



Special Committee on Homelessness

A meeting of the Special Committee on Homelessness took place on 4th May 2022 via Zoom. The following were in attendance:

Cllr Hazel Chu	GP	CHAIR
Cllr Janet Horner	GP	
Cllr Daithí Doolan	SF	
Cllr Catherine Stocker	SD	
Mary Hayes	Director DRHE	
John Durkan	Deputy Director DRHE	
Mary Flynn	Deputy Director DRHE	
Bevin Herbert	DRHE	

Mary Hayes, Director DRHE, provided a presentation on the draft Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022-24. The following considerations were raised:

- Flexibility in light of national and global events such as the war in Ukraine and its resulting migrant crisis
- Consistent rise in homelessness amongst single adults
- Prison discharges as a vulnerable cohort with regard to overdose
- Learnings to be gained through working with the HRB on what may be done to prevent deaths
- Migrant homelessness and how this growing cohort may be supported
- The role of the Outreach/Intake teams as on-street services on behalf of the DRHE
- Research to be considered on employment levels amongst those experiencing homelessness
- The recruitment of a single point of contact for DV groups to be considered.

The next meeting will take place on 1st June 2022, with Housing First in the Dublin Region to be the topic.

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	
Mary Flynn	Deputy Director DRHE	
John Durkan	Deputy Director DRHE	
Brian Friel	Deputy CEO, Peter McVerry Trust	