

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Housing and Disability Steering Group

### Minutes of Meeting held remotely on Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, at 2pm

#### Attendees:

**dlr:** Catherine Keenan (Chair, Director of Housing), Deirdre Baber (Senior Staff Officer), Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer); Sinead Magee (Staff Officer).

**Representatives of Disability Sectors:** David Girvan (SJOG Friends & Family), Majella Grainger (Cheshire), Claire Kenny (independent Living Movement Ireland).

**AHB's Representative:** Eimear O'Hagan (Hail), Sean Crowley (St. John of God Housing Association).

**HSE:** Caroline Farrell (HSE); Tom Casey (HSE Estates).

ITEM	Agenda Items	Action Required
Item 1	Minutes:  Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021.	Agreed
Item 2	Matters arising:  David Girvan raised a query about recording the age profile of disabled people in order to track their transition into the older person's bracket. A discussion followed.	Noted

Item 3

HSE Estates – Mr. Tom Casey:

Mr. Tom Casey gave an overview of the work of HSE Estates and the areas covered which includes real estate and the management of HSE properties. A discussion followed on how HSE Estates can benefit this Group in terms of the availability of HSE properties in dlr.

Noted

It was agreed that Mr. Casey would put together a list of potential vacant HSE properties which may be of interest to dlr.

Action

Item 4

Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI) – Claire Kenny:

Ms. Claire Kenny thanked the Group for having a representative from ILMI on their Steering Group. Ms. Kenny gave an overview of the organisation advising the Group that it was a national organisation led by disabled people with housing its strategic aim.

Noted

Members welcomed Claire to the Group and a discussion followed around the work of the ILMI.

Noted

Item 5

Updates:

i. dlr update

Ms. Deirdre Baber gave a presentation with an update as follows:

Allocations to disabled people (up to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022):

Noted

19% of Allocations were made to disabled people

Physical	5
Intellectual	0
Mental Health	3
Sensory	1

Note: a number of allocations are in progress

### Construction/Delivery update:

- Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS): the construction of community accommodation delivered by St John of Gods Housing Association was completed in December 2021. This will accommodate 4 individuals with intellectual disabilities. Noted
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- Long-Term Leasing: funding has been approved for a long-term lease agreement for a property being developed as a community home for 4 residents with an intellectual disability. This is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. Noted
- Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF): funding approvals have been obtained for a total of 15 ground floor properties in two separate developments which are accessible for disabled people. These properties will be delivered through Clúid Housing Association and Circle Voluntary Housing Association. Noted

In her presentation, Ms. Baber also gave an update on the progress of collaborative projects with other housing bodies and the Action Plan for Housing Disabled People 2021 – 2026. Noted

It was agreed to send a copy of the presentation to the Members. Action

### ii. Disability Sector Update

Ms. Majella Grainger spoke about Cheshire's alliance with the Irish Wheelchair Association called Think Housing, Build Accessible. The Group met with Minister of State Peter Burke to discuss the revision of the building regulations in terms of wheelchair physical access. Ms. Grainger reported that the revision of these regulations may be reviewed in conjunction with Housing for All. Noted

Mr. David Girvan advised the Group that the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People and the HSE Service Plan 2022 were launched. Noted

Mr. Girvan also advised that there were some increases in a number of the HSE National Health plans in relation to personal and home assistance for the disability sector. Noted

### iii. Approved Housing Body Update

Ms. Eimear O'Hagan discussed the number of properties Hail has in dlr and the issue with the cost of acquiring one bed properties here. Ms O'Hagan was at a recent meeting which the Housing Agency attended where housing design for all and guidelines for the allocation's application form for disabled people were discussed. Noted

Mr. Sean Crowley gave an update on the St. John of God property in Glenageary which is due to be completed this week and a property in Bray which is going out to tender. Mr. Crowley also referred to the publication earlier this year of a design manual for community housing which may be of interest to the Members. Noted

A discussion followed around the current national consultation for changing the bathroom/toilet size for disabled people and standardising the national size. Concerns were raised around how this potential change could make it more difficult to acquire suitable properties. Noted

### iv. HSE Update

Ms. Caroline Farrell advised the Group that the HSE were reviewing their housing stock and collating a list of their properties. Ms. Farrell said their priorities were the residential and congregated settings waiting list and the under 65 initiative for those coming out of a nursing home setting. Noted

	Ms. Farrell said she would link in with Claire Kenny.	Action
Item 6	National Plan for Disabled People:	
	D. Baber gave an up-date on the Plan and advised the Group that the implementation plan is due to be launched.	Noted
	It was agreed to have this as an item on the agenda for the next meeting.	Agreed
	It was also agreed to have congregated/cluster settings as an item on the agenda for the next meeting.	Agreed
Item 7	Next Meeting:	
	The next meeting is Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm	Noted