

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR SPC MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2024

Attendance:**Members:**

Cllr Mary Callaghan
Cllr Hazel Chu
Cllr Donna Cooney
Cllr Maire Devine
Cllr Kevin Donoghue
Cllr Daithí Doolan
Cllr Pat Dunne
Cllr James Geoghegan
Cllr Alison Gilliland (CP)
Cllr Eimer McCormack
Cllr Hazel de Nortúin
Cllr Cieran Perry
Cllr Catherine Stocker
Cllr Briega MacOscar
Ailbhe McLoughlin – ICSH
Diarmuid MacDubhglais – PPN
Mike Allen – FI

Dublin City Council Officials

Frank d'Arcy – Acting Assisting Chief Executive
Dave Dinnigan – Executive Manager
Michelle Robinson – Acting Executive Manager
Bevin Herbert – Senior Executive Officer
Gareth Rowan – Senior Executive Officer
Fiona Craven – Senior Executive Officer
Sandra McAleer – Senior Executive Engineer
Sarah Birmingham – Administrative Officer
Ruth Quinn – Administrator
Samantha O'Doherty – Administration
Deirdre Kearny - Administration

Other Councilors in attendance

Cllr Deirdre Heaney
Cllr Mannix Flynn

Apologies

Mary Hayes – Executive Manager
Cllr Colm O'Rourke
Pat Greene DSC
Mick O'Reilly ICTU
Denise Murray (RIAI)
Dr. Kevin Byrne – SGCRA

1. Minutes of meeting dated Wednesday 17th January 2024 and matters arising

Minutes Agreed

The Committee sought clarification on a variety of related issues arising from the presentation including tenant management, prices of properties, affordability and rental costs, pepper potting of tenure types in scheme to achieve social mix, subsidies to builders/developers to realise affordable schemes, how cost rental tenants would be supported should they retire/have a drop in income that puts them at risk of being unable to pay their rent, DCC loan/borrowing to finance Emmet Rd development -

2. Update on Working Groups

i. Public Housing Working Group

The Chair, as Chair of the Public Housing Working Group confirmed the group had not met since the last SPC meeting but will be meeting in the next few weeks.

ii. Special Committee on Homelessness

Cllr. Chu, Chair of the Special Committee on Homelessness advised that they will be meeting in the next few weeks.

iii. Senior Citizens Working Group

The Chair as Chair of the Senior Citizens Working Group advised that the next meeting will be held on the 28th of February.

v. Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues

Cllr. Heney, Chair of the Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Issues, advised that new staff have now joined the Animal Welfare Unit and the Committee is due to meet on the 19th of February.

vi. Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

This Committee met on the 19th of January and that there was a review of the Traveller Accommodation Program, Waste Management Plan and a review of the new accommodation guidelines for halting sites. The next meeting will be held on the 22nd March. Michelle Robinson also advised that DCC are engaging with the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Traveller Welfare issues on the 22nd February.

iv. Housing Disability Steering Group

Bevin Herbert, Senior Executive Officer and incoming Chair of the Housing Disability Steering Group, advised that the group had their first quarterly meeting last week and are currently reviewing members and terms of reference.

3. Motion in the name of Cllr Rachael Batten

The Chair advised that as Cllr. Rachael Batten was not present, the motion would be deferred until the next SPC meeting, and if Cllr Batten does not attend the next meeting, under Standing Orders, the motion would drop.

4. AOB.

Having been informed by Bruce McDevitt, Age Friendly Ireland Regional Manager, of recent award successes The Chair congratulate DCC on their success at the Age Friendly Awards in Co. Wexford:-

- The Cornamona Court Intergenerational Housing Development won the Age friendly Housing Award
- The Central Area Office in Sean McDermott Street won the Age Friendly Communications Award.

