

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

Attendance:**Members:**

Cllr Mary Callaghan
Cllr Hazel Chu
Cllr Donna Cooney
Cllr Kevin Donoghue
Cllr Daithí Doolan
Cllr Pat Dunne
Cllr Alison Gilliland (CP)
Cllr Eimer McCormack
Cllr Cieran Perry
Cllr Karl Stanley

Mike Allen – FI
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Diarmuid MacDubhglais - PPN

Dublin City Council Officials

Coilín O'Reilly- Assistant Chief Executive
Mary Hayes, Director of DRHE
Michelle Robinson – Senior Executive Officer
Paul Heffernan – Administrative Officer
Damien McCabe - Administrator

Other Councillors in attendance

Cllr Deirdre Heney

Apologies

Cllr Deirdre Cronin
Cllr Máire Devine
Cllr James Geoghegan
Cllr Briega MacOscar
Cllr Colm O'Rourke
Kevin Byrne – SGCRA
Pat Greene - DSC
Claire McManus – JFOC

1. Minutes of meetings dated Friday 16th June 2023 and Friday 19th of May 2023 and matters arising

- Minutes agreed subject to changes to Attendance on Friday 16th June to reflect attendance of Cllr Kevin O'Donoghue at the meeting.

Agreed: Minutes Agreed

2. Chairpersons Business

- No Correspondence

3. Homeless Day Services, Street Food, Wellbeing

Mary Hayes, Director of The DRHE, provided a presentation on on-street food provision including:

- A reminder that all emergency accommodation under contract from DRHE provides all meals to those residing in them.
- The August 2021 review, main findings and recommendations for On-Street Food Services in Dublin.
- Suggested draft Bye-Laws for On-Street Food Provision in the DCC administrative area

The following matters relating to introducing bye-laws and the suggested bye-laws were discussed

- Bye-laws can offer protection to both those providing on-street food and those in receipt of food
- Some smaller groups providing on-street food were not included in August 2021 review – these needed to be consulted with as part of this proposal
- Possible difficulties for some groups in registering as Charities – some level of registration required but maybe not the level of register charity
- Proposed consultation between DCC and volunteer groups before adopting Bye Laws.

Agreed:

Contact would be made with the groups not included in the Aug 2021 review and they would be included along with all other stakeholders in an initial consultation on introducing bye-laws and on a draft set of bye-laws

A draft set of bye-laws would be presented to the SPC members for agreement ahead of being presented to the full Council for approval.

4. Affordable Housing Scheme

Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer, and Paul Heffernan, Administrative Officer provided a presentation on the proposed management approach for affordable housing schemes (affordable purchase and cost rental) including the following aspects:

- Legislation and regulations governing affordable housing schemes
- New website to provide information, allow for applications to and monitor the progress of Affordable Housing Schemes.
- Scheme of Priority for 30% of all affordable purchase developments.
- Overview of other Local Authority Priority Schemes.
- General criteria relating to eligibility and housing need

SPC members agreed that they would apply local criteria in respect of the allocation of 30% of available units and discussed options relating to the criteria for the DCC Scheme of Priority including:

- The geographical area covered by the local criteria
- Minimum length of time living in or have lived in the DCC functional area
- Process for allocating properties to priority applicants.

Agreed: The application of local criteria in respect of the allocation of 30% of Affordable Purchase Dwellings in Dublin City Council's functional area was recommended by the SPC Members.

The members' recommendation will now be verified by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for compliance with the Affordable Housing Regulations before being referred to the Elected Members for adoption.

5. AOB

No Business conducted.

Agreed: N/A