

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2017

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Cllr. Janice Boylan
Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr. Daithi Doolan
Cllr. Pat Dunne
Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr. Eilish Ryan
Cllr. David Costello
Cllr. Sonya Stapleton
Cllr. Andrew Keegan
Cllr. Ray McAdam
Cllr. Cieran Perry
Kevin White, Alone

Officials Present:

Tony Flynn, Executive Manager
Eileen Gleeson, Director D.R.H.E.
Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer
Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer
Christy McLoughlin, Assistant Staff Officer
Lisa Harpur, Staff Officer

Apologies

Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
Cllr. Criona Ní Dhálaigh
Francis Doherty - PMVT
Jill Young – Irish Council of Social Housing
Catherine Kenny - Dublin Simon Community

Other Cllrs present:

Ardmhéara Mícheál MacDonncha

Others:

Darren Quinn – Dublin Simon Community

1. Minutes of meetings held on Thursday 23rd November 2017 and Matters Arising.

Agreed: Minutes agreed.

2. Chairperson's Business:

- Correspondence
 - Community & Land Co-operative – Cllr. Daithi Doolan briefed members on correspondence received.
- **Sub-Groups Update:**
 - Condensation: DCC Housing Stock – date of next meeting announced & Tony Flynn, Executive Manager informed members of progress to date.

3. Housing Update Reports:

➤ **Homeless Update:**

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Eileen Gleeson, Director of the Dublin Regional Homelessness Executive (DRHE) updated members about the report.

Cllr. Doolan raised a query in relation to the role of HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) Finders.

Cllr. Alison Gilliland acknowledges the report outlining reasons for Homelessness and Notice to Quit (NTQ) data. She sought clarification about "Rent-A-Room" & HAP.

Cllr. Ray McAdam checked if DCC (Dublin City Council) are sourcing other potential locations/units that can be used for homelessness purposes.

Kevin White, Alone Organisation also raised the issue in relation to breaking down data further to gain more information about single people and elderly people.

Cllr. David Costello commented on a mediation service to protect people from becoming homeless.

Cllr. Andrew Keegan checked if DCC are in contact with other stakeholders/Agencies to ascertain if they have properties that the council can utilise.

Aideen Hayden stressed the importance of early intervention.

Eileen Gleeson stated that the Place Finders initiative and HAP tenancies have been a success to date. She explained that DCC have service level agreements and National Quality Standards in place to ensure providers adherence.

Eileen informed attendees that DCC continuously look to source alternative suitable units and explore options. She explained that DCC have contacted other agencies to discover possible solutions.

She addressed the mediation query and described how DCC assist people and she acknowledged the importance of local intervention.

Members thanked the DCC staff associated with Homelessness.

Agreed: Report Noted

Agreed: The DRHE shall revert back to Cllr. Gilliland in relation to Rent-A-Room/HAP enquiry.

Agreed: SPC to invite Ballyfermot Homeless forum to make a presentation at a future meeting.

➤ **Housing Supply Report**

Reports circulated to members prior to meeting.

Tony Flynn briefed members about the following Rapid Build schemes, Knocknarea Court, Belcamp and Buttercup Park.

Cllr. Janice Boylan made an enquiry about Oscar Traynor Road site project and sought an update on the Ayrfield development progress.

Cllr. Gilliland asked about the Rapid Build Phase II Volumetric build part of the Housing Supply Report and enquired as to what will happen to Woodville House at Kilmore road.

Cllr. Doolan looked for a progress updates for the developments at O'Devaney Gardens and Oscar Traynor Road.

Cllr. McAdam checked if the targeted completion timeframe for the Liffey Trust scheme was realistic and looked for clarification around the Part 8 for St. Finbar's Cabra and Dorset Street flats redevelopment.

Cllr. Keegan queried Oscar Traynor development start timeframe.

Tony Flynn provided updates and clarification for the following schemes, Oscar Traynor site, O'Devaney Gardens and Ayrfield Social Housing PPP Bundle 1.

He acknowledged Emergency Planning issues that Cllr. Costello raised. He stated that there would be houses included in the phase II and stated that Woodville House is a protected structure.

He indicated that the report with regard to the Liffey Trust will have to be amended.

He furnished updates about the Part 8 – St. Finbar's and Dorset Street Flats proposal.

Based on Cllr. Dunne's observations, he acknowledged lessons have been learned in relation to Rafter's Lane.

Agreed: Report Noted.

Agreed: Write to Chief Executive with regard to Emergency Planning procedure.

➤ **DCC Flat Complexes – Regeneration**

Tony Flynn provided attendees with a short update.

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

➤ **Traveller Accommodation Update:**

Circulated to members prior to meeting.

Patrick Teehan, Administrative Officer updated members.

Cllr. Gilliland sought clarification in relation to illegal occupation of Belcamp lands.

Tony Flynn addressed query and explained that alternative accommodation for families would be offered and consultation process would be undertaken.

Cllr. Keegan looked for clarification about the proposed Super Depot to be located in D11 and the affect it may have on local travelling community within the area.

Tony updated Cllr. Keegan about the steps DCC can take to assist local community.

Agreed: Report noted

➤ **Private Rented Dwellings Update**

Verbal update given by Tony Flynn.

Agreed: Brief report to SPC for the February meeting.

4. A.O.B.

Agreed: A report from Disability group to be brought to a future Housing SPC meeting. Timeframe to be confirmed.

Chair thanked all for their attendance and acknowledged the role played by all concerned within the SPC.

Cllr. Daithi Doolan
CHAIRPERSON