

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2020

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Mary Callaghan
Donna Cooney
Kevin Donoghue
Pat Dunne
Mary Fitzpatrick
James Geoghegan
Alison Gilliland
Tina MacVeigh
Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Cieran Perry
Colm O'Rourke

Other Councillors in attendance

Mary Freehill
Mannix Flynn

Apologies

Cllr. Daíthi Doolan
Liam Kelly - WRA
Aine Wellard – BRI

EXTERNAL MEMBERS

Pat Greene – Dublin Simon Community
Karen Murphy – Irish Council for Social Housing
Clare McManus – Royal Institute of the Architects Ireland
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
Dympha Farrell, Senior Executive Officer
Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer
Patrick Teehan, Administrative Officer
Christy McLoughlin, Administrator
Niamh McEvoy, Staff Officer

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 8th January 2020 and matters arising

Agreed: *Minutes agreed*

2. Chairperson's Business:

Supreme Court Appeal Judgement

Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer in DCC Housing Allocations detailed the Supreme Court Appeal Judgement between Darren Fagan, Seena Coogan, ScoutLarue Coogan and Darren Coogan AND Dublin City Council (December 2019) with regard to the DCC allocation decision & the resulting significance regarding Dublin City Council's Scheme of Lettings & Housing Assessment Payment assessment procedures.

Agreed: *Proposed amendment to the Scheme of Lettings and a framework for how decisions will be made on 'reasonable requirement to live together' to be brought to the next meeting.*

Working Groups

Agreed: *Expression of Interest shall be communicated to members seeking participation in Understanding Public Housing Working Group & the Rent Model Review Working Group*

Correspondence

Agreed: *N/A*

3. Housing Category Housing

i. Traveller Policy

Patrick Teehan, Administrative Officer gave a presentation on Traveller Accommodation Policy. The following considerations were raised and discussed:

- Range of Specific Traveller Accommodation
- Traveller Priority Specific List
- Inclusive Stakeholder Consultation
- Temporary Bays & Sanitary facilities
- Site Management & Maintenance
- Traveller specific statistical information
- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024
- Traveller specific Budget
- Programme of Works
- Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

Agreed: *A visit to a Traveller accommodation would be organised*

Agreed: *Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019-2024 shall be circulated to members.*

Agreed: *Invitation to LTACC representatives to attend the June SPC meeting.*

Agreed: *Traveller specific budgetary information for the last 3 years to be distributed to members of the Housing SPC.*

ii. Ageing & Older Person Policy

The implementation of the Dublin Age Friendly Programme 2014- 2019 was discussed. In particular the following considerations were raised:

- Implementation of the Age Friendly programme across all DCC sections
- Social Engagement – “Bottom-Up” approach
- Planning and design implications going forward to implement the programme
- Elected member engagement & representation with regard to the Age Friendly Alliance
- The importance of supporting older persons to remain living in their community
- Senior Citizen complex regeneration
- Accommodation standards
- Strategically address older persons needs
- Community infrastructure
- Downsizing implications
- Purpose built accommodation
- Housing with supports & “Wrap-Around” services
- Funding
- Impact of isolation – health & economic considerations need to be acknowledged in planning and funding
- Intergenerational living and a lifelong approach to housing design and planning
- Reconfiguration of family sized homes to allow older persons to age in place, for example the design developed by Ava Housing
- Density & Height considerations for older persons
- Local Community Development Committees (LCDC)

Agreed: *Discuss agenda points 3ii & 4 simultaneously*

Agreed: The Housing SPC set up a working group in relation to services for older people within the DCC area as per the motion presented under item 4.

iii. Disability

Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation on Dublin City Council's Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability.

This was discussed and the following considerations were raised:

- Specific Housing Needs for those suffering with mental health, those with autism
- Independent Living
- Consultation on review of NHSPWD
- Funding through Capital Assistance Scheme for specific categories
- Housing Application Process – Needs specific assessments should be used to ensure needs are met
- Future proofing – Universal Design
- Housing Supply report – current DCC construction projects

Agreed: Review of the *National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011-2016 – The Housing SPC will be kept abreast of DCC submission during review.*

4. Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Freehill

That the Housing SPC set up a working group in relation to services for older people within the DCC area

1. To recommend democratic structures of governance and participation that would include, elected members, staff and representation of older people.
2. To examine, service delivery and best method of engagement that would reach all older people in the DCC area.
3. All recommendations to include engagement with elected members of the Council.
- 4 To report back to the SPC within 3 months of this motion being agreed"

Agreed: *Motion Agreed.*

The Chair will bring the proposal to the next meeting of the Corporate Policy Group for approval

5. AOB

The following was raised under AOB;

- How the Committee can best engage in a strategic way to shape and formulate housing policy

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
CHAIRPERSON