

**SPECIAL SOCIAL HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**  
**ON 27<sup>TH</sup> April 2016**

**Report by Chairperson Councillor J. Bailey**

The Chairperson, Councillor J. Bailey presided. In attendance were, Councillor C. Curran, Councillor C. Devlin, Councillor J. Gildea, Councillor K. Feeney, Councillor D. Kingston, Councillor M. Halpin, Councillor M. Merrigan, Councillor P. O'Brien, Councillor D. O'Callaghan, Mr. K. Brennan, Ms. A. Colgan

**Apologies** for non-attendance was received from Councillor Victor Boyhan, Mr. J. Jordan and Ms Liz Ferris.

**Officials in attendance were:**

Ms. C. Keenan, Director of Housing, Ms. A. Hegarty, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Aiden Conroy, Administrative Officer, Ms. M Loughran, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. C. Walsh, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Observers:** Councillor H. Lewis, Councillor K. Gill, Ms. Catherine Kenny.

**Incremental Purchase Scheme.**

The Housing Officials outlined the statutory and the Council exclusions to the Scheme.

There followed a discussion and members **AGREED** to refer the following **MOTION** by Councillor Halpin to the Council:

That this Strategic Policy Committee expresses its grave concern given the current housing and homelessness crises, at the commencement of the Incremental Purchase Scheme

- Without firm guarantee from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government that all housing stock sold will be replaced in the same municipal area, with a similar sized local authority owned and managed house so that the numbers and spread of the DLR Local Authority Housing Stock is maintained.
- That this replacement stock is, in addition to existing planned stock under Social Housing Strategy 2020.
- Calls on the Council to immediately issue a letter to the Minister asking him to suspend the planned Incremental Purchase Scheme, pending clear commitments on replacement stock
- A letter to issue immediately to each Housing SPC across the Country advising them of our decision and asking them to consider doing the same
- We further note that the right to purchase a home should also be balanced against the right to have a home

The meeting concluded at 19.10pm.