



**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting

Location: Council Chamber & Microsoft Teams

Date: Monday, 20 October 2025 at 2:30pm

PRESIDING: Councillor Paul Ross

PRESENT: Councillor Kevin Hussey, Councillor Sean Mimmagh, Councillor Colin Dalton, Councillor Padraig McNamara, Maria Keelty, Diarmuid O’Sullivan, Enda McManus

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Samanta Healy – Director of Services
Ms. Mary Gouldsbury, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Laura McHugh, Healthy Ireland Longford Coordinator
Mr. Ciaran Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Brendan McGourty, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Blaithe O’Reilly, Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES: Niamh Donlon, Noeleen McTaggart,

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Lorraine McKee

1. INTRODUCTION

Paul Ross welcomed the Elected Members and representatives to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SPC MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY

On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Hussey seconded by Councillor Padraig

McNamara, the minutes of the Social Development SPC meeting held on the 4 July 2025 were adopted.

4. HEALTHY IRELAND UPDATE

Laura McHugh made a detailed presentation to the members regarding Healthy Ireland and the work that has been carried out by Healthy Ireland Longford and Laura answered any questions raised. The presentation included the following:

- 17 Programs in 2025 funded through Healthy Ireland
- Healthy Longford's focus for 2025
- Feedback from Evaluation of Healthy Ireland funded projects

5. UPDATE ON ENERGY RETROFIT

Brendan McGourty made a presentation to the members outlining the details and providing an overview of the Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme. Brendan answered questions raised by the Members.

6. REVIEW OF ALLOCATION SCHEME

Blaithin O'Reilly made a presentation to the members on the Housing Allocation Scheme. She addressed the following in the presentation:

- The purpose of the Scheme
- Order of Priority
- Current Challenges
- Reviewing the Allocation Policy

REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME

Mary Gouldsbury, Senior Executive Officer, made a detailed presentation updating the members on the housing work programme for 2025 and into 2026 which included the following:

- Housing update summary
- Future programme of work 2025 / 2026
- Housing Finance
- HFA Targets
- Housing Capital Direct Builds / Land Acquisition
- Turnkey Developments
- AHB Delivery / CALF and CAS
- Affordable Housing
- Housing Maintenance
- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2025
- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2026
- Voids / Prelets 2025
- Private Rent Inspections 2025
- Private House Grants

- Social Housing
- Major Emergency Management

Mary answered questions raised by the Elected Members.

7. DATE FOR 2026 MEETINGS

On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Hussey seconded by Councillor Sean Mimmagh the dates for the 2026 meetings were approved.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next meeting of the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee is 16 February 2026 to which the members unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed and adopted at Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 16 February 2026