

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY 2020

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Mary Callaghan

Ardmhéara Hazel Chu

Donna Cooney

Pat Dunne

James Geoghegan

Alison Gilliland

Briege MacOscar

Tina MacVeigh

Cieran Perry

Catherine Stocker

EXTERNAL MEMBERS

Karen Murphy – Irish Council for Social Housing

Mick O'Reilly – Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Mike Allen – Focus Ireland

Pat Greene – Dublin Simon Community

Dublin City Council Officials

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive

Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer

Christy McLoughlin, Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Apologies

Cllr Críona Ní Dhálaigh

Cllr Kevin Donoghue

Cllr Daithi Doolan

Cllr Anthony Flynn

Cllr Colm O'Rourke

Clare McManus – Royal Institute of the Architects Ireland

Aine Wellard – Voice of Vision Impairment

Liam Kelly – Wadelai Residents Association

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 10th June 2020 and matters arising

Agreed: *Minutes agreed*

2. Chairperson's Business:

- Working Groups

The Chairperson, Cllr. Alison Gilliland, updated members with regard to the Public Housing and Rent Review Working Groups

Correspondence

The Chairperson, Cllr. Alison Gilliland, indicate to members that a letter had been sent to Michael McNamara, TD and Chairperson of the Oireachtas Covid 19 Committee seeking that housing be addressed as part of the Committee remit. No response had been received at the time of the meeting

3. Presentation by the Land Development Agency (LDA)

Phelim O'Neill, Head of Property, LDA, gave a presentation on the mandate and work of the LDA including an update on the state lands database, partnership projects with various local authorities and the potential benefits of collaborating with DCC.

The following considerations were raised:

- Affordability in terms of rent/income
- Cost Rental - funding and target households
- Finance including state subsidies for capital/maintenance of developments
- Community sustainability
- LDA relationship with NAMA
- LDA relationship with Local Authorities
- Procurement Strategy
- Collaborative benefits to DCC
- Legislation/statutory footing of LDA
- Income/Tenure mix and models - social housing, cost rental, affordable purchase
- Funding for community infrastructure
- Quality, cost effectiveness of delivery and efficiencies of scale
- Stakeholder/community engagement
- Long term ownership of rental units
- Part V

Agreed: *Presentation Noted*

4. Regeneration Report

Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, highlighted the key vision and progress points contained in the regeneration report.

The following considerations were raised:

- Local Councillor/local area committee consultation
- Density/additionality
- Stock surveys
- Use of technology and passive energy
- Sustainable developments and communities
- Multidisciplinary team approach

- Realistic quality plans and projections
- Capital funding/financial models to realise projects

Agreed: *Report Noted*

5. Partnership with Approved Housing Bodies

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive provided report update.

The following considerations were raised:

- AHB role as partner and collaborator with DCC
- Finance and speed of housing delivery
- AHB legislation and regulation
- Memorandum of Understanding between DCC and AHBs

Agreed: *Report Noted*

6. Motion in the name of Cllr Cieran Perry

The Housing SPC acknowledges the need to discuss best practice going forward with regard to Part V acquisitions for social housing, particularly practice to counteract undue social segregation. The Housing SPC therefore requests that this policy element be added to the remit of the Public Housing Working Group and considered at one of its next meetings.

Agreed: *Motion Agreed*

7. AOB

The following were raised under AOB

- Change of use of student accommodation to co-living units
- Housing list income threshold
- Potential of vacant properties for acquisition/leasing
- Date of next meetings

Agreed: N/A

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
CHAIRPERSON