



**MINUTES OF THE HOUSING SPC MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2021**

**1 Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 9th December and matters arising**

Agreed : Minutes Agreed

Matters arising: It was noted that Cllr Naoise O'Muire's name was omitted from the Minutes

**2 Chairpersons Business**

**a Correspondence**

Correspondence

Agreed : Correspondence from the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding provision of emergency accommodation for those finding themselves without accommodation was Noted

**3 Update on Working Groups**

Chairperson provided an update on the three working groups

Agreed : Updates Noted

**a Rent Review Working Group**

**Rent Review Working Group – this Group will meet on an intermittent basis to review the implementation of rent arrears recommendations made by the Group**

**b Public Housing Working Group**

**Public Housing Working Group – this Group will meet to**

**discuss the draft anti-social behaviour policy**

**c Services for Senior Citizens Working Group**

**Services for Senior Citizens Working Group – this Group met on two occasions in December. Cllr Mary Freehill was elected Chairperson. It discussed the 2014 - 2019 Age Friendly Strategy with a view to drafting a new Strategy. In the context of the Dublin City Development Plan process, it also discussed planning related matters from the perspective of the senior citizens**

**4 Housing Management Update**

**a Report on Housing Supply**

Report on Housing Supply

The following considerations were raised;

- Covid 19 social housing construction derogation clarification
- Impact of construction constraints including difficulties with workforce remobilisation
- Implications of Brexit on the construction supply chain
- Covid health & safety on sites
- Dublin City Council (DCC) Sites update including Gullistan Terrace, Poolbeg, St Anne's Court & Connaught St developments.
- Acquisitions
- Statistical queries re Report

Agreed : Report Noted

**b Report on Homelessness**

Report on Homelessness

Members expressed their condolences to families of deceased homeless persons

The following considerations were raised;

- Direct Provision
- Covid Impact
- Dry Hostels/Secure Hostels

- Homeless figures breakdown
- Homeless demographic
- Family support teams
- Interpersonal issues experienced by those who are homeless
- Housing First programme update
- Stakeholder engagement
- HSE & DRHE collaboration
- Analysis of causes of/reasons for homeless

Agreed : Analysis/research detail on causes of/reasons for single and couple presentations to be included in future SPC report.

## 5 **Potential EU Funding Opportunities Housing and Community Development**

Agreed : Agreed to defer to February meeting

## 6 **Pre-Draft Consultation of the City Development Plan**

Deirdre Scully, Dublin City Council Deputy City Planner, made a presentation to the Committee on the housing issues pertaining to the drafting of the new Dublin City Development Plan

The following considerations were raised;

- How developing infill site can be made more viable
- Strategic Housing Developments (SHD's)
- Research & evidence as a base for future policy
- Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage engagement
- Community Gain
- How Living Over Shop could be realised through the Development Plan.
- The de-legitimising of the status of the Development Plan by national legislation
- Residential planning for population predictions
- Different apartment standards between Development Plan and national legislation for example dual aspect requirements
- Market distortion
- Environmental costs vs environmental values to support

sustainability in future housing delivery

- Historical cultural assets, protection and opportunities
- 'Green' grants as a possible intervention
- Planning application assessment
- Planning for remote working
- Planning to meet social housing targets
- Land availability to meet social housing targets
- Housing Needs Assessment

**Agreed** : Agenda Point 6 to move up agenda

**7 Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Homelessness**

Ard-mhéara Hazel Chu updated members and thanked participants for their involvement.

The following considerations were raised at a meeting between the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Taskforce members in late December:

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Outreach Services
- Key Workers
- Mental Health
- Addiction Provisions
- Legislative Amendments - Evictions

Agreed : Update Noted

**8 Report on Construction Costs - DCC New Build**

Agreed : Agreed to defer to February meeting

**9 Motion in the names of Cllrs James Geoghegan & Colm O'Rourke**

Agreed : Agreed to defer to February meeting

**10 AOB**

The following considerations were raised;

- Oscar Traynor Road Development/Tender
- Sherriff St Site – Part V price

**Cllr. Alison Gilliland  
CHAIRPERSON**

**Councillor Alison Gilliland  
Chairperson  
Wednesday 13 January 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Alison Gilliland (Chairperson)  
Mike Allen  
Donna Cooney  
Daithí Doolan  
Pat Greene  
Claire McManus  
Colm O'Rourke

**Members:**

Mary Callaghan  
Máire Devine  
Pat Dunne  
Tina MacVeigh  
Karen Murphy  
Cieran Perry

**Members:**

Hazel Chu  
Kevin Donoghue  
James Geoghegan  
Eimer McCormack  
Mick O'Reilly  
Aine Wellard

**Officers**

Dave Dinnigan  
Brendan Kenny

Mary Flynn  
McLoughlin

Mary Hayes

**Apologies:**

Briege MacOscar

**Non-Members:**

Keith Connolly  
Naoise Ó Muirí

Mannix Flynn  
Patricia Roe

John Lyons