

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WED 14TH JULY 2021

Attendance

Mary Callaghan

Donna Cooney

Maíre Devine

Kevin Donoghue

Daithí Doolan

Anthony Flynn

Alison Gilliland – Lord Mayor

Briega MacOscar

Tina MacVeigh

Eimer McCormack

Cieran Perry

Colm O'Rourke

Catherine Stocker

Mike Allen – Focus Ireland

Liam Kelly – WRA

Pat Greene – DSC

Apologies

Karen Murphy - ICSH

Aine Wellard - VVI

Dublin City Council Officials

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive

David Dinnigan, Executive Manager

Mary Hayes, Executive Manager

Pat Teehan, Senior Executive Officer

Christy McLoughlin, Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Sophie Nicoullaud

Deirdre Heney

Naoise Ó'Muirí

Mannix Flynn

Darragh Moriarty

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 9th June and matters arising

Agreed : Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

i. Correspondence

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland updated attendees about;

- a) Correspondence with Minister for Housing with regard to the implementation of a recommendation from the Traveller Accommodation Expert Review Report to establish a Traveller Specific Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).
- b) The recent Traveller Specific Meeting and its recommendations.

Action : Pat Teehan to follow up with Local Traveller Consultative Committee (LTACC) about the possibility of recording future LTACC meetings

Agreed : Correspondence noted

3. Traveller Accommodation

i. Traveller Accommodation Report

The following aspects of the report were discussed;

- Site updates – Labre Park/Naas Road/Northern Fringe/Tara Lawns
- Recording of Traveller Ethnicity on Social Housing Application form
- Ombudsman for Children report recommendations
- Budget Draw Down
- Waste dumping Issues & Stakeholder Engagement
- Sanitation Units
- Emergency Caravan Grant Scheme
- Caravan Loan Scheme

Agreed : Report noted

ii. LTACC Report

Verbal update provided

Agreed : Update noted

4. Motion in the name of Cllr Sophie Nicoullaud

That the LTACC and its members support the recommendations that came from Dublin City Council's Special Meeting on Traveller Accommodation. In particular, it supports the call for the word "Illegal" to be removed from any correspondence - either verbally or officially- going forward

Cllr Nicoullaud explained the context of the motion. The ACE explained that it cannot apply to areas such as trespass but the TAU unit will use '*unauthorised*' instead of '*illegal*' in its reports and correspondence.

Agreed : Invite Irish Traveller Movement to make a presentation at future Housing SPC meeting

Agreed : Motion Agreed

5. Terms of Reference for Audit of Construction Costs and Development Timescales

The following themes were covered and discussed;

- Terms of Reference Delivery Mechanism & Timeframe
- Engagement of Independent Experts
- Stakeholder Consultation

Agreed : Amend wording of Bullet point 6 to read; Examine the costs as contained within the Chartered Surveyors of Ireland report-'The Real Cost of Apartment Delivery' dated 26th January 2021. Seek submissions from relevant experts and utilise any current industry and/or academic research available that is considered reputable and credible as part of the analysis.

Agreed : Report noted

6. Housing Management Update

i. Report on Housing Supply

The Report on Housing Supply was noted and the following themes were discussed;

- Housing Supply - Portal/IT system shall be created to provide new scheme update
- Condition/Standard of Dublin City Council Complexes
- Property acquisitions
- Long Term Leasing: Role within overall all housing provision; Implications & Communication to local Councillors; Long-term implications/strategy to reduce reliance on leasing

Agreed : Report noted

ii. Report on Homelessness

The Report on Homelessness and the Report from the Special Committee on Homelessness were noted and the following themes were discussed;

- Single Person statistics
- National Quality Framework Standards
- Freephone review
- Consistency of data/details presented in the Homeless Report
- Implications of Covid restriction easing
- Private Hostel Accommodation inspections
- Housing Support Officers
- Regional Forum to share information
- One Bedroom Capacity

Agreed : Report Agreed

7. Update on Working Groups

i. Senior Citizens Working Group

Verbal update provided by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland

Agreed : Update noted

ii. Special Committee on Homelessness

Agreed : Report noted

iii. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Chairperson of the Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues, Cllr Deirdre Heney, provided an update which included wider aspects of animal welfare 7 key stakeholder engagement

Agreed : Report noted

8. Motion in the name of Cllr Darragh Moriarty

That Dublin City Council Housing SPC recognises the deplorable conditions of damp and mould experienced by residents in the Oliver Bond flat complex and welcomes the launch of the 'We're Sick of Waiting- Campaign for Better Housing Conditions in Oliver Bond House'. The Dublin City Council Housing SPC calls for the following:

An immediate environmental audit on the extent of the damp and mould in every flat across the complex;

An immediate safety audit of the playing pitch; and

A fully costed plan to be put in place to remediate any interim defects.

The Dublin City Council Housing SPC appreciates longer-term plans for regeneration of the complex are in train, but calls for immediate action on the above in the interim.

Cllr Moriarty explained the context of his motion

The motion was supported by members of the SPC and the following themes were covered and discussed;

- Regeneration methodology & potential timeframe
- Building fabric & environmental factors
- Dampness
- Potential Funding Mechanism/ Significant Investment required
- Establishment of an Oliver Bond Consultative Committee

Agreed : Short Term Investment Funding report shall be brought to a future Housing SPC meeting

Agreed : Motion Agreed

9. Motion in the name of Cllr Cieran Perry

That the Housing Strategy aspect of the Dublin City Development Plan is produced in consultation with the Housing SPC.

Cllr Perry explained the context of his motion and members of the SPC indicated their support.

Agreed : Housing Strategy special meeting to be convened

Agreed : Housing Strategy Document to be presented at a future Housing SPC meeting for discussion

Agreed : Motion Agreed

10.AOB

The date of the next meeting was noted.