

12th April 2023

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 on the 12th April 2023

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Summary Report/Main Issues

Item 1: Confirm minutes from meeting held on 15th February 2023

Proposed: Cllr. Michael Murphy

Seconded: Cllr. Bridget Teefy

Item 2: Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from previous minutes.

Item 3: Programme of Work 2023

Ms. Caroline Curley, Director of Services discussed the SPC Programme of Work 2023 and invited the committee to bring forward any additional items they wished to have included in the SPC Programme of Work for 2023.

The following work programme was outlined:

Sales Schemes as recommended by the Working Group on Vacancy and agreed by Council:

- (a) Consideration be given to the introduction of pilot scheme for the sale of Council houses in need of refurbishment at low cost to people on housing list
- (b) Consideration to be given to examination of dwellings compulsorily acquired under the Derelict Sites Act with a view to offering a portion to first time buyers on the housing list

Item 4: Presentation by Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) (Kevin Ryan)

Mr. Kevin Ryan, Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) presented on the current landscape for Approved Housing Bodies discussing the policy landscape, regulatory context and current issues facing AHB's.

The presentation was well received by the committee.

Item 5: Questions from PPN Linkage Group

Question 1

An update on social and affordable housing delivery in 2022 and if targets were met and budgets spent, with particular reference to the Traveller housing budget.

Response

Ms. Helen Creed, Administrative Officer, Housing provided an update to the members.

Ms. Patricia Phillips, A/Head of Unit for Housing Welfare & Traveller Accommodation provided an update on the Traveller Housing Budget.

Question 2

Status of LDA developments in Limerick and impact of timelines being pushed out on housing delivery targets in Limerick

Ms. Helen Creed, Administrative Officer, Housing provided the members with an update.

Ms. Curley responded to members queries and advised that the Carey's Road District is a complex process with numerous stakeholders and we are programming an expected delivery date of the Colbert Quarter in 2026. Ms. Curley advised that the Council would investigate cleaning of the Guinness Site.

Item 6: Tenant in Situ Scheme

Ms. Helen Creed, Administrative Officer, Housing provided the status on NTQ proposals received to-date and communicated additional information to the committee on LCCC's response for persons/households who have received a Notice to Quit (NTQ) and have no alternative accommodation.

Ms. Caroline Curley, Director of Service and Ms. Helen Creed, Administrative Officer both responded to queries from the committee.

Item 7: AOB

Housing Commission Public Consultation.

Ms. Helen Creed, Administrative Officer, Housing informed the group that the Housing Commission recently launched a public consultation running from Tuesday 21st March 2023 until Tuesday 18th April 2023 seeking views on the housing system in Ireland.

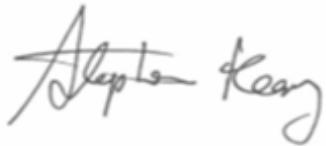
For further information on the Housing Commission public consultation and to access the questionnaire, please click on the following link <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/7d325-the-housing-commission-public-consultation/>

June SPC meeting date Wednesday, 8th June 2023.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Stephen Keary thanked everyone who attended the SPC.

END OF MEETING

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Cllr. Stephen Keary, Chairperson

Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee