



**MINUTES OF THE HOUSING SPC MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2021**

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

**Agreed :** Minutes Agreed

**2 Chairpersons Business**

**i. Correspondence**

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland updated attendees about;

- a) Correspondence with Minister for Housing with regard to the implementation of a recommendation from the Traveller Accommodation Expert Review Report to establish a Traveller Specific Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).
- b) The recent Traveller Specific Meeting and its recommendations.

**Action :** Pat Teehan to follow up with Local Traveller Consultative Committee (LTACC) about the possibility of recording future LTACC meetings

**Agreed :** Correspondence noted

**3 Traveller Accommodation**

The following aspects of the report were discussed;

- Site updates – Labre Park/Naas Road/Northern Fringe/Tara Lawns
- Recording of Traveller Ethnicity on Social Housing

Application form

- Ombudsman for Children report recommendations
- Budget Draw Down
- Waste dumping Issues & Stakeholder Engagement
- Sanitation Units
- Emergency Caravan Grant Scheme
- Caravan Loan Scheme

**Agreed** : Report noted

- i. LTACC Report

Verbal update provided

**Agreed** : Update noted

#### 4 **Motion in the name of Cllr Sophie Nicoullaud**

That the LTACC and its members support the recommendations that came from Dublin City Council's Special Meeting on Traveller Accommodation. In particular, it supports the call for the word "Illegal" to be removed from any correspondence - either verbally or officially- going forward

Cllr Nicoullaud explained the context of the motion. The ACE explained that it cannot apply to areas such as trespass but the TAU unit will use '*unauthorised*' instead of '*illegal*' in its reports and correspondence.

**Agreed** : Invite Irish Traveller Movement to make a presentation at future Housing SPC meeting

**Agreed** : Motion Agreed

#### 5 **Terms of Reference for Audit of Construction Costs and Development Timescales**

The following themes were covered and discussed;

- Terms of Reference Delivery Mechanism & Timeframe

- Engagement of Independent Experts
- Stakeholder Consultation

**Agreed** : Amend wording of Bullet point 6 to read; Examine the costs as contained within the Chartered Surveyors of Ireland report-‘The Real Cost of Apartment Delivery’ dated 26th January 2021. Seek submissions from relevant experts and utilise any current industry and/or academic research available that is considered reputable and credible as part of the analysis.

**Agreed** : Report noted

## 6 Housing Management Update

### i. Report on Housing Supply

The Report on Housing Supply was noted and the following themes were discussed;

- Housing Supply - Portal/IT system shall be created to provide new scheme update
- Condition/Standard of Dublin City Council Complexes
- Property acquisitions
- Long Term Leasing: Role within overall all housing provision; Implications & Communication to local Councillors; Long-term implications/strategy to reduce reliance on leasing

**Agreed** : Report noted

### ii. Report on Homelessness

The Report on Homelessness and the Report from the Special Committee on Homelessness were noted and the following themes were discussed;

- Single Person statistics
- National Quality Framework Standards
- Freephone review

- Consistency of data/details presented in the Homeless Report
- Implications of Covid restriction easing
- Private Hostel Accommodation inspections
- Housing Support Officers
- Regional Forum to share information
- One Bedroom Capacity

**Agreed** : Report Agreed

**7 Update on Working Groups**

- i. Senior Citizens Working Group

Verbal update provided by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland

**Agreed** : Update noted

- ii. Special Committee on Homelessness

**Agreed** : Report noted

- iii. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Chairperson of the Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues, Cllr Deirdre Heney, provided an update which included wider aspects of animal welfare 7 key stakeholder engagement

**Agreed** : Report noted

**8 Motion in the name of Cllr Darragh Moriarty**

That Dublin City Council Housing SPC recognises the deplorable conditions of damp and mould experienced by residents in the Oliver Bond

flat complex and welcomes the launch of the "We're Sick of Waiting-Campaign for Better Housing Conditions in Oliver Bond House". The Dublin City Council Housing SPC calls for the following:

An immediate environmental audit on the extent of the damp and mould in every flat across the complex;

An immediate safety audit of the playing pitch; and

A fully costed plan to be put in place to remediate any interim defects.

The Dublin City Council Housing SPC appreciates longer-term plans for regeneration of the complex are in train, but calls for immediate action on the above in the interim.

Cllr Moriarty explained the context of his motion

The motion was supported by members of the SPC and the following themes were covered and discussed;

- Regeneration methodology & potential timeframe
- Building fabric & environmental factors
- Dampness
- Potential Funding Mechanism/ Significant Investment required
- Establishment of an Oliver Bond Consultative Committee

**Agreed** : Short Term Investment Funding report shall be brought to a future Housing SPC meeting

**Agreed** : Motion Agreed

## 9 **Motion in the name of Cllr Cieran Perry**

That the Housing Strategy aspect of the Dublin City Development Plan is produced in consultation with the Housing SPC.

Cllr Perry explained the context of his motion and members of the SPC indicated their support.

**Agreed** : Housing Strategy special meeting to be convened

**Agreed** : Housing Strategy Document to be presented at a future Housing

SPC meeting for discussion

**Agreed** : Motion Agreed

10      **AOB**

The date of the next meeting was noted.

**Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland**  
**Chairperson**  
**Wednesday 14 July 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Alison Gilliland (Chairperson)  
Mike Allen  
Máire Devine  
Anthony Flynn  
Briega MacOscar  
Colm O'Rourke

**Members:**

Mary Callaghan  
Kevin Donoghue  
Pat Greene  
Tina MacVeigh  
Cieran Perry

**Members:**

Donna Cooney  
Daithí Doolan  
Liam Kelly  
Eimer McCormack  
Catherine Stocker

**Officers**

Dave Dinnigan  
McLoughlin

Mary Hayes  
Pat Teehan

Brendan Kenny

**Apologies:**

Karen Murphy

Aine Wellard

**Non-Members:**