

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WED 11TH OCTOBER 2023

Attendance:**Members:**

Cllr Mary Callaghan
Cllr Kelsey May
Cllr Donna Cooney
Cllr Máire Devine
Cllr Kevin Donoghue
Cllr Daithí Doolan
Cllr Pat Dunne
Cllr Alison Gilliland (CP)
Cllr Eimer McCormack
Cllr Cieran Perry

External Presentation

Mike Allen – FI

Dublin City Council Officials

Frank d’Arcy – Acting Assistant Chief Executive
Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE
Michelle Robinson – Acting Executive Manager
Dave Dinnigan – Executive Manager
Bevin Herbert – Senior Executive Officer
Damien McCabe – Administrator
Ruth Quinn – Administrator

Land Development Officials

Phelim O’Neill - Land Development Agency (LDA) Head of Property
Rob Farrelly - LDA
Clare Fox - LDA
Sean O’Callaghan - LDA
Declan Hayden - LDA

Apologies

Claire Mc Manus (RIAI)
Cllr Hazel Chu
Cllr Catherine Stocker
Cllr James Geoghegan
Cllr Briege MacOscar
Cllr Colm O’Rourke
Diarmud MacDuhglais - PPN
Dr. Kevin Byrne – SGCRA
Pat Greene – DSC
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Mick O’Reilly - ITCH

1. Land Development Agency Project Display of DCC Projects and Project Manager Engagement (Richard O'Carroll Room)

2. Presentation from the Land Development Agency on DCC Projects

- i. Donore – Former St. Teresa's Gardens
- ii. Cromcastle Underpass
- iii. Cherry Orchard
- iv. Bluebell Lands

LDA Head of Property, Phelim O'Neill was joined by his colleagues Rob Farrelly, Clare Fox, Sean O'Callaghan and Declan Hayden. Phelim provided a presentation outlining their work on housing delivery including various nationwide projects. A detailed presentation was provided of each of the 4 DCC projects listed above.

The following Items were discussed:

- Role of LDA in Developing and Managing developments.
- Practicalities around Cost Rental Module, e.g. Is it affordable and how it is managed in change of circumstances.
- Procedures for tenant placement & responsibility for management companies in developments.
- Lands available or being sought by the LDA
- Procedures around disposal of Lands from DCC to the LDA.
- Project Tosaigh – involves LDA buying lands with Inactivated Planning Permissions.

Agreed: Presentation noted. Members agreed that qualifying criteria for Cost Rental Model would be discussed at a later meeting.

3. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 14th September 2023 and matters arising

Agreed: Minutes Agreed

4. Chairpersons Business

Cllr Gilliland thanked members for approving the Housing for All Declaration at the September SPC and detailed the event and her signing of the Housing for All Declaration in Brussels on 19 September on behalf of Dublin City Council.

Mary Hayes, Director DRHE, provided an update in relation to a review of finances in the Peter McVerry Trust. Some members stated concerns around the governance and board structure of register charity groups. Mary Hayes pointed to increasing auditing procedures to address these issues and stated that reassurance has been given that tenancies will be secured.

Agreed: Updates Noted

5. Presentation on New Online Choice Based Lettings Portal

Bevin Herbert, Senior Executive Officer in Housing Allocations/Homeless Operations provided a presentation covering the following:

- Background on Choice Based Lettings and Current methods of application.
- New online system and benefits attached.
- Supports in place & selection of properties.
- Procedures for notifying successful and unsuccessful applicants

Agreed: Presentation Noted

6. AOB.

There was no other business