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Special Housing Meeting

29th April 2015, Council Chamber

Presiding

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Jim Holloway

Councillors Present:

Councillors, Sinéad Burke, Eugene Cassidy, Francis Deane, Seán Drew, Eimear Ferguson, Brian Fitzgerald, Enda Flynn, Wayne Forde, Noel French, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Trevor Golden, Tom Kelly, Nick Killian, Caroline Lynch, Stephen McKee, Paddy Meade, Maria Murphy, Gerry O'Connor, Claire O' Driscoll, Maria O' Kane, Damien O' Reilly, Darren O' Rourke, Joe Reilly, Sarah Reilly, Tommy Reilly, Alan Tobin, Sharon Tolan, Gillian Toole.

Apologies: Cllrs. Joe Bonner, Shane Cassells, Joe Fox, Johnny Guirke, Wayne Harding, Suzanne Jamal, Sharon Keogan, Ronan McKenna, Bryan Reilly, Seán Smith.

Officials in attendance:

Chief Executive: Jackie Maguire

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Fiona Lawless, Des Foley, Joe Fahy

Meetings' Administrator: Olive Falsey

Senior Executive Officers: Larry Whelan

Housing Staff: David Jones, Senior Executive Officer, Brendan Fulham, Administrative Officer, Brian Murphy, Administrative Officer.

1 To receive a presentation on Meath County Council's Targets & Provisional Allocation 2015-2017

David Jones, Senior Executive Officer, made a presentation to the meeting which included information on:

- The social housing pillars i.e.: Pillar 1: Provision of New Social Housing SUPPLY (35,000 new units by 2020); Pillar 2: Providing Housing SUPPORT through the Private Rental Sector (75,000 units by 2020); Pillar 3: REFORM Creating More Flexible and Responsive Social Housing Supports.



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- Detailed information on the Provision of New Social Housing through Capital & Current expenditure.
- Provision of Social Housing Units (2015 – 2020)
- Meath County Council Targets & Provisional Allocation
- Meath County Council - Submitted Delivery Proposals
- Proposed Direct Construction Projects
- SHIP – 2015 Submissions

Following the presentation, Councillors had an opportunity to comment and seek further information. Responses were provided by the Chief Executive and the Management Team.

A number of actions were agreed as follows:

- That a letter would issue to the DOECLG outlining the concerns raised by Councillors with regard to the housing funding allocation.
- That a meeting would be arranged with the Department of Social Protection regarding the current rent supplement allowance.
- That further information would be provided regarding the Land Aggregation Scheme and the Council's position re the purchase of land.
- That the timeframes re the mortgage to rent scheme and the turnaround of vacant houses would be examined with a view to speeding up the process.

2 Presentation on North East Pylon Protest Campaign

Four member of the NEPPC group attended the meeting and a presentation was made to the Councillors. Following the presentation, Councillors had an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Responses were provided by the members of the campaign group. The Cathaoirleach thanked the group for attending the meeting and informed that the content of the presentation was noted by the Councillors.

This concluded the business of the meeting.