

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WED 12TH OCTOBER 2022

Attendance:**Members:**

Mary Callaghan
Donna Cooney
Deirdre Cronin
Maire Devine
Kevin Donoghue
Daithí Doolan
Pat Dunne
James Geoghegan
Dermot Lacey (CP)
Briega MacOscar
Eimer McCormack
Colm O'Rourke
Cieran Perry
Catherine Stocker

Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Mike Allen – FI
Kevin Byrne – SGCRA
Aine Wellard _ VVI

Dublin City Council Officials

Coilín O'Reilly, Assistant Chief Executive
David Dinnigan, Executive Manager
Mary Hayes, Executive Manager
Frank d'Arcy, Executive Manager
Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer
Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer
Damien McCabe - Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Cllr Deirdre Heeney
Cllr Mary Freehill
Cllr John Lyons

Apologies

Claire McManus JFOC
Cllr Allison Gilliland

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 14th September 2022 and matters arising

Agreed: Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

The following themes were discussed;

- Chairperson requested that update on LTACC Report be provided at the next meeting.
- Chairperson asked that a request to have Elected Members present at any further Oireachtas committees be put in writing.

Agreed: Request to be made in writing to The Oireachtas

3. Allocation Update Report

Mary Hayes, Executive Manager, provided an update per circular provided.

The following themes were discussed;

- Targets for property allocations in 2022.
- Ombudsman's Review of HAP system.
- Targets for housing people with disabilities and medical priority.
- Possibility of review every 2 years of new lettings scheme.
- Eligibility for housing of HAP tenants.
- Dublin City Councils role in relation to housing refugees & protection seekers.

Agreed: Update Noted

4. Housing Supply Report

David Dinnigan, Executive Manager, provided an update per circular provided.

The following themes were discussed;

- Planning permission lodged for Emmet Road development.
- Planning permission for Oscar Traynor Road development to be lodged in December.
- Public consultation ongoing with Oscar Traynor Road development.
- 8 new project managers to be appointed in Housing Department .
- Suitability of Build to Rent properties for Cost Rental model.
- Engagement with tenants in relation to Cromcastle redevelopment.
- Engagement with developers in relation to inactivated Planning Permissions.
- Figures for Part V properties

Agreed: Update Noted

5. Update on Working Groups

- i. Public Housing Working Group

Coilín O'Reilly, Assistant Chief Executive provided an update

The following themes were discussed;

- Rent collection and arrears figures.
- Increase in amount of Rent Assessment staff.
- Possible review of rent assessment for high income tenancies.

Agreed: Update Noted

ii. Senior Citizens Working Group

Cllr. Mary Freehill introduced topic.

The following themes were discussed;

- Motion has been proposed amongst working group for 2 pilot schemes on footpath repair.
- Praised Dublin City Council's role in providing face to face services.

Agreed: Update Noted

iii. Homeless Report & Special Committee on Homelessness

Mary Hayes, Executive Manager, provided an update.

Agreed: Update noted

iv. LTACC Report

Agreed: No business conducted – update to be provided at next meeting

v. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Cllr Deirdre Heeney provided an update

The following themes were discussed;

- Staff numbers in Animal Welfare Section.
- Members praised work of Cllr. Heeney & staff in the Animal Welfare Section

Agreed: Update Noted

6. AOB

Agreed: No business conducted