



## Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

### Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Board Room, Innovation House, Railway Street, Navan**

**Attendees -**

**Councillors:**

Cllr Nick Killian (Chairperson), Cllr Gillian Toole, Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Maria O' Kane, Cllr Sarah Reilly, Cllr Caroline Lynch, Cllr Padraig Fitzsimons, Cllr Stephen McKee

**Apologies:** Cllr Sharon Keogan, Cllr Sinead Burke

**Attendees -**

**Sectoral**

**Representatives:**

Niamh Uí Loinsigh, Robert Bradley, Cathy Whelan, Vicky Harris

**Apologies:** Liam Carey

**Officials:**

Barry Lynch, Brian Murphy, David Jones

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b> The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Murphy.
2.	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> There were no matters arising.
3.	<b><u>To Receive a Presentation on the commencement of Threshold's Homeless Prevention Service in Co. Meath</u></b>  Gary Byrne, Threshold, provided a presentation on the recently commenced Threshold Homeless Prevention Service in the County, and outlined the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Freephone number (1800 454 454) for households who are at risk of losing their rented accommodation. Advice, advocacy and support provided by Threshold</li> <li>▪ Dedicated Threshold staff member for Co. Meath</li> <li>▪ Dedicated phone number for Housing staff and elected members</li> </ul> New service was welcomed by members present. D. Jones advised that the next step is the dissemination of information to elected members and key service providers, in addition to a general advertisement campaign in order to raise awareness.  Agreed that SPC be provided with update reports on the Service, in order to inform the policy work of the Committee.
4.	<b><u>To Discuss Draft Proposal regarding Transitional Housing for Individuals in Rehabilitation for Substance Misuse Issues (North East Regional Drugs Task Force)</u></b>  Andy Ogle, North East Regional Drugs Task Force outlined the proposal (previously circulated) in respect to transitional housing, as developed by the Task Force.



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	<p>It was agreed by members that the proposed be pursued. The following members agreed to advance proposal – Cllr Toole, Cllr O’ Kane, Cllr Lynch, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Reilly, V. Harris, C. Whelan. D. Jones to arrange date for meeting of the sub group.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>To Review Meath County Council’s Allocation Scheme</u></b></p> <p>Noted that it is intended to adopt amended Allocation Scheme at the next meeting of the SPC. Any further comments to be forwarded to B. Murphy. Discussion took place regarding illegal occupations and the merit or otherwise of facilitating viewings of properties as part of the allocation process.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>To Review Performance Indicators &amp; 2016 Targets</u></b></p> <p>A summary of Performance Indicators for years 2013-2015, and targets for 2016 relating to Housing, Community &amp; Cultural Development (previously circulated) was outlined by D. Jones, and noted by members present.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>To Receive an Update on Social Housing Strategy</u></b></p> <p>An update on activity under the Social Housing Strategy was provided by D. Jones. General discussion took place on the pending Government Housing Action Plan, and it was noted that a submission has been made on same by Chief Executive to the Department. In addition, a meeting with Minister English and the Chief Executive and Director of Service has taken place on the matter of housing.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ It was requested that an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN) be placed as an item on future agenda</li><li>▪ B. Murphy noted that the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) has commenced, with correspondence to issue to applicants on the social housing waiting list shortly. Advertisement regarding the HNA was distributed to members present. It was emphasised that it was important that applicants respond to the request for information and confirmation of their social housing need, in order to remain on the social housing waiting list.</li></ul>