

**HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON**  
**WED 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

**Attendance:****Members:**

Cllr Mary Callaghan  
Cllr Hazel Chu  
Cllr Donna Cooney  
Cllr Máire Devine  
Cllr Kevin Donoghue  
Cllr Pat Dunne  
Cllr James Geoghegan  
Cllr Alison Gilliland (CP)  
Cllr Briege MacOscar  
Cllr Eimer McCormack  
Cllr Colm O'Rourke  
Cllr Cieran Perry  
Cllr Karl Stanley

Mike Allen – FI  
Kevin Byrne – SGCRA  
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH  
Aine Wellard - PPN

**Dublin City Council Officials**

David Dinnigan – Executive Manager  
Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE  
Frank d’Arcy – Executive Manager  
Aisling Browne – Administrative Officer  
Ursula Donnelan – Senior Executive Officer  
Gareth Rowan – Senior Executive Officer  
Mary Cleary - Administrator  
Damien McCabe - Administrator

**Other Councillors in attendance**

Cllr Mannix Flynn  
Cllr Deirdre Heney  
Cllr John Lyons

**Apologies**

Cllr Deirdre Cronin  
Cllr Daithí Doolan  
Claire McManus - JFOC

## **1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and matters arising**

**Agreed:** Minutes Agreed

## **2. Chairpersons Business**

- No Correspondence

**Agreed:** Update Noted

## **3. Work Plan & Schedule/Site Visits**

Cllr Gilliland provided an overview of workplan of items to be discussed and site visits planned as part of the Housing SPC Agenda's for the remainder of 2023.

**Agreed:** Update Noted

## **4. Tenant in Situ Update**

Aisling Browne, Administrative Officer in Housing Acquisitions provided a written and verbal update on the following:

- Background to Tenant in Situ Scheme.
- Statistics in relation to acquisitions and enquiries.
- Processes, timelines and challenges involved for acquisition of properties.
- Benefits for vendors in relation to selling under Tenant in Situ Scheme.
- Details re 'cost rental' Tenant in Situ Scheme

**Agreed:** Update Noted

## **5. Homeless Report**

Mary Hayes, Director of Services DRHE, provided an update based on the latest Homeless Report, the following items were discussed:

- Factors in relation to increase in homelessness in the Dublin Area.

- Reasons for Presentation
- Prevention Measures including the TiS scheme

**Agreed:** Update Noted

## 6. Update on Working Groups

### i. Public Housing Working Group

Cllr Alison Gilliland provided a verbal report regarding recent Group meetings exploring rents relevant to high income earners.

**Agreed:** Update noted

### ii. Special Committee on Homelessness

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

- Overview of Homeless Lettings in 2022.
- Profile of Social Housing Applicants in Emergency Accommodation
- Duration of Emergency Accommodation stays 2018-2022

**Agreed:** Update noted

### iii. Senior Citizens Working Group

Cllr Alison Gilliland provided a verbal update based on a meeting that was held on 6<sup>th</sup> of April, the following items were raised:

- Presentation from Roads Maintenance in relation to trip hazards.
- Pilot footpath repair system to be launched in Harold's Cross & Glasnevin.

- Sports section expanding COPD exercise programme in St. Catherines.
- New Age Friendly parking system may be launched by DCC.
- Cllr Mary Freehill to stand down as chair of Working Group to be replaced by Cllr Alison Gilliland.

**Agreed:** Update noted

iv. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Cllr Deirdre Heney provided an update based on minutes from meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> of March, in relation to the following:

- Committees aim to have a municipal Dog Shelter & to take zero tolerance approach towards animal abuse.
- Training for An Garda Síochana and DCC Animal Welfare Unit
- Updating on staffing in the Animal Welfare Unit.

**Agreed:** Update noted

**7. AOB**

**Agreed:** N/A