

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Mary Callaghan

Hazel Chu

Donna Cooney

Kevin Donoghue

Daithi Doolan

Pat Dunne

Anthony Flynn

James Geoghegan

Alison Gilliland - Chairperson

Briege MacOscar

Tina MacVeigh

Críona Ní Dhálaigh

Cieran Perry

Colm O' Rourke

Catherine Stocker

Other Councillors in attendance

John Lyons

Patricia Roe

EXTERNAL MEMBERS

Pat Greene – DSC

Karen Murphy - ICSH

Claire McManus - JFOC

Mick O'Reilly - ICTU

Mike Allen - FI

Aine Wellard - VVI

Dublin City Council Officials

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive

David Dinnigan, Executive Manager

Mary Hayes, Executive Manager

Mary Flynn, Deputy Director DRHE

Bob Jordan National Director of Housing First

Christy McLoughlin, Administrator

Apologies

Liam Kelly - WRA

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 29th July 2020 and matters arising

Agreed: *Minutes agreed*

2. Chairperson's Business:

i. Working Groups

The Chairperson, Cllr. Alison Gilliland, updated members with regard to the Public Housing, Rent Review and Older person Working Groups

ii. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

3. Housing Management Update

i. Report on Homelessness

ii. Report on review of Day Services for People Who are Homeless in Dublin (Kelleher and Norris 2020)

Members noted both reports and a presentation on Day Services by Bob Jordan, National Director of Housing First

The following considerations were raised:

- Non-inclusion of service users in the review
- How homeless individuals suffering addiction can be best supported across homeless services including in the accommodation provided, mental health supports and specialised medical treatment for addiction
- Consistency and communication across day services
- Gaps and duplication in the provision of day services
- Tendering processes, value for money, funding, resourcing and financing services
- Food provision, standards and food poverty
- Communication, collaboration and consultation with stakeholders
- Neighbourhood management
- Need for extra accommodation and challenge of opposition to services within local communities
- Devising a strategic vision and action plan for homeless services across the three pillars of Prevention, Protection and Progression to include
 - o 24 hour wrap around day/evening/night services
 - o individual/family hands on case management approach
 - o joined -up multiagency and cross government department approach

Agreed: Day & Evening Services Implementation plan to be brought to a future Housing SPC

4. Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Housing and Homelessness

The Lord Mayor detailed her aspiration for the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Housing and Homelessness. Members for the Taskforce are drawn from all groupings on Dublin City Council. It was noted that the first meeting will take place on Friday 11th September.

Agreed: members would be updated on the Taskforce progress at each SPC meeting

3. Housing Management Update

iii. Report on Housing Supply/Delivery

Members noted the Report on Housing Supply/Delivery from Brendan Kenny. The following considerations were raised

- Covid 19 impact on housing supply
- Future presentations of local schemes to each Local Area Meeting
- Supply and demand of housing – current waiting lists, exhaustion of current land banks and strategy to meet future demands
- Variety and cost of delivery strands and maximizing same
- Mechanism of recording housing lost due to Part 5 Exemptions
- Compact growth approach to development
- Role of planning & fiscal policy to meeting demand
- Voids framework, funding and void turnaround times

Agreed: Report Noted

iv. Housing Need Assessment

Members noted a Housing Need Assessment Report by Mary Hayes, Executive Manager.

The following considerations were raised

- HAP uptake
- Lettings update
- Rebalancing lettings across all bands
- Homeless HAP
- Need for specific accessibility/disability needs to be identified upon application to housing list
- HAP Transfer List
- Alternative methods to gathering required housing need assessment information including use of a more flexible system and the use of technology
- Support from members to encourage households to return forms

Agreed: Report Noted

4. AOB

Next Housing scheduled for Wednesday 14th October

Agreed: N/A

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
CHAIRPERSON