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Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

15th June 2017, Board Room, Innovation House, Railway Street, Navan

Attendees -

Councillors:

Cllr Sarah Reilly (Chairperson), Cllr Gillian Toole, Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Maria O' Kane, Cllr Caroline Lynch, Cllr Sharon Keogan, Cllr Nick Killian

Apologies:

Attendees -

Sectoral

Niamh Ui Loinsigh

Representatives:

Apologies:, Cathy Whelan, Vicky Harris

Officials:

Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon, Loreto Guinan, Wendy Bagnall, Turlough King, David Jones

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 25th April 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Murphy, seconded by N. Ui Loinsigh.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ F. Fallon noted that 17 submissions were received in respect to the recent advertisement regarding the review of Meath County Council's Play Policy. Updates on the review process to follow in due course.
3.	<p><u>To Receive details of the Recommended Allocations under the Burial Grounds Grant Scheme 2017, and if in agreement, to forward to the Full Council of Meath County Council for Approval</u></p> <p>The recommended allocation of funding to applicants under the Burial Grounds Grant Scheme 2017 was outlined by F. Fallon, with documents pertaining to same circulated to members present. L. Guinan provided an update on progress in respect to a number of burial ground projects currently underway in the County, with reference also made to the recording project funded under the previous LEADER Programme.</p> <p>The proposed allocation of the 2017 Burial Grounds Grant Scheme 2017 to applicants as outlined was agreed by members present.</p>
4.	<p><u>To Receive an update on the Review of the County Development Plan – Housing Strategy</u></p> <p>W. Bagnall provided an update on the Housing Strategy element of the current review of the County Development Plan. The following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultants currently completing the collection/analysis phase, inclusive of local Housing data ▪ Submissions were sought from Approved Housing Bodies, with a number received.



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	<p>Suggested that recent publications by the Irish Council for Social Housing be reviewed as part of the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The matter of land zoning will be form part of the Settlement Strategy of the County Development Plan, but will be informed by the current data analysis process ▪ Workshops will be held in July for elected members on the review process, (19th & 21st). Highlighted that the workshop scheduled for 21st July will be Housing specific.
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>To Review the 2016 Performance Indicators</u></p> <p>A report detailing the 2016 Performance Indicators for Community, Housing and the Library Service was circulated to members present and reviewed.</p> <p>The following key points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased numbers registered to the Public Participation Network was welcomed, with the area of capacity building for community groups in the area of funding applications discussed and the role of the PPN to advance same. ▪ Noted that the numbers outlined regarding housing supports delivered now reflect HAP, with 2016 representing the first full year of operation. ▪ Noted that the average relet time had increased in 2016 compared to 2015. Members advised that the process and time lines of contractor management and allocation has been reviewed and will be subject to ongoing monitoring during 2017 to minimise as much as possible the relet timeframes. ▪ Increase in average relet cost for 2016 highlighted. Members advised that works completed on relet units fall under three categories, namely 1) essential works, 2) required works due to the condition of the property as returned by previous tenant and 3) improvement works. Noted that the opportunity is taken to undertake as much works under the above categories, which includes preventative maintenance works, which in turn will reduce response maintenance costs post occupancy. Analysis of spend on a number of relet properties in 2016 were outlined, including cases were works were undertaken to facilitate disability access. ▪ Agreed that an analysis of the reasons for non compliance with private rented standard inspections to be completed. ▪ Noted in respect to Library Service indicators which are expressed as a proportion of population, that the population figure utilised for 2016 is the 2016 CSO figure, compared to the 2011 CSO figure utilised for the 2015 Performance Indicators. ▪ Compliments were extended to the Library staff on the services provided, with discussion on adult literacy and programmes such as that run by Barnardos highlighted.
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>To Receive a Presentation on the Strategic Plan for Housing Persons with a Disability</u></p> <p>D. Jones provided an overview of the Strategic Plan for Housing Persons with a Disability, as finalised by the Meath Disability Working Group (December 2016). Copy of strategy circulated to members</p>



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	<p>present. The following key points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statistics pertaining to Meath County Council’s housing waiting list and applicants classified as having a disability. ▪ Emerging need as captured by HSE data. ▪ Targets regarding the delivery of housing supports to persons with a disability and via the suite of private adaptation works for the period 2016-2019. ▪ The role and responsibilities of the various stakeholders, including the Local Authority and HSE ▪ Suggested that strategy should be submitted to bodies such as the National Disability Body/Inclusion Ireland for observations. ▪ It was agreed that updates regarding progress in the implementation of the Disability Strategy will be made to the SPC periodically.
7.	<p><u>To Receive an Update on Social Housing Delivery</u></p> <p>D. Jones provided an update with regard social housing delivery development that took place since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The submission of seven direct construction proposals to the Department was highlighted, constituting Meath County Council’s pipe line activity for direct construction, subject to approval. ▪ Housing Agency acquisition programme now in operation since January 2017 – 17 units acquired to date.
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>.</p>

Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

Agenda Item No. 3 Refers:

- Proposed allocation of the 2017 Burial Ground Grants to applicants, as recommended to, and agreed by the Strategic Policy Committee, be approved by full Council.