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**BREVIATE OF MEETING OF HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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**1. Minutes of meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and matters arising:**

The Chair asked for an update regarding the possibility of having SPC meetings monthly rather than bimonthly. The Manager stated that we do not possess the resources to allow this to happen. Cllr Gilliland requested that in the absence of more frequent meeting, that Councillors be kept updated between meetings with written reports. Cllr McAdam proposed this item. Cllr Boylan agreed.

The Chair noted the introduction of the Homeless Cold Weather Winter Initiative, and the range of assistance it offered.

*Agreed: DCC to supply Councillors with written reports in between Housing SPC meetings.*

**2. Chairperson's Business:**

- **Update on Housing SPC Sub-Groups**

Four Housing SPC sub-groups set up:

- **DCC Housing Stock Standards**  
No update as the next meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
- **Pre-63**  
Another meeting required.
- **Innovative Housing Provision**  
No update given
- **Domestic Violence**  
Awaiting Tulsa to revert before proceeding further.

### **3. Lobbying Act**

Vincent Norton, Executive Manager gave a presentation on the Lobbying Act.

### **4. Energy Action at City Council Housing**

Shane Hawkshaw, Senior Executive Engineer gave an update on DCC's energy upgrade programme. Discussion followed. Cllr Ni Dhalaigh requested that a correlation be done between the results of the report and our tenants energy bills. Celine Reilly, Executive Manager said that this could be looked at.

*Agreed: Celine Reilly, Executive Manager to carry out research into relationship between energy savings from upgrade programme, and subsequent tenants energy bills.*

### **5. Modular Housing Update**

The Manager gave a verbal update on Modular Housing, including an explanation of the tendering process used. Discussion followed. Councillors present expressed their discontent at the level of communication regarding Modular Housing provision. The Manager acknowledged this and agreed to inform Councillors on future projects.

*Agreed: The Manager to devise a communication strategy to keep the councillors updated*

### **6. Housing Building Programme 2015-2017**

Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager gave a verbal update on the Building Programme. He said there would be a joint Housing and Planning SPC before the end of the year. Discussion followed.

### **7. Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities**

Cormac O'Donnell, Administrative Officer gave a presentation on the Housing Strategy for people with disabilities. The chair and numerous councillors commended the team, and thanked them for all the work they had done on the strategy.

*Agreed: To recommend strategy to full council meeting.*

### **8. Tenant Purchase Scheme**

A report was issued to the Councillors detailing the Scheme which will take effect January 2016. It was queried as to whether this scheme could be postponed until we are out of a housing crisis. The Manager said we are instructed by government. Cllr David Costello put forward a motion that we write to the Minister requesting "A derogation from Dublin City Council property until a time we are out of a crisis". This was seconded by the Chair.

*Agreed: Motion passed that Dublin City Council write To Minister Alan Kelly.*

## **9. Items raised at North Central Area Committee Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

Report on the Part VIII proposed amalgamation of 12 no. bedsits, into 6 no. 1-bed apartments at the Senior Citizens Complex, St. Vincent's Court, (Block 2, nos. 9-20), Collins Avenue, Dublin 9. The amalgamation of the apartments results in minor alterations to the north facing elevation. All other elevations remain unaltered. There are minor external works for the provision of level access to all ground floor apartments.

*Circulated to members.*

## **10. Items raised at North Central Area Committee Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**

At its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, the North Central Area Committee agreed the following:

### **4565. Area Matters**

- a. Representative from Dublin North Bay Housing Committee

**Order: Noted. Committee requested that a written letter be sent to the Chief Executive Officer requesting that a local homeless service facility similar to Park Gate Hall be established in the North Central Area.**

**Forward recommendations to Housing SPC**

*Report circulated to members.*

### **In Attendance:**

#### **Councillors:**

Chris Andrews, Janice Boylan, Christy Burke, Anthony Connaghan, David Costello, Patrick Costello, Daithí Doolan, Pat Dunne, Gary Gannon, Alison Gilliland, Tina MacVeigh, Ray McAdam, An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Cieran Perry, Sonya Stapleton,

#### **Sectoral Interests:**

Lillian Buchanan, Kathleen McKillion,

#### **Officials:**

Dick Brady, Céline Reilly, Anthony Flynn, Daithi Downey, Vincent Norton, Shane Hawkshaw, Una Joyce, Marguerite Staunton, Cormac O'Donnell, Nikki O'Hara

#### **Other Councillors:**

Michael O'Brien, Noeleen Reilly, Greg Kelly, Larry O'Toole, Gaye Fagan.

#### **Others Present:**

#### **Apologies:**

Aideen Hayden, Brendan MacConville

### **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

**Chairperson**

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

