



Public Participation Network Feedback Form: Housing SPC Meeting



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

PPN Social Inclusion elected representative: **Eileen Finan**

Date: 09.05.2016

Meeting Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Housing Services Strategic Policy Committee
Meeting held on the 1st February 2016 - copy attached.
2. Matters Arising from Minutes.
3. Choice Based Letting Scheme.
4. Consideration of Draft Tenancy Succession Policy - to follow.
5. Mortgage to Rent Scheme.
6. Void Management.
7. Update on the refurbishment of Colmcille Terrace, Granard.
8. A.O.B.
9. Date of next meeting.

In Attendance: Councillors P J Reilly, Paul Ross, John Browne, Martin Mulleady, Gerry Warnock, Stephanie Igoe, Eileen Finan, Tess Murphy, Anne Glancy, Gerry Gillen, John Brannigan

The minutes of the February meeting were approved with the addition of a suggestion arising from Simon presentation that we should look at replicating the Sli Nua model currently operating in Athlone.

Presentations: No (details if Yes)

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
<i>Item 1</i> <i>Choice based letting scheme</i>	John Brannigan (director)	The policy needs more work and will be presented at the July SPC meeting	Staff
<i>Item 2</i> <i>Consideration of Draft Tenancy Succession Policy - to follow.</i>	Gerry Gillen (Staff)	A policy paper was circulated which laid out the criteria under which a relative can continue the council tenancy in the event of the death of the named tenant. This was approved to go forward for approval by the council	
<i>Item 3</i> <i>Mortgage to Rent Scheme.</i>	Anne Glancy (Staff)	Anne made a presentation on this scheme which is a Government scheme to support home owners to stay in their own homes as a tenant in the event of their mortgage becoming unsustainable. We can circulate details if anyone is interested	
<i>Item 4</i> <i>Void Management.</i>	Anne	Work is going on in McEoin Park to refurbish 16 voids (houses that have been vacant for longer than six months. It is hoped that the first four will be ready for moving in shortly and the rest will be refurbished on a rolling basis. Windows and doors of council properties will be repaired under phase two of energy efficient scheme. There are plans to build four OPD (older people's dwellings) in Lanesboro, four in Ballymahon and a mixed development of thirteen houses in Lanesboro	
<i>Item 5</i> <i>refurbishment of Colmcille Terrace</i>	John Brannigan (Director)	Confident that there will be money to do this before the end of the year	
<i>Item 5</i>		Age Friendly Strategy- there hasn't been time to develop a plan for this	

Work Programme			
<u>A.O.B</u>		<p>There was a lot of discussion about the new tenant purchase scheme. The councillors felt that the criteria meant that very few tenants would be able to avail of the scheme. Even though LCC owns a high number of houses relative to other local authorities, councillors felt that there was a shortage of suitable family type homes. The current council waiting list is 1200. It will be nearly the end of the year before the Housing Needs Assessment will be available. Housing letting priorities is available.</p>	