

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WED 14TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Attendance:**Members:**

Mary Callaghan
Hazel Chu
Donna Cooney
Deirdre Cronin
Kevin Donoghue
Daithí Doolan
James Geoghegan
Dermot Lacey (CP)
Briega MacOscar
Eimer McCormack
Catherine Stocker

Claire McManus - RIAI
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Mike Allen – FI
Kevin Byrne – SGCRA
Pat Greene – DSC

Dublin City Council Officials

Coilín O'Reilly, Assistant Chief Executive
David Dinnigan, Executive Manager
Mary Hayes, Executive Manager
Frank d'Arcy, Executive Manager
Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer
John Ryan, Administrative Officer
Christy McLoughlin, Administrator
Damien McCabe - Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Cllr Alison Gilliland
Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr Manix Flynn
Cllr Mary Freehill
Cllr Patricia Roe

Apologies

Cllr Máire Devine
Cllr Pat Dunne
Cllr Colm O'Rourke

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 13th July and matters arising

Agreed: Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

Community Organisations – To encourage AGM by updating application forms

- i. Correspondence

Agreed: 2023/2024 meeting schedule to continue as is.

3. Long Term Vacancy Update

John Ryan delivered a presentation.

The following themes were discussed;

- Reason for Long Term Vacancy
- Distinction between Dereliction and Vacancy in built environment
- Legislative Powers & relevant Acts
- Repair & Leasing Scheme
- Buy & renew Scheme
- Barriers to reducing level of vacancies
- Administrative Process
- Stakeholder engagement
- Timescale

Agreed: Presentation Noted

4. Dublin City Council Housing Delivery Action Plan

David Dinnigan, Executive Manager introduced topic

Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer & Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer provided presentation

The following themes were discussed;

- Housing Delivery Action Plan in Context
- Challenging Targets & how Dublin City Council intend to achieve its social build target
- Existing Local Authority Land bank
- Part V delivery
- Local Authority (LA) Turnkey opportunities
- Buy and Renew Review
- Approved Housing Body Delivery (AHB) & strengthening collaboration
- Completed and projected delivery in 2022 statistical information
- Regeneration & current Housing For All (HFA) planned delivery 2022-2026
- Regeneration Prioritisation/Strategy
- Project Management System
- Affordable & Cost Rental targets
- Beyond 2026 plan

Agreed: Presentation Noted

5. Allocation Update Report

Agreed: Deferred to next meeting

6. Update on Working Groups

- i. Public Housing Working Group

Agreed: No business conducted

- ii. Special Committee on Homelessness

Agreed: No business conducted

- iii. Senior Citizens Working Group

Cllr Mary Freehill provided an update

Agreed: Updated noted

- iv. LTACC Report

Agreed: No business conducted

- v. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Agreed: No business conducted

7. Motion in the name of Cllr Alison Gilliland

Dublin City Council recognises the diversity of languages among our social housing tenants and awaiting tenants and therefore the possibility of many not to fully understand important housing documentation communicated only in the English language. Therefore as policy going forward, DCC will make available to any new tenant whose home language is not English the DCC housing tenant contract and accompanying relevant documentation in the tenants' home language and, where required, provide the services of an interpreter for new tenant and contract signing meetings

Agreed: Agreed without debate

8. AOB

Agreed: No business conducted