Housing & Community SPC
Minutes of Meeting 14th February 2024

Chairperson: Cllr Joe Sullivan

Members Present: Cllr Lisa Mc Donald**,** Cllr Jim Codd, Cllr John O'Rourke, Cllr Fionntán O Súilleabháin, Mr Michael Wall, Mr William Considine

Executive: Ms Carolyne Godkin Director of Service, Ms Anita McLoughlin A/SEO Housing, Ms Angela Finn SSO Housing, Ms Therese Nolan Executive Architect, Mr Claude Clancy AO Housing, Ms Helen Meehan SSO Housing

Minutes

The minutes of the SPC held on 10th November 2023 were proposed by Councillor John O Rourke and seconded by Mr Willie Considine

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Motion
" The scheme of letting should allow housing applicants to choose a district rather than specific towns/villages, specifically in light of Wexford County Council's adoption of Choice Based Letting for housing applicants"

This motion had come from the Enniscorthy MD members. Following discussion and the support of the members it was decided that Housing Management will prepare a proposal on how this will be implemented. It was proposed that the districts would be Wexford/Rosslare, Enniscorthy, Gorey/Kilmuckridge and New Ross. It was also noted that the Allocation Scheme does not reference areas of choice and does not need amendment.

Draft Policy for Naming of Estates Presentation

Therese Nolan went through the proposed policy. The members were in favour of a County wide policy and keen that the Irish language be used primarily. Cllr Codd asked that reference to the YOLA language could be made in the south of the County. The policy is to go to full Council on the proposal of Cllr John O Rourke and seconded by Mr Willie Considine.

Affordable Housing Update

Claude Clancy presented an update on the progress of Affordable Housing in the county. A survey went live on 14th February for a period of eight weeks and the members were encouraged to promote it to interested parties.

Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme changes

Helen Meehan informed the meeting of the recent changes to the scheme and confirmed that the Housing Section has contacted all applicants who have been refused and may now qualify for the scheme.

Update on the Wexford Strategic Plan for housing Disabled People 2021-2026

Helen Meehan gave an update on allocations made for disabled and elderly up to end of 2023. There was concern at the number of refusals of social houses. It is expected that CBL will reduce these numbers. Michael Wall has asked that the Review of the Co Wexford Strategic Plan for Disabled People 2021-2026 which is in progress be brought to the SPC.

Any Other Business

Mr Willie Considine expressed his appreciation to the Chairperson and the Director for their management of the SPC meetings during his membership of the group.

Next Meeting

The next SPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 10th April 2024..

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____