

Report to Housing SPC

Date: Wednesday 9th March 2022

Item No. 6iv

Special Committee on Homelessness

A meeting of the Special Committee on Homelessness took place on 2nd February 2022 via Zoom. The following were in attendance:

Cllr Hazel Chu GP CHAIR

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland LAB Cllr Janet Horner GP Cllr Daithí Doolan SF

Mary Hayes Director DRHE

John Durkan Deputy Director DRHE
Sheila Hennessy A/ Deputy Director DRHE

Bevin Herbert DRHE

Homeless exits to tenancies in 2021 & 2022 and an update on development of the Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022-24 were on the Agenda. The following points were raised:

- Efficacy and fairness of the HAP transfer list
- Discussion of breakdown of lettings
- Qualitative research on singles accessing EA planned
- Interpreter service used in Parkgate Hall and NGO partners employ multi-lingual staff to support migrant service users
- Update on drafting of the Homeless Action Plan. 18 submissions received following the open call in September 2021. Consultation sessions held with the Dublin Homeless Network, current/former service users, Councillors from the four Dublin LAs, Senior Management Teams of the four Dublin LAs Housing Departments, a Private Rented Sector Agent and the HSE
- Planned timeline is to present a Draft Homeless Action Plan to the Statutory Management Group and Joint Consultative Forum in April, the Housing SPCs of the four Dublin LAs in June and their full Council Meetings in July

The next meeting of the Special Committee will take place via Zoom on 2nd March 2022, with migrants accessing homeless services as the topic of discussion. The following have been invited to attend:

Cllr Hazel Chu GP **CHAIR**

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland LAB Cllr Daithí de Róiste 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

Sheila Hennessy A/ Deputy Director DRHE

John Durkan

Deputy Director DRHE

The Dublin Homeless Network have also been invited to nominate relevant parties to attend and contribute to the discussion.