

Minutes of Meeting of SPC 3 – Housing

Held on 6th June 2023- Teams Meeting/Council Chamber- Briefing Workshop

Present: Cllr Pat Dunphy, Cllr Martin Brett, Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr Eamon Aylward, Cllr Joe Malone, Maria O'Shea, Mary Mulholland, Cllr Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Thomas Breathnach, Eimear Cody, Brid Hynes, Mary Cashin, Cllr Fidelis Doherty, Cllr Matt Doran, Cllr Joe Lyons, Cllr Ger Frisby, Cllr Andrew McGuinness,

Apologies: Lisa Morris, Mags Morrissey, Michael Leahy

Cllr. Eamon Aylward Chairman welcomed all.

Item 1 Affordable Housing

Mary Mulholland went through the housing policies and programmes available to assist the Housing delivery. Also advised the home loans have gone up to 300,000 in Kilkenny. Buy and Review Scheme is where we the council can buy the property and get it refurbished this is subject to suitability of the property for social housing the condition and the cost. Repair and lease are another programme where the property is vacant for 12 months and the cost is deducted from the lease. Vacant home grant is also available up to 50,000 euro with a further 20,000 for derelict properties. First Home Scheme was established by the state with supporting lenders to support purchase of new homes it uses the equity gap to bridge the gap between price and the mortgage that can be raised. Mary Mulholland when through the various examples so show the members.

Contributions: Cllr Joe Malone, Cllr Eamon Aylward, Cllr Joe Malone, Cllr Pat Dunphy, Cllr Eugene McGuinness.

Mary Mulholland addressed any question and advised the presentation and examples would be sent out to the members to help with any of their queries.

A.O.B.

Mary Cashin went through the homeless update. Mary Mulholland advised that we need to the review the homeless policy at the next housing SPC. We need to agree on the succession of tenancy and the right to reside policies at the next meeting we are under pressure to get this resolved I ask that we a meeting soon to finalise these documents.

Contributions: Cllr Martin Brett, Cllr Tomas Breathnach, Cllr Maria Cullen

The Chairman set a date for the next SPC Meeting to be held on 29th June 2023 at 11.00 a.m.