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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 29th October 2019.**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Summary Report/Main Issues:

The Chair welcomed all members and included the mention of apologies of Cllr. Michael Donegan.

Item 1- Strategic Goals and Priorities

Downsizing- presentation by Sarah Newell

The members were provided with information in relation to the downsizing proposal to include both public and private. Examples of how the scheme works in Dublin and Cork were provided. The issue was discussed by the members and it was agreed that a further workshop would take place to review options in more detail. It was also proposed that a member of the team from Cork County Council could attend also as a lessons learned exercise to assist in moving the issue forward in Limerick.

Land Availability- presentation by Seamus Hanrahan

The members were provided with details of site availability, challenges in particular locations and the various options open to the Local Authority in terms of ensuing adequate supply of housing over the long-term. After much discussion it was agreed to revert with an update on sites in progress. The issue of land purchase and zoning was also discussed.

In summarizing the Strategic Goals the following broad headings were listed by the Director;

1. Build Programme
2. Affordable Housing
3. Planned Maintenance
4. Removal of Voids/Vacant houses
5. Single Differential Rent Scheme

6. Choice-Based letting
7. Downsizing
8. Land Availability review

We note the ongoing workshops and SPC meetings all of which offer an opportunity to review the priorities. Members are also invited to put forward Agenda items for discussion.

3. Regeneration- Training Update

The members received a presentation from Sean McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer-Regeneration in relation to the training initiative being run through the Bays in Moyross. The members welcomed the update with feedback from all members being very positive.

4. Update on Workshop- Aoife Duke Planned Maintenance

Following the recent workshop it has been agreed to complete sample surveys of properties in each of the Municipal Districts. When the information on the condition of the houses is gathered the details will be brought to the members for review and a discussion around various options on the level of works to be completed can take place. The paperwork for the €15m loan will go to the November Council meeting.

Single Differential Scheme

The Single Differential Scheme will commence on 1st February 2020. A significant communication campaign will take place with tenants in advance of the deadline. Members will be updated on an on-going basis also.

Any Other Business

Reporting- the Director stated that the streamlining of reporting on housing matters will be completed in the coming weeks. Monthly report will be included in the Chief Executives Report and in a standardized format for each of the MD's.

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Cllr. Michael Murphy
Chairperson
Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee