

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL
HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday, 23rd June 2021 at 5pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Report by Chairperson, Councillor Martha Fanning

In attendance were: Cllr Kazi Ahmed, Cllr Anne Colgan, Cllr Maurice Dockrell, Cllr Martha Fanning (Chair), Cllr Jim Gildea, Cllr Tom Kivlehan, Cllr Hugh Lewis, Cllr Frank McNamara, Cllr Justin Moylan, Cllr Denis O'Callaghan, Cllr Oisín O'Connor, Cllr Dónal Smith, Mr. Thomas Joseph and Mr. Sean O'Neill.

Apologies were received from Prof. P.J. Drudy who was in touch with staff during the meeting but was unable to connect.

Officials Present: Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Helen Griffin (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), James Ryan (A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Brenda Kador (Administrative Officer, Housing Department), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department), and Kate McMahon (Assistant Staff Officer, Housing Department).

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 24th of March 2021.

Proposed by Councillor D. O'Callaghan and Seconded by Councillor K. Ahmed.

Minutes of the Housing SPC held on 24th March 2021 were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

No Business

3. Information submitted by members for written reply

No Business

4. Directors Business

Update from Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE)

Ms. Mary Hayes (Director of Services, DRHE) gave a presentation on the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2019 – 2021 regarding the progress on the plan to date and future plans.

Following the presentation, a discussion took place during which Ms. Hayes responded to Members queries.

It was **AGREED** that Ms. Hayes would send on the presentation slides to the Members along with Homeless HAP figures for the *dlr* region. It was **NOTED** that Ms. Hayes will report back with an update later in the year.

5. Business referred from the Council

“That the Chief Executive bring forward proposals to proactively increase the options available to private home owners and social housing tenants for downsizing/rightsizing.”

Ms. Helen Griffin (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department) gave a presentation on a Financial Contribution Scheme for Downsizing for Private Homeowners.

Following the presentation, a discussion took place during which Ms. Griffin, Ms. Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing) and Ms. Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department) responded to Members queries.

It was **AGREED** to send on the presentation slides to Members.

It was **AGREED** that the Officials will continue to look into this scheme and will come back to a meeting later this year with further information for the Members.

6. Business referred from Corporate Policy Group

No Business

7. Correspondence

No Correspondence

8. Extension of Meeting

It was **AGREED** to **EXTEND** the meeting to the conclusion of the following item:
dlr Housing Strategy for people with Disabilities

9. Current Work Programme

(a) dlr Housing Strategy for people with Disabilities

Ms. Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department) gave a presentation regarding an update on the dlr Housing Strategy for people with a Disability.

Following the presentation, a discussion took place during which Ms. Baber responded to Members queries.

It was **AGREED** that the draft local plan will be circulated to the Members in July 2021.

(b) Review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2016-2022

It was **NOTED** that a further update will be given at the end of year.

10. Items for consideration for Future Work Programme

No Business

11. Any Other Business

No Business

12. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 28th September 2021.

The meeting concluded at 19.04pm.

The Social Housing SPC is a Relevant Body as defined by Section 5(6) of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 and is in compliance with the Transparency Code prepared by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in accordance with Section 5(7) of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.