



## Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

### Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

5th October 2017, Training Room, Buvinda House, Navan

**Attendees -**

**Councillors:**

Cllr Sarah Reilly (Chairperson), Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Maria O' Kane, Cllr Sharon Keogan, Cllr Nick Killian, Cllr Sinead Burke

Apologies: Cllr Caroline Lynch, Cllr Gillian Toole

**Attendees -**

**Sectoral**

Niamh Ui Loinsigh, Vicky Harris, Cathy Whelan

**Representatives:**

Apologies: Robert Bradley, Liam Carey

**Officials:**

Barry Lynch, Ger Soady, Catherina O' Rourke, Turlough King, David Jones

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Killian, seconded by Cllr Murphy.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There were no matters arising.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b><u>To Receive details of the Proposed amendments to Differential Rents Scheme for 2018</u></b></p> <p>G. Soady provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the differential rents scheme for 2018, including a decrease in allowance for pensioners and increasing the subsidiary earner fixed amount by two euro, to twelve euro in total. The following was also noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The changes are proposed to eliminate inequities that exist within the current rent scheme.</li> <li>▪ Reference was made to the pending national differential rent framework.</li> <li>▪ Noted that a full rent review will be carried out in 2018</li> </ul> <p>Discussion followed, with the majority of members present not in favour of the proposed changes.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>To Receive a Presentation on the Draft Mid East Region Homeless Action Plan 2018 - 2020</u></b></p> <p>D. Jones provided a presentation on the draft Mid East Region Homeless Action Plan. The following areas of the draft Plan were outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mid East Regional framework &amp; structure</li> <li>▪ Extent of homelessness in the region</li> <li>▪ Existing homeless services</li> <li>▪ Emerging trends</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategic Themes &amp; actions</li> </ul> <p>The ongoing work of the Settlement team was acknowledged. Comments from members were sought on the draft plan, and to be submitted within two weeks to D. Jones. Draft plan will go before the November SPC meeting for approval, and thereafter to full Council in December.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>To Receive an Update on Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing &amp; Homelessness</u></b></p> <p>D. Jones provided an overview on progress to date in respect to the actions contained in the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan. Template outlining the opportunities for progression under the Action Plan, with a progress update, was circulated to members present.</p> <p>The following areas were outlined and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Direct Construction projects</li> <li>▪ Land bank review/state owned lands</li> <li>▪ Part V delivery</li> <li>▪ Vacant private units</li> <li>▪ Acquisition programme</li> <li>▪ Approved Housing Body delivery</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b><u>To Receive an update on the Review of the County Development Plan - Housing Strategy</u></b></p> <p>T. King provided an update on the Housing Strategy element of the ongoing review of the County Development Plan, with reference made to the recent meeting of the Planning SPC, where a presentation was made by the consultant progressing the strategy.</p> <p>Key data concerning the following was outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extent and capacity of existing residential zoned lands and current planning permission</li> <li>▪ CSO 2016 statistics regarding population, average household size and vacancy rate</li> <li>▪ Affordability Model – the analysis for Co. Meath has indicated a need for between 15.9% - 20% of projected housing unit delivery would be required for social housing.</li> </ul> <p>It was requested that the draft Housing Strategy be presented to the Housing SPC in due course, if possible, prior to the public consultation phase.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>To Consider the development of an Estate Management Plan</u></b></p> <p>It was proposed and agreed, that the SPC would work on developing an estate management policy. It was further agreed that a sub group be established to inform same and feed back to the wider SPC. Members interested in being part of the sub group were asked to confirm same to D. Jones.</p>



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<b>8.</b>	<p data-bbox="284 412 504 439"><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <ul data-bbox="284 472 1399 730" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="284 472 1399 595">▪ It was raised by the Public Participation Network, that short notification of meetings can create an issue for attendance. A calendar of dates for 2018 was sought to allow for forward planning and maximize attendance. It was agreed to review 2018 dates for the Housing SPC at the November meeting.</li><li data-bbox="284 636 1399 730">▪ Concerns were raised regarding the referral of full Council Notice of Motions to SPC level, and the practice regarding facilitating same. It was felt that a standard approach should be in place across all SPCs. and a protocol developed regarding same.</li></ul> <p data-bbox="331 763 1094 790">Next meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, 2.00pm, Buvinda House.</p>

### **Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)**

#### **Agenda Item Any Other Business Refers:**

- Development of a protocol re: the referral of Notice of Motions to SPC and how they are to be dealt with at SPC level.