

Housing SPC Minutes

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Mary Callaghan

Ard-Mhéara Hazel Chu

Donna Cooney

Máire Devine

Kevin Donoghue

Daithí Doolan

Pat Dunne

James Geoghegan

Alison Gilliland - Chairperson

Tina MacVeigh

Eimear McCormack

Cieran Perry

Colm O'Rourke

Other Councillors in attendance

Cllrs John Lyons, Naoise Ó'Muire, Keith Connolly,
Mannix Flynn & Patricia Roe

EXTERNAL MEMBERS

Pat Greene – DSC

Karen Murphy - ICSH

Claire McManus - JFOC

Mike Allen – Focus Ireland

Mick O'Reilly - ICTU

Mike Allen - FI

Aine Wellard - VVI

Apologies

Cllr Briega MacOscar

Dublin City Council Officials

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive

David Dinnigan, Executive Manager

Deirdre Scully, Deputy City Planner

Mary Flynn, Director DRHE

Bob Jordan, National Director of Housing First

Christy McLoughlin, Administrator

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 9th December

Agreed : Minutes Agreed

Matters arising: It was noted that Cllr Naoise O'Muiri's name was omitted from the Minutes

2. Chairperson's Business

- i. Correspondence

Agreed : Correspondence from the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding provision of emergency accommodation for those finding themselves without accommodation was Noted

3. Update on Working Groups

Chairperson provided an update on the three working groups

- i. Rent Review Working Group – this Group will meet on an intermittent basis to review the implementation of rent arrears recommendations made by the Group
- ii. Public Housing Working Group – this Group will meet to discuss the draft anti-social behaviour policy
- iii. Services for Senior Citizens Working Group – this Group met on two occasions in December. Cllr Mary Freehill was elected Chairperson. It discussed the 2014 - 2019 Age Friendly Strategy with a view to drafting a new Strategy. In the context of the Dublin City Development Plan process, it also discussed planning related matters from the perspective of the senior citizens

Agreed : Updates Noted

6. Pre-Draft Consultation of the Dublin City Development Plan

Deirdre Scully, Dublin City Council Deputy City Planner, made a presentation to the Committee on the housing issues pertaining to the drafting of the new Dublin City Development Plan

The following considerations were raised;

- How developing infill site can be made more viable
- Strategic Housing Developments (SHD's)
- Research & evidence as a base for future policy
- Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage engagement
- Community Gain
- How Living Over Shop could be realised through the Development Plan.
- The de-legitimising of the status of the Development Plan by national legislation
- Residential planning for population predictions
- Different apartment standards between Development Plan and national legislation for example dual aspect requirements
- Market distortion
- Environmental costs vs environmental values to support sustainability in future housing delivery
- Historical cultural assets, protection and opportunities
- 'Green' grants as a possible intervention
- Planning application assessment
- Planning for remote working
- Planning to meet social housing targets
- Land availability to meet social housing targets
- Housing Needs Assessment

Agreed : Agenda Point 6 to move up agenda

4. Housing Management Update

iv. Report on Housing Supply

The following considerations were raised;

- Covid 19 social housing construction derogation clarification
- Impact of construction constraints including difficulties with workforce remobilisation
- Implications of Brexit on the construction supply chain
- Covid health & safety on sites
- Dublin City Council (DCC) Sites update including Gullistan Terrace, Poolbeg, St Anne's Court & Connaught St developments.
- Acquisitions
- Statistical queries re Report

Agreed : Report Noted

ii. Report on Homelessness

Members expressed their condolences to families of deceased homeless persons

The following considerations were raised;

- Direct Provision
- Covid Impact
- Dry Hostels/Secure Hostels
- Homeless figures breakdown
- Homeless demographic
- Family support teams
- Interpersonal issues experienced by those who are homeless
- Housing First programme update
- Stakeholder engagement
- HSE & DRHE collaboration
- Analysis of causes of/reasons for homeless

Agreed : Analysis/research detail on causes of/reasons for single and couple presentations to be included in future SPC report.

7. Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Homelessness

Ard-mhéara Hazel Chu updated members and thanked participants for their involvement.

The following considerations were raised at a meeting between the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Taskforce members in late December:

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Outreach Services
- Key Workers
- Mental Health
- Addiction Provisions
- Legislative Amendments - Evictions

Agreed : Update Noted

5. Potential EU Funding Opportunities Housing and Community

Agreed : Agreed to defer to February meeting

8. Report on Construction Costs – DCC New Build

Agreed : Agreed to defer to February meeting

9. Motion in the names of Cllrs James Geoghegan & Colm O'Rourke

Agreed : Agreed to defer to February meeting

10.AOB

The following considerations were raised;

- Oscar Traynor Road Development/Tender
- Sherriff St Site – Part V price

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
CHAIRPERSON