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## **JANUARY HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN**

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10.30 am in the City Hall Belfast.

For Information, a report of the attendance is undernoted:-

### **Members Present**

Ald Tommy Nicholl	Mid & East Antrim Borough (Chair)
Cllr Mark Cooper	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough
Cllr Nick Mathison	Ards & North Down Borough
Ald Jim Speers	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough
Ald John Finlay	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough
Cllr Michelle Kelly	Belfast City
Ald Amanda Grehan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City
Cllr Catherine Elattar	Mid Ulster Borough
Cllr Michael Ruane	Newry, Mourne & Down District

### **Members Apologies**

Cllr Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Fermanagh & Omagh District (Vice Chair)
Ald Allan Bresland	Derry City & Strabane District

### **Housing Council Members appointed to the Housing Executive Board**

The Chair congratulated the four Housing Council members who have been appointed to the Housing Executive Board from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Those were:-

- Councillor Catherine Elattar
- Councillor Michael Ruane
- Alderman Amanda Grehan
- Alderman Allan Bresland

The Housing Council's considered various routine items at the Meeting, followed by detailed discussions on the undernoted matters:-

- Members received a presentation from representatives from the Housing Executive on Housing Supply and Housing Stress, including Latent Demand Testing
- The Housing Executive's Chief Executive gave a verbal update on **Housing Executive's Business from the December Board Meeting**, which included the following items:-

1. Housing Executive Community Safety Strategy
  2. Social Housing Enterprise Evaluation & Strategy
  3. Strategic Proposals: Fundamental Review of Allocations
  4. Strategic Proposals for Stock Re-Provision
- Members then received an update from Paul Price & David Polley Department for Communities, on the **Departments' Housing Top Issues** to date, which included:-
    1. Social Newbuild starts
    2. Co-ownership
    3. Programme for Social Reform
    4. Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations Policy
    5. Reclassification of Northern Ireland Social Housing Providers
    6. Supporting People Delivery Strategy
    7. Homelessness Strategy
    8. St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena
    9. Regulation of the Private Rented Sector
    10. Increasing Housing Supply
    11. Affordable Warmth Scheme
    12. NIHE Rent Scheme
    13. Welfare Reform Mitigation payments

The next Housing Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 am in the Coleraine Council offices

Should you require any further information or have any questions regarding the content.

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