

Louth County Council

Minutes of Housing, Strategic Policy Committee meeting held in the Cooley Room,
County Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 3.30pm.

Present: Cllr. Kevin Meenan(Chair)

Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Cllr. Conor Keelan
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
Michael Mc Grath, Senior Engineer
Padraig Judge, Senior Executive Engineer
Brona O' Reilly, Administrative Officer
Mary G Reilly, Administrative Officer
Robert Byrnes, Senior Staff Officer
Louise Feehan, Clerical Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Joanna Byrne
Cllr. Maria Doyle

Chairperson

In the absence of Councillor Joanna Byrne agreement was reached by the members to permit Councillor Kevin Meenan chair the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of SPC Meeting held on 9th November 2022.

On the proposal of Colm O'Hanrahan, seconded by Councillor Conor Keelan the Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 9th November 2022 was approved.

Affordable Housing Scheme

A presentation of the Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme was delivered by Senior Staff Officer, Robert Byrnes. Mr. Byrnes explained in detail how the scheme works and the main objectives of the scheme. Details of the Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme survey were provided to the members. The lukewarm response to the Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme

survey was noted by the members and acknowledgement was made by the housing team that a broader publicity campaign is required to increase knowledge of the scheme. The Director of Services acknowledged that a larger number of applicants are required for individual schemes to work. A number of suggestions were made by the members on how the scheme could be promoted and were responded to by the housing team. Mr. Byrnes offered to assist the members with any queries they may have regarding the scheme in the future.

Housing Capital Delivery Targets and Accelerated Delivery Programme

A presentation of Housing Capital Delivery Targets and Accelerated Delivery Programme was delivered by Padraig Judge Senior Executive Engineer. Mr. Judge gave details of Social Housing Targets for Louth County Council for the period 2022 -2026 and gave details of the current status of Local Authority Build, Turnkey and Part V Acquisitions. The Director of Services advised that the 2026 target is expected to be surpassed and that ongoing engagement with Approved Housing Bodies is essential to achieve this. A number of challenges of the Accelerated Delivery Programme with regard to capacity were raised by the members and addressed by the Housing Team. The Director of Services acknowledged support at national level for the Accelerated Delivery Programme.

AOB

The Director of Services updated the members from his meeting with the Local Traveller Committee on the redevelopment of Woodland Park, Dundalk to improve the facilities on the site.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th May 2023

Minutes confirmed on:

Date:

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Signed:

Kevin Meenan

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