

## HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

### ATTENDANCE

#### COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Mary Callaghan

Cllr. Hazel Chu

Cllr. Donna Cooney

Cllr. Kevin Donoghue

Cllr. Pat Dunne

Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick

Cllr. Alison Gilliland (Chair)

Cllr. Tina MacVeigh

Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh

Cllr. Cieran Perry

Cllr. Michael Watters

#### EXTERNAL MEMBERS

Mr. Norman Higgins: Construction Industry Federation

Mr. Pat Greene: Dublin Simon Community

Ms. Karen Murphy: Irish Council for Social Housing

Mr. Mike Allen: Focus Ireland

Ms. Aine Wellard: Blind Rights Ireland

#### DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive

Eileen Gleeson, Director D.R.H.E.

David Dinnigan, Executive Manager

Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer

Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer

Patrick Teehan, Administrative Officer

Christy McLoughlin, Administrator (Committee Secretary)

Eva Chudomelova, Assistant Staff Officer

#### Other Councillors in attendance:

Cllr. Mary Freehill

Cllr. Mannix Flynn

Cllr. Chris Andrews

#### Apologies

Ard Mhéara Paul McAuliffe

Cllr. Daithi Doolan

Cllr. Anthony Flynn

Cllr. Colm O'Rourke

Mr. Mick O'Reilly ICTU

Ms. Denise Murray RIAI

Mr. Liam Kelly Wadelai/Hillcrest and District Residents

Assoc.

## **1. Chairperson's Business:**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the new Strategic Policy Committee on Housing and asked all members to introduce themselves.

### **Correspondence**

The Chair informed the Committee of correspondence from Mr. Mike Allen of Focus Ireland suggesting the organisation of a Festival of Social Housing. She indicated that a working group had been established drawn from academia, heritage, AHBs and the DCC Housing Section to discuss and plan for such a Festival.

## **2. Housing Supply/Delivery**

### **i. Report from Deputy Chief Executive**

The Housing Supply and Delivery Report by the Deputy Chief Executive was noted. The following considerations were raised:

- Accommodation for senior citizens and supporting an age friendly city
- The finite amount of land available to DCC for housing purposes
- Matching building targets with housing needs

**Agreed:** *Age Friendly report encompassing all aspects for the DCC remit be made to the December monthly meeting for debate*

### **ii. Understanding the Capital Appraisals Process & funding streams open to DCC**

The Capital Appraisals Process and Funding Streams Report by the Deputy Chief Executive was noted. The following considerations were raised:

- Key Statistical Information
- Voids
- 4-Stage Approval Process
- The single-stage approval process

**Agreed:** *A letter be sent to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to bring forward the Affordable Rental Model Scheme.*

**iii. Role of Approved Housing Bodies in Housing Supply and Delivery: Presentation from Irish Council for Social Housing (I.C.S.H.)**

Ms Karen Murphy was thanked for giving the presentation on the Role of AHBS in Housing Supply and Delivery. The following considerations were raised:

- The role of the PRTB in AHBs tenancy
- Management fees in apartment blocks
- Funding streams available to AHBs

**Agreed:** *List of Councillors and their local areas to be distributed to all Approved Housing Bodies.*

**iv. Increasing supply through DCC regeneration projects**

A presentation by Mr Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, on how Increasing supply through DCC regeneration projects was noted. The following considerations were raised:

- Funding for the various regeneration projects
- Provision of fire escapes in older complexes
- Timelines for projects

**Agreed:** *Presentation on positive interventions to Protected Structures at a future Housing SPC.*

**Agreed:** *Extend the Housing SPC meeting to 5:45.*

**3. Homelessness – Report from Director of DRHE**

The Homeless Report was noted. The following considerations were raised:

- The budget for homeless services
- National Quality Standards
- Allocation of voids to those on the legacy homeless priority list
- Consultation regarding the conversion of Avalon House to an Emergency Services Provision

**Agreed:** *Report Noted.*

#### **4. A.O.B.**

The Chair detailed the intention behind the *Symposium on Public Housing* being held in the Mansion House on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to which all SPC members were invited along with key DCC and DHPLG officials, the CEOs of AHBs and key academics were invited – that the symposium would support the SPC in defining an agreed concept of public housing for use by DCC.

Chair thanked members for their attendance,

**Cllr. Alison Gilliland**  
**CHAIRPERSON**