

**HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 9th December 2020**

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Report by Chairperson, Councillor Carrie Smyth

In attendance were: Cllr Carrie Smyth (Chair), Cllr Kazi Ahmed, Cllr Emma Blain, Cllr Anne Colgan, Cllr Maurice Dockrell, Cllr Jim Gildea, Cllr Tom Kivlehan, Cllr Hugh Lewis, Cllr Frank McNamara, Cllr Justin Moylan, , Cllr Denis O'Callaghan, Cllr Dave Quinn, Cllr Donal Smith, Mr Sean O'Neill, Mr Mel Reynolds, and Prof PJ Drudy

Officials Present: Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing), Aidan Blighe (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Helen Griffin (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Carmel Donlon (Administrative Officer, Housing Department), James Ryan (Administrative Officer, Housing Department), Liam O'Donovan (A/Administrative Officer, Housing Department) Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department), Debbie Carey (Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department) and Kate McMahon (Assistant Staff officer, Housing Department)

1. Acknowledgement

The Chair, Councillor C. Smyth, advised the Members that former Councillor D. Ní Fhloinn has left the Council and is therefore no longer a Member of the Housing SPC Committee. The Chair thanked D Ní Fhloinn for her contribution to the Committee.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Housing SPC held on 16th September 2020 were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

4. Information submitted by members for written reply

No Business

5. Directors Business

No Business

6. Business referred from the Council

No Business

7. Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group

No Business

8. Correspondence

No Correspondence

9. Current Work Programme

a) Housing Allocation Scheme

Mr. Jim Ryan, Administrative Officer, Housing Department, gave a presentation to the Members on the Draft Housing Allocation Scheme which was developed in consultation with the sub-group.

In his presentation, Mr. Ryan discussed the proposed changes to the scheme versus what is in the current scheme.

Following the presentation, a discussion took place during which Mr. Ryan and Ms. Catherine Keenan, Director of Services, Housing Department, responded to Members' questions.

b) The Housing Options for our Aging Population Policy Statement

Update at next meeting

10. Extension of Meeting

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting in order to finish this item.

11. Special Meeting Request

The Members **AGREED** that the sub-group should meet again in order to only discuss items that had been raised by Cllr D. Quinn, Homelessness and percentages of the lists in regards to the draft Allocations Scheme and following that meeting, a special meeting of the Housing SPC committee should take place. This special meeting will only cover the draft Allocation Scheme.

It was also **AGREED** to allow Councillor D. Quinn to join the sub-group.

12. Items for consideration for Future Work Programme

a) Cllr A. Colgan

"A presentation and discussion on the dlr Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities"

It was **AGREED** to re-enter this item into the March 2021 Housing SPC meeting.

13. Any Other Business

No Business

14. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed

The meeting concluded at 19.11pm

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