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| **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÃTHA CLIATH THEAS SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**  Minutes of South Dublin County Council March 2017 Special Meeting of County Council Meeting (Housing) held on 3rd March 2017.  **PRESENT**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** | | Coules, N. |  | Looney, D. | | Duff, M. |  | Mahon, K. | | Dunne, L. |  | McMahon, R. | | Fanning, E.  Ferron B. |  | Murphy, E  Murphy, M. | | Foley, P. |  | Nolan, R. | | Gilligan, T. |  | O’Brien, D. | | Gogarty, P. |  | O’Brien, E. | | Graham, J. |  | O’Connell, G. | | Higgins, E. |  | O’Connor, C. | | Holland, S. |  | O’Donovan, D. | | Johansson, M. |  | O’Toole, L. | | King C. |  | Richardson, D. | | Lawlor B.  Leech B. |  | Timmons, F.  Ward, M | |  |  |  |     **OFFICIALS PRESENT**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. | | Directors/ Heads of Function  Senior Executive Officers  Administrative Officers  Clerical Officer | B Coman, L Maxwell.  H. Hogan, D O’Connor.  C. Murphy, M. Kavanagh, L Kelly, B Hora.  M. Dunne, S Coen Collins |   The Mayor, Councillor G O’Connell, presided.  Apologies were received from Cllrs B. Bonner, V. Casserly, A.M. Dermody, P. Donovan, F. Duffy, K. Egan, M. Genockey, P. Kearns, C. McCann, and W. Lavelle.  **H1/0317 SPECIAL MEETING ON HOUSING DELIVERY** | | |
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Mayor Guss O ‘Connell spoke to the members and outlined the reasoning of those who had requested this meeting.

Discussions took place in relation to an article that appeared, on housing in the administrative area of South Dublin County Council, in one of the national newspapers to which Councillors C. King, R. Nolan, P. Foley, L. Dunne, P. Gogarty and Mayor G O’Connell contributed.

Mr D McLoughlin, Chief Executive, informed the meeting that he was surprised by the article and its content. He stated that South Dublin County Council is recognised nationally as one of the leading Local Authorities in the provision of housing and he felt that our past record and our current housing initiatives substantiate that position.

Mr B Coman Director of Housing, Social and Community Development made a comprehensive presentation to the members on the Housing functions and outlining the current and planned housing initiatives for the delivery of social housing within the county.

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A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors, E. O’Brien, R. Nolan, S. Holland, M. Murphy, C. King, M. Ward, M. Johansson, P. Gogarty. N. Coules, B Ferron, M Duff and Mayor G O’Connell.

The issues raised included, the need to expedite the delivery of the maximum number of units in response to the ongoing demand for social housing, the examination of all a viable options including the borrowing of funding to build additional units on part of the Council’s land bank, what action can the members take to increase the pressure on Central Government to make available additional resources for the delivery of houses and can the requirement for homeless applicants to self-accommodate be examined.

Mr B Coman Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded by highlighting the details contained in the presentation of the number of units it is anticipated will be delivered in 2017 and on into 2018 under all the available supply options, acquisitions, construction, Part 8, RAS, HAP, PPP, Joint Venture, SHCEP (leasing and renting) and Approved Housing Bodies. He also agreed that any other viable options would be examined. He thanked the members for their co-operation in progressing the programmes to date and confirmed that the only way to maximise the number of units delivered was through a partnership approach between the members and the executive. It was acknowledged that homelessness within the county is being given priority and the members can be assured that every effort is being made to address it through all available methods.

The meeting finished at 5.45pm

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