

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON Tuesday, 28th September 2021 at 5pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Report by Chairperson, Councillor Martha Fanning

In attendance: Councillor Kazi Ahmed, 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 Dónal Smith, Professor PJ Drudy, Mr. David Girvan, Mr. Sean O'Neill, Mr. Maoilíosa Reynolds.

Officials Present: Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer), Helen Griffin (Senior Executive Officer), Jim Ryan (Acting Senior Executive Officer), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer), Shahrz Mirmirani (Staff Officer) and Kate Cao (Assistant Staff Officer).

1. Change in Membership

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairperson thanked Ms. Grainne Fennell who recently left the SPC, for her contribution during her time as a member on the Committee. Cllr. Fanning welcomed Mr. David Girvan who joined the SPC in her place.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee held on 23rd June 2021.

Proposed by Councillor K. Ahmed and Seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan.

Minutes of the Housing SPC held on 23rd June 2021 were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

No Business

4. Information submitted by members for written reply

No Business

5. Directors Business

Briefing on the Affordable Housing Act 2021.

Ms. Catherine Keenan, Director of Housing, gave a brief introduction and advised the Members that we were awaiting the regulations with clarification on the Scheme. When received, we will be in a position to draft a Scheme of Priorities for Affordable Dwelling Purchase which will be presented to the SPC and then go before full Council.

Ms. Helen Griffin, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation on the Affordable Housing Act 2021.

This presentation covered the following areas:

- Enactment and Commencement of the Act,
- Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements,
- Cost Rental,
- National Shared Equity Scheme,
- Land Development Agency,
- Amendment to Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Following the presentation, Ms. Griffin responded to Members questions.

6. Business referred from the Council

No Business

7. Business referred from Corporate Policy Group

No Business

8. Correspondence

No Correspondence

9. Current Work Programme

(a) dlr Housing Strategy for people with Disabilities

Ms. Deirdre Baber, Senior Executive Officer, gave an update on the Local Strategic Plan for People with a Disability.

Ms. Baber discussed the process that took place in drafting this plan which is now completed, published and made available to the public. The National Plan is due out at the end of this year and the dlr Housing & Disability Steering Group will review the local plan in line with it.

Following the presentation, Ms. Baber and Ms. Catherine Keenan, Director of Housing, responded to Members queries.

(b) Review of the Anti-Socail Behaviour Strategy 2016-2022

Mr. Jim Ryan, Acting Senior Executive Officer, gave an update on the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2022 - 2028.

Mr. Ryan advised Members that the draft strategy was currently going through the consultation process with the relevant stakeholders and bodies. Once this process is completed, the draft will be presented to the SPC Members for review at their next meeting.

(c) Housing Allocation Scheme

Ms. Baber gave an update on the progress made to date in implementing the changes arising from the adoption of the new Housing Allocation Scheme by the Elected Members. While the main changes are being implemented, the Council's Choice Based Letting will not be available and applicants will not be able to get their position on the housing or transfer lists. It was confirmed that letters to tenants and applicants will be sent out over the coming weeks with details of the changes.

Ms. Baber confirmed that the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage signed off on our Scheme.

Following this, a discussion took place during which Ms. Baber responded to Members queries.

10. Items for consideration for the Future Work Programme

No Business

11. Any Other Business

No Business

12. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 8th December 2021.

The meeting concluded at 18:31.

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