



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

**Report to Housing SPC**

**Date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Item No. 5 i**

**Dublin City Council**

**Housing SPC Report - Services to Older People Working Group  
Meeting held on 30th September 2022 from 11am to 12:30pm**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

	<b>Organisation</b>
<b>Present:</b>	
Mary Freehill	DCC Elected Representative (Chairperson)
Mary Callaghan	DCC Elected Representative
Nial Ring	DCC Elected Representative
Donna Cooney	DCC Elected Representative
Alison Gilliland	DCC Elected Representative
<b>Also Present:</b>	
Bruce McDevitt	Age Friendly Regional Manager – Dublin City
Mary Lynch	Age Friendly Programme, Community Section
Eimear McCormack	Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator – Dublin City Area
Enda Leaney	Library Services
Celine Cully	Sport and Leisure Services (Duty Manager) – St. Catherine's Sports Centre
Aaron Callaghan	Sport and Leisure Services (Centre Manager) – St. Catherine's , Sports Centre
Debbie Mc Loughlin	Corporate Services and Transformation Department
Shane Satell	Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
<b>Apologies:</b>	

	<b>Organisation</b>
Anne Feeney	DCC Elected Representative
Mannix Flynn	DCC Elected Representative

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### **Key Actions**

**Action 1: NTA to be invited to speak to working group at next meeting November.**

**Action 2: A copy of the latest draft Customer Services Action Plan and Charter circulated to the members. Any recommendations / comments by working group are to be forwarded to Debbie Mc Loughlin, Corporate Services Transformation Unit.**

**Action 3: Mr. Leavey (Library Services) to prepare an update on the range of activities for members at the next meeting – particularly around Digital Training.**

**Action 4: Motion to be put forward to the Finance SPC in relation to funding for a proposed Pilot Programme (Two Villages) and towards an increased budget for footpath repairs.**

**Action 5: Mr. Mc Devitt to arrange meeting for working group to visit the Maintenance programme at St. Catherines Sports Centre, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8.**

**Action 6: Chairperson to write to relevant Minister indicating Dublin City's need for adequate resources in the next phase of the Healthy Homes programme given its population and demographic needs.**

**Action 7: Cllr Ring to circulate motions to members in relation to Older Adults and the City Development Plan.**

### **Schedule of Next Meeting**

The Next Services to Older Persons Working Group meeting is scheduled to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm via zoom.

The members discussed what kind of age friendly projects that they could focus on.

➤ **Road/path maintenance and repairs:**

It was stated that it is often older people who are injured due to falls on poorly maintained surfaces. Reporting of such incidence is low. There is a higher density of older people living in areas like Glasnevin and Harolds Cross for example. Members queried if a pilot road/pavement repair project could be prioritised for these areas.

Members also indicated that they would like an update from the Roads Department in relation to Roads and Pathways in relation to maintenance and repairs.

- **Public seating:** The members discussed as to how to proceed. A decision was made to submit a motion to both the Arts SPC and the Traffic SPC regarding seating design/height/provision of arm rests. However, due to standing orders (This motion can only be submitted to one SPC). The Chair directed the motion as below.

**Action 3: Draft a motion on behalf of the Working Group and submit same to the Arts Culture & Leisure SPC; That this SPC agrees to ensure that public seating is designed in a manner that is appropriate to meet the needs of persons with mobility difficulties; namely that seating provided is of a design allowing for varying heights and constructed with arm rests to facilitate standing up.**

- Age Friendly Homes: The WG further discussed AVA Housing and if the WG could support this housing model or whether national support via the Minister is required i.e. changing the adaptation grant model to facilitate home owners utilising the AVA Housing Scheme. Cllr. Gilliland offered to seek further clarification from AVA Housing as to what support would be of assistance.

**Action 4: Councillor Alison Gilliland to consult with AVA Housing as to what support the Working Group could provide to assist in promoting this initiative.**

5. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme update.

Bruce McDevitt gave an update: Two staff members have been appointed and are familiarising themselves with the role. A further two staff will be taking up their positions by the end of August.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities is a three year initiative which seeks to address and overcome the deficit in primary care programmes. There is close collaboration with the HSE and other stakeholders. There are nineteen areas identified throughout Ireland which will benefit from community enhancement funding, four are within Dublin's administrative area. They are Ballymun, Finglas/Cabra, Darndale and Ballyfermot.

The WG asked why other areas are not being included in this programme. Bruce McDevitt to seek clarification.

The CRES Department is supporting a partnership initiative between Dublin City Council and the HSE in St. Catherine's Community Centre, Dublin 8. The Centre is hosting a COPD FITT Maintenance Rehabilitation programme in collaboration with St. James Hospital and linking in with CHO 7, providing tailored gym and exercise classes for patients that have completed the Phase 3 Rehabilitation Programmes in the relevant hospitals.

**Action 5. Bruce McDevitt to arrange a visit for the Working Group to St. Catherine's Community Centre.**

6. Confirmation of upcoming meeting schedule.

The WG agreed that their next meeting would be on Friday 30th September 2022 from 11am to 12:30pm.

The remaining scheduled meeting dates are 10th November 2022 and 15th December 2022 from 11am to 12:30pm.

#### 7. A.O.B.

The Chair welcomed Bruce McDevitt, Dublin City Regional Age Friendly Manager and wished him well in his new role with the Age Friendly Programme.

#### Summary of Actions:

- 1. Action 1: A copy of the current Customer Services Action Plan will be circulated to the members. Any recommendations/comments should be forwarded to Pauline Treacy, Corporate Services Transformation Unit.**
- 2. Action 2: Digital Inclusion: It was suggested that it be proposed to Dublin Public Libraries that they act as a starting point in relation to future / additional Digital Inclusion Programmes.**
- 3. Action 3: Draft a motion on behalf of the Working Group and submit same to the Arts Culture & Leisure SPC; That this SPC agrees to ensure that public seating is designed in a manner that is appropriate to meet the needs of persons with mobility difficulties; namely that seating provided is of a design allowing for varying heights and constructed with arm rests to facilitate standing up.**
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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

For the foreseeable future, The Services to Older People Working Group meetings will be held online via Zoom.

Next Meeting: Friday, 30th September 2022 from 11am to 12:30pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson  
Councillor Mary Freehill

Signed:   
Age Friendly Regional Manager Dublin City  
Mr Bruce Mc Devitt

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Print Name: Bruce Mc Devitt

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