



Special Committee on Homelessness

A meeting of the Special Committee on Homelessness took place on 21st July 2021 via Zoom. The following were in attendance:

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	LAB	CHAIR
Cllr Janet Horner	GP	
Cllr Catherine Stocker	SD	
Cllr Tina MacVeigh	PBP	
Cllr Hazel Chu	GP	<i>(Observer)</i>
Mary Hayes	Director	DRHE
John Durkan	Deputy Director	DRHE
Lorraine Brogan	A/ Deputy Director	DRHE

A proposal was made by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland to amend the Terms of Reference for the Special Committee, to include former Lord Mayor Cllr Hazel Chu in the committee. The Lord Mayor was confirmed to act as interim Chairperson and Cllr Hazel Chu confirmed to attend the meeting as an observer, until the amendment is circulated to the Corporate Policy Committee for ratification by the September meeting.

A presentation was provided by John Durkan, Deputy Director DRHE, on property and quality standards. The following topics were discussed:

- The National Quality Standards Framework being reframed for PEAs.
- Status update on the formal tender issued for facility inspection services.
- Notices of Termination issued to PEA providers.
- Development of a tender for management of DCC leased properties.
- Confirmation that public procurement procedure via eTenders will be followed to source EA facilities and services.
- Update regarding the Dublin Fire Brigade inspections, on-going since April 2021.
- Change in legislation resulting in staff of PEAs and NGO facilities no longer being considered relevant for the purpose of Garda Vetting, as per the National Vetting Bureau.
- Confirmation that food is provided in all emergency accommodations, except where cooking facilities exist. A report on street food services is underway.

The next meeting will take place on 1st September. Topics for discussion will be Experiences of Women accessing Emergency Accommodation, and Finance.

The following have been invited to attend:

Cllr Hazel Chu	GP	CHAIR
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	LAB	
Cllr Deirdre Conroy	FF	
Cllr Daithí Doolan	SF	
Cllr Janet Horner	GP	
Cllr Catherine Stocker	SD	
Cllr Tina MacVeigh	PBP	
Cllr Kevin Donoghue	LAB	
Cllr James Geoghegan	FG	
Mary Hayes	Director DRHE	
Lorraine Brogan	A/ Deputy Director DRHE	
John Durkan	Deputy Director DRHE	

The Homeless Network have also been invited to nominate a relevant contributor to this meeting.