

Louth County Council

**Minutes of Housing, Strategic Policy Committee meeting held via zoom on Tuesday 14th
September 2021 at 3pm.**

Present: Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)

Cllr. Kevin Meenan
Cllr. Conor Keelan
Cllr. John Reilly
Cllr. Fiachra Mc Raghnaill
Colm O' Hanrahan, Trade Union Pillar

Officials: John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Brona O' Reilly, Administrative Officer
Noel Treanor, Acting Senior Executive Engineer
Edel O' Neill, Executive Engineer
Louise Feehan, Clerical Officer

Apologies Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Paddy Donnelly, Housing Director of Services
Niamh Roche, Environmental Pillar
Elizabeth O' Reilly Louth Environmental Network
Pat Mc Cormick, Chamber of Commerce
Andrew Califf, Dundalk Simon Community

Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of SPC Meeting held on 8th June, 2021

On the proposal of Councillor John Reilly, seconded by Councillor Conor Keelan the Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 8th June, 2021 was approved.

Presentation on Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2021

The Executive Engineer, Edel O' Neill updated the members on the 2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme including a background to the scheme, conditions of funding, types of works involved and Louth County Council's scheme for 2021. The total allocation for the programme is €1,407,580 with a minimum target of 52 properties. The works are expected to commence end of September 2021 for completion November 2021. The members welcomed the programme and Edel O' Neill responded to any queries raised.

Presentation on Transfer of Accommodation Process

Brona O' Reilly, Administrative officer delivered a presentation on the transfer of accommodation process in the context of the current Scheme of Allocations. The presentation advised on the four categories of need which are Disability, Overcrowding, Downsizing, Compassionate and considerations around length of tenancy, rent record, behaviour record, and current housing unit condition were advised. Members were advised that 20 offers of transfer had been refused to date this year.

Members requested further detail with regard to Compassionate grounds, rent arrears (not own fault), tenant purchasing, property damage (not own fault) and the Housing Team responded to any queries raised. It was clarified that Mental Health issues when reported in line with new medical requirements will come under the scope of the policy.

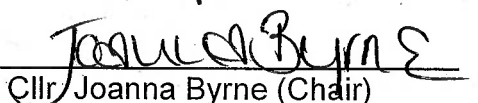
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th of November 2021 and subject to Covid 19 restrictions and confirmation by the CPG a preference would be to host the meeting in person.

Minutes confirmed on:

Date:

9/11/2021

Signed:


Cllr Joanna Byrne (Chair)