

AGENDA FOR MEETING ON THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2016

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

2.30pm

1 **Minutes of meetings dated 22nd June 2016 and 29th July 2016 and matters arising**

2 **Chairperson's Business:**

- **Update on Sub-Groups**
- **Update on 2016 Action Plan of Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021**

3 **Homeless Update**

4 **Housing Programme Report**

5 **Traveller Accommodation Update**

6 **Motions:**

Motion Cllr Patrick Costello:

That the management agree that all housing development by Dublin city council, including those built by tender, Public Private Partnership or other such arrangement will be of passive house standard or equivalent.

This motion aims to have Dublin city council follow international best practice in aiming for passive house standard or equivalent in new buildings. One international example is Exeter City Council, who at no extra cost procured passive house standard social housing with 90% energy savings for residents. This energy efficiency ended fuel poverty among residents and, due to these cost savings to residents, reduced rent arrears.

Motion to the Housing SPC from the Special Committee on Waste Regulations in the names of Cllrs: Mannix Flynn, Eilis Ryan, Claire Byrne, Ray McAdam, Criona NiDhalaigh, Mary Freehill, Gaye Fagan, Paul McAuliffe; Tina MacVeigh.

In light of the fact that in Dublin City Council flat complexes:

- *residents report that the waste services provided do not allow for waste segregation;*
- *open receptacles attract vermin and that receptacles are often used by non-residents to illegally dump waste;*
- *we as a Local Authority are not compliant with regulations that provide for waste segregation;*
- *the Council is currently reviewing tenders for waste collection providers in the flat complexes;*

This Housing SPC calls on our Housing Department to conduct a residents survey of waste segregation and collection requirements in the flat complexes with a view to including the outcome of these surveys in the ongoing review of waste collection tenders and contracts awarded.

Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

That DCC extend the right to be assessed for the Housing Assistance Payment to those persons on priority bands on the housing lists (Medical, welfare, exceptional social circumstances, vulnerable and over-crowding) in order to provide alleviation to their waiting times, if they so wish.

Order: Refer to Housing SPC for discussion

Motion in the name of Cllr Anthony Connaghan

That Dublin City Council exhaust all efforts to acquire any vacant houses/units in the DCC area. The last census shows that Dublin (overall) has over 36000 vacant dwellings. Dublin City Council should also CPO houses or sites which are left derelict for a significant period of time. Can the Manager say how many houses or sites DCC have CPO'd in the last 10 years, if any? And if we haven't can he explain why?

Motion Cllr Ray McHugh

This Housing SPC agree to set up a cross party group of the Housing SPC committee, to examine the housing allocation system that seems to force applicants to remain in overcrowding or go into over crowding situations ,for fear of loosing their position on the housing waiting list. Also to look at the the situation where Dublin City Elected Councillors, have little or no information pertaining to the allocation of tenancy's. And to report back to a Dublin City Council Meeting as soon as possible with recommendations to a change in the scheme of lettings.

6 **AOB**