

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Cllr. David Costello
Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Cllr. Sonya Stapleton
Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr. Pat Dunne
Cllr. Patrick Costello
Cllr. Tina MacVeigh
Cllr. Ray McAdam
Cllr. Cieran Perry
Cllr. Chris Andrews
Cllr. Daithi Doolan – Chairperson
Cllr. Janice Boylan
Francis Doherty
Kevin White

Officials Present:

Brendan Kenny Assistant Chief Executive
Tony Flynn, Executive Manager
Céline Reilly, Executive Manager
Mary Flynn, Deputy Director D.R.H.E.
Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer
Lisa Harpur, Staff Officer
Christy McLoughlin, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies

Aoife Delaney – D.F.I.
Jill Young – I.C.S.H.
Winnie McDonagh – B.T.A.P.

Other Cllrs present :

Ardmhéara Mícheál MacDonncha
Cllr. Andrew Keegan

Others:

Olivia Kelly – Irish Times

1. Minutes of meetings held on Thursday 27th July 2017 and Matters Arising.

Agreed: Minutes agreed.

2. Chairperson's Business:

Agreed: Presentation by I.C.T.U. at the Housing S.P.C. October meeting.

Agreed: Cllr. Tina MacVeigh (People Before Profit Party) to be replaced temporarily by Cllr. Andrew Keegan People Before Profit on the Housing S.P.C subject to approval from City Council meeting to be held on October 2nd.

Agreed: Ms. Aoife Delaney to replace Ms. Lillian Buchanan (Disability Federation of Ireland) on the Housing S.P.C.

- Correspondence
 - No Update
- **Sub-Groups Update:**
 - Condensation: DCC Housing Stock

Céline Reilly, Executive Manager, furnished attendees with a synopsis of meeting held Thursday 27th October.

Agreed: Reports on a phased basis to be presented to Housing S.P.C.

Agreed: D.C.C. shall update Housing S.P.C. in Monthly housing report on CWMF applications/documents that are sent to Customs House requesting funding.

Agreed: To discuss Scheme of Lettings under Chairperson's Business rather than A.O.B.

Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer suggested the creation of a Scheme of Lettings Sub Group with representation from the Housing S.P.C.

Ardmhéara Mícheál MacDonncha & Cllr. Christy Burke highlighted a dispute between contractor and Bricklayers on the D.C.C. scheme.

Agreed: Schedule of S.O.L. Sub Group meetings shall be sent to S.P.C. Cllrs. next week (week beginning Monday 2nd October 2017).

Agreed: The Irish League of Credit Union to be invited to make a presentation to the Housing S.P.C. at the November meeting.

Agreed: Lord Mayor's office & D.C.C. Mgmt. to assist seeking a resolution to dispute.

3. Homeless Update:

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Cllr. Alison Gilliland sought a schedule update about the Family Hub in Greencastle Parade, D5. The Cllr. requested an update about Housing Passport Initiative. She also acknowledged an e-mail from the organisation Brú na Bhfiann seeking assistance/mediation contracting the OPW in relation to The Old Guard room for their H.Q.

Cllr. Pat Dunne enquired about community engagement and the status of the Clonard Family Hub.

Cllr. Christy Burke looked for an update about the Family Hub in Clontarf and supported Brú na Bhfiann request.

Cllr. Daithi Doolan enquired if D.C.C. are looking at other venues/options and if the Hub in Ballyfermot could be expedited. He also asked if the Key Worker for families in Emergency accommodation issue has been addressed.

Cllr. Ray McAdam requested that the Housing S.P.C. write to the Planning Dept. to express its view about Sheltered Housing planning applications being granted to private developers. He also enquired about the remaining 21 units in the Mater Dei facility and their completion schedule.

Cllr. Criona Ni Dhalaigh, Cllr. Janice Boylan and Cllr. Gilliland explored the option if tenants with a Notice to Quit could be given H.A.P. (Housing Assistance Payment).

