SOCIAL HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th September 2016

Report by Chairperson Councillor J. Bailey


Apologies for non-attendance: Mr. Jimmy Jordan, Ms. Catherine Kenny.

Officials Present: Ms. C. Keenan Director of Housing, Ms. Deirdre Baber, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Maura Hickey, Administrative Officer, Ms. M. Loughran, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. Geraldine Whyte, Assistant Staff Officer.

1. Minutes of SPC held on 22nd June 2016 were ADOPTED.
2. Matters arising: None
3. Items submitted for written reply: Replies were NOTED.
4. Director’s Business:
   a) Private & Public Housing Supply Report
      The report and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Housing Supply update were NOTED.
   b) Presentation on ‘Rebuilding Ireland’ Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness
      The SPC requested that the Council hold an information seminar later this year when more detailed information is provided by the Department. This was AGREED by the members.
   c) Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) – Transfer List
      The report was NOTED.
5. Work Programme:
   a) Future Work Programme:
      Cllr Melisa Halpin: ‘The building of extensions for tenants with overcrowding issues to reduce numbers on the transfer list.’ To be CONSIDERED on a case by case basis. Information to be brought back to next SPC.

      Cllr Anne Colgan: ‘To examine the policy document ‘Rebuilding Ireland’ and to consider priority proposals for action to implement this policy in DLR under the key pillars, in particular Pillars 2 and 5, along with targets, timelines and resource commitments in each year to 2021.’ It was AGREED to postpone this proposal until the information seminar took place.

      Cllr Michael Merrigan:
      ‘That, this SPC examines the existing policy, if any, regarding the allocation of social housing units, under contract, to clients of State or Private Care or Rehabilitation Agencies as part of the “care in the community” objectives of such agencies and the impacts, if any, of such contracts on the supply and allocation of social housing units to others on the Council’s Housing Waiting Lists and to examine what impact, if any, such allocations may have on local communities.’ It was AGREED to postpone this proposal until the information seminar took place.
6. Any Other Business:
7. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 30th November 2016.