
Strategic Policy Committee – Housing, Regeneration & Planning

**Minutes of Meeting
held on 12th of September 2023
at Laois County Council**

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

In attendance: Angela McEvoy (AMcE), Director of Services, Housing and Planning
 Georgina Ireland (GI) S.E.O. Housing;
 Trevor Hennessy (TH), A/Senior Engineer Housing
 David O’Hara (DOH) Senior Planner;
 Donal Kiely (DK), Senior Executive Planner;
 Antoinette Brennan, Executive Technician Planning
 Louise McEvoy, (LMCE) A.O. Housing,

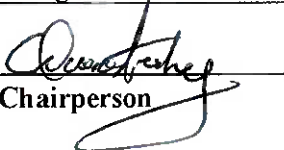
Apologies: Fionnuala Daly (FD) Senior Social Worker Housing;
 Ger Maher (GM) A.O. Housing
 Sheelagh Coyle (SC)


	Agenda Item	Action	By Whom
1	Minutes of Meeting of 1st June 2023 Proposed by BW , seconded by TC .	Agreed	N/A
2	Matters Arising	No Matters Arising . Chair & DOS welcomed Yvonne McKeon to the committee on behalf of the business sector	N/A
3	Quarterly report on Housing Disability Strategy.	AMcE - presented quarterly report on Housing Disability Strategy to Meeting. CDS – Opened the floor to questions on report – TC queried how points are allocated for disability relevant to housing need	AMcE on behalf of FD

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4	Progress Report by DOS, including update on delivery of new units.	<p>Progress report presented by AMcE CDS – Opened meeting for questions CDS – Asked if there was any update on site behind O’Moore Place (Dorans field) and queried if delays to AHB properties continued , in particular Clonrooske Abbey , would these applicants be offered alternative accommodation. GI provided update on AHB housing delivery AMcE provided update on Dorans field BW sought update on Cost Rental Tenant in Situ (CRTIS) scheme. How many tenants have been housed from the scheme? GI – This scheme is administered by the Housing Agency . Update will be sought. BW asked if the Council are looking at vacant HSE dispensaries for housing ? e.g. Ballyroan, Ballinakill, Durrow, Abbeyleix AMcE -looking at Errill as possible location for housing BW sought update on serviced sites scheme GI -Completing evaluations and writing out to applicants TC- queried the cost of CPO AMcE -will follow up for next meeting</p>	AMcE
5	Update on Portarlinton Local Area Plan Issues Paper	<p>Presentation on Portarlinton Local Area Plan by DK CDS – Thanked Donal for the presentation asked if any questions arising. None arising</p>	DK
6	Policy Discussion -Log cabins and modern methods of construction	<p>Presentation given by DK BW – asked that flexibility be applied YMcK – Supported the review of the policy on temporary accommodation DK-Next steps , Planning Department will review the rural housing guidelines . There may be a possibility of temporary permissions</p>	DK
7	Update from the Broadband Officer	<p>Presentation on Broadband in Laois by AB CDS – Thanked Antoinette for the presentation asked if any questions arising. BW complimented AB and her team for the work to date</p>	AB
8	Update on the Review of Scheme of Allocations	<p>GI provided an update on the review of the scheme of allocations to the SPC The proposal to circulate the document to the members of the SPC for comment was accepted by all present . Document is confidential but can be discussed by the SPC Councillors with their individual parties. An in committee meeting is possible .</p>	GI

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9	Updates on Circulars	DO'H - updated members on circulars for Planning G.I - updated members on circulars for Housing	DO'H & G.I
10	AOB	Date of next meeting – Thursday 7 th December	AMcE

Next Meeting: 7th of December @ 14:00

Signed: 
Chairperson


Director of Services
Housing, Regeneration and Planning

Date: 7th December 2023