



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Housing SPC

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Item No. 3ii

Dublin City Council Housing SPC Working Group on Services to Older People

The Working Group on Services to Older People Working was established in November 2020 as a result of an original proposal initiated by Councillor Mary Freehill. It reports to the DCC Housing SPC and also links with the programme work of the DCC Local and Community Development Committee particularly in relation to the national Age Friendly Strategy and the Heathy Ireland Programme.

The group aims are:

- a) To recommend democratic structures of governance and participation that would include elected members, staff and representation of older people.
- b) To examine, service delivery and best method of engagement that would reach all older people in the DCC area.
- c) To develop public policy proposals under national Age Friendly strategy and Healthy Ireland programme and within context of COVID19 recovery - with the focus being on which Dublin City Council services can be adapted, enhanced, or proposed, in order to improve quality of life.

The members of the Working Group are as follows:

- Councillor Mary Freehill, Chairperson of Group
- Councillor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson Housing SPC
- Councillor Mary Callaghan, Deputy Lord Mayor
- Councillor Donna Cooney, DCC Elected Member
- Councillor Anne Feeney, DCC Elected Member
- Councillor Niall Ring, DCC Elected Member
- Councillor Mannix Flynn, DCC Elected Member
- Dáithí Downey, Chief Officer DCC LCDC

Meeting 6 Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 1430 to 1630
Meeting online via zoom

Elected members present: Cllr. Alison Gilliland, Cllr Mary Callaghan, Cllr. Mary Freehill, Cllr. Donna Cooney, Cllr. Anne Feeney, Cllr. Niall Ring

Elected Members apologies: Cllr. Mannix Flynn

DCC staff present: Dáithí Downey, Beatrice Casserly, Sophia Brennan, Síle McNulty Goodwin.

- Ms Síle McNulty Goodwin, DCC Healthy Ireland Coordinator update members on key activities and services being delivered under the national Keep Well policy initiative. This includes distribution of 5,000 Paly Packs to senior citizen in Dublin via the Area Office Community Development Officers.
- Ms Beatrice Casserly, Regional Manager Age Friendly Programme presented on the revised DCC Age Friendly Strategy 2020 to 2025.
- Mr Jamie Cudden (SEO) and Ms Orla Veale (Project Officer) presented on SMART Dublin and SmartD8 Health programmes and projects respectively.
- A round table discussion on advancing key programmes and projects was undertaken among members. A number of actions were considered with the following proposed:
 - a) Planning for a future workshop on use of technology to support health and wellbeing among senior citizens to be undertaken.
 - b) Correspondence with the National Disability Agency to invite information and knowledge exchange on public realm and seating infrastructure specific to public transport in Dublin (i.e. Dublin Bus stops, Bus Eireann and Luas stations)
 - c) Request for further information on the Urban Playful Paradigm (Cork City) and update on all relevant current Age Friendly activities planned in Q3 and Q4, 2021.

DONM: Thursday June 3rd, 2021 @ 1430 online via zoom.



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