



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Housing SPC

Date: Wednesday 14th July 2021

Item No. 7i

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

Activity Report for June 2021

Background:

The Working Group on Services to Older People 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 Healthy 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, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Chairperson Housing SPC
- Councillor Mary Callaghan, DCC Elected Member
- Councillor Donna Cooney, DCC Elected Member
- Councillor Anne Feeney, DCC Elected Member
- Councillor Niall Ring, DCC Elected Member
- Councillor Mannix Flynn, DCC Elected Member
- Daithi Downey, Chief Officer DCC LCDC

Meeting no. 6: 3rd June 2021, 14.00pm – 15.30pm
Virtual meeting via Zoom.

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

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

- The Chair Councillor Mary Freehill updated the members regarding the proposed NDA correspondence on seating at Dublin Bus stops. The group also discussed the pros and cons of seating distribution/design around the city.
- The members reviewed the current National Disability Authority 's Walkability Audit Criteria and considered how to plan for restart of Walkability Programme within Dublin City in 2021
- The members talked about the Smart D8 project Social Prescription and proposed workshop and how to support it.
- Sile McNulty Goodwin, DCC Healthy Ireland Coordinator gave a brief update to members on Bloomberg Philanthropy, Partnership for Healthy Cities Initiative. The Chief Officer and Sile McNulty Goodwin will be meeting with the Bloomberg Team to determine how this initiative will be implemented in Dublin City.

A round table discussion took place and the members considered a number of actions. The following were proposed:

1. A decision was made that a letter will be sent to the Director of the National Disability Authority requesting their advice on how universal design guidelines for the public realm can be utilised to advance and improve the overall NTA approach to the provision of seats at bus shelters.
2. A decision was made to contact Les Moore, Dublin City Parks Superintendent to request data on the specifics of seating design, distribution and quantity pertaining to Dublin City Parks.
3. The Chief Officer was asked to invite Eimear McCormack, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator, to give a presentation about this new programme.
4. The Chief Officer is to contact Orla Veale, Smart D8 Project Manager, to establish what support the Working Group could give to their age friendly Social Prescribing Project.
5. The Chief Officer to liaise with Beatrice Casserly, Age Friendly Regional Manager, Dublin City, regarding arranging Walkability Audits to be carried out in conjunction with the five Dublin City Council administrative areas.

Date of next meeting: 15 July 2021 at 12 noon online via Zoom.



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