

## Louth County Council

**Minutes of Housing, Strategic Policy Committee meeting held in the Railway Room East, County Hall, Dundalk on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 3pm.**

**Present:** Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)  
Cllr. Jim Tenanty  
Cllr. Conor Keelan  
Cllr. Kevin Meenan  
Colm O' Hanrahan, Trade Union Pillar  
Pat Mc Cormick, Chamber of Commerce  
Ann Larkin, Dundalk Women's Aid

**Officials:** Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Brona O' Reilly, Administrative Officer  
Sinead Corrigan, Staff Officer  
Louise Feehan, Clerical Officer

**Apologies** Cllr. Fiachra Mc Raghnaill  
Cllr. Maria Doyle

### Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of SPC Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022,

On the proposal of Councillor Conor Keelan, seconded by Councillor Jim Tenanty the Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was approved.

### Homeless Presentation

An overview of a draft Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme was delivered by the Director of Services. A number of questions were raised regarding the draft scheme and the Director and the Senior Executive Officer addressed them. It was confirmed that the scheme as presented is compliant with the affordable Housing Act 2021 and that the minister has approved the scheme subject to the members adoption. The Scheme was proposed by Councillor Jim Tenanty and seconded by Councillor Conor Keelan.

It was noted that a survey will be published in the coming months seeking expressions of interest in an affordable scheme. This will be followed by engagement with developers to determine their interest in the scheme. Members will be kept advised of progress in regard to all aspect of the scheme.

### Housing Delivery Action Plan

The Housing Delivery Action Plan was discussed. The members raised questions regarding land banks, housing delivery for the Traveller Community and the five year target of 1357 units and were addressed by the Housing Team. The Director gave details of the new capital team that is been set up to assist with new Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 – 2026.

### Public Consultation on a referendum on Housing

The Director reminded the members that individual submissions regarding the Referendum on Housing were open. Staff in the Housing section were available should any member require any background information on housing in Louth.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Minutes confirmed on:      Date: 21/2/2023  
Signed: Cllr Joanna Byrne  
Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)