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Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

21st May 2020 - Virtual Meeting

19th May 2020

To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Housing, Community and Cultural Development Strategic Policy Committee

Dear Member

I wish to confirm that the next meeting of the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC will be held on **Thursday, 21st May 2020 at 2.30pm via video conference/teleconference.**

The Agenda is set out below.

Yours Faithfully

David Jones
Senior Executive Officer

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1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 22nd January 2020
2. Matters Arising
3. To Receive details of the Proposed Community Grant Allocations for 2020 and if deemed appropriate Recommend for Approval to the Full Council of Meath County Council
4. To Receive details of the Proposed Regional Festivals and Participative Events Allocations for 2020 (Small Grants Scheme in Co. Meath), and if deemed appropriate Recommend for Approval to the Full Council of Meath County Council
5. To Receive an Update on Rebuilding Ireland – 2019 Targets/Delivery& Pipeline
6. To Consider the following Notice of Motion (Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons), referred to the SPC

That all Meath County Council housing tenants must have house and contents insurance.

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

All housing units owned by Meath County Council are insured under Meath County Council's insurance policy in respect of structure (home, driveways, footpaths, walls, gates and fences), for such structural damage caused as a result of fire, storm, flood or explosion.



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Thereafter, it is the tenant's responsibility for putting in place adequate insurance cover for the contents of the dwelling. This requirement is cited under Section G of Meath County Council's Tenancy Agreement.

7. To Consider the following Notice of Motion (Cllr Alan Lawes), referred to the SPC

That Meath County Council allows Meath Councillors to inspect any properties used as emergency accommodation and clarifies its position as previously discussed by this Council and the Navan Municipal District.

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

Meath County Council fulfils its statutory function regarding homelessness with a professional, dedicated team of Settlement Officers, who provide a range of supports to those experiencing, or at risk of homelessness.

A range of providers are engaged with in the provision of emergency accommodation, including Drogheda Homeless Aid, Simon Community, Peter McVerry Trust and private suppliers (landlords and B&BS).

The Housing Department is aware of its responsibilities towards individuals placed in emergency accommodation. As part of its on-going operations, the Settlement Team regularly visits properties used for emergency accommodation, and will relay advise on standards to the property owner when required. Furthermore, Meath County Council will deal with any complaints received and conduct all necessary investigations on any matters raised. It is therefore imperative that any complaints regarding standards are relayed to the Settlement Office, so as to allow for the necessary follow up to take place.

The inspection of properties is an operational matter, which is delegated to the appropriate staff, and is therefore not something that falls within the remit of the Elected Members. Equally, the need to maintain and respect the privacy of clients placed in emergency accommodation must be apparent in any inspection process, and this is best achieved by the completion of same by the appropriate staff members.

This in no way impacts on the ability of an Elected Member to advocate on behalf of an individual at risk of homelessness or who may be experiencing issues with their accommodation, and who has given the Elected Member the appropriate consent.

8. Any Other Business