

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WED 12TH APRIL 2023

Attendance:**Members:**

Cllr Mary Callaghan
Cllr Hazel Chu
Cllr Donna Cooney
Cllr Maire Devine
Cllr Kevin Donoghue
Cllr Pat Dunne
Cllr James Geoghegan
Cllr Alison Gilliland (CP)
Cllr Briege MacOscar
Cllr Eimer McCormack
Cllr Colm O'Rourke
Cllr Cieran Perry
Cllr Karl Stanley

Mike Allen – FI
Kevin Byrne – SGCRA
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Aine Wellard - PPN

Dublin City Council Officials

David Dinnigan – Executive Manager
Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE
Frank d’Arcy – Executive Manager
Aisling Browne – Administrative Officer
Ursula Donnelan – Senior Executive Officer
Gareth Rowan – Senior Executive Officer
Mary Cleary - Administrator
Damien McCabe - Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Cllr Mannix Flynn
Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr John Lyons

Apologies

Cllr Deirdre Cronin
Cllr Daithí Doolan
Claire McManus - JFOC

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 15th March 2023 and matters arising

Agreed: Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

- No Correspondence

Agreed: Update Noted

3. Work Plan & Schedule/Site Visits

Cllr Gilliland provided an overview of workplan of items to be discussed and site visits planned as part of the Housing SPC Agenda's for the remainder of 2023.

Agreed: Update Noted

4. Tenant in Situ Update

Aisling Browne, Administrative Officer in Housing Acquisitions provided a written and verbal update on the following:

- Background to Tenant in Situ Scheme.
- Statistics in relation to acquisitions and enquiries.
- Processes, timelines and challenges involved for acquisition of properties.
- Benefits for vendors in relation to selling under Tenant in Situ Scheme.
- Details re 'cost rental' Tenant in Situ Scheme

Agreed: Update Noted

5. Homeless Report

Mary Hayes, Director of Services DRHE, provided an update based on the latest Homeless Report, the following items were discussed:

- Factors in relation to increase in homelessness in the Dublin Area.

- Reasons for Presentation
- Prevention Measures including the TiS scheme

Agreed: Update Noted

6. Update on Working Groups

i. Public Housing Working Group

Cllr Alison Gilliland provided a verbal report regarding recent Group meetings exploring rents relevant to high income earners.

Agreed: Update noted

ii. Special Committee on Homelessness

Cllr Hazel Chu provided a verbal and written update in relation to the following:

- Overview of Homeless Lettings in 2022.
- Profile of Social Housing Applicants in Emergency Accommodation
- Duration of Emergency Accommodation stays 2018-2022

Agreed: Update noted

iii. Senior Citizens Working Group

Cllr Alison Gilliland provided a verbal update based on a meeting that was held on 6th of April, the following items were raised:

- Presentation from Roads Maintenance in relation to trip hazards.
- Pilot footpath repair system to be launched in Harold's Cross & Glasnevin.

- Sports section expanding COPD exercise programme in St. Catherines.
- New Age Friendly parking system may be launched by DCC.
- Cllr Mary Freehill to stand down as chair of Working Group to be replaced by Cllr Alison Gilliland.

Agreed: Update noted

iv. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Cllr Deirdre Heney provided an update based on minutes from meeting held on 27th of March, in relation to the following:

- Committees aim to have a municipal Dog Shelter & to take zero tolerance approach towards animal abuse.
- Training for An Garda Síochana and DCC Animal Welfare Unit
- Updating on staffing in the Animal Welfare Unit.

Agreed: Update noted

7. AOB

Agreed: N/A