

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WED 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Attendance

Mary Callaghan

Donna Cooney

Maíre Devine

Kevin Donoghue

Daithí Doolan

Pat Dunne

James Geoghegan

Alison Gilliland – Lord Mayor

Dermot Lacey (CP)

Briega MacOscar

Tina MacVeigh

Eimer McCormack

Cieran Perry

Colm O'Rourke

Catherine Stocker

Other Councillors in attendance

Deirdre Heney

Naoise Ó'Muirí

John Lyons

Karen Murphy - ICSH

Kevin Byrne - SGCRA

Pat Greene – DSC

Mick O'Reilly - ICTU

Apologies

Mike Allen – Focus Ireland

Aine Wellard - VVI

Dublin City Council Officials

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive

Mary Hayes, Executive Manager

Christy McLoughlin, Administrator

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 14th July and matters arising

Agreed : Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

Condolences were paid to the late Cllr Anthony Flynn's family.

Members congratulated Cllr Lacey upon his appointment as Housing SPC Chairperson.

i. Correspondence

Action :

Agreed : Correspondence noted

3. Update on Working Groups

i. Public Housing Working Group

No meeting since last update.

Agreed : N/A

ii. Senior Citizens Working Group

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland provided an update covering aspects such as;

- National Disability Authority meeting update
- Public realm
- Seating design guidelines
- Healthy Cities collaboration
- Mobility
- Public transport
- Additional public realm seating

Agreed : Report Noted

iii. Special Committee on Homelessness

The following aspects of the report were discussed;

Lord Mayor updated group on the following;

- Amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Special Committee
- National Quality Standards Framework
- Experience of women accessing emergency accommodation
- Dual Diagnosis/ Addiction/ Detox Bed availability
- Support Case management
- Homelessness context within the Housing For All Plan
- Scheme of Lettings – Band Priority

Agreed : Report Noted.

Agreed : Scheme of Lettings priorities report shall be circulated to Councilors.

iv. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Members acknowledged Cllr Heney's commitment and contribution to the Committee.

The following aspects of the report were discussed;

- Alternative arrangements for the provision of Dog Shelter service
- A new Animal Welfare Unit page is currently being designed for inclusion on Dublincity.ie. The page will be fully accessible.
- Dog Warden Service
- Increasing levels of dogs being abandoned
- Develop relationships with statutory, voluntary, charitable and community organisations with a specific interest in animal welfare
- Dublin City Municipal Animal shelter

Agreed : Report Noted.

4. Housing For All – New Government Strategy

Members initially explored the viability, timeframe and scope of the plan and covered a range of observations including;

- Plan ambition
- Land availability and acquisition
- Part V increase
- Funding
- Affordability & Cost Rental delivery
- Bureaucracy
- Procurement process streamline
- Resource allocation
- Delivery mechanisms
- Local Authority Housing Delivery Action Plans for the next five years
- Site Service Fund
- Income Thresholds
- Private sector reliance
- One Bed Homes/Accommodation types & suitability
- Budgets
- Workforce upskilling
- Further analysis of plan

Agreed : Write to Minister for Housing to attend a meeting of the S.P.C. to discuss the government's new strategy (Housing For All) and how it may impact on the Housing and Homelessness situation in Dublin City and the proposed Oscar Traynor Road development.

5. Draft Housing Strategy Report

The following themes were covered and discussed;

- Development Plan
- Housing Strategy

Action : An invitation to attend a Workshop was extended by the Planning Department to all Councillors to discuss the Housing Strategy element within the new Development Plan.
This workshop will be hosted by the Planning Department and will be held on 23rd September.at 2.30pm via Zoom.

6. AOB

Retrofitting, Regeneration and Insulation programmes were raised under AOB.