

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Housing and Disability Steering Group

Minutes of the Meeting held in Council Offices on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, at 2.30pm

### Attendees:

**dlr:** Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer).

**Representatives of Disability Sectors:** Majella Grainger (Cheshire).

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

**HSE:** Breffni Coffey (Mental Health, HSE).

**Apologies:** Caroline Farrell (HSE), Claire Kenny (Independent Living Movement Ireland - ILMI), David Girvan (SJOG Friends & Family) and Catherine Keenan (dlr).

ITEM	Agenda Items	Action Required
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Minutes:</b>  Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.	<b>Agreed</b>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b>  As agreed at the June meeting, Ms. Deirdre Baber invited the Housing Agency to attend one of the next meetings of the Group.  Ms. Baber wrote to the Housing Agency requesting a Code of Practice for Housing practitioners around assisted decision making.	<b>Noted</b>  <b>Noted</b>

Ms. Catherine Keenan and Ms. Caroline Farrell followed up on the HSE Sites as discussed at previous meetings. The HSE is currently considering the future of these sites.

**Noted**

Welcome to Breffni Coffey who has now joined the Group from the HSE Mental Health Housing Co-ordinator.

**Noted**

### **Item 3**

#### **Update on the National Housing Plan for Disabled People:**

Ms. Deirdre Baber gave an update, awaiting the Implementation Plan.

**Noted**

The Housing Agency has produced a template to be used when updating the Housing SPC on the Housing & Disability Steering Group meetings. D. Baber will share the template with Members to complete where applicable.

**Noted**

**Action**

Ms. Eimear O'Hagan advised the Group that Hail were approved for four new posts for mental health sustainment officers. It was agreed E. O'Hagan would arrange for a presentation to be given on these roles and the role of Hail's Dublin regional service.

**Noted**

**Action**

D. Baber confirmed that the Housing SPC will be updated on these items at the next meeting.

**Action**

A discussion followed around the vacancies in the Group's membership. It was agreed to follow up with the relevant bodies in the areas to be filled.

**Action**

D. Baber advised the Group that the local plan needs to be reviewed and she will be seeking an input from the Group.

**Noted**

**Item 4****Assisted Decision Making:**

There has not been any feedback in relation to progress nationally on this and a discussion took place around when this will be introduced and the concerns around the implications for frontline staff.

**Noted****Item 5****Updates:****i. dlr update**

D. Baber gave an update from the Local Authority including the allocations made to disabled people to date and on the delivery and construction of homes. This information will be included in the update for the Housing SPC.

**Noted****Action****ii. Disability Sector Update**

Ms. Majella Grainger gave an update on Cheshire and the disability sector. M. Grainger reminded the Group of the IWA campaign in relation to building regulations. M. Grainger also referred to some potential strike actions later in September which may affect some staff funded under Section 39 funding.

**Noted****iii. Approved Housing Body Update**

Mr. Sean Crowley gave an update on St. John of Gods, discussing the difficulties experienced with the pipeline of projects.

**Noted**

S. Crowley acknowledged the contribution Eoghan Glynn made during his years working in this area in dlr Housing. This was seconded by E. O'Hagan. It was agreed to pass on the contact details of the staff who have taken over from Mr. Glynn.

**Noted****Action**

E. O'Hagan advised the Group about the new proposals for CALF. These proposed changes will have an impact on the pipeline delivery in Dublin. It was agreed that E. O'Hagan would draft a letter for Catherine Keenan to send to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on behalf of the Group in relation to this.

**Noted**  
**Action**

#### **iv. HSE Update**

Ms. Breffni Coffey, a new Member representing the HSE, was welcomed to the Group.

**Noted**

Feedback on supports will be required by the HSE. The template for input from HSE will be sent to HSE for completion

**Noted**  
**Action**

#### **Item 6**

##### **AOB**

E. O'Hagan advised the Group that Hail plan on starting an analysis of their tenants and housing stock.

**Noted**

D. Baber advised that the dlr Housing Needs Assessment will begin in the coming weeks.

**Noted**

E. O'Hagan advised the Group that Bord Gáis and Electric Ireland offer special services for vulnerable customers to avoid disconnection. E. O'Hagan will send on the details for circulation to the relevant sections.

**Noted**  
**Action**

#### **Item 7**

##### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. This will be a remote meeting.

**Noted**