Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Housing and Disability Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 21st May 2018 at 2.00pm in the Assembly Hall Annex, County Hall

Attendees:

DLRC: Deirdre Baber, SEO, Housing Department; Aingeal McMahon, SSO, Housing Department DLRCC.

HSE Representatives: Brian Miller, Disability Services

Representatives of 4 Disability Sectors: Eimear O'Hagan, St John of God Community Services, Laura English, Disability Federation of Ireland

AHB's Representative: Padraic Brennan, Respond

Apologies:

Catherine Keenan, Director of Housing; David Girvan, St John of Gods; Martina Smith, Hail; Majella Grainger, Housing Officer, Cheshire Ireland; Marie McNamara, Tuath Housing Association; Sylvia Cahill, HSE Mental Health

| ITEM | Agenda | ACTION POINTS |
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| Item 1 | Update from Department of Housing, Community, Planning and Local Government: D Baber discussed her attendance at the Housing Agency Training in Tullamore at which upcoming capacity legislation was discussed. Need to consider impact on frontline staff | E O'Hagan to send info on advocacy protocol |
| Item 2 | Update on CAS Call 2017: A McMahon gave an update on the acquisitions completed under CAS call 2017. A CAS call is not being made for 2018 as there is roll over from year to year going forward. | Noted |
| | D Baber confirmed that A McMahon is the contact in DLR if any queries in relation to CAS. | Noted |
| Item 3 | Update on Allocations: D Baber informed the group that 24% of allocations so far in 2018 went to persons with a disability. A discussion took place about adaptations including those for our Senior citizens units which are being adapted with suitability for the | Noted |

| | long-term in mind and seeking Part V units which may be more suitable for persons with disabilities e.g. with level access showers etc. | |
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| | Also discussed was the timeframe and the cost of the construction especially when considering the long-term need and when a unit has to be adapted more than once to accommodate more than one offer of the accommodation. | |
| | E O'Hagan raised the issue of medical reports and asked if DLR still require reports from Consultants. D Baber confirmed DLR does housing applicants but for those who are already housed and transferring, GP is accepted. | |
| | E O'Hagan asked about decanting when works needed to be done to a property. D Baber confirmed that this must be run by DLR and AHB should talk to Allocations when this occurs. | |
| Item 5 | On the Agenda as item for suggestions and input from members | |
| Item 6 - AOB | (i) HSE queried funding adaptations which was clarified (ii) Sites availability – D Baber advised that the Council is progressing any possible sites in its control for housing. (iii) CBL – moving for all except adapted and Seniors (iv) The Civic Hub – nominated staff member Fiona Morrissey to assist with applications | |

<u>Date of next meetings</u>: Tuesday, 11 September 2018

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