

Louth County Council

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

Present: Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)
Cllr. Kevin Meenan
Cllr. Conor Keelan
Cllr. John Reilly
Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Colm O' Hanrahan, Trade Union Pillar
Andrew Califf, Social Inclusion PPN
Pat Mc Cormick, Chamber of Commerce

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of services
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Brona O' Reilly, Administrative Officer
Carla Mc Kenna, Staff Officer
Louise Feehan, Clerical Officer

Apologies Cllr. Fiachra Mc Raghnaill

Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of SPC Meeting held on 14th September 2021,

On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Meenan, seconded by Colm O' Hanrahan the Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 14th September 2021 was approved.

Presentation on Housing Assistance Payment

A presentation on the Housing Assistance Programme (HAP) was delivered by Carla McKenna, Staff Officer. The details of the scheme and the extend of its use by Louth County Council. Ms McKenna and the Director of Services addressed the members questions in regard to the scheme.

Work Programme 2022

Members agreed the schedule of meetings for 2022 as follows:

- o Tuesday 15th February
- o Tuesday 14th June
- o Tuesday 13th September
- o Tuesday 15th November

There was a discussion as to the most appropriate medium in which the meeting should be held and it was agreed, subject to any decision from CPG that the February meeting was likely to be hosted virtually but members agreed it was important to host a least one of the meetings in person during 2022 subject to public health advice.

The work programme for 2021 was reviewed and staff were thanked for their input for what was a series of productive and informative meetings in 2021.

The work programme for 2022 will include revising some of the matters considered during 2021.

The 2022 work programme will include

- o Rental Property Standards Inspection
- o Long Term Leasing
- o Home Security Scheme
- o Disability Strategy – in the context of the national policy

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Membership of the Committee was discussed and John Lawrence, SEO advised that the vacancy from PPN under the Environment Pillar had not been filled at a recent meeting. The matter would be raised again with the PPN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th February 2022

Minutes confirmed on:

Date:

15/2/2022

Signed:

Joanna Byrne
Chr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)