

SOCIAL HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27th September 2017

Report by Chairperson Councillor J. Bailey

The Chairperson, Councillor J. Bailey presided. In attendance were Cllr Ann Colgan, Cllr. Chris Curran, Cllr. Cormac Devlin, Cllr. Kate Feeney, Cllr. Jim Gildea, Cllr. Melisa Halpin, Cllr. Pat Hand, Cllr. Deirdre Kingston, Cllr. Michael Merrigan, Cllr. Brian Murphy, Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan, Cllr. Dónal Smith, Cllr. Carrie Smyth, Mr. Jimmy Jordan, Ms. Catherine Kenny, Ms. Susan Whelan.

Apologies for non-attendance:

Officials Present: Ms. C. Keenan Director of Housing, Ms. D. Baber, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. A. Hegarty, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Debbie Carey, Senior Staff Officer Ms. G. Whyte, Staff Officer.

1. **Minutes** of SPC held on 28th June 2017 were **CONFIRMED** and **ADOPTED**.
2. **Matters arising:** No matters raised by the Members.
3. **Items submitted for written reply:** Reply was **NOTED**.
4. **Director's Business:**
 - (a) **AON Presentation:**

Mr David Rouse and Mr Bryan Maher from the Apartment Owners Network (AON) gave a presentation on the role and purpose of the AON. A discussion followed and questions were answered by Mr D. Rouse and Mr B. Maher
 - (b) **Choice Based Letting:** Ms Deirdre Baber, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation on Choice Based Letting. A discussion took place, during which Ms D. Baber responded to Members queries.

Ms D. Baber **AGREED** to return figures of CBL as a percentage total of allocations at the next SPC.
 - (c) **Vacant Homes Policy:** A report on the Vacant Homes Plan was given by Ms Catherine Keenan, Director of Housing and Ms Ann Hegarty, Senior Executive Officer, Housing. A discussion took place, during which Ms C. Keenan and Ms A. Hegarty responded to Members queries.

Ms C. Keenan and Ms A. Hegarty invited Members to work together with the Council to identify vacant units and register them on the website <https://vacanthomes.ie/>
5. **Business referred from the Council :** No Business
6. **Work Programme:**
 - (a) **Quarterly Report:** To be **RE-ENTERED** as a headed item at the next SPC.
 - (b) **Schedule of Tenants Responsibilities :** It was **AGREED** to discuss the programme of tenant responsibilities at the first Social Housing SPC meeting in 2018.
 - (c) **3rd Party Complaints to the PRTB:** A discussion took place during which Ms D. Baber, Senior Executive Officer responded to Members' queries
 - (d) **Strategic Development Management Plan:** To be **RE-ENTERED** at the next SPC. **AGREED** to prioritise this item.
 - (e) **Submission from Cross-Party Group:** To be **RE-ENTERED**
7. **Items to be Re-entered:** Items 5 (c) and 5 (d) are to be **Re-entered**
8. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 29th November 2017.