



**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting

Location: Council Chamber & Microsoft Teams

Date: Monday, 28 April 2025 at 2:30pm

PRESIDING:

Councillor Paul Ross

PRESENT:

Councillor Kevin Hussey, Councillor Sean Mimmagh, Councillor Padraig McNamara, Maria Keelty, Noeleen McTaggart, Enda McManus, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Niamh Donlon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Samanta Healy – Director of Services
Mr. Ciaran Murphy – Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Laura McHugh – Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator
Ms. Annie Blessington – Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES:

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR:

Ms. Lorraine McKee

1. INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Councillor Padraig McNamara welcomed the members to the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SPC MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY

On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Hussey seconded by Councillor Padraig McNamara, the minutes of the Social Development SPC meeting held on the 17 February 2025 were adopted.

4. UPDATE ON SECOND-HAND ACQUISITIONS

Ms. Sylvia Kilcline, Administrative Officer, Housing, updated the Committee on the Social Housing 2nd Hand Acquisitions Programme 2025. The following items were highlighted at the meeting: -

- Priority Needs
- Tenant-in-Situ Mandatory Eligibility Criteria
- Exits from Homelessness Acquisitions Criteria
- People with Disability Acquisition Criteria
- Buy & Renew Acquisition Criteria
- General points to note.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Service, informed the Committee on the proposed affordable Housing Scheme for Longford. The housing development will consist of 93 houses, 68 social houses and 25 affordable homes. The show home will be available for viewing during the summer months. The price of each home will depend on the level of subsidy received from the Department. The draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements will be forwarded to the Committee in advance of the next meeting of this Strategic Policy Committee.

6. HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE GRANT (REPLACEMENT OF PVC WINDOWS

Mr. Brendan McGourty, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing, updated the members on the Housing Adaption Grants for Older People and Disabled People. The following items were highlighted at the meeting: -

- Type of Grants
- Qualifying Works
- Types of windows and doors that are covered.
- Examples of Refusals and Examples of Refusals
- Typical U Values of Windows

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next meeting of the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee is 21 July 2025 to which the members unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Lorraine McKee
Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 4 July 2025 (date was revised by DOS)

Signed: [Signature]
Chairperson