



Special Committee on Homelessness

A meeting of the Special Committee on Homelessness took place on 5th January 2022 via Zoom. The following were in attendance:

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland

Cllr Hazel Chu	GP
Cllr Janet Horner	GP
Cllr Daithí Doolan	SF
Mary Hayes	Director DRHE, A/CHAIR
John Durkan	Deputy Director DRHE
Sheila Hennessy	A/ Deputy Director DRHE
Bevin Herbert	DRHE

A brief update on COVID-19 in Emergency Accommodation was provided by Bevin Herbert, DRHE, followed by a comprehensive update on Quality Standards in Private Emergency Accommodation by John Durkan, Deputy Director DRHE. The following points were raised:

- 38 PEA and NGO facilities formally inspected by Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) in 2021
- 32 of the 38 properties now have works completed
- Work on 2 DCC owned properties began in Q4 2021
- Of the 8 NGOs inspected, 6 have initiated works
- Procurement of formal independent inspection services began in Q1 2021 with Greenville Procurement Partners via a tender on eTenders
- Inspection services to cover physical building standards – environmental health, fire safety and food safety (HACCP compliance)
- Tenders submitted were above the allocated budget of €350k and negotiations are on-going – if unsuccessful, the tender will be redrafted
- NQSF developed in 2014 with HIQA, extended nationally in Q4 2019/Q1 2020 and includes all NGO services (residential and visiting)
- Adapted to apply specifically to PEA settings covering facilities' standards in EA, as the NQSF already cover the care/case management by visiting NGO services.
- Adopted by the Statutory Management Group and Joint Consultative Forum in September 2021
- Visiting supports by NGOs are part funded by HSE, who in Q4 2021 recruited a training coordinator specifically for PEA staff

The next meeting of the Special Committee will take place via Zoom on 2nd February 2022, with homeless exits into tenancies in 2021 and forecasts for 2022 to be covered, in addition to an update on the DRHE Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022-24. The following have been invited to attend:

Cllr Hazel Chu	GP	CHAIR
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	LAB	
Cllr Daithí de Róiste	FF	
Cllr Daithí Doolan	SF	
Cllr Janet Horner	GP	
Cllr Catherine Stocker	SD	
Cllr Tina MacVeigh	PBP	
Cllr Kevin Donoghue	LAB	
Cllr James Geoghegan	FG	
Mary Hayes	Director DRHE	
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