

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2019

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Mary Callaghan
Cllr. Donna Cooney
Cllr. Kevin Donoghue
Cllr. Dáithí Doolan
Cllr. Pat Dunne
Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Alison Gilliland (Chair)
Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh

EXTERNAL MEMBERS

Mr. Pat Greene: Dublin Simon Community
Ms. Karen Murphy: Irish Council for Social Housing
Mick O'Reilly : Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Mike Allen: Focus Ireland
Mr. Liam Kelly: Wadelai/Hillcrest and District Residents
Ms. Aine Wellard: Blind Rights Ireland

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive
David Dinnigan, Executive Manager
Rose Kenny, Executive Manager
Frank D'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer
Ali Grehan, City Architect
Beatrice Casserly, Age Friendly Co-ordinator
Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer

Christy McLoughlin, Administrator (Committee Secretary)
Eva Chudomelova, Assistant Staff Officer

Other Councillors in attendance:

Cllr. Chris Andrews

Apologies

Ard Mhéara Paul McAuliffe
Cllr. Colm O'Rourke
Cllr. Michael Watters
Cllr. Tina McVeigh
Denise Murray: RIAI

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 13th November 2019 and matters arising

Agreed: *Minutes agreed.*

2. Chairperson's Business:

Symposium on Public Housing: The Chairperson, Cllr. Alison Gilliland, provided feedback on the Symposium on Public Housing held on Wednesday 27th November in the Mansion House. The symposium brought together key stakeholders to discuss the concept of Public Housing. Cllr. Gilliland thanks all SPC members who attended and particular acknowledgement was given to those Cllrs who facilitated groups on the day.

Housing Awards for DCC: The City Architect, Ali Grehan, was congratulated on winning the Overall Winner at KPMG Property Industry Excellence Awards 2019, the Community Benefit Project of the Year at KPMG Property Industry Excellence Awards 2019 and the Social Housing Project of the Year at Irish Building and Design Awards 2019 for Dolphin House Regeneration Project and the Retrofitting/Renovation Project of the Year at Irish Building and Design Awards 2019 for St. Bricins Park.

Ali Grehan provided the meeting with details of the two housing projects

Correspondence

No Update

3. Older People/Age Friendly Overview

A Older People/Age Friendly presentation delivered by Beatrice Casserly, DCC Age Friendly Co-ordinator

The following observations were covered:

- History of programme and its current position in Local Government
- New Age Friendly strategy 2020-2025
- Consultation process reference elections.
- Public realm considerations.
- Walkability Audits.
- Right Sizing – properties.
- Communication – Dealing with Utility companies.
- Financial Contribution scheme.
- Right Sizing Review.
- Shared learning & Best Practice.

A Right Sizing presentation was given by Mary Hayes, DCC Senior Executive Officer with responsibility for Housing Allocations

The following considerations were raised:

- Financial Contribution Scheme.
- Fair Deal Bureaucracy.
- Downsize Incentivisation.
- Prioritisation.

4. Estate Management

Rose Kenny, DCC Executive Manager, gave a presentation regarding Rent Setting, Collection & Arrears.

The following considerations were raised:

- Statistical information breakdown/Analysis.
- Cyclical nature of arrears.
- Rent Arrears Management/Protocol DCC & Tenant.
- Change of Circumstance.
- Research & Empirical Studies.
- Legislation.

Frank D'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, delivered a presentation providing Maintenance Dept. information & statistical updates.

The following considerations were raised:

- Anti-Social strategy consultation.
- Energy Efficiency.
- Funding.
- Void Turnaround time.
- Window Replacement.
- Fire Compliance.
- Insulation Programme.
- Warmer Homes.

5. AOB

The following considerations were raised:

- Establishment of two working groups.
 - Working Definition of Public Housing.
 - Rent Models.

Agreed: *Depot consolidation report (housing perspective) at January SPC.*

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
CHAIRPERSON