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

Chairperson's Report for the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 9th July 2018.

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Summary Report/Main Issues:

Item 3: Housing Delivery Update

Mr Seamus Hanrahan, Senior Architect gave an update on the Social Housing Delivery Programme 2018.

Councillors discussed the potential provision of social housing using modular construction model. Seamus Hanrahan welcomed the establishment of Clenn Construction in Limerick and noted that Limerick City and County Council have recently tendered a housing scheme in Patrickswell that is suitable for modular type construction.

Cllrs Donoghue, Galvin and Gilligan and raised the issue of the inadequate waste water treatment provision in County Limerick as a significant obstacle to the construction of housing in many towns and villages. Cllr Galvin proposed LCCC request a meeting on the issue with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and Irish Water to further discuss and seek a solution.

Item 4: Part 8 Planning Applications June - July

Mr Billy Lynch, Senior Project Manager gave a presentation updating members on pending and active Part 8 Planning Applications.

A general discussion took place on these schemes and potential future projects with particular reference to unit type, demand and proximity to community amenities and supports.

Councillors requested an update on the timeline on the introduction of an Affordable Housing Scheme. Seamus Hanrahan indicated the details on a new Affordable Housing Scheme was awaited from the Department.

Item 5: Metropolitan Areas of Choice.

Mr Seamus Hanrahan notified members that the Metropolitan Areas of Choice for the allocation of social housing are being reviewed. The Housing Development Directorate will hold a workshop for all SPC members on the proposal.

Item 6: Notices of Motion

- **Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. C. Prendiville** (referred from the December 2017 meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, deferred from the February and April SPC meetings)

I will move at the next meeting that, given the scale of the housing crisis in the City, the Metropolitan District call for a halt to the sell off of Council owned lands suitable for housing, and instead for these lands to be used for public housing, including a mix of social, rental and affordable mortgages.

A discussion took place regarding the motion, a number of members opposed and a number of members supported the motion. In the absence of agreement, the Chair instructed that a vote be taken in relation to Councillor Prendiville's Motion and the result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: 5 Against: 7

The Chair declared the motion defeated.

- The following motions were agreed:

Recommendation 1

'That Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government urging him to take urgent action about the increasing rents in the cost of student accommodation'

Recommendation 2

'That an immediate and critical national review is carried out of the Tenant Purchase Scheme as long-term tenants of Limerick City and County Council continue to be discriminated against and deemed ineligible to purchase the homes that they have lived in and maintained for many years, and deemed ineligible despite having proof of the means to purchase and maintain the property'

Recommendation 3

'That Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to request that funding be re-appropriated from property acquisition to fund the repair of voids throughout the city and county'

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Cllr. William O'Donnell.

Chairperson

Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee