Housing & Community SPC
Minutes of Meeting 10th November 2023

In the Chair: Cllr Joe Sullivan

Present: Mr William Considine, Cllr Jim Codd, Cllr David Hynes, Cllr Lisa McDonald, Cllr John O'Rourke, Cllr Jackser Owens, Cllr Frank Staples, Mr Michael Wall, Ms Anita McLoughlin A/SEO Housing, Ms Caroline Creane SSO Housing, Ms Carolyne Godkin Director of Service and Ms Michele Bridges-Carley AO Housing

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the meeting that there was no quorum at the meeting scheduled for the 6th November last. He noted the poor attendance at the SPC meetings.

Homeless Action Plan 2023-2026

The A/SEO gave a presentation to the members on the Homeless Action Plan 2023-2026. She informed the meeting of the staff compliment within the Homeless Services and Support Unit (HSSU). There are 2 Social Care workers, a clerical office a homeless HAP Placefinder and the Homeless Co-ordinator.

The recent addition of a B&B in Enniscorthy will increase the number of beds available for homeless persons. The meeting was informed that the introduction of Choice Based Letting will be more transparent. A discussion took place about the areas of choice, and the sometimes the applicants have an expectation of being allocated a property when the express an interest.

The members noted that there was very little properties on the CBL system for the Wexford Municipal District, however the members were informed that there were 2 new estates that applicants were nominated for prior to the introduction of CBL in August 2023. A proposal was tabled from Cllr David Hynes and seconded by Cllr Jim Codd to hold a special housing plenary meeting.

The members were informed that if the Homeless Action Plan 2023-2026 was not approved then Wexford County Council were at risk of not getting money for homeless services. A discussion took place about the previous motion from members to have homeless accommodation in the Rosslare Municipal District, it was noted that a property was identified but it fell through.

A lengthy discussion took place about the Homeless Action Plan 2023-2026 including the currently wraparound services that are available. It was noted that Housing First isn't working due to the lack of services, it is difficult to deal with complex cases. The HSE deal with the service provision and WCC deal with the housing element. The plan was proposed by Cllr David Hynes and seconded by Cllr Lisa McDonald

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Schedule of meetings 2024

The schedule of meetings for 2024 was approved on the proposal of Cllr Joe Sullivan and seconded by Cllr David Hynes details as follows:-

14th February	10th April
4th Sept	6th Nov

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____