Mary Flynn, Deputy Director of the D.R.H.E., provided an update on the Family Hub in Greencastle Parade, she stated that she'd revert to Cllrs. about the Housing Passport. She provided an update about the facility (and local engagement) in Clonard Road and explained that there is currently a court challenge in relation to the unit in Clontarf. She stated that when D.C.C. has details, they'll be furnished.

Mary explained the Homeless H.A.P./Transfer List process and updated attendees about the Mater Dei facility.

She explained that Mgmt. can explore H.A.P. and N.T.Q. situation.

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive stated that there are guidelines in relation to H.A.P. He stated that the Passport is a national issue and should be raised with the Minister, not in D.C.C.'s control. He mentioned that he is meeting with representatives from ex service men next week. He stated that plans are to move into Clontarf facility by end of October.

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

Agreed: Report Noted

4. Housing Update Reports:

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Cllr. Doolan enquired if delivery could be accelerated.

Cllr. Perry queried the turnaround time in relation to general acquisitions and sought a current updates in relation to Block B in Prospect Hill development and St. Helena's site. He questioned if delays with some sites due to staff or funding.

Cllr. McAdam enquired about the delay with phase II on the Saint Bricin's Crt project. He checked on the status of Ellis Crt and Infirmary Road developments.

Cllr. Dunne requested a Part V update and clarity in relation to Acquisitions for 2017.

Cllr. Gilliland raised various queries, she sought updates about Rapid Build Phase II and is it the same approval process as normal builds when it comes to Rapid Builds.

She enquired about the Ayrfield development, and the plan for Grove lane. In relation to the Oscar Traynor forum, she stated that they would like a list of imperatives/prerequisites to be included at the tender stage and would like more engagement with the forum to take place.

Tony Flynn, Executive Manager provided updates in relation to the following; General Acquisitions and the turnaround time, the availability of units at Prospect Hill Block B, O'Devaney Gardens project and the mix scheme development at the Valley site/Saint Helena's. He updated attendees about Part V of Urban Regeneration Act 2015 and explained that correspondence has been sent to Minister for housing in relation to affordable housing requesting the Minister to enact the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 to facilitate an affordable housing scheme in DCC. He provided information in relation to the Infirmary Road development, on tenders for O'Devaney Gardens and with regard to the Dominick Street development, he provided monetary figure and an update.

An update was provided on phase II of the Rapid Build programme and explained that review of the Local Area Plan (L.A.P.) has taken place for the Belmayne/Ayrfield lands. He stated that traffic surveys are to be carried out in relation to Belcamp Lands consultation with DCC Traffic Planning and NRA is on-going. He provided an update for proposal for Grove Lane.

Céline Reilly provided members with an update in relation to contractor and schedule for the Saint Bricin's project. She provided information about the standards/compliance required in relation to refurbishments.

Agreed: To discuss South Central Area Motion for the Saint Michael's Estate project at the October S.P.C. meeting.

5. Traveller Accommodation Update:

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Cllr. MacVeigh sought clarification about an item contained within report in relation to Voids.

Tony Flynn explained that D.C.C's intention in relation to seeking funding from the Dept. of Housing is to reduce the process from four stages to one.

Agreed: *Report noted*

6. Motion in the Name of Cllr. Andrew Keegan

Cllr. Keegan explained context of Motion.

Discussion followed.

Agreed: *A review of the economic threshold eligibility for access to Social Housing.*

Agreed: *A Scheme of Lettings Sub Group to be established.*

7. Motion in the Name of Cllr. Daithi Doolan

Cllr. Doolan explained context of Motion.

Discussion followed.

Agreed: *Report to be presented Housing S.P.C. for the December meeting.*

Agreed: *An initial update to be furnished to the Housing S.P.C. for the October meeting.*

8. Motion in the Name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland

Cllr. Gilliland explained context of Motion.

Discussion followed

Agreed: Motion Noted

9. A.O.B.

Discussion followed.

Agreed: *Revised Financial Contribution Scheme to be presented to the Housing S.P.C. for the October meeting.*

Agreed: Part 8 application documents to be uploaded to Sharepoint system.
Chair thanked all for attendance.

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Cllr. Daithi Doolan
CHAIRPERSON