

Louth County Council

Minutes of Housing, Strategic Policy Committee meeting held via zoom on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 3pm.

- Present:** Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)
Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Cllr. Kevin Meenan
Cllr. Conor Keelan
Cllr. Fiachra Mc Raghnaill
Andrew Califf, Social inclusion PPN
Pat McCormick, Chamber of Commerce
Colm O' Hanrahan, Trade Union Pillar
- Officials:** Paddy Donnelly, Director of services
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Brona O' Reilly, Administrative Officer
Arja Cullen, Social Worker
Adrian Mc Hugh, Senior Staff Officer
Louise Feehan, Clerical Officer
- Apologies** Councillor John Reilly,
Niamh Roche Environmental Pillar
Elizabeth O' Reilly Louth Environmental Network

Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of SPC Meeting held on 8th December, 2020

On the proposal of Councillor Fiachra Mc Raghnaill, seconded by Councillor Conor Keelan the Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 8th December, 2020 was approved.

Presentation on Homelessness

Presentation on Homeless Services from Adrian McHugh and an update on the success to date of the Housing First model.

The significant reduction in homeless numbers and in particular the small number of families now using emergency accommodation was referenced by the members and the use of Homeless HAP and the work done by the team in this area was complemented.

Details of plans and initiatives taken to support Homeless Service Providers dealing with the challenges of Covid -19 were outlined.

Presentation on Disability Strategy

The Social Worker Arja Cullen delivered a presentation in regard to the new local Disability Strategy 2021 – 2027. This work is currently underway by the Housing team in collaboration with the Housing Agency and key partners from the Disability Forum including the HSE, Service providers such as St John of God and other NGO's. The plan will feed into the national plan that is due to be published in November 2021.

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A matter raised at the Municipal District of Dundalk meeting regarding the pro-rata allocation of housing resources was discussed. The Director and his team outlined referencing the monthly Chief Executives report how allocations and resources are managed based on demand and availability.

The Schedule of meetings for 2021 was agreed.

A work programme for the SPC that would probably extend to 2022 was discussed and members identified a number of subjects for consideration including:

- Property Standards
- Long Term Leasing
- Home Security Scheme
- Homeless Strategy
- Retrofit Programme
- Transfer policy
- Disability Strategy

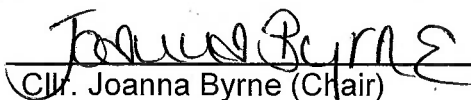
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8th June 2021

Minutes confirmed on:

Date:

8/6/2021

Signed:


Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)