

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

Attendance:**Members:**

Mary Callaghan
Hazel Chu
Donna Cooney
Kevin Donoghue
Daithí Doolan
Pat Dunne
Dermot Lacey (CP)
Briege MacOscar
Cieran Perry
Catherine Stocker

Mike Allen - FI
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Kevin Byrne – SGCRA

Dublin City Council Officials

David Dinnigan, Executive Manager
Frank d'Arcy, Executive Manager
Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE
Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Christy McLoughlin - Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Cllr Mary Freehill
Cllr Mannix Flynn
Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr John Lyons
Cllr Patricia Roe

External

Martina Smith – HAIL
Ciarán Garrett - HAIL

Apologies

Cllr Máire Devine
Cllr Eimer McCormack
Cllr Deirdre Cronin
Cllr Colm O'Rourke

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 9th November 2022 and matters arising

Agreed: Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

The following was discussed – Herberton Report – 39 vacant units

- Correspondence

Agreed: Management to issue a Herberton update

Agreed: Update Noted

5. Update on Working Groups

iv. Senior Citizens Working Group

Cllr. Mary Freehill provided attendees with an update which included the following;

- Footpaths
- Seating at bus stops – Pilot schemes
- Stakeholder engagement

Agreed: To discuss at this point in the meeting

Agreed: Update noted

3. Supporting the Needs of Those with a Housing Need and Mental Health difficulties – HAIL Presentation

Martina Smith delivered a presentation which included the following items;

- Establishment of Hail Organisation & it's profile
- It's mission
- Stakeholder engagement & Supports needed
- Finance
- Independent Living
- Referral process
- Dual Diagnosis
- Allocation process
- Tenant profile
- Challenges
- Supports in place
- Resources
- Individual circumstances

Agreed: HAIL organisation shall distribute information leaflet on their Regional Support Service

Agreed: Update Noted

5. Update on Working Groups

i. Public Housing Working Group

Cllr Donna Cooney provided an update which included the following topics;

- Online payments
- Direct debit – New Tenants

Agreed: Update noted

Agreed: To discuss at this point in the meeting

ii. Homeless Report & Special Committee on Homelessness

Cllr Hazel Chu delivered an update from previous meeting and a presentation by the Peter McVerry Trust.

The following items were raised under point ii;

- Unvalidated reporting on Social Media and consequences
- Racism
- Winter eviction ban
- Stakeholder engagement & communication
- Outreach response
- Service responses to Cold Weather Accommodation Suitability

Agreed: Update noted

Agreed: To discuss at this point in the meeting

4. Draft Scheme of Priorities

Michelle Robinson, Executive Manager, provided an overview.

The following items were discussed;

- Income limits
- Eligibility
- The requirements to advertise the scheme in accordance with the Scheme of Priorities
- Role of Elected Members
- Process involved – application/time
- Legislation adherence
- First Time Buyers

Agreed: Future workshop shall be held to discuss scheme

Agreed: To discuss at this point in the meeting

5. Update on Working Groups

- iii. Traveller Accommodation Unit Update & LTACC Report

No business conducted

Agreed: N/A

- v. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Cllr Deirdre Heney provided an update, the following item was discussed

- Staff resources & job opportunities
- Stakeholder training
- Legislative powers
- Out of Hours service
- Horse Drawn Carriages & regulation

Agreed: Update noted

6. AOB

The following was raised under AOB

- Press Release protocol
- Handling & escalation of complaints in relation to unauthorised occupants within Senior Citizen complexes
- Choice Based Lettings

Agreed: Unauthorised Occupants within Senior Citizens complex report to be included on a future SPC