

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Housing and Disability Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting held remotely on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 15th June, at 2.30pm

Attendees:

dlr: Catherine Keenan (Chair, Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer).

Representatives of Disability Sectors: Claire Kenny (Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI)).

AHB's Representative: Eimear O'Hagan (Hail), Sean Crowley (St. John of God Housing Association).

HSE: Caroline Farrell (HSE).

Apologies: David Girvan (SJOG Friends & Family), Majella Grainger (Cheshire).

ITEM	Agenda Items	Action Required
Item 1	Minutes: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 th March 2022.	Agreed
Item 2	Matters arising: No matters arising.	Noted
Item 3	Update on the National Housing Plan for Disabled People/Implementation Plan: Ms. Deirdre Baber gave an update on the Implementation Plan.	Noted

A discussion followed around assisted decision making and the implications for frontline staff. As there is no Code of Practice for the Housing Sector, it was agreed that D. Baber would contact the Housing Agency and request that a Code of Practice be considered to assist Housing Practitioners in the operation of this new legislation.

Action

It was agreed that assisted decision making would be an item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Agreed

Item 4 Congregated/Cluster settings:

Mr. Sean Crowley gave a presentation on congregated/cluster settings covering areas such as the legislation/policy context, development of group homes and pipeline projects.

Noted

A discussion followed and it was agreed to circulate the presentation to the Group.

Action

A discussion also took place around HSE sites that may present opportunities for dlr. It was agreed that C. Keenan would provide C. Farrell with copies of the reports carried out on the sites with the possibility of C. Farrell arranging a meeting with the HSE to discuss them.

Action

Item 5 Updates:

i. dlr update

D. Baber gave a presentation with an update on the allocations made to disabled people to date and on the delivery and construction of homes.

Noted

D. Baber will update the Housing SPC on today's meeting and gave Members an opportunity to contribute to this update.

Noted

ii. Approved Housing Body Update

Ms. Eimear O'Hagan gave an update on Hail. Noted

Mr. Sean Crowley gave an update on St. John of Gods discussing the properties recently completed. Noted

iii. Disability Sector Update

Ms. Claire Kenny gave an update on ILMI. C. Kenny discussed the importance of the correct terminology being used when referring to disabled people. Noted

iv. HSE Update

Ms. Caroline Farrell gave the HSE update discussing the struggles for people post Covid-19. Noted

S. Crowley enquired about meeting with a dlr Senior Planner. It was agreed that S. Crowley would prepare a brief document for C. Keenan outlining the benefits in having this meeting. Action

E. O'Hagan asked about inviting the Housing Agency to one of the Group's meetings. It was agreed that D. Baber would invite them to a meeting to give an update on the implementation/communication plan for the National Housing Plan for Disabled People. Action

Item 6

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on 14th September 2022 at 2.30pm. This will be an in-person meeting. Agreed

It was agreed to change the December meeting to the 30th November at 2.30pm. This will be a remote meeting. Agreed