

## DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

### HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, at 5pm

Venue: Council Chamber / Microsoft Teams

#### Report by Chairperson, Councillor Denis O'Callaghan

**In attendance:** Councillor Kazi Ahmed, Councillor Anne Colgan, Councillor Maurice Dockrell, Councillor Jim Gildea, Councillor Tom Kivlehan, 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), Helen Griffin (Senior Executive Officer), Gerard O'Sullivan (Senior Engineer), Sinead Magee (Staff Officer)

**Apologies received:** Councillor Hugh Lewis, Councillor Peter O'Brien, Mr. Sean O'Neill and Ms. Sharon Scally

#### **1. Confirmation of change of Chairperson**

It was noted that Councillor Peter O'Brien replaced Councillor Martha Fanning as Chairperson of the committee.

As Councillor O'Brien was unable to attend this meeting, it was agreed by the members that Councillor Denis O'Callaghan would preside as Chairperson over the meeting in his absence.

#### **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Proposed by Councillor K. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor O. O'Connor.

#### **3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

No Business.

#### **4. Information submitted by Members for written reply**

No Business.

#### **5. Director's Business**

##### **a) Report on Traveller Focus Groups**

Mr. Jim Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation with an update on Traveller Focus Groups.

In his presentation, Mr. Ryan briefed the Members on the following:

- The context of the Project
- The 3 Themes:
  - Theme 1 - access to rental accommodation: the experiences of the Traveller community when trying to secure accommodation in the private rental sector.
  - Theme 2 - establish an appropriate process for Traveller tenant participation in estate management in Traveller specific accommodation.
  - Theme 3 – analysing and responding to the causes of the high levels of maintenance and its impact on resident accommodation.
- Other Topics raised at the Focus Groups and the overarching issues raised throughout the discussions
- Summary of the results
- Next steps

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

### **Outgoing Chairperson**

The Chairperson, Councillor Denis O'Callaghan, thanked the out-going Chairperson, Councillor Martha Fanning, for her work during her time on the Committee.

### **Return to Director's Business**

#### **b) Draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwellings Purchase Arrangements**

Ms. Helen Griffin, Senior Executive Officer, gave an update on the Draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwellings Purchase Arrangements.

In her presentation, Ms. Griffin discussed the following areas:

- The manner in which affordable dwellings will be made available
- The order of priority for eligible participation
- The progress made to date with the Scheme of Priority

A discussion followed during which Ms. Griffin responded to Members' questions.

The Chairperson thanked members for their Contribution to the Scheme. It was agreed that the Report would be submitted to the Minister for review in accordance with the legislation.

### **6. Business referred from the Council**

No Business.

### **7. Matters referred from the Corporate Policy Group**

No Business.

## **8. Correspondence**

No Business.

## **9. 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 progress of the Group in relation to the provision of housing for disabled people and the current work items, as follows:

- Housing allocations made to disabled people
- CAS funding for the provision of properties through Approved Housing Bodies
- Training for assisted decision making and mental health awareness to be provided by the Housing Agency
- Feedback from the Housing & Disability Steering Group
- Update from the National Strategy for Disabled People

## **10. Items for Consideration for the Future Work Programme**

No Business.

## **11. Any Other Business**

No Business.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting dates for 2023 were not available.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 6.52pm.

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