

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28th September 2022, AT 5.00 PM

Venue: Council Chamber / Microsoft Teams

Report by Chairperson, Councillor Martha Fanning

In attendance: Councillor Kazi Ahmed, Councillor Anne Colgan, Councillor Maurice Dockrell, Councillor Martha Fanning, Councillor Jim Gildea, Councillor Tom Kivlehan, Councillor Hugh Lewis, Councillor Frank McNamara, Councillor Justin Moylan, Councillor Denis O'Callaghan, Councillor Oisín O'Connor, Councillor Dave Quinn, Councillor Donal Smith, Professor P.J. Drudy, Mr. Sean O'Neill.

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

Apologies received: Ms. Sharon Scally and Mr. David Girvan.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 22nd June 2022.

Proposed by Councillor J. Gildea and Seconded by Councillor D. O'Callaghan.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

No Business.

3. Information submitted by Members for written reply

Councillor Anne Colgan:

"To ask the Chief Executive for the number of universal housing and lifetime adaptable housing in DLR social housing and AHB housing stock:

- Size and location of these homes
- Plans for UD and LA social/AHB housing in DLR"

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

4. Director's Business

a) Affordable Scheme

Ms. Maura Hickey, Administrative Officer, gave a presentation on the Draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements.

In her presentation, Ms. Hickey briefed the Members on the following:

- The Affordable Housing Regulations 2022
- Criteria for making a Scheme of Priority
- Areas of non-discretion when making a Scheme of Priority
- Areas of discretion to be considered by Elected Members when making the Scheme of Priority

A discussion followed during which Ms. Hickey responded to Members' questions. It was agreed that a workshop would be provided for the Elected Members.

b) Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024: Mid-term review

Mr. Jim Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation with a review of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

In his review, Mr. Ryan discussed the following areas:

- Assessment of accommodation need
- Progress in delivering accommodation
- Consultation with Stakeholders
- Consultation through Part 8
- Setting up of focus groups to help identify how to improve in the provision of services to the Traveller Community
- No amendment or change required to the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 -2024

A discussion followed during which Mr. Ryan responded to Members' questions. Members acknowledged the positive work being done by the Traveller Accommodation Unit.

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, as follows:

- Housing allocations made to disabled people
- Review of the Assessment and Allocation Guidelines nationally
- Challenges facing the bodies represented in the Group
- Assisted Decision Making
- National Housing Strategy for Disabled People

A discussion followed during which Ms. Baber responded to Members' questions.

9. Items for Consideration for the Future Work Programme

Councillor Anne Colgan:

"The concept of lifetime adaptable (LA) and universal design (UD) housing - what these mean and how they differ from standard housing:

- Government policy on LA and UD housing
- How development costs differ from standard housing"

It was **AGREED** to include this item in the Future Work Programme

10. Any Other Business

No Business.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 7th December 2022.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6.59pm.

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