

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



MEETING OF HOUSING SPC

HEADED ITEM NO. 8 (ii)

In attendance: Elaine Leech (Director of Housing, Amanda Mills (SEO SDCC), Ruadhan O’ Meara (A/AO SDCC), Catherine Elliott Lewis (HSE), Daniel Scanlon (Hail), Ashling Ward (Housing Agency), Gladys O’Neill (SDDP), Jean Coleman (IWA), Julie Cruikshank (Hail), Laura Sweeney (Stewarts Care), Susan Hickey (HSE). Gavin Mulhall (HSE).

Apologies: Catriona Morton (Cheeverstown), Ciara Whelan (Housing Agency), John Cowman (HSE).

Also Present: Mark Brown (SSO SDCC) Ellen Meyler (A/SO SDCC).

A. Mills opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. A. Mills advised of recent staff changes within the medical team, welcoming Ruadhan O’Meara, Acting Administrative Officer, and expressed her thanks to Leona Maher for her contribution, wishing her every success in her new role.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Draft Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 03rd December 2025.

The minutes were noted and agreed.

Agenda Item No. 2 – SDCC Update

A. Mills presented the report –

- Medical Approval waiting list – Total 554
- Total Supported Living waiting list – Total 316
- Housing Delivery: Properties allocated to households with medical approval Q1 2026 – Total 16
- Housing Delivery Property Types
- Information on Age Friendly Specific Housing (Somerton, Lucan, Co Dublin)

- List of DPG Works completed Q1 2026 - 50
- Challenges Q1 2026 – 27 refusals of offers of suitable accommodation
- Pipeline of Medical Allocations - 19

A discussion took place with contributions from D. Scanlon, C. Elliot Lewis, S Hickey. A. Mills responded to the queries. E. Leech advised of the preparation of the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP) up to 2030. Delivery will include new targets for social and affordable housing delivery by typology, with additional targets for the provision of specialist housing. When finalised, the plan will be circulated to the members of the Disability Steering Group. A further discussion took place with contributions from L. Sweeney and J Coleman. E. Leech responded to the queries.

The report was noted.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Update from Members/Urgent cases.

A. Ward provided an update on the Progress Report (2024 Strategy Report). The 2nd Publication of the Housing Agency Training Newsletter is due to be issued. Training on Assisted Decision Making will be provided to staff in May 2026 as part of the Housing Agencies training programme. Revision of assessment and allocation guidelines is underway. Review of Tenancy Sustainment Office Service for 2025.

Awareness Campaign “Understand me/Include me” social support was acknowledged. Information and communication strategy, 11 champions progress report or information is available upon request. Accessible documentation support can be provided.

G. Mulhall provided an update on the Mental Health housing need figures at 31st December 2025. The number of homeless hospital discharges for Q1 2026 were noted. Seven allocations were reported for Q1 2026. J Cowman attended two subgroup meeting and provided positive feedback from the meetings. J. Cowman thanks L. Maher and wished her well in her new role. The shared permanent supported housing initiative is running successfully with two new tenants due to take up occupation in the coming weeks. J. Cowman attended a meeting with the Housing Agency, staff from SDCC and staff from other local authorities who plan to replicate the initiative in their areas. Housing awareness campaign currently pilot in Kildare & West Wicklow with plans to roll out to SDCC and DCC, replicating the IWA Think Ahead Think Housing campaign, reminding people with mental health difficulties to think about their future housing needs now.

A discussion took place with contributions from J. Coleman, D. Scanlon and S. Hickey.

The reports were noted.

J. Coleman reported that she had attended a conference on Universal Designed Homes in December 2025. A publication of the findings was issued to all attendees and can be circulated to the members on request.

D. Scanlon reported on the Tenancy Sustainment Service Programme in partnership with CARA which is progressing well. The National Forensic Health Project Service in collaboration with the HSE and SDCC continues to operate within the county since the pilot launch in 2016. J. Cruikshank noted the number of referrals from SDCC & AHB's has increased.

R. O'Meara provided an update on a recent meeting held between SDCC and Hail regarding ongoing cases and service delivery with CARA support service.

S. Hickey advised that the last two subgroup meetings have progressed well with allocations secured.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Any Other Business (AOB)

A. Ward and J. Coleman agreed to provide a member's presentation for the next meeting.

Proposed Dates for 2026 Meetings

1st July 2.30pm

16th September 2.30pm

8th December 2.30pm

The meeting concluded at 11:40am.