

## DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

### HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, AT 5.00 PM

Venue: Microsoft Teams

#### Report by Chairperson, Councillor Martha Fanning

**In attendance were:** Councillor Kazi Ahmed, Councillor Maurice Dockrell, 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 Donal Smith, Professor P.J. Drudy, Mr. David Girvan, Mr. Sean O'Neill, Mr. Maoiliosa Reynolds.

**Officials Present:** Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer), Jim Ryan (Acting Senior Executive Officer), Liam O'Donovan (Acting Administrative Officer), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer), Sinead Magee (Staff Officer).

Apologies were received from Councillor Anne Colgan and Ms. Sharon Scally.

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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

Minutes of the Housing SPC held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

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

No Business.

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

No Business.

#### **4. Director's Business**

No Business.

#### **a) Southside Traveller Action Group (STAG)**

Ms. Geraldine Dunne, Director of the Southside Traveller Action Group, gave a presentation which was based on the views and experiences of Travellers in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. In her introduction Ms. Dunne thanked the staff in the dlr Traveller Accommodation Section for the work they do with STAG and asked that it be noted. The areas covered in her presentation included the following:

- Irish Travellers – An Ethic Culture
- Traveller Culture
- History of Irish Travellers
- The Southside Travellers Action Group
- Internal and Societal challenges for Travellers
- Facts and Myths
- Barriers experienced by Travellers

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

#### **b) Traveller Accommodation Programme**

Mr. Liam O'Donovan, Acting Administrative Officer, gave a presentation with an update on the progress of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 (TAP). In his update Mr. O'Donovan discussed the following:

- Current position of TAP
- New projects – timelines and causes of any delays
- Allocation of standard housing and casual vacancies over the period of this Programme
- West Pier

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

#### **c) Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022 – 2026**

Ms. Deirdre Baber, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation on the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin. In her presentation Ms. Baber gave an overview of the following:

- The background of the Plan - themes and key areas of focus
- Homeless Services and Supports in dlr and the Dublin region
- Numbers of homeless families and individuals in the Dublin region
- Homeless in dlr – Housing First and Pathfinders

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

#### **d) dlr Housing & Disability Steering Group**

Ms. Deirdre Baber, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation on the dlr Housing & Disability Steering Group with an update on the following areas:

- Purpose and Membership of the Group
- Progress to date
- What is in the pipeline

A discussion followed during which Ms. Baber 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**

No Business.

**9. Items for Consideration for the Future Work Programme**

No Business.

**10. Any Other Business**

No Business.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

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