
Strategic Policy Committee – Housing Regeneration & Planning

Minutes of Meeting

Held on the 20th February 2024

At Laois County Council

In the Chair: Caroline Dwane Stanley, M.C.C. (CDS)
Present: Catherine Fitzgerald, M.C.C. (CF)
Pascal McEvoy, M.C.C. (PMCE)
Barry Walsh, M.C.C. (BW)
Thomasina Connell (TC)
Michael Kelly (MK)
Sheelagh Coyle (SC)
Yvonne McKeon

In Attendance: Angela McEvoy (AMCE), Director of Services, Housing and Planning
Georgina Ireland (GI) S.E.O. Housing
David O'Hara, (DOH) Senior Planner
Fionnuala Daly (FD) Senior Social Worker
Donal Kiely, (DK) Senior Executive Planner
Carmel Cody (CC) Executive Planner
Evelyn Brownrigg (EB) A.O., Planning

	Agenda Item	Action	By Whom
1	Minutes of Meeting of 7 th December 2023	Proposed by: CF Seconded by: PMcE	
2	No matters arising		
3.	Review of Works Programme 2023	The following policies will be listed for the March meeting – 1) Review of LCC Anti-Social Behaviour Policy; 2) Estate Management Policy; 3) Review of LCC Scheme of Allocation 2011 and 4) Review of Tenant Handbook will be presented at the next meeting	AMcE
4.	2024 SPC Work Programme	Rightsizing Policy – Issues paper. Traveller Accommodation Plan 2024 – 2029. Regional Homeless Action Plan (Laois element)	AMcE

5.	Progress Report	Director's update provided by AMcE. BW requested that the Affordable Housing criteria issue to all the members.	
6.	Quarterly Report on Housing Disability Strategy	Presentation provided by FD -- Strategic Housing Plan for People with Disabilities 2021 - 2026	
7.	Update on Traveller Action Programme 2024	Update provided by FD	
8.	Policy on Log Cabins/MMC	Presentation provided by CC. A further workshop to be arranged with the elected representatives and possibly listed for the March meeting.	DOH/DK
9.	Update on LAPS	Presentation provided by Donal Kiely. The C.E. report on the submissions on the Carlow Graiguecullen report will issue to members on the 18 th March for consideration. The draft LAP and LTP for Portlaoise will go on display early March	DOH/DK
10	Updates on Housing Policies (a) Social Housing Allocation Scheme 2024 (b) Anti-social Behaviour Strategy 2024 (c) Estate Management Policy 2024	Proposed by: Pascal McEvoy; Seconded by: Barry Walsh	G.I.
11.	Updates on Circulars/new Legislation/new schemes	Updates provided by GI and DOH	
12.	A.O.B.	Date and time of next meeting -- 25 th April 2024 at 11 a.m.	

Signed: 
Chairperson


Director of Services
Housing, Regeneration & Planning

Date: 24/4/24.