## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Housing and Disability Steering Group

## Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, at 11.00am in the Legal Services Meeting Room, Level 4, County Hall

## Attendees:

**DLRC:** Deirdre Baber (SEO, Housing Department); James Ryan (AO, Housing Department); Aingeal McMahon (SSO, Housing Department); Shahruz Mirmirani (SO, Housing department);

Representatives of Disability Sectors: Eimear O'Hagan (Saint John of God Housing Association);

AHB's Representative: Paul Braiden (Tuath Housing Association); Martina Smith (HAIL);

HSE: Brian Miller (HSE); Thomas Redmond (HSE)

Apologies: David Girvan (Disability Consultation Group); Sylvia Cahill (Principal Social Worker, HSE Mental Health);

ITEM	Agenda Items	Action Required
Item 1	Minutes:	
	Minutes approved	Agreed
	Apologies noted	Noted
Item 2	Matters Arising: Terms of Reference – the issues were raised, and clarity received from the Housing Agency	Noted

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Item 3	Presentation – Mental Health Housing Coordinator – Thomas Redmond HSE:	Noted
	Thomas Redmond introduced himself and gave a presentation on the Role of the Mental Health Housing Co-ordinator.	
	A discussion followed;	
	Mental health needs to be flagged at time of application. There is an increase presenting with mental health issues.	
	Work needs to go into the housing needs assessment to ensure the information given is accurate from AHBs and Service Providers.	
	A new Housing Application form has been drafted but will not come into use until the new regulations have been released.	
Item 4	Update on Housing Agency Meeting:	Noted
	DBaber gave an update following the Housing Agency's National Meeting with Local Authorities on Wednesday, 25 September:	
	<ul> <li>Training to be held in November for the Disability Sectoral Representatives</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Medical Form – the draft form may be piloted in 4 or 5 LAs, awaiting regulations</li> <li>Co-correspondence Form – draft circulated. This will be part of the application process.</li> </ul>	
	A discussion followed in relation to the medical form.	
	It was agreed that DB would invite Claire Feeney of the Housing Agency to one of our meetings.	D Baber

	<ul> <li>Terms of Reference – the appointment of Disability Sectoral Representatives and Representatives from the Public Participation Networks (PPN) to the Group was discussed. If no objection to these appointments, the Terms of Reference can be adopted.</li> <li>Concern around the 24month membership as people move on to other roles. It was agreed to leave it in as DBaber said the Terms can be amended as they relate only to this Group.</li> <li>It was agreed that membership of the PPN and Sectoral Reps was the way forward.</li> </ul>	
Item 5	Update on CAS Call 2019: Update report given at the meeting and the group was advised that there were 7 CAS proposals received so far this year. Of these, four properties have been acquired with the other three under negotiation.	Noted
Item 6	<ul> <li>Update on Allocations:</li> <li>Report given on the level of housing allocations made to date and the breakdown for disability.</li> <li>A discussion followed in relation to the amount of medical evidence submitted with applications. Two HNAs have taken place in last 2 – 3 years giving applicants the opportunity to advise us. Council staff aware they need to identify it as they reassess applicants.</li> </ul>	Noted
Item 7	<b>Future Accommodation Solutions:</b> PBraiden referred to the Enniskerry Road development and a scheme at Sandyford and said he will have more information at the next meeting. The land costs in Dún Laoghaire make it difficult to do what Councils outside of Dublin can do.	Noted
Item 8	AOB:	Noted

DGirvan sent his apologies and an email where he raised the following concerns:	DB to revert to DG
• Terms of Reference in relation to the appointment of Community Sector Representatives - these were addressed earlier in the meeting and DB will revert back to him.	
<ul> <li>A person with an intellectual disability who has support needs would be eligible for and likely to receive HAP approval without any service support from the HSE. DB advised that if someone presents themselves and are eligible for HAP we approve them HAP. However, their support needs may depend on where they are on the list with regards to whether it is an emergency, continuous, in the future etc.</li> </ul>	
• Response to questions put to the HSE Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum by a DLR Councillor. DBaber to revert to DGirvan for clarity.	
DLR Festival of Inclusion week will be running from 4 – 12 December and will include a number of events running throughout the week including talks on mental health.	
Next meeting will be held on: Tuesday 3/12/2019 at 14:30	