

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WED 15TH MARCH 2023

Attendance:**Members:**

Cllr Mary Callaghan
Cllr Hazel Chu
Cllr Donna Cooney
Cllr Deirdre Cronin
Cllr Kevin Donoghue
Cllr Daithí Doolan
Cllr Pat Dunne
Cllr James Geoghegan
Cllr Alison Gilliland (CP)
Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Briega MacOscar
Cllr Eimer McCormack
Cllr Colm O'Rourke
Cllr Cieran Perry
Cllr Karl Stanley

Mike Allen - FI
Claire McManus - JFOC

Dublin City Council Officials

Coilín O'Reilly, Assistant Chief Executive
Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE
Michelle Robinson, SEO
Mary McQuillan, Acting Senior Architect
Gavin Doyle, Assistant Chief Quantity Surveyor
Bruce McDevitt,
Rebecca Ward, Administrator
Damien McCabe, Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Cllr Mannix Flynn
Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr Patricia Roe

Apologies

Cllr Máire Devine
Pat Greene - DSC

External Personnel

Adrian Cristea - DCIF
Darren Coventry – Howlett DCIF
Dr. Sean O'Riordan – Sean O'Riordan and Associates

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 14th December 2023 and matters arising

Agreed: Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

- No Correspondence

Agreed: Update Noted

3. Dublin City Interfaith Forum

Adrian Cristea and Darren Coventry Howard from the DCIF provided a presentation on their work. The following items were covered and discussed:

- Background to DCIF.
- Facilitating integration of migrants.
- Membership of DCIF.
- Education and Activities provided by DCIF.
- Key challenges, opportunities and potential.
- Review of Safe Haven – Hate Crime Report & Response project.
- Integration of DCIF into Dublin for All movement.

Agreed: Update Noted

4. Construction Cost Analysis – Further Information

Michelle Robinson, DCC SEO Housing Development introduced the item. Dr. Sean O’Riordan, Independent Researcher, Gavin Doyle, DCC Assistant Chief Quantity Surveyor, Mary McQuillan, DCC Acting Senior Architect & Michelle Robinson provided a presentation. The following items were covered and discussed:

- Review of commissioned construction costs research and analysis (previously presented to the November 2022 SPC meeting)
- Learnings from report and examination of DCC projects.
- How costs differ across different projects.
- Four Stage Process for Social Housing Approval.

- Capital Works Management Framework.
- Challenges with tendering process
- Contract sum and potential increase in costs throughout developments.
- Life-cycle approach to design/works: high standard of works being provided afford cost savings in terms of long term maintenance.
- Update on various complete, ongoing & proposed DCC developments.
- Actions taken based on findings of the report.

Agreed: Presentation Noted

5. Update on Working Groups

i. Public Housing Working Group

Cllr Alison Gilliland provided a verbal report on a meeting held on Monday 13th of March exploring rents relevant to high income earners.

Agreed: Update noted

ii. Local Traveller Accommodation Group Consultative Committee

Cllr Alison Gilliland provided a verbal update in relation to meeting held on 24th February, where the following topics were discussed

- Report on matters arising on traveller sites
- Traveller count.
- Financial update on last 6 months.
- Update on Traveller Accommodation Programme Review

Agreed: Update noted

iii. Special Committee on Homelessness

Cllr Hazel Chu provided a brief verbal update in relation to the following:

- Committee to meet next week to discuss lettings ~~and the eviction ban.~~

Agreed: Update noted

iv. Senior Citizens Working Group

Cllr Mary Freehill provided a verbal update, the following items were raised:

- Support for seating at bus stops for older persons.
- Improved face to face services from Dublin City Council.
- Pilot scheme in Harold Cross & Glasnevin to improve maintenance of footpaths.

Agreed: Update noted

6. AOB

- Cllr. Mannix Flynn requested review in relation to Acquisitions programme.
- Cllr. Donna Cooney suggested annual invite for DCIF to attend the Housing SPC.

Agreed: N/A