



PPN Community & Voluntary elected representative's: **Tess Murphy, Stephanie Igoe**

PPN Social Inclusion elected representative: **absent**

Date: **05.09.2017**

Meeting Agenda

Confirmation of Minutes of Housing Services Strategic Policy Committee

Meeting held on the 2nd May 2017 - copy attached.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes.

3. Presentation by Midlands Simon Community.

4. AO~B

In Attendance: John Brannigan Director of Housing, Councillor Gerry Warnock chairperson, Councillors John Brown, Paul Ross, , Martin Mulleady, Derek Scanlon Stephanie Igoe and Tess Murphy

Apologies: Eileen Finan

Absent:

Presentations: Yes ,Midland Simon Community (attached)

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
<u>Item 1</u> Confirmation of Minutes		The minutes of Housing Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 2 nd May 2017 – were approved (copy Attached)	
<u>Arising on minutes</u>		There had been no response to the letters written to Govt departments	
<u>Item2</u>		<p>Presentation by Midland Simon (MSC) on its work supporting people who are homeless or having difficulties in maintaining their tenancy in Longford (presentation attached). MSC had three requests for support from SPC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that the process of leasing apartments to MSC would be completed as quickly as possible. 2. Apply for a worker to support these vulnerable tenants 3. Engage with the feasibility study currently being conducted on emergency homeless accommodation in the four Midland counties. <p>These requests were approved by the SPC</p>	
<u>AOB</u> Repair and Lease Scheme- update	Anne Glancy-housing officer	<p>Details of scheme attached. Basically an owner of a property that has been vacant for twelve months can apply for a loan (max. 40,000) to bring the property up to a rentable standard. In return the County Council will pay the owner 80% of market rent for a period of ten years. This is a scheme to bring vacant properties on to the market. A recent survey stated that there were 3,000 vacant properties in Longford though the County Council would query that number.</p> <p>Update, the scheme was advertised and the response was twelve applicants which was disappointing</p>	
<u>AOB</u> Choice based lettings		There will be two houses offered under this scheme in the near future on Longford County Council website	
<u>AOB</u> <i>Colmcille Terrace</i>		A meeting with the Department has been arranged	
<u>AOB</u> <i>Update on voids</i>		This will be provided at the next meeting	