

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2017

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr. Anthony Conaghan
Cllr. David Costello
Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Cllr. Sonya Stapleton
Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr. Pat Dunne
Cllr. Éilish Ryan
Lillian Buchanan
Kevin White

Officials Present:

Brendan Kenny Assistant Chief Executive
Tony Flynn, Executive Manager
Céline Reilly, Executive Manager
Eileen Gleeson, Director D.R.H.E.
Mary Flynn, Deputy Director D.R.H.E.
Dymphna Farrell, Senior executive Officer
Christy McLoughlin, Assistant Staff Officer

Other Cllrs present :

Cllr. Mannix Flynn
Cllr. Michael Mullooly
Cllr. Larry O' Toole

Others:

Lois Kapila (Dublin Inquirer)
Olivia Kelly (Irish Times)

Apologies

Cllr. Janice Boylan
Cllr. Daithi Doolan
Cllr. Tina Mac Veigh
Cllr. Ray Mc Adam
Pat Doyle
Aideen Hayden
Kathleen McKillon
Winnie McDonagh

1. Minutes of meetings held on Friday 21st 2017 and Matters Arising.

Agreed: Minutes agreed.

2. Chairperson's Business:

- Correspondence
 - No Update

- **Sub-Groups Update:**
 - Data Protection & Housing List:
Cllr. Pat Dunne provided an update on the Data Protection group.

 - Pre 63
Update provided.

Agreed: *A report from the Data Protection sub group be brought to the June SPC meeting.*

Agreed: *Final Pre 63 report & information on new regulations on Private rented Standards will be made available for the June SPC.*

3. Homeless Update:

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Eileen Gleeson – Director of D.R.H.E. provided an update on current report/statistics/Initiatives.

Cllr. Alison Gilliland made an enquiry in relation to Support/Key workers for single people.

She sought clarification about the location of Hub in Greencastle road Coolock and looked for update in Rapid Build program in the North Central Area and the allocating of units. Cllr. Gilliland enquired about the interaction of the Prevention Team and the Tenancy Protection Service.

Cllr. Christy Burke enquired about how long families would be expected to stay within Family Hubs and enquired if there is a "Plan B" in relation to using hotels and B&B's. He also asked about Key workers for single people.

Cllr. Larry O' Toole also enquired as to the location of the Family Hub in Coolock and the suitability of some of the units being used to house the homeless.

Cllr. Michael Mullooly sought an update in relation to the location, management and suitability of the Family Hub facility on Clonard road. He enquired about the experience of the Salvation Army in relation to running of Hub facilities.

Cllr. Pat Dunne raised concerns about the suitability of some of the facilities being used as Family Hubs.

Cllr. David Costello enquired about allocation criteria for Rapid Build Units.

Cllr. Criona Ni Dhalaiigh asked as to the source of funding for refurbishments. She enquired as to how long a family might be expected to be in a Hub and will there be Tenancy agreements.

Eileen Gleeson – Director of D.R.H.E. provided an update on current statistics. She clarified the location of the Hub in Coolock and addressed the issue of suitability (Purpose Built Family Hubs). The Hub would be better/more suitable than the current hotel situation experienced by families. She referenced the video that was shown at the April meeting.

Eileen stated that they would be temporary facilities until D.C.C. or the people themselves found something more suitable. She provided information about the role of the Prevention Team about key Workers involved in Homelessness.

She explained how the units in Belcamp (Rapid Build Allocation Policy) will be allocated. Rapid Build homes shall be permanent homes going forward and explained how they shall be managed.

Eileen explained the selection criteria and the Salvation Army's suitability to manage a hub. She provided an update about the Family Hub on Clonard road.

Brendan Kenny – Assistant Chief Executive explained how the refurbishments are funded and the allocation policy to Rapid Build Units. He also gave update on statistics and initiatives.

Members thanked the D.C.C. staff associated with Homelessness.

Agreed: Report noted.

Agreed: Visit to Mater Dei Family Hub centre to be arranged.

Agreed: Visit to Clonard road Hub at a future date to be arranged.

4. Housing Program Report:

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Cllr. David Costello enquired as to whether mixed tenure was possible for the Scribblestown project in Finglas South.

Cllr. Alison Gilliland sought a clarification/update about the "Spine" site in Darndale. She asked if ESB are holding up works in North Central Area. She expressed her concerns that D.C.C. staff are being attacked in some sites.

She looked for an update about the Ayrfield development.

Tony Flynn, Executive Manager, updated members as to report content, current initiatives and also supplied additional information not contained in Housing Report Update. He updated members about the Rapid Build program. He explained the P.P.P. process and updated members about the "Spine" site, progress with the ESB and D.C.C. staff health and safety issues working on some of the Traveller Accommodation sites.

Cllr. Pat Dunne looked an update about initiatives in the South Central Area (Raleigh Square, Fold Scheme and sites on Armagh road and Cork Street)

Tony Flynn provided updates about Raleigh Square, Fold Scheme, Armagh road and Cork Street developments.
He update members in relation to the implication of the Scribblestown site not being developed.

Agreed: Report noted.

5. Traveller Accommodation Update:

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Agreed: Report noted

6. Motion in the name of Cllr. Michael Mullooly

This Area Committee calls on the Housing SPC to review the priority given to homeless persons in the Housing Allocation Scheme, 2013 in particular, the definition of homelessness, the lack of priority given to those about to fall into homelessness, to reflect the fact that persons can be de facto homeless but not availing of homelessness services provided by the local authority or other and the lack of priority for children who are homeless or about to fall into homelessness.

Cllr. Mullooly clarified aspects of the Motion & Discussion followed.

Agreed: Programme for Review of Scheme of Lettings

6a. Emergency Motion in the name of Cllr. Mannix Flynn

This committee or Dublin City Council Housing S.P.C. agree that Dublin City Council Housing Executive create a policy protocol with regard to the placing of homeless accommodation and services in communities.

This new policy to include full information including plans, drawings and location etc. prior to any decisions being made regarding sites of those who service such sites.

That Dublin City Council issue a handbook of rights for all those using Dublin City Council homeless services.

Agreed: Motion Carried

7. AOB

Attendees expressed their sincerest gratitude to Lillian Buchanan for her work on the Housing SPC Committee.

Agreed: A letter of gratitude from the Housing SPC to be sent to Lillian Buchanan .

Agreed: Caretaker Service report to be brought to the June SPC Meeting

Chair thanked all for attendance.

Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh
VICE CHAIRPERSON