

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Cllr. Janice Boylan
Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Cllr. Daithi Doolan
Cllr. Pat Dunne
Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr. Eilish Ryan
Cllr. Norma Sammon
Cllr. Sonya Stapleton
Kevin White
Jill Young

Officials Present:

Brendan Kenny Assistant Chief Executive
Tony Flynn, Executive Manager
Céline Reilly, Executive Manager
Eileen Gleeson, Director D.R.H.E.
Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer
Frank D'arcy, Senior Executive Officer
Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer
Christy McLoughlin, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies

Jill Young – Irish Council of Social Housing
Catherine Kenny - Dublin Simon Community
Aideen Hayden - Threshold

Other Cllrs present:

Cllr Greg Kelly
Cllr Michael Mulhoolly
Cllr Mannix Flynn
Cllr Hazel De Nortuin

Others:

Pat Doyle – Peter McVerry Trust
Pat Greene – Dublin Simon Community

1. Presentation by Apartment Owners Network

Discussion followed

Members thanked the AON for presentation

Agreed:. Presentation Noted

2. Minutes of meetings held on Thursday 26th October 2017 and Matters Arising.

Agreed: Minutes agreed.

3. Chairperson's Business:

- Correspondence
 - No Update
- **Sub-Groups Update:**
 - Condensation: DCC Housing Stock – date of next meeting announced under AOB
 - Scheme of Lettings

Cllr Janice Boylan updated attendees in relation to last meeting held.

4. Housing Update Reports:

➤ **Homeless Update:**

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Members welcomed the Winter Housing Initiative.

Cllr Daithi Doolan highlighted the issue of misinformation and condemned such actions in relation to a leaflet that was distributed in D12 area.

Members also condemned such actions and supported Cllr Doolans' comments.

Cllrs Greg Kelly, Cieran Perry, Janice Boylan, Anthony Connaghan, Pat Dunne, Alison Gilliland, Michael Mullooly, Mannix Flynn & Ray McAdam emphasised the importance of communication/consultation with Cllrs and local resident representative bodies at the earliest possible stage of process in relation to announcing new homeless facilities.

Cllr. Kelly sought an update with regard to the proposed facility on Balfe road.

Cllr. Gilliland condemned the Taoiseach's comments comparing homeless figures to other countries/jurisdictions. She would welcome statistics/analysis as to the reasons that people enter homelessness.

Cllr. Michael Mullooly raised concern that the system of engagement with homeless people may be open to abuse (direct & indirect contact from different agencies)

Cllr. Flynn made the point that Dublin City Council (DCC) don't make people homeless.

Kevin White supported Cllr. Gilliland comments in relation to analysing reasons.

Eileen Gleeson, Director of the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) provided an update for the Walkinstown facility on Balfe road, she explained that Cllrs were briefed and detailed information distributed locally. Service providers will work with homeless to assist them get permanent housing.

She explained that homeless figures change monthly and she briefed members about the Cold Winter Strategy as well as the Cold Winter Initiative.

Eileen stated that a meeting will be arranged with residents adjoining the Cabra facility in the coming days, that DRHE will engage with the residents of Balfe road.

She explained that DCC are actively continuing to seek suitable properties. She explained the difference between HAP & private renting. Eileen informed members that there is a National Quality Framework for service providers that is adhered to and a monitoring team in place to ensure appropriate system of engagement takes place.

Pat Doyle congratulated the DRHE on the Winter Strategy Initiative and acknowledged the difficulties around the issue of consultation within the community and securing places/facilities.

Cllr. Burke suggested that the Gardai are given the details of the Freephone number to assist the homeless should they need to move them on.

Members thanked the DCC staff associated with Homelessness.

Agreed: Report Noted

➤ **Housing Supply Report**

Reports circulated to members prior to meeting.

Cllr Doolan thanked Mgmt for the report and mentioned the Rabid Build development in Cherry Orchard, D10. He requested a status update with regard to the Rapid Build project in Drimnagh.

Cllr Kelly sought update on the Jamestown Court Inchicore (Alone)

Cllr Gilliland raised a query about the Rapid Build site in Belcamp regarding revised footpath/road layout. She also enquired about DCC following up with the DHPLG (Approval system/Funding).

Cllr McAdam looked for status updates regarding the following projects/developments, Oaklee – Poplar Row, Local Authority Housing on North King St, Túath scheme Ellis Court & Arbour Hill/Stoneybatter planning application.

Tony Flynn, Executive Manager explained the context of the Housing Supply Report and the funding streams available for Capital, Current Programmes & Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SCHEP) He provided programme updates for the Rapid Build sites at Knocknarea Court in Drimnagh, Belcamp (Lots 1 & 2, Blocks 3,4,5 &6).

Tony gave an update about projects on Poplar Row, North King St. & Infirmary Rd.

He briefed members about funds being drawn down from the Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) and the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SHCEP).

He updated members about development at Jamestown Court (legal issue).

Agreed: Mgmt. to provide SPC member of the new action targets received from the Dept. of Housing Planning & Local Government (DHPLG) once received.

➤ **DCC Flat Complexes – Regeneration**

Brendan Kenny provided members with an update.

Agreed: Comprehensive report to be submitted to the Housing SPC for February/March meeting.

➤ **Private Rented Dwellings Update**

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive gave an update and briefed members on the establishment of a Private Rented Unit and allocated resources to such. He referred to different legislation affecting PRD.

Colm Smyth, Principal Environmental Officer also provided members with an update.

➤ **Traveller Accommodation Update:**

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Cllr Flynn checked if the 1 stage new Capital Works Framework would be suitable for Traveller sites.

Tony Flynn briefly spoke about Traveller Accommodation Plan to address the CWMF query.

Agreed: Report noted

Agreed: Mgmt. to write to local residents groups to clarify a reply to a City Council Motion by Cllr Hazel De Nortuin.

5. Motion in the Name of Cllr. Andrew Keegan

Agreed: *Motion Noted*

6. Motion in the Name of Cllr. Teresa Keegan

Agreed: *Motion noted*

7. Motion in the Name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland

Cllr. Gilliland explained context of Motion.

Discussion followed

Agreed: Motion Noted

Agreed: DCC tenant housing adaptation times report to be submitted to Cllrs.

8. A.O.B.

Condensation Sub Group update given by Tony Flynn

Agreed: Condensation Report to be circulated to Housing SPC Members

Chair thanked all for their attendance.

Cllr. Daithi Doolan

CHAIRPERSON