

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Housing and Disability Steering Group

### Minutes of the Meeting held in person

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, at 2.30pm

#### Attendees:

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

#### Representatives of Disability Sectors:

**AHB's Representative:** Clár Johnston (Hail), Sean Crowley (SJOG),

**HSE:** Breffni Coffey (Mental Health), Aoife O'Toole (Disability Services)

**Apologies:** Catherine Keenan (dlr), David Girvan (SJOG Friends & Family)

ITEM	Agenda Items	Actions Agreed
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Minutes:</b>	
	Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2022.	<b>Agreed</b>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	Deirdre Baber advised that a new member, Ms. Aoibheann Byrne, is joining the Group. Ms. Byrne will be representing Tuath Housing.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Housing Plan for Disabled People:</b>	
	Deirdre Baber gave an update on the Housing Plan for Disabled People. The draft Implementation Plan is with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and not yet published. An awareness campaign will coincide with the publication of the Implementation Plan.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Updates:</b>	
	<b>i. dlr Update</b>	
	Deirdre Baber gave an update from dlr covering the following:	<b>Noted</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the breakdown of allocations made to Disabled People - 27% of all allocations were made to Disabled People at end of May 2023.</li><li>Construction/Delivery details in relation to Part V, CALF and Leasing.</li><li>Information updates covering progress locally and nationally, Information &amp; Communication Strategy and Hail's Mental Health Tenancy Sustainment Officer (TSO) Service.</li></ul>	

A discussion took place around categorising mental health when allocating properties and the importance of referral forms. It was agreed that D. Baber would anonymise some of the application forms with medical issues and arrange to review these with some Members of the Group. **Action**

## **ii. HSE Update**

Breffni Coffey (HSE mental health representative) discussed the HSE system now in place for collecting data/figures. This will assist in identifying issues with mental health and the supports needed. **Noted**

B. Coffey referred to the housing agents in Cluain Mhuire and their value in relation to referral forms. **Noted**

Ms. Aoife O'Toole (HSE Disability Services) advised the Group that a new housing co-ordinator is to join the HSE. Also, a data analysis has started which will help them to review their data, assess the needs and assist with prioritising. **Noted**

A. O'Toole will be following up on CAS, working with AHBs and working on more forward planning around pipelines and allocations. **Noted**

D. Baber advised A. O'Toole that dlr had previously looked at the HSE's vacant sites in the dlr area. At the time, the future use of these sites was under consideration and CHE were not in a position to make any commitment to dlr. D. Baber advised A. O'Toole that dlr are happy to work with the HSE in this area. **Noted**

It was agreed that the details of these sites and the minutes of the meeting relating to these sites would be sent to A. O'Toole. **Action**

## **iii. SJOG Update**

Mr. Sean Crowley gave an update on behalf of SJOG. S. Crowley discussed current architectural design where community homes are on the ground/lower level of apartment blocks. This allows own door entrance and access to gardens while giving some segregation and privacy. **Noted**

SJOG are interested in discussing this with the LDA in relation to the sites they have around the country. **Noted**

## **iv. AHB Update**

Clár Johnston gave an update on Hail in relation to properties in the pipeline:

- 3 Part V one-bed homes in Blackrock held up due to legal issues. All supports will be available in these homes. **Noted**

- In DCC, Hail has a joint agreement on a site with an Approved Housing Body (AHB) for 10 homes. They are interested in being part of other similar projects with other Local Authorities and AHBs.
- Hail continues to build their contacts with Developers.

**Noted**

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**Item 5 Housing and Disability Steering Group – Working group**

It was agreed to continue with sub-group meetings. A sub-group is to be set up to review medical issues referenced in application forms.

**Action**

**Item 6 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September, and it was agreed that this meeting will be in person.

**Agreed**