

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2020

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Mary Callaghan
Cllr. Donna Cooney
Cllr. Kevin Donoghue
Cllr. Dáithi Doolan
Cllr. Hazel Chu
Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Alison Gilliland (Chair)
Cllr. Cieran Perry
Cllr. Anthony Flynn
Cllr. Tina MacVeigh
Cllr. Colm O'Rourke

EXTERNAL MEMBERS

Pat Greene: Dublin Simon Community
Karen Murphy: Irish Council for Social Housing
Mick O'Reilly : Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mike Allen: Focus Ireland

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive
David Dinnigan, Executive Manager
Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer
Dáithi Downey, Senior Executive Officer

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

Other Councillors in attendance:

Cllr. Chris Andrews
Cllr. Mannix Flynn

Apologies

Ard Mhéara Paul McAuliffe
Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Cllr. Pat Dunne
Liam Kelly: WRA
Denise Murray: RIAI
Aine Wellard :BRI

1. Minutes of meeting dated Thursday 5th December 2019 and matters arising

Under matters arising, the following considerations were raised;

- Rent Arrears
- Rent Arrears Management

Agreed: *Minutes agreed*

Agreed: *Management to circulate the written report on rent arrears as presented at the December meeting the item to be included in future meeting*

2. Chairperson's Business:

Correspondence

Agreed: *Acknowledgement letter from the DHPLG noted*

Festival of Public Housing

Agreed: *Proposal shall be presented to members at the next meeting*

Understanding Public Housing Working Group & Rent Model Review Working Group

Chairperson briefed members on proposed terms of reference & welcomed suggestions.

3. Housing Management Update

I. Housing Supply Report

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

- Housing Land Initiative Update – Oscar Traynor Rd. development
- Public Housing terminology Vs Social Housing
- Potential of Dublin City Council to acquire lands for residential use/building
- Rezoning Industrial Land
- The non-viability of HAP as a housing policy
- Update on St. Michael's estate - cost rent model
- The correlation between housing needs, housing target and housing output
- Social Housing Concentration
- Rate of void refurbishment & funding from DHELG
- State Owned Land and role of Land Development Agency
- Housing Build Costs
- Site Disposals
- Height & density considerations
- Estate Management in context of social housing objections
- Public Procurement process

Agreed: *New Letting report/update at March SPC meeting*

II. Depot Consolidation Report – Identified for Housing Projects

The Deputy Chief Executive gave a verbal report on the use of smaller depots under the proposal to consolidate DCC depots into 2 larger city-wide facilities. The following considerations were raised:

- Super depot rationale
- Feasibility studies for smaller depot site for public housing and recreational/community facilities
- Potential disposal of smaller depot sites
- Partnerships with Approved Housing Bodies to deliver housing on depot sites
- Barriers that hinder more speedier development
- Consultation with local communities

Agreed: *Depot report from previous Council term to be circulated*

III. Homelessness Report

Apologies from the Director of DRHE, Ms Eileen Gleeson, were noted. The Homelessness Report was presented by the Deputy Chief Executive and was noted.

The following considerations were raised:

- Positive achievements & progress
- Support worker recruitment
- Positive impact of outreach approach by support workers
- Lack of housing capacity in system to provide for homeless single people
- Emergency Accommodation/Family Hubs
- Security
- Capacity & extra bed requirement
- Lack of addiction & mental health supports
- Homelessness Report composition/language
- Analysis/Evaluation of Housing First approach
- Provision of day services and anticipated date for Day Services Report
- Public Washroom pilot project consideration

Agreed: *an update on the Day Services Report to be presented at next Housing Management focused meeting*

IV. Response to Recommendations from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning & Local Government Report on Family and Child Homelessness

Agreed: *Defer discussion on report. Queries to be emailed to Manager and Chairperson*

4. AOB

The following issues were raised:

- Energy Retrofitting programme
- Estate Management & Anti-Social behaviour
- Timeframe for Working Groups

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
CHAIRPERSON