

Louth County Council

**Minutes of Housing, Strategic Policy Committee meeting held in the Cooley Room,
Dundalk on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 3pm.**

Present: Cllr. Joanna Byrne (Chair)
Cllr. Jim Tenanty
Cllr. Conor Keelan
Colm O' Hanrahan, Trade Union Pillar
Pat Mc Cormick, Chamber of Commerce

Officials: Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Brona O' Reilly, Administrative Officer
Louise Feehan, Clerical Officer

Apologies Cllr. Fiachra Mc Raghnaill
Cllr. Kevin Meenan

Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of SPC Meeting held on 14th June 2022,

On the proposal of Colm O' Hanrahan, seconded by Councillor Conor Keelan the Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 14th June 2022 was approved.

Affordable Dwelling Scheme Purchase Scheme

An overview of a draft Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme was delivered by the Director of Services. A number of questions were raised regarding the draft scheme and the Director and the Senior Executive Officer addressed them. It was confirmed that the scheme as presented is compliant with the affordable Housing Act 2021 and that the minister has approved the scheme subject to the members adoption. The Scheme was proposed by Councillor Jim Tenanty and seconded by Councillor Conor Keelan.

It was noted that a survey will be published in the coming months seeking expressions of interest in an affordable scheme. This will be followed by engagement with developers to determine their interest in the scheme. Members will be kept advised of progress in regard to all aspect of the scheme.

Housing Delivery Action Plan

The Housing Delivery Action Plan was discussed. The members raised questions regarding land banks, housing delivery for the Traveller Community and the five year target of 1357 units and were addressed by the Housing Team. The Director gave details of the new capital team that is been set up to assist with new Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 – 2026.

Public Consultation on a referendum on Housing

The Director reminded the members that individual submissions regarding the Referendum on Housing were open. Staff in the Housing section were available should any member require any background information on housing in Louth.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th November 2022

Minutes confirmed on:

Date:

15/11/2022

Signed:

Cllr Joanna Byrne

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