

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2024

Attendance:**Members:**

Cllr Mary Callaghan
Cllr Hazel Chu
Cllr Donna Cooney
Cllr Maire Devine
Cllr Kevin Donoghue
Cllr Daithí Doolan
Cllr Pat Dunne
Cllr James Geoghegan
Cllr Alison Gilliland (CP)
Cllr Eimer McCormack
Cllr Hazel de Nortúin
Cllr Colm O'Rourke
Cllr Cieran Perry
Cllr Catherine Stocker
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Diarmuid MacDubhglais – PPN
Mike Allen – FI
Dr. Kevin Byrne – SGCRA
Pranash Ramanundh – RIAI

Dublin City Council Officials

Michelle Robinson – Acting Executive Manager
Mary Hayes – Executive Manager
Clive Ahern – Senior Executive Officer
Shauna McIntyre – Senior Executive Officer
Deirdre Cahill – Administrative Officer
Denise Clinch – Senior Staff Officer
Ruth Quinn – Administrator
Samantha O'Doherty – Administration
Deirdre Kearny - Administration

Other Councilors in attendance

Cllr Patricia Roe
Cllr Deirdre Heaney

Apologies

Frank d'Arcy – Acting Assisting Chief Executive
Dave Dinnigan – Executive Manager
Pat Greene DSC
Mick O'Reilly ICTU
Denise Murray (RIAI)
Cllr Briega MacOscar

1. Minutes of meeting dated Friday 15th of December 2023 and matters arising

Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

No business

Michelle Robinson addressed the issues some tenants were having with water supply in – Tyrone Place, Michael Mallon, Labre Park and York Street.

4. Housing Adaptations Grants for older people and people with a disability

Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer and Deirdre Cahill, Administrative Officer provided a presentation on

- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Mobility Aids Grants
- Housing Aid for Older People Grant
- Grant Income Thresholds

The Committee sought clarifications on retrospective grants, refund turnaround times, supports for application form filling, DCC engagement with the Department review of the grant schemes and thanked Clive and Deirdre for the presentation and discussion.

5. Community and Social Development

Shauna McIntyre, Senior Executive Officer, provided a presentation on this broad section which is made up of a number of units. Shauna presented on

- Age Friend Ireland
- Cohairle na nÓg

- Inclusion and Integration Week
- LCDC – Local Community Development Committee
- SICAP – Social Inclusion and Activation Programme
- Local Economic and Community Development Plan 2024
- Sláinte Care – Healthy Communities

The members discussed aspects of the presentation including target groups for programme delivery, supports for Traveller community, responsiveness of programmes and funding to integration needs that arise particularly regarding new communities and the mainstreaming of effective programmes that may only have sought once-off funding. Members thanked Shauna for the presentation and wished her the very best in her new role.

6. Motion in the name of Cllr Rachael Batten

The Chair advised that as Cllr. Rachael Batten was not present, the motion would be deferred.

3. SPC Workplan

The Chair advised that following the discussion at the previous SPC meeting and Cllr suggestions the work plan for the final four months of the Council term would be the following;

- February – Active Land Management
- March – Affordable Housing
- April – A workshop on Green and Circular Construction Challenges and Opportunities
- May – A Review of Delivery over the last five years.

The Chair asked the members for feedback on whether they would think a presentation on Healthy Homes would be useful.

7. AOB.

The Chair welcomed Pranash Ramanundh – RIAI, who was observing in place of previous member Claire McManus, while awaiting a new nomination.