dlr Housing & Disability Steering Group

Meeting on 5th June 2024 at 2.30pm

Venue: dlr Council Offices

Minutes

Present:

Chair, Catherine Keenan; dlr, Deirdre Baber; dlr, Breffni Coffey; HSE (Mental Health), Catherine Elliot-Lewis; HSE (Disability Sector), Sean Crowley; SJOG, Sandra Doody; AsIAm, Aingeal McMahon; dlr.

Apologies:

Aoibheann Byrne; Tuath, Claire Waldron; HSE (Disability Service), David Girvan; SJOG Friends & Family, Julie Davis; Housing Agency.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 6th March 2024

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March 2024 were **APPROVED**.

2. Matter Arising

Catherine Keenan gave an update regarding the changes to the Housing Support Form as discussed at the March meeting. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) will consider making changes to the form including the addition of a section for assisted decision making. However, this can only be done when the Regulations are being reviewed and changed as each aspect of the form is specified in the Regulations. In their email, DHLGH requested more details on the suggested changes.

It was agreed that:

C Keenan/D Baber will forward the DHLGH's email reply using the Escalation Form Protocol (as circulated by the Housing Agency) to be considered at a national level.

3. Members' Updates

i. Input from dlr: D. Baber

- Breakdown of allocations to Disabled People: 21% of all allocations made between 1st January to 1st June were made to Disabled People.
- Update on Construction/Delivery for Disabled People.
- Information update given on progress made both locally and nationally.
- Autism Awareness Training rolled out to the Housing staff in April and to all Council staff in May of this year.

ii. Input from HSE: Breffni Coffey

- Discussion around Hail and PMVT allocations.
- B. Coffey met with dlr's Allocation team to discuss processes and areas of cross-over. This meeting is to continue bi-monthly.
- dlr will have a new Tenancy Liaison Team within the Tenancy Management Section. B. Coffey will organize training around the needs of mental health when the new team is in place.
- B. Coffey spoke about Cluain Árd and the model of accommodation and services available to residents there. The accommodation offers an in between acute living and independent living and is a model tenants have expressed interest in.

It was agreed that:

- B. Coffey will explore the Cluain Ard model further and put together information for a pilot scheme while also taking advantage of any available funding.
- S. Crowley to check with SJOG's research team for any previous research available in this area. Any information available to be passed on the B. Coffey.
- B. Coffey to report back with further information at the next meeting with possible escalation to the national group.

iii. Input from HSE: Catherine Elliott-Lewis

- C. Elliott-Lewis spoke about meeting with D. Baber and some of the housing team.
- Site visit to Clay Farm with dlr to establish possible community house.
- C. Elliott-Lewis to continue working to confirm the need within the dlr area.

iv. Input from SJOG: S. Crowley

- S. Crowley reported that SJOG has been working to make better use of their stock over the past 6 12 months.
- Feasibility study on Ballinclea Road costs very high and above the funding limit. SJOG to meet with DHLGH t discuss the difficulty in developing these types of properties under the current funding criteria.
- St. Patrick's Terrace under discussion with dlr.

v. Input from AsIAm: Sandra Doody

- AsIAm's current focus is on children and aging children.
- The lack of focus on aging autistic adults will have implications for independent supported living.
- Following on from the staff Autism Awareness Training and to improve how we deal with our customers, feedback from the tenants who have been offered homes would be useful.

It was agreed that:

D. Baber to do a follow-up on possible further training intervention, with a focus on engagement/interaction with customers and their children with autism.

4. Information Presentation

C. Elliott-Lewis, HSE Disability Services, gave a presentation on the supported housing needs in CH06. The data presented was gathered by the HSE's Disability Supports Application Management Tool (DSAMT) and outlined the supported housing need in the areas of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, Wicklow County Council and South Dublin County Council.

It was agreed that:

• C. Elliott-Lewis and D. Baber will work together to improve the flow of information and identify any gaps in getting accurate data/information in relation to the need

for supported housing.

• C. Elliott-Lewis and D. Baber to bring an update on this to the next meeting.

5. Quarterly Returns

The Housing Disability Steering Group Quarterly Report, Q2 2024, was reviewed and completed.

It was agreed that:

- Action 2.3.3 (b) and (f) regarding membership: the attendance of stakeholders will be reviewed.
- An email will be sent to members:
 - advising them that the attendance of all members is essential to have the input of all stakeholders;
 - o asking members what commitment they can give over the next 12 months;
 - o asking members to submit an update a week in advance of the meeting if they are not available to attend a meeting.
- Members attending the meeting must also submit an update a week before.
- Action 2.3.3 quarterly reporting of delivery, allocations, pipeline delivery and support packages: this will remain as a standing item on the agenda.
- Members will alternate the completion and return of the Quarterly Reports going forward.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 4th September 2024. It was **AGREED** that this meeting will be held in person at 3pm in dlr's Council offices.