

## **MONTHLY MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**12 October 2020**

### **Chairperson's Report from the Housing Strategic Policy Committee held on the 16th September 2020**

#### **Report by Chairperson, Councillor Carrie Smyth**

**In attendance were:** Cllr Carrie Smyth (Chair), Cllr Kazi Ahmed, Cllr Anne Colgan, Cllr Maurice Dockrell, Cllr Jim Gildea, Cllr Tom Kivlehan, Cllr Hugh Lewis, Cllr Frank McNamara, Cllr Justin Moylan, Cllr Deirdre Ni Fhloinn, Cllr Denis O'Callaghan, Cllr Dave Quinn, Cllr Donal Smith, Mr Sean O'Neill, Mr Mel Reynolds, Mr Thomas Joseph and Prof PJ Drudy

**Officials Present:** Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Aidan Blighe (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Helen Griffin (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department) and Kate McMahon (Assistant Staff Officer, Housing Department)

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020, were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

#### **2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### **3. Information submitted by members for written reply**

No Business

#### **4. Directors Business**

##### **a) Presentation on the Public Participation Network (PPN)**

Ms. Simone Sav, Network Manager of the PPN, joined the meeting at this point and gave a Presentation on the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Public Participation Network. Ms. Sav left the meeting following her presentation.

#### **5. Business referred from the Council**

No Business

#### **6. Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group**

No Business

7. **Correspondence**

No Correspondence

8. **Current Work Programme**

a) **Housing Allocation Scheme**

Ms. Deirdre Baber, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department, gave a Presentation with an update on the on-going review of the Housing Allocation Scheme. The Housing Allocation Scheme Sub-Group met three times and are making good progress in preparing the Scheme. It was **NOTED** that the Sub-Group hope to bring a Draft Scheme to the December Housing SPC meeting.

In her Presentation, Ms. Baber gave an overview of the current Scheme and outlined the purpose and the Guiding Principles of our Allocation Scheme. Ms Baber also spoke about the options to be considered and the next steps to be taken.

Following this, a discussion took place in which Ms. Baber responded to Members' questions. It was **AGREED** to circulate the Presentation to the Members.

Councillor H. Lewis expressed his wishes to join the Sub-Group. It was **AGREED** that Councillor H. Lewis would join the Housing Allocation Scheme Sub-Group.

b) **Housing Options for our Ageing Population Policy Statement**

Ms. Helen Griffin, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department, presented an overview of the Housing Options for our Ageing Population Policy Statement.

In her Presentation, Ms. Griffin discussed the Policy Statement and provided an overview of the Guiding Principles, Strategic Actions and Case Studies contained in the Policy Statement. She also outlined some of dlr's initiatives which are relevant to housing options for older people. Ms. Griffin advised that the First Report of the Implementation Group had been published and she offered to bring a report on this to the next meeting.

Following this, a discussion took place in which Ms. Griffin and Ms. Baber responded to Members' questions.

It was **AGREED** that this Presentation as well as the Guidelines for the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme would be circulated to Members.

9. **Items for Consideration for Future Work Programme**

a) **Cllr. A. Colgan**

To review and discuss the recommendations for age friendly housing developed in partnership between Fingal County Council, the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design in the National Disability Authority, Age Friendly Ireland and the County and City Management Association and potential application in dlr.

[https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-04/10\\_ways\\_to\\_create\\_adaptable\\_and\\_age\\_friendly\\_home\\_march\\_2019.pdf](https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-04/10_ways_to_create_adaptable_and_age_friendly_home_march_2019.pdf)

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

**10. Any Other Business**

No Business

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 19:04pm. The date of the next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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