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Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

23rd January 2018, Plunkett Room, Buvinda House, Navan

Attendees -

Councillors: Cllr Sarah Reilly (Chairperson), Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Maria O' Kane, Cllr Nick Killian,,
Cllr Gillian Toole

Apologies: Cllr Caroline Lynch,

Attendees -

Sectoral Representatives: Niamh Ui Loinsigh, Robert Bradley, Liam Carey

Apologies:, Vicky Harris, Cathy Whelan

Officials:

Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon, Aine Bird, Karen Dalton, David Jones

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 23rd November 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Killian, seconded by Cllr Murphy.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were no matters arising.
3.	<p><u>To Receive details on the proposed Community Grants Scheme 2018</u></p> <p>F. Fallon provided an overview of the proposed Community Grant Scheme 2018 and a summary of the 2017 grant applications (documents circulated to members present).</p> <p>The following key points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2018 budget in line with 2017 ▪ Proposed that Streetscape Scheme be discontinued for 2018 due to lack of uptake and reassign budget to Resident Associations category. ▪ Proposed to advertise 2018 Scheme week commencing 29th January 2018, with closing date for receipt of application set for 2nd March 2018. ▪ Recommendations for approval will go before SPC in April 2018, in advance of the May full council meeting. ▪ Noted that the Equality & Social Inclusion category is quite wide ranging in terms of the type of eligible applications, while St Patrick Day Parade applications are eligible under the



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	<p>Festivals & Events category.</p> <p>The Community Section were commended on the work involved in processing the Grants Scheme and the flexible approach shown.</p> <p>The proposed 2018 Community Grant Scheme was approved as presented.</p>
4.	<p><u>To Receive a Progress Update on the Town and Village Renewal Projects</u></p> <p>F. Fallon provided an update on the Town & Village Renewal projects with the current status of each project outlined. (document circulated to members present). The following key points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In total €905,000 was allocated across 15 projects, following an Expression of Interest process. ▪ All applications submitted received funding ▪ All projects to be completed by year end. <p>The work of the Community Section in progressing the scheme was acknowledged.</p>
5.	<p><u>To Receive an Update on the National Housing Summit to be held on 22nd January 2018</u></p> <p>D. Jones provided a summary of the key outputs from the Housing Summit, held on 22nd January 2018, which included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capital targets for the delivery of social housing have been set for each Local Authority for the period 2017-2021, inclusive of a specific target for 2018. The targets set for Co. Meath are 1251 units and 225 units respectively. ▪ Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan ▪ Affordable Purchase Scheme ▪ Affordable Rental Scheme ▪ Roll out nationally of Homeless HAP <p>Details of the Chief Executive's Report submitted as part of the Summit process, was outlined, including delivery to date for the period 2015 to present, progress status of Meath County Council's current pipeline direct construction projects, progress status of Approved Housing Body pipeline approved turnkey acquisition projects and indicative programme for obtaining the 2017-2021 targets.</p> <p>Reference was also made to broader solutions for consideration including amendments to the Repair & Lease Scheme, HAP Inter County Movement, Homeless HAP and Affordable Rental/Owner Occupier Schemes.</p>
6.	<p><u>To Discuss Strategic Policy Committee's Policy Agenda for 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members were reminded that the remit of the SPC was to inform policy development in the areas of housing, community and cultural development. Discussion took place on the policy areas that could be considered by the Committee in the forthcoming year. The following were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Estate Management ○ Low Cost Private Sites



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Play Policy○ Pride of Place Review○ Library policy in the context of National Strategy○ Arts Plan○ Disability and monitoring of implementation of Housing People with a Disability Strategy○ Age Friendly○ Healthy Living <p>It was agreed that a limited number of areas should be prioritised for development in 2018, and a balance achieved across the three areas that fall under the remit of this SPC.</p>
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ . Next meeting to take place on 10th April 2018

Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

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