

## Louth County Council

**Minutes of Social Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held in the County Archives, Ardee Road, Dundalk on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr. Kevin Meenan (Chairperson)

Cllr. Jim Tenanty  
Cllr. Eric Donovan  
Cllr. Maeve Yore  
Barbara Rajska  
Damien Mc Kenna  
Colm O'Hanrahan  
Amina Ndoye

**Officials:** Ger Murphy, Director of Services (DOS)  
Declan Grimes, Senior Engineer  
Amanda Branigan, A/County Librarian  
Christine Mullen, Administrative Officer  
Catherine Treanor, Assistant Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. Anne-Marie Ford  
Grainne Murphy  
Monica Murphy  
John Lawrence

### Welcome & Introduction

An introduction was made by the (DOS) Ger Murphy, welcoming all to the meeting and the County Archives giving thanks to the County Archivist Lorraine Mc Cann for hosting the SPC.

### Confirmation of Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

A hard copy of the minutes of the previous meeting was circulated. Cllr. Yore approved the minutes, this was seconded by Cllr. Meenan.

### **Update on the Revised Allocation Scheme**

Ger Murphy began by giving an update on the revision of the current Housing Allocation Scheme. The scheme was implemented in 2017 and therefore needs to be revised in the current housing climate. A draft document is currently being compiled by the housing team and the final document will be presented at the next SPC meeting for consideration & approval before being brought to Council.

Issues to be revised are rightsizing, overcrowding, disability, homelessness, travelers, applicants over 55, transfers & CBL.

### **Quarterly Disability Statistics**

Christine Mullen addressed the meeting and gave the following quarterly disability statistics:

A total of 66 allocations were made to households included in the disability category in 2025.

1. Ardee MD – 4
2. Drogheda MD – 32
3. Dundalk MD – 30

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1. Ardee MD – 2
2. Drogheda BD – 5
3. Dundalk MD – 13

The target for 2025 is a total of 95 allocations across the county, we are currently ahead of target.

Ger Murphy noted that 60% of units are allocated through CBL, the remaining 40% are reserved for Disability, Homeless, Travelers, The over 55's & Transfers.

He also stated there are a number of LCC units which have been adapted, and it is imperative that these units are allocated to applicants with additional needs.

### **Update on Percent for Art Policy**

County Librarian Amanda Branigan addressed the meeting by stating that LCC are working on a new Art Policy with Assistant Arts Officer Moya Rodgers doing much of the groundwork. The new policy will be presented to the SPC at the September meeting and will provide a framework for public art in Co. Louth.

Amanda noted the original Percent for Art policy was established in 1997. While the Percent for Art policy has the potential to be hugely beneficial to the communities and citizens of Louth much work is being done to ensure the scheme is utilized in its fullest. The policy needs broadening to include all forms of art, both indoors and outdoors. Amanda spoke of the new Public Art Working Group which is in formation. The initial group will consist of internal members and the steering group to include councilors, but more details will be given in relation to the new group at the September meeting.

### **Tour of the County Archives**

Members were invited to a tour of the archives by County Archivist Lorraine Mc Cann. All in attendance were pleased to accept. Lorraine gave a brief synopsis of the building from its original to current function and showcased some of the many artifacts housed there.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Minutes confirmed on:

Date: 16-09-25

Signed: Ken Meenan

Cllr. Kevin Meenan (Chairperson)

