

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**To the Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council**

**Chairperson's Report for the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

**A Chomhairleoir, a chara,**

**Summary Report/Main Issues:**

**Item 3 Update on Draft Allocation Scheme 2017**

The draft Allocation Scheme 2017 was sent to the Minister, DHPLG, for consideration. Members were advised by Mr D. Hennessy regarding amendments to the Draft Allocation Scheme made on foot of comments received from the DHPCLG.

The amendments were agreed and it was recommended that the Scheme be brought before a sitting of full Council at the next meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the length of time to allocate housing units following purchase or vacancy. It was agreed that staff from Service Operations would attend the next sitting of the SPC.

**Item 4: Presentation by Ms O. Hogan, HAT re: Housing First for Youth, Feantsa Study Session**

Ms Oonagh Hogan, Homeless Action Team, gave a presentation to the SPC on the use of Housing First for youth housing, the demand for this service, outcomes and challenges.

**Item 5. Presentation by Approved Housing Body Sector**

Presentations were given to the SPC regarding the work of the Approved Housing Body Sector in Limerick by,

Mr. Kieron Brennan – CEO, Cooperative Housing Ireland.

Dr Una Burns –Head of Policy and Communication, NOVAS.

A discussion took place regarding the role of the AHB sector, funding models, allocations, and communications protocols.

**Recommendation**

It was agreed that the Draft Allocations Scheme 2017 with amendments be included on the Agenda for adoption at the next full sitting of Limerick City and County Council in accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 2009, the Social Housing Allocation Regulations 2011 and the Social Housing Allocation (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

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**Cllr. Michael Donegan**

**Chairperson**

**Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee**