

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd June 2022, AT 5.00 PM

Venue: Council Chamber / Microsoft Teams

Report by Chairperson, Councillor Martha Fanning

In attendance were: Councillor Kazi Ahmed, Councillor Anne Colgan, Councillor Martha Fanning, Councillor Jim Gildea, Councillor Tom Kivlehan, Councillor Hugh Lewis, Councillor Justin Moylan, Councillor Denis O'Callaghan, Councillor Oisín O'Connor, Councillor Dave Quinn, Professor P.J. Drudy, Mr. David Girvan, Mr. Sean O'Neill, Mr. Maoilíosa Reynolds.

Officials Present: Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer), Jim Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Ms. Maura Hickey (Acting Senior Executive Officer), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer), Sinead Magee (Staff Officer).

Absent: Councillor Emma Blain, Councillor Maurice Dockrell, Councillor Frank McNamara, Councillor Donal Smith, Ms. Sharon Scally, Mr. Thomas Joseph, Mr. Bernard Fennessy.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 23rd March 2022.

Proposed by Councillor D O'Callaghan and Seconded by Councillor Justin Moylan.

Minutes of the Housing SPC held on 23rd March 2022 were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

No Business.

3. Information submitted by Members for written reply

Councillor Oisín O'Connor:

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on how the Council proposes to engage with the assessment criteria for deviations from the car parking standards in the new County Development Plan 2022-2028 on council-led development?"

A written reply to this item was issued and circulated to the Members.

4. Director's Business

a) Draft Homelessness Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024

Ms. Mary Hayes, Director of the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE), gave a presentation on the Draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022 - 2024. The draft Plan was circulated to Members for review in advance of the meeting.

In her presentation, Ms Hayes covered the following areas:

- Background to the Plan
- Consultation process
- Where the Plan started from
- Themes of the core objectives – Prevention, Protection and Progression
- Governance

A discussion followed during which Ms. Hayes responded to Members' questions. It was agreed that the draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022 – 2024 be put forward for full Council.

b) Affordable Purchase Scheme

Ms. Gwen Perry from the Housing Agency gave a presentation on the Affordable Purchase Scheme. In Ms. Perry's presentation, some of the areas covered were as follows:

- What is Affordable Purchase?
- Criteria for 'Fresh Start' applicants and existing Homeowners
- Income Eligibility
- First Home Scheme
- Cost Rental
- Scheme of Priorities

A discussion followed during which Ms Gwen Perry responded to Members' questions. It was agreed to circulate the presentation to the Members.

5. Business referred from the Council

No Business.

6. Matters referred from the Corporate Policy Group

No Business.

7. Correspondence

No Business.

8. Current Work Programme

Update from the Housing & Disability Steering Group

Ms. Deirdre Baber, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation with an update from the Housing & Disability Steering Group. In her presentation, Ms. Baber discussed the

progress of the Group in relation to the provision of housing for disabled people and the current work items of the Steering Group, as follows:

- Allocation of social housing to disabled people
- Delivery by Approved Housing Bodies
- Delivery in the Pipeline
- Approved Housing Body Forum
- Assisted Decision Making training
- National Housing Strategy for Disabled People

9. Items for Consideration for the Future Work Programme

No Business

10. Any Other Business

No Business.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 28th September 2022. It was also noted the date of the December meeting has been changed to Wednesday 7th December 2022.

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