

Breviate of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 9th February 2022

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 19th January and matters arising

Order: Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business Correspondence

Order: Tenant In-Situ correspondence to be circulated to members

3. Age Friendly – Housing for Older People Presentation

Order: Presentation noted

4. Housing Delivery Update

Order: Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage consultation update with regard to Cost Rental and Affordable Housing figures shall be provided at a future SPC

Order: Housing Delivery Reform update to be included on a future agenda

5. Report on Homelessness

Order: Discuss agenda points 5 & 7iii simultaneously

6. Report on Housing Allocations & 8. Motion in the name of the Lord Mayor Cllr Alison Gilliland

The Housing SPC recognises the importance of our housing waiting lists working as effectively and efficiently as possible for those who qualify for social housing. Since the introduction of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme, Dublin City Council has sought to ensure that those in receipt of HAP are not disadvantaged in terms of waiting time for social housing.

Applicants who avail of social housing support through the HAP scheme are placed on the transfer list in line with s.37, Part 4 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2014 "the provision of housing assistance under this Part shall be deemed to be an appropriate form of social housing support for a household that is determined by a housing authority to be qualified for such support".

The transfer list has ceased operating effectively and has caused frustration for HAP applicants and for social housing transfer list applicants given the constant 'moving' of one's place on the list. Therefore the Housing SPC agrees to a review of the current approach to providing an effective waiting list approach for those in receipt of HAP with a view to making it more effective.

Order: Discuss agenda points 6 & 8 simultaneously

Order: Allocations to circulate detailed annual Lettings report to sectoral Housing SPC members.

Order: Motion agreed & a small working group to be set up to examine the issues.

7. Update on Working Groups

a) Public Housing Working Group

Order: N/A

b) Senior Citizens Working Group

Order: Update Noted

c) Special Committee on Homelessness

Order: Update noted

d) Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Order: Update noted

9. AOB

Order: Choice Based Lettings report shall be circulated to members

Cllr. Dermot Lacey Chairperson 9th February 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Mary Callaghan
Hazel Chu
Donna Cooney
Kevin Donoghue
Pat Dunne
James Geoghegan
Alison Gilliland – Lord Mayor
Dermot Lacey (CP)
Briege MacOscar
Tina MacVeigh
Eimear McCormack
Cieran Perry
Colm O'Rourke
Catherine Stocker

Karen Murphy – ICSH Claire McManus - RIAI Mick O'Reilly – ICTU Mike Allen - FI Kevin Byrne – SGCRA Aine Wellard - VVI

Dublin City Council Officials

Coilín O'Reilly, A/Assistant Chief Executive
David Dinnigan, Executive Manager
Mary Hayes, Executive Manager
Frank d'Arcy, Executive Manager
Jessica Lange, Executive Architect
Beatrice Casserly, Age Friendly Programme Manager
Christy McLoughlin, Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Deirdre Heney Mary Freehill

Apologies

Daíthi Doolan