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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

HELD ON THURSDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 2015.

PRESENT:

Members:

Council Officials:

Cllr. M. Duff	B. Coman	Director of Services
Cllr M. Genockey	H Hogan	Senior Executive Officer
Cllr. T. Gilligan	T. Fallon	Staff Officer
Cllr. G. Kenny		
Cllr C. King		
Cllr. K. Mahon		
Cllr. E. Ó Broin		
Representatives:		
Betty Tyrell-Collard		
Apologies		
Cllr. L. Dunne		
Brendan Mac Phiarais, NABCO		
Tricia Nolan, Volunteer Centre		
The meeting was chaired by Councillor C. King		

H-I (1) - Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 14th May 2015

The minutes of the Housing and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2015 were proposed by Cllr. T. Gilligan, seconded by Cllr. C. King and were confirmed and approved as a true record.

H-I (2) - Housing Supply Progress V Targets (capital allocation including RAS/Leasing

Mr. B. Coman, Director of Services presented the report detailing the various mechanisms for the provision of social housing for 2015 and units delivered as at 31st August 2015. He informed the Members that some of the allocations were advised by the Department to the Council late in the year. He confirmed that Departmental approval was received to use the RAS reserve to purchase properties where a RAS tenancy was due to be terminated by the landlord. He also outlined the position regarding Part 8 Social Housing developments.

There was general discussion around the sequencing and density of infill housing programme. Concerns were expressed in relation to the north Clondalkin area in particular and suggestions made that other areas could be looked i.e. Kilcarberry.

In relation to infill housing in the Tallaght area, reference was made to the alternative sites that were presented to the Members during the Part 8 in respect of the two new schools in Firhouse and the question was raised as to whether or not these could be considered as prospective sites for infill housing in the Tallaght area.

Mr. B. Coman responded to the Members' queries and it was agreed that a report be brought to the next meeting of SPC.

The report was **NOTED**.

H-I (3) - Homeless Stats – (Region and Local including allocations) – Modular Housing

It was agreed that Headed Items No. 4 & 5 would be taken in conjunction with this item.

Mr. H. Hogan, Senior Executive Officer presented the reports to the Members.

There was general discussion around the homeless statistics. Queries were raised in relation to overcrowding, voluntary and involuntary sharing and the breakdown in respect of the family composition.

Mr. H. Hogan responded to the Members' queries and it was agreed that the next report would include a breakdown of the number of children within the family composition. It was also agreed that this report would be presented on a quarterly basis. It was further agreed that the housing lists would be analysed in relation to overcrowding in general with a view to preparing a report for the Members.

The reports were **NOTED**.

H-I (6) - ASB Statistics

Mr. B. Coman, Director of Services presented the report to the Members.

A discussion took place on the issues relating to anti-social behaviour in particular in the Cushlawn/Ardmor area.

Mr. B. Coman responded to the Members' queries. In relation to the commencement of Part 2 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 he advised that counsel has been engaged and a full report will be presented to the next meeting of the SPC if available.

H-I (7) - Timeframe of Meetings for sub groups

Mr. B. Coman, Director of Services presented the report in relation the Homeless/Housing Supply Sub Committee and Anti-Social Behaviour Sub Committee. The order of business will include:

- (a) Work programme
- (b) Timeline
- (c) Calendar of meeting dates
- (d) SDCC representation to the sub-committees.

Mr. Coman advised the Members that he had hoped that the sub-committee would have convened a meeting in advance of this meeting, but although this was agreed at the last SPC meeting, unfortunately it didn't happen. He confirmed that Sharon Harty, C.A.S.P. and Superintendent Peter Duff, Tallaght Garda Station have agreed to sit on the sub-group, and that the clinics will still continue.

The report was **NOTED**.

H-I (8) - Housing Grants Statistics

Mr. B. Coman, Director of Services presented the report which provided a breakdown of expenditure under the various housing grant schemes available, and a breakdown of the number of applications approved and unapproved. He advised the Members that as the number of applications has dropped there is likely to be an under-spend this year. A financial adjustment will be made at the end of the year to address this.

The report was **NOTED**.

H-I (9) – AOB

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

The meeting concluded at 7.05.

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Dáta: 12th/Nov/15.