

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd March 2023, at 5pm

Venue: Council Chamber / Microsoft Teams

Report by Chairperson, Councillor Peter O'Brien

In attendance: Councillor Kazi Ahmed, Councillor Emma Blain, Councillor Maurice Dockrell, 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

Officials Present: Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer), Jim Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Maura Hickey (Acting Senior Executive Officer), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer), Sinead Magee (Staff Officer)

Apologies received: Councillor Anne Colgan, Ms. Sharon Scally, Mr. Sean O'Neill

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 7th December 2022.

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Callaghan and Seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

No Business.

3. Information submitted by Members for written reply

No Business.

4. Director's Business

a) Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT)

Mr. Pat Doyle, Chief Executive Officer, PMVT, and Mr. Brian Friel, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, PMVT, attended the meeting. Mr. Pat Doyle gave a presentation with an overview of the Homeless Accommodation in the County.

In his presentation, Mr. Doyle discussed the following areas:

- The current provision of homeless accommodation in dlr
- Housing First – 86% success rate
- Challenges faced with Housing First
- Response to Ukrainian accommodation call
- Homeless accommodation in the pipeline

Mr. Doyle commended dlr on the work done in this area over the years.

A discussion followed during which Mr. Doyle responded to Members' questions.

b) National Disability Strategy Implementation Plan

Mr. Rob Murtagh, Housing Agency, gave a presentation on the National Disability Strategy Implementation Plan.

In his presentation, Mr. Murtagh gave an update on the following areas:

- Overview of the Strategy
- Language and Terminology – following research and consultation, the preferred terminology for people with disabilities is Disabled People.
- The Vision for the Strategy and the overarching Principle
- What has been done so far?
- New Tenancy Sustainment Service (TSS) – an increase from 10 to 14 in the number of Tenancy Sustainment Officers nationally. Hail will be providing the tenancy sustainment service in the Dublin region.
- Housing Disability Steering Groups (HDSG) – actions for the HDSGs are set out in the Implementation Plan with support from the Housing Agency.

A discussion followed during which Mr. Murtagh responded to Members' questions.

5. Business referred from the Council

No Business.

6. Matters referred from the Corporate Policy Group

No Business.

7. Correspondence

No Business.

8. Current Work Programme

Update from the Housing & Disability Steering Group

Ms. Deirdre Baber, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation with an update from the Housing & Disability Steering Group.

In her presentation, Ms. Baber discussed the following:

- Progress update:
 - 22% of allocations made to Disabled People in 2022
 - 35% of social housing allocated to the end of February 2023
 - Tenancy Sustainment Officer Post recruited with Hail
 - Promoting awareness through the Dublin Regional AHB Forum

- Feedback from the Housing & Disability Steering Group
 - availability of sites for development
 - challenges in the market with funding limits
 - challenges with staffing and recruitment
 - Disability – definition and priorities
- Disability update in relation to construction/delivery of homes
- Update in relation to the progress of other Agencies

9. Items for Consideration for the Future Work Programme

No Business.

10. Any Other Business

No Business.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 7.02pm.

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