

**Addendum to Agenda  
South East Area Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
Housing & Residential Services Matters  
Item No. 1436 (i)**

**Housing & Residential Services Department  
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**To the Chairperson and Members  
South East Area Committee**

**Proposed use of 9/10 Fitzwilliam Street (formerly Longfield's Hotel) and associated  
refurbishment works.**

**Pre- Part 8 Notification**

**Briefing Memorandum**

The premises 9 /10 Fitzwilliam Street, formerly Longfield's Hotel is in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

The property comprises two Georgian houses built in early part of 19<sup>th</sup> century and subsequently combined to form a single building with accommodation of four storeys over basement with rear yard and pedestrian access to rear laneway.

The building was in use as a hotel up to 2007 until acquisition by Dublin City Council for the intended purpose of provision of homeless accommodation.

**Proposed use**

The proposed future use of the building is for the provision of Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) under the Pathway to Home Model for persons experiencing homelessness in Dublin.

The proposed service provision is fully in accordance with Government policy Programme for Government 2011-2016 for a housing led solution to long term homelessness and the adopted City Council policy framework on homelessness and in accordance with legislation under the relevant Housing Acts 1988 and 2009 (as amended).

The service provided will be aligned to the strategic aims and core actions set out in Dublin Region Homeless Action Plan 'Delivering the Pathway to Home' 2011-2013.

**Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)**

STA refers to the provision of residential accommodation and a programme of activities appropriate for persons who have specialized health, care and support needs or complex needs in addition to a housing need. STA provision operates on a 24/7 basis, is low threshold and provides a full suite of programmes and activities to the service user to meet their care and support needs.

This includes the provision of dedicated programmes for each individual which address the issues relating to the service users lifestyle, health needs, well-being, training, education and

other life-skills requirements of their residents as required. Each person will participate in a programme of support including; needs assessment, risk assessment, support planning and adopting a case management approach.

It is proposed that the facility when established will be managed by Dublin Simon an approved NGO service provider contracted to Dublin City Council to deliver services in accordance with an approved Service Level Agreement. Dublin Simon will provide supported residential accommodation for up to 30 individual men and women for a period up to six months and thereafter support residents towards independent living.

Dublin Simon have successfully provided an approved STA service at Harcourt Street since 2004 meeting the accommodation and service needs of 30 adults, men and women at any one time.

The building at Harcourt Street is no longer fit for purpose and the transfer of the service to 9 / 10 Fitzwilliam Street in partnership with Dublin City Council will secure the sustainability of the future service provision for individuals experiencing homelessness.

A schedule of refurbishment works to render the building fit for purpose will be included in the application

The Housing & Residential Services Department wishes to notify the South East Area Committee of their intentions to submit a Part 8 Application in due course.

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