Housing & Community SPC
Minutes of Meeting 10th April 2024

Chairperson: Cllr. Joe Sullivan

Members Present: Cllr. Lisa Mc Donald**,** Cllr. Jim Codd, Cllr. John O'Rourke, Cllr. Fionntán O Súilleabháin, Cllr. Jackser Owens, Cllr. Frank Staples, 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 Helen Meehan SSO Housing, Ms. Sharon Ryan SSO Housing, Mr. Claude Clancy AO Housing, Ms. Rachael Jordan, A/AO Housing.

Minutes

The minutes of the SPC held on 14th February 2024 were proposed by Councillor Frank Staples and seconded by Councillor Jim Codd.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Review of SPC Work 2019 – 2024
Anita McLoughlin presented an overview of the work that was carried out by the SPC during the period 2019 – 2024.

Following queries and comments from the members, Choice Based Letting was discussed. Anita said that sessions will be carried out for those who are unable to or are not using CBL. A report will be run to show who is not using the system and they will be contacted.

Cllr. Owens raised a concern regarding those who were unsuccessful not receiving a reply. Anita said that she would examine the possibility of wording on the system or an email being sent to unsuccessful applicants.

Tenant in Situ Report
Rachael Jordan presented a report on the Tenant in Situ Scheme.

Following a query, Rachael confirmed that WCC work as quickly as possible with our solicitors to get TIS sales through. The timeframe can vary depending on how prepared the landlord is.

Following a query from Cllr. Codd, Rachael agreed to send the members the number of TIS acquisitions broken down by district.

Anita McLoughlin confirmed that WCC has exceeded its target.

Traveller Accommodation Programme Update 2025 – 2029
Anita McLoughlin gave an update on the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029.

Consultation has taken place with stakeholders, including LTACC. Public consultation will take place in July. The social worker is reaching out to Traveller groups.
IHREC training will be arranged for SPC members.

Allocation Scheme, Area of Choice – draft report
Following discussion of the Allocation Scheme, Anita agreed to circulate a proposal reducing the areas of choice.

Any Other Business
Cllr. Codd queried where people can go if they are suspended from Oznam House. It was clarified that persons who have been excluded should engage with services. Carolyne stated that Wexford has significant drug abuse problems and more treatment services are required.
The members agreed that a letter would be sent to the HSE from the SPC highlighting the lack of treatment services.

The members expressed their appreciation to the Chairperson and the Director for their management of the SPC meetings during the term. They also thanked the housing staff for their work during the term.

Carolyne, on behalf of her directorate, thanked all of the members of the SPC.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____