



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

**Report to Housing SPC**

**Date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Item No. 3iii**

## Special Committee on Homelessness

The first meeting of the Special Committee on Homelessness took place on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was attended by the following:

Lord Mayor Hazel Chu	GP	<b>CHAIR</b>
Cllr Alison Gilliland	LAB	
Cllr Deirdre Conroy	FF	
Cllr Daithí Doolan	SF	
Cllr Janet Horner	GP	
Cllr Anthony Flynn	IND	
Cllr Tina MacVeigh	PBP	
Cllr Kevin Donoghue	LAB	
Cllr James Geoghegan	FG	
Mary Hayes	Director DRHE	
Bob Jordan	National Director of Housing First	
Bevin Herbert	Central Placement Service DRHE	
Sheila Hennessy	Homeless HAP and Settlement Support DRHE	

Lord Mayor Hazel Chu was elected Chairperson of the Committee on foot of nomination by Cllr Alison Gilliland. The Terms of Reference for the Special Committee were agreed. A presentation on the Role, Legislation and Governance of the DRHE was given by Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE.

Chairperson, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, invited suggestions of topics or areas that the attendees would like to discuss in future meetings and what they would like from the Working Group. The areas to be covered in the May, June and July meetings were agreed as follows:

- May – An overview of the Allocations Scheme will be given and the responses to single persons experiencing homelessness will be discussed.
- June – Deaths in service will be discussed and representatives from relevant organisations will be invited (e.g. HSE).
- July – Standards in Emergency Accommodation will be discussed and it is intended for John Durkan to give a presentation. The procurement process will also be discussed.

It was agreed that the meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.30am to 12pm, with the DRHE acting as secretariat.