

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Housing and Disability Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting held remotely on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 8th December 2021, at 2.30pm

Attendees:

dlr: Catherine Keenan (Director of Housing); Deirdre Baber (Senior Executive Officer), Liam O'Donovan (Acting Administrative Officer); Aingeal McMahon (Senior Staff Officer).

Representatives of Disability Sectors: David Girvan (SJOG Friends & Family), Majella Grainger (Cheshire).

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

HSE: Caroline Farrell (HSE).

ITEM	Agenda Items	Action Required
Item 1	Minutes: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 15 th September 2021.	Agreed
Item 2	Matters arising: No matters arising.	Noted

Item 3

Updates:

i. dlr update

Deirdre Baber gave an update on the allocations to disabled people and CAS upto the 6th December 2021.

Allocations to disabled people:

28 % of all allocations were made to disabled people as follows:

Physical	40
Intellectual	9
Mental Health	29
Sensory	5
Total	89

CAS Update:

- A CAS construction being delivered by St John of Gods Housing Association is near completion. It will allow 4 individuals with intellectual disability living in a congregated setting to move into the community.
- dlr has given support to a further 2 CAS acquisitions for the homeless sector.
- outside of CAS, a funding submission has also been made under long-term leasing for a community home for residents with intellectual disabilities.
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D. Baber continued with an update covering the following areas:

- Social Housing Assessment
- Homelessness in Dublin

Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Plan for Disabled People • A briefing for Councillors in relation to the collaborative project with SJOG Housing Association and the HSE • dlr Housing Delivery Plan • Kiltarnan Project <p>It was agreed that D. Baber would brief the dlr Housing Strategic Policy Group on these updates at their next meeting. D. Baber would also brief the SPC on the role and membership of this Group and the Plan for Housing Disabled People 2021 – 2026.</p> <p>It was agreed that the National Housing Plan for Disabled People would be an agenda item at the next meeting</p> <p>A discussion followed around the Social Housing Assessment in which D.Baber and Catherine Keenan responded to Members’ queries.</p> <p>ii. Disability Sector Update</p> <p>Mr. David Girvan gave an update. He advised the group that SJOG Friends & Family joined nationally to discuss the disability action plan and the national plan for disability to ensure an emphasis was placed on housing for disabled people.</p> <p>Ms. Majella Grainger advised that Cheshire joined an alliance along with the Irish Wheelchair Association called Think Housing Build Accessible. This is a national campaign to review current building regulations around access and use.</p> <p>It was agreed M. Grainger would circulate this on-line petition to the Group.</p> <p>iii. Approved Housing Body Update</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p>
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	<p>Mr. Sean Crowley advised that the development of SJOG’s property at Obelisk was completed and Glenageary is almost complete. He advised that they were also in discussions with the LDA in relation to a property. SJOG are tracking the level of suitable properties available in the market.</p> <p>iv. AHB Update</p> <p>Mr. Paul Braiden advised the Group that Tuath was in discussions around some projects which would provide for a sustainable mix of tenants and offer affordability. Updates will follow at future meetings. Tuath has 18 units in Enniskerry which will be the first affordable/cost rental scheme in the Country.</p> <p>Ms Eimear O’Hagan outlined the services Hail provides to all tenants, in particular their specialisation in relation to mental health. E. O’Hagan discussed their support services, support staff and planned expansion of developments.</p> <p>v. HSE update</p> <p>Ms. Caroline Farrell asked about a replacement for the group’s HSE representative for mental health. A discussion followed and it was agreed the group would follow up on this after the meeting.</p> <p>C. Farrell continued to discuss the huge impact Covid-19 was having on disabled people and their families.</p> <p>A discussion followed around housing stock and it was agreed to invite a representative of HSE Estates to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p>
Item 4	dlr Housing Disability Local Strategic Plan	

	Plan to be circulated to the group for each member to review and progress actions. Progress update to be given at next meeting.	Agreed
Item 5	AOB The meeting dates for 2022 were agreed as follows: Wednesday, 16 th March at 2.30pm Wednesday, 15 th June at 2.30pm Wednesday, 14 th September at 2.30pm Wednesday, 7 th December at 2.30pm	Agreed