



OCTOBER HOUSING COUNCIL BULLETIN

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday, 8th October 2020 at 10.30 am in the Housing Centre, Belfast or via Conference Call.

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

Members Present

Ald Tommy Nicholl	Mid & East Antrim Borough (Chair)
Cllr Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Fermanagh & Omagh District (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mark Cooper	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough
Ald Jim Speers	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough
Cllr Michelle Kelly	Belfast City
Ald Allan Bresland	Derry City & Strabane District
Ald Amanda Grehan	Lisburn & Castlereagh City
Cllr Catherine Elattar	Mid Ulster Borough
Cllr Michael Ruane	Newry, Mourne & Down District

Members Apologies

Cllr Nick Mathison Ards & North Down Borough

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

The Chief Executive gave a verbal update on **Housing Executive's Business from the September Board Meeting**, which included the following items:-

- Approval of Annual Report and Accounts
- CT078 – Bathroom Replacements
- Economic Appraisal for 64-86 Knocknagoney Avenue
- Update on Year Three of the Customer Excellence Strategy (CES) 2017/18 – 2019/20
- Annual Progress report to the Equality Commission
- Occupational Health Contract
- Economic Appraisal for Land at Posnett Street South
- Northern Ireland House Condition Survey 2021 - Approval to proceed with a sample size of 7,000
- ARTES Initiative
- Welfare Reform - Quarterly Update Paper
- Bonfires Update Paper

Presentations were also received at the Board Meeting as follows:

- Supporting People Strategic Needs Analysis (SNA) Draft Report;
- An Overview of the Purpose of Research.

Members then received an update from Paul Price and David Polley Department for Communities, on the **Departments' Housing Top Issues** to date, which included:-

- Social Newbuild starts
- Co-ownership
- Programme for Social Reform
- Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations Policy
- Reclassification of Northern Ireland Social Housing Providers
- Supporting People Delivery Strategy
- Homelessness Strategy
- Regulation of the Private Rented Sector
- Increasing Housing Supply
- Affordable Warmth Scheme – A detailed discussion took place on this issue.
- NIHE Rent Scheme
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Investment
- Programme for Government (PfG) Outcomes Framework
- Options to remove historical debt from the NIHE and exclude it from having to pay Corporation Tax
- Long term rent trajectory
- Affordability of social rents
- Review of the Design Guide for Travellers' Sites in Northern Ireland

Members received the following presentation:-

- Joint Presentation by the Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI) and the Housing Executive on persons waiting for assessment by Occupational Therapists.

Once the minutes of the meeting are ratified at the November Meeting, they can be accessed on the Housing Council website: www.nihousingcouncil.org

The next Housing Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12th November at 10.30 am in the Boardroom, the Housing Centre, Belfast.

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

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