

## **Louth County Council**

**Minutes of Housing, Strategic Policy Committee meeting held via zoom on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 3pm.**

**Present:** Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)  
Cllr. Jim Tenanty,  
Cllr. Kevin Meenan  
Cllr. Fiachra Mc Raghnaill  
Cllr. Conor Keelan.  
Niamh Roche, Environmental Pillar,  
Andrew Califf Social inclusion PPN,  
Elizabeth O'Reilly, Environmental PPN

**Officials:** Paddy Donnelly, Director of services  
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer  
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer  
Mary G Reilly, Staff Officer.  
Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer  
Louise Feehan, Clerical Officer

### **Introductions**

An introduction was made by Joanna Byrne as the SPC Chair of the Committee. The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and seconded and there were no matters arising from minutes. Councillor Fiachra Mc Raghnaill was welcomed onto the committee.

### **Presentation on Anti-social behaviour policies and procedures**

A presentation was given by Sinead McVerry, the Administrative Officer that is responsible for this area. She gave details of the team, the policies and gave a number of case studies that demonstrated how this team works.

There was significant discussion afterwards which highlighted four areas that the committee feels needs to be further explored. These are 1) is deferring an allocation for 1 year due to a conviction sufficient; 2) should we introduce

a specific policy to address adaptations to houses such as metal bollards, bullet proof windows / metal doors etc. 3) policy on alleyways and open spaces and 4) the policy on dangerous dogs.

The Housing team will focus on one of these issues over each of the next SPC meetings and provide further information such as legislation, policies of other Local Authorities and options that we could introduce.

### Update on Housing Delivery

Mary G Reilly made a presentation on the Capital Assistance Scheme and responded to any queries that were raised.

Aoife Lawler gave an update on delivery in 2020.

### AOB

- Aoife Lawler gave a presentation on the void stimulus package and responded to any queries raised.
- Paddy Donnelly made the members aware of the Draft Development Plan and the ability to make a submission on same.

### Next meeting

The next meeting is to be scheduled for the first week in December.

  
Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)

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