

**HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 24th June 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 Jim Gildea, Cllr Tom Kivlehan, Cllr Frank McNamara, Cllr Justin Moylan, Cllr Deirdre Ni Fhloinn, Cllr Denis O'Callaghan, Cllr Dave Quinn, Cllr Donal Smith, Mr Mel Reynolds and Mr Thomas Joseph

Officials Present: Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Aidan Blighe (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Helen Griffin (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department), Shahruz Mirmirani (Staff Officer, Housing Department) and Kate McMahon (Assistant Staff Officer, Housing Department)

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Social Housing SPC held on 27th March 2019 were **CONFIRMED** and **ADOPTED**.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3. Information submitted by members for written reply

No Business

4. Directors Business

(a) Introduction and update from the Chair and each Sectoral Representative on their representational role on the SPC

The Chair, members of the Committee in attendance and Officials gave an introduction and overview of their representation on the Committee.

(b) Overview of Housing

Ms Helen Griffin, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department gave a presentation on Housing Services – an Overview of Housing.

In her presentation, Ms Griffin outlined the various streams of Housing delivery, the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SHCEP), housing services and the Member's reserved functions in relation to Housing. Ms Griffin gave details of the Repair and Lease Scheme, the Mortgage to Rent Scheme, Part V Leasing and the RAS Scheme.

Members were advised that up-to-date information/statistics are available on the Council's website and in the Quarterly Reports.

Following this, a discussion took place in which Ms Griffin and other Officials responded to Members questions.

It was then **AGREED** that this presentation would be circulated to the Members and a list of the Housing Acronyms/Glossary.

(c) How the SPC will work

Mr Aidan Blighe, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department, gave a presentation on how the SPC will work.

In his presentation, Mr Blighe explained the procedures and protocols for SPC meetings, the role of the SPC and the relevant legislation, the functional housing areas covered by this SPC and what business is considered relevant to this Committee.

Following this, a discussion took place in which Mr Blighe and other Officials responded to Members questions.

It was **AGREED** that this presentation would be circulated to the Members.

(d) Agree a work programme

It was **AGREED** to include both items 9 a) and 9 b) on the work programme.

A discussion took place around the Allocation Scheme and the options, means and costs associated with housing delivery.

It was agreed a sub-committee would be set-up to look at the Allocation Scheme.

(e) Calendar of proposed meeting dates

A date for the September meeting to be confirmed. The December meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 9 December 2020.

5. Business referred from the Council

No Business

6. Business referred from the Corporate Policy Group

No Business

7. Correspondence

No Correspondence

8. Current Work Programme

No Business

9. Future Work Programme

a) Cllr A Colgan

"To review the Housing Options for Our Ageing Population Policy Statement issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Department of Health in February 2019, and to consider which of these options can be progressed by the Council over the next five years."

b) Cllr D O'Callaghan

"That a review of the Housing Allocations Scheme/Scheme of Letting Priorities be reviewed in the lifetime of this SPC and be included in the 5year work programme. And that a number of workshops will form part of this review."

It was **AGREED** to include both of the above items in the Future Work Programme and to form a sub-committee.

The following Members expressed their interest in being part of the sub-committee:

Cllr C Smyth
Cllr J Gildea
Cllr D O'Callaghan
Cllr J Moylan
Cllr T Kivlehan

10. Any Other Business

Following a discussion on a number of matters raised by members of the Committee the Officials responded.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 6.48pm

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