

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024

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 Eimer McCormack
Cllr Hazel de Nortúin
Cllr Cieran Perry
Cllr Catherine Stocker
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Diarmuid MacDubhglais – PPN
Dr. Kevin Byrne – SGCRA

Dublin City Council Officials

Dave Dinnigan – Executive Manager
Michelle Robinson – Acting Executive Manager
Mary Hayes – Executive Manager
Tony Smithers – Senior Executive Officer
Pamela Connolly – Senior Executive Planner
Louise Bell – Executive Planner
Ruth Quinn – Administration
Samantha O’Doherty – Administration
Deirdre Kearny - Administration

Other Councilors in attendance

Cllr. Mannix Flynn

Apologies

Frank d’Arcy – Acting Assisting Chief Executive
Pat Greene DSC
Mick O’Reilly ICTU
Cllr Briega MacOscar
Cllr Daithí Doolan
Cllr Colm O’Rourke
Mike Allen – FI

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 14th of February 2024 and matters arising

Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

No business

3. Land Active Management

Dave Dinnegan, Director of Housing Delivery provided an overall housing delivery context across the DCC owned lands.

Pamela Connolly, Senior Executive Planner and Louise Bell, Executive Planner, provided a presentation on Active Land Management and the national GIS/mapping system. The presentation included maps which showed the following:

- ❖ National Social Housing Data for DCC
- ❖ Map colour coding:
 - Red site lands for Social and Affordable Housing – remaining land bank
 - Yellow site lands for Social and Affordable Housing which have received funding
- ❖ Data fields for Social and Affordable Housing
- ❖ TRABIS – LASA, the reporting system that ensures consistency reporting nationally for all Local Authorities.

The Committee sought clarifications on

- ❖ land availability outside DCC lands
- ❖ access to maps
- ❖ how the volume of units on the land is calculated
- ❖ how the split between social and affordable schemes on the lands is decided and the pepper potting of such mixed tenure schemes

- ❖ DCC loans/borrowings to finance the cost rental units in the Emmet Rd. scheme

They suggested that the following be included in the mapping system

- ❖ LDA lands and private residential schemes/lands to allow for an overall view of available housing land
- ❖ Land zoning categories
- ❖ DCC units and complexes

Pamela and Louise were thanks for the presentation

4. Traveller Accommodation

Tony Smithers, Senior Executive Officer, provided a verbal update Traveller Accommodation and related issues:

- ❖ Tony indicated that he had attended the Joint Oireachtas Committee on 22/2/24 and provided a progress report on the recommendations on the final reports on key issues effecting the traveler community This was chaired by Senator Eilleen Flynn. 222222Other issues raised where Health, Education, employment and accommodation.
- ❖ The drafting of the new Traveller Accommodation Programme is currently underway comes into effect in December 2024, and will cover 2025-2029
- ❖ Extra retro fit programmes are planned for 2024 and all remailing housing stock will receive an energy upgrade.
- ❖ Dublin City Council Welfare Officers have been dedicated to working with families
- ❖ 20 families in total availed of new caravans in 2023. 8 caravan loans where provided to families, 9 families were provided with emergency caravans and 3 medical caravans where provided to families with family members with disabilities.

Tony then provided an update on St. Margaret's and Labre Park:

- ❖ **St. Margarets:** It was indicated that mediation was progressing and a redevelopment consultative committee had been set up to progress plans for cultural appropriate housing on site.
- ❖ **Labre Park:** A new redevelopment plan was in place for Labre Park and it was being well received by residents. There would be a total of 14 new houses, 3 extra than originally planned and 19 refurbished houses. A project manager had also been appointed and there would also be new play facilities.

The committee discussed issues in Labre Park around dogs, safety, hygiene issues and a request for gender balance on consultative committees. and thanked Tony for his report.

5. Motion in the name of Cllr Rachael Batten

The Chair advised that, as Cllr. Rachael Batten was not present and Cllr. Briege MacOscar who Cllr Batten had proposed to move her motion, she, with the SPC agreement, would move the motion.

Michelle Robinson, Acting Senior Executive Officer, communicated a report from the DCC Law Agent, Yvonne Kelly, with regard to the motion.

The report was noted as was the motion.

6. Motion in the name of Cllr Janice Boylan

The Chair advised that as Cllr. Janice Boylan was not present that she, with the SPC agreement, would move the motion.

Michelle Robinson, Acting Senior Executive Officer, communicated a report in response to the motion.

The motion was discussed and agreed.

7. A.O.B.

Updates on the following were requested under A.O.B.

- ❖ Consultation on the on-street food services – a verbal update was provided by Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE
- ❖ Adaptive Re-use – a review will be included at the May SPC meeting

- ❖ Waste management supports for the international protection applicants living in tents on Mount St - a verbal update was provided by Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE

The SPC members expressed their concern for how those international protection applicants were being forced to live in tents in Mount St. without appropriate sanitary facilities and a lack of proper shelter from the elements.

The SPC agreed that the Chairperson write to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to condemn the treatment of those international protection applicants.