

Chairman's Report of SPC 4

Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 9th June 2016

Homeless Update

Margaret Newport advised of a decrease in homeless presentations in comparison to previous months/last years figures but highlighted the increase in challenging presentations and the increase in duration of stay in emergency B&B and emergency accommodation due to lack of movement.

It was noted that emergency accommodation at Amber Women's Refuge and Good Shepherd Centre including the Lodge (family accommodation unit) remain at capacity and emergency B&B caters for 12 adults and 3 children at the 31/05/2016.

Acquisitions Policy

Martin Mullally presented the Draft Acquisitions Policy to members for information and comment and advised that Kilkenny County Council prepared the policy to give guiding principles, in line with the Council's Code of Conduct and Ethics Register, due to the acceleration in acquisitions arising from the Social Housing Strategy 2020.

Anti Social Behaviour

Tom King provided a presentation to Members which outlined complaints by type, number and location. He advised that 80 complaints have been received by Kilkenny County Council to date and that the majority of complaints constituted rubbish and maintenance issues followed by noise, threats and intimidation.

Irish Council for Social Housing

Paula Kenny I.C.S.H provided an overview regarding the role and remit of the Irish Council for Social Housing. She outlined the membership, tiers of voluntary organisations and scale of properties in social housing. She highlighted the enhanced role of voluntary bodies in the Social Housing Strategy 2020.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____