

# **LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Housing, Community Planning & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee meeting held in the Railway East, County Hall, Dundalk on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 12.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Joanna Byrne (Chair), Jim Tenanty, Maeve Yore, Pearse McGeough, Ruairí Ó Murchú

Mr. Colm O'Hanrahan, Trade Union Rep

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness, Director of Services  
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer

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## **1. Minutes**

On the proposal of Mr. Colm O'Hanrahan and seconding of Cllr. J. Tenanty the minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 were adopted.

## **2. Matters Arising**

Nil

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Ruairí Ó Murchú to his initial meeting of the Housing SPC.

## **3. Presentation on Co-Operative Housing by Co- Operation Ireland**

A presentation was given by Geoff Corcoran and Charolette Kelly from the above organisation in relation to the history and principles of Corporative Housing in Ireland. The Presentation included a number of examples of developments and also addressed matters of future models of supply in Ireland.

A number of questions were raised by the members including:

- Valuations of the property,
- Anti Social Behaviour,
- Disability Housing,
- Non- Profit aspect
- NAMA Units.

The Chairman thanked the representatives from Co-Operation Ireland and welcomed the presentation made.

#### **4. Choice Based Letting Update**

Aoife Lawler gave a presentation in relation to Choice Based Letting implementation in Louth. It was noted that since this process has commenced in May. 64 properties have been allocated by this method of allocating units.

A number of matters were discussed including use of technology, transfers, Over 55's, Approved Housing Bodies' lettings and family makeup.

It was agreed that the Council would issue a further communication to all housing applicants to illustrate any changes made.

#### **5. Presentation on Housing Assistance Payment**

Aoife Lawler gave a presentation on the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP). The presentation covered a number of matters including Origins and Fundamentals of the Scheme, Inspection Regime, Rental Values and a commitment to set up a Mid Louth Client.

#### **6. Agree Meeting Dates for 2018**

It was agreed that the meetings would continue in the same format as before with a meeting every two months and that the next meeting would be scheduled for January 2018.

#### **7. A. O.B.**

Nil.

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Joanna Byrne*  
Chairperson