use of smaller depots under the proposal to consolidate DCC depots into 2 larger city-wide facilities. The following considerations were raised:

- Super depot rationale
- Feasibility studies for smaller depot site for public housing and recreational/community facilities
- Potential disposal of smaller depot sites
- Partnerships with Approved Housing Bodies to deliver housing on depot sites
- Barriers that hinder more speedier development
- Consultation with local communities

Agreed: *Depot report from previous Council term to be circulated*

6 **Homelessness Report**

Apologies from the Director of DRHE, Ms Eileen Gleeson, were noted. The Homelessness Report was presented by the Deputy Chief Executive and was noted.

The following considerations were raised:

- Positive achievements & progress
- Support worker recruitment
- Positive impact of outreach approach by support workers
- Lack of housing capacity in system to provide for homeless single people
 - Emergency Accommodation/Family Hubs
 - Security
 - Capacity & extra bed requirement
 - Lack of addiction & mental health supports
 - Homelessness Report composition/language
 - Analysis/Evaluation of Housing First approach
 - Provision of day services and anticipated date for Day

Services Report

- Public Washroom pilot project consideration

Agreed: *an update on the Day Services Report to be presented at next Housing Management focused meeting*

7 **Response to Recommendations from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning & Local Government Report on Family and Child Homelessness**

Agreed: *Defer discussion on report. Queries to be emailed to Manager and Chairperson*

8 **AOB**

The following issues were raised:

- Energy Retrofitting programme
- Estate Management & Anti-Social behaviour
- Timeframe for Working Groups

**Cllr. Alison Gilliland
CHAIRPERSON**

**Councillor Alison Gilliland
Chairperson
Wednesday 8 January 2020**

Attendance:

Members:

Alison Gilliland (Chairperson)
Mike Allen
Donna Cooney
Mary Fitzpatrick
Karen Murphy
Cieran Perry

Members:

Mary Callaghan
Kevin Donoghue
Pat Greene
Mick O'Reilly

Members:

Hazel Chu
Daithí Doolan
Tina MacVeigh
Colm O'Rourke

Officers

Dave Dinnigan

Brendan Kenny

Darach O'Connor

Apologies:

Liam Kelly
Aine Wellard

Murray

Criona Ni Dhalaiigh

Non-Members: