



**Breviate of Meeting of Housing Strategic Policy Committee
held on 22nd September 2016**

1. Minutes of meetings dated 28th April and 6th May 2016 and matters arising:

Agreed:

2. Chairperson's Business:

- **Update on Sub-Groups:**

- **Housing Stock Standards**

Cllr Janice Boylan advised that the sub-group have not met recently and requested another meeting.

- **Data Protection**

Cllr Pat Dunne advised that meeting requested with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner was declined. He said that a final meeting of the sub-group would be arranged before the next Housing SPC.

- **Study on Social Integration/Tenure Diversity**

Initial meeting of sub-group to be arranged.

Agreed: Housing SPC members wishing to be part of the sub-committee to register their interest with the Manager.

- **Update on 2016 Action Plan of Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021**

No updates.

3. Homeless Update:

Statistics for Quarter 2 2016 regarding Homeless families and Homeless Accommodation Use and Breakdown of Emergency Accommodation were circulated prior to the meeting. Dáithí Downey, A/Director of Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) went through trend analysis and Housing First and HAP. Discussion followed.

Agreed: Reports noted.

4. Housing Programme Report:

Monthly Housing Programme Report circulated to members prior to meeting. Tony Flynn, Executive Manager went through Report and discussion followed.

Agreed: Forward on flowchart outlining Capital Works Management Framework Stage process for Social Housing Capital Projects

Agreed; Tony Flynn to forward on date for demolition of last blocks at O'Devaney Gardens

Agreed: Invite HFA to future meeting of Housing SPC

Agreed: Report noted.

5. Land Initiative Report:

Housing Land Initiative Feasibility Update circulated prior to the meeting. Tony Flynn, Executive Manager went through Report and discussion followed.

Agreed: Circulate Traffic Audit at Oscar Traynor lands when complete.

Agreed: Report noted

6. Traveller Accommodation Update:

Report circulated to members prior to meeting.

Agreed: Report noted

7. Motions

Motion Cllr Patrick Costello

That the management agree that all housing development by Dublin city council, including those built by tender, Public Private Partnership or other such arrangement will be of passive house standard or equivalent.

This motion aims to have Dublin city council follow international best practice in aiming for passive house standard or equivalent in new buildings. One international example is Exeter City Council, who at no extra cost procured passive house standard social housing with 90% energy savings for residents. This energy efficiency ended fuel poverty among residents and, due to these cost savings to residents, reduced rent arrears.

Motion was discussed.

Agreed: Motion from Cllr Patrick Costello was put to a vote. 7 Housing SPC members present voted in favour. The Motion was carried.

Motion to the Housing SPC from the Special Committee on Waste Regulations in the names of Cllrs: Mannix Flynn, Eilis Ryan, Claire Byrne, Ray McAdam, Criona NiDhalaigh, Mary Freehill, Gaye Fagan, Paul McAuliffe; Tina MacVeigh.

In light of the fact that in Dublin City Council flat complexes:

- residents report that the waste services provided do not allow for waste segregation;***
- open receptacles attract vermin and that receptacles are often used by non-residents to illegally dump waste;***
- we as a Local Authority are not compliant with regulations that provide for waste segregation;***
- the Council is currently reviewing tenders for waste collection providers in the flat complexes;***

This Housing SPC calls on our Housing Department to conduct a residents survey of waste segregation and collection requirements in the flat complexes with a view to including the outcome of these surveys in the ongoing review of waste collection tenders and contracts awarded.

Motion was discussed.

Agreed: Motion from Special Committee on Waste Regulations was put to a vote. 7 Housing SPC members present voted in favour. The Motion was carried.

Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

That DCC extend the right to be assessed for the Housing Assistance Payment to those persons on priority bands on the housing lists (Medical, welfare, exceptional social circumstances, vulnerable and over-crowding) in order to provide alleviation to their waiting times, if they so wish.

Order: Refer to Housing SPC for discussion

The Chair advised that Cllr Alison Gilliland was happy that Motion was discussed at meeting.

Motion in the name of Cllr Anthony Connaghan

That Dublin City Council exhaust all efforts to acquire any vacant houses/units in the DCC area. The last census shows that Dublin (overall) has over 36000 vacant dwellings. Dublin City Council should also CPO houses or sites which are left derelict for a significant period of time.

Can the Manager say how many houses or sites DCC have CPO'd in the last 10 years, if any? And if we haven't can he explain why?

Motion was discussed.

Motion Cllr Ray McHugh

This Housing SPC agree to set up a cross party group of the Housing SPC committee, to examine the housing allocation system that seems to force applicants to remain in overcrowding or go into over crowding situations ,for fear of loosing their position on the housing waiting list. Also to look at the the situation where Dublin City Elected Councillors, have little or no information pertaining to the allocation of tenancy's. And to report back to a Dublin City Council Meeting as soon as possible with recommendations to a change in the scheme of lettings.

Motion was discussed.

Agreed: Report to issue to future meeting of the Housing SPC.

8. AOB

The Manager said there are too many sub-groups and he requested that any future sub-groups meet 2/3 times at most and come back to the Housing SPC with Report.

Cllr Janice Boylan requested an update on policy regarding anti-social behaviour be presented at a future meeting of the Housing SPC and asked that Mick Clarke, Manager Anti-Social Policy Unit be invited to outline procedure here. Cllr Críona Ní Dhálaigh said that no funding has being allocated yet through the Social Fund to St. Teresa's Gardens. She acknowledged that this funding is allocated through the Department now but said that delays here are causing huge implications on projects.

Tony Flynn said that DCC have contacted the Department regarding Social Fund and advised that it may be the end of the year before funding is allocated. Will follow up.

Cllr Mannix Flynn asked for a report on the use of late-night café at Merchants Quay. He requested that 'public housing' be used instead of 'social housing'. He also requested a Report on Air B&B.

*Agreed: Report on Anti-Social Behaviour Policy to a future meeting of the Housing SPC
Agreed: Report on Air B&B to a future meeting of Housing SPC.*

In Attendance:

Councillors:

Chris Andrews, Janice Boylan, Christy Burke, Anthony Connaghan, David Costello, Patrick Costello, Daithí Doolan, Pat Dunne, Gary Gannon, Alison Gilliland, Tina MacVeigh, Ray McAdam, Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Cieran Perry, Norma Sammon, Sonya Stapelton

Sectoral Interests:

Lillian Buchanan, Aideen Hayden, Kathleen McKillion, Kevin White

Officials:

Brendan Kenny, Tony Flynn, Ali Grehan, Dáithí Doolan, Dymphna Farrell, Jim Keogan, Alana Dunne, Elaine O'Kelly

Other Councillors:

Noleen Reilly, Greg Kelly, Paul Hand, John Lyons, Elis Ryan, Mannix Flynn, Ray McHugh

Others:

Michelle McCullogh (Dublin Simon in place of Catherine Kenny)

Apologies:

Pat Doyle, Catherine Kenny,

Councillor Daithí Doolan
Chairperson

26th October 2016