

Minutes of County Kildare Housing SPC
April 6th 2016
SPECIAL MEETING: ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Present:

Cllr Paddy Kennedy, Chairperson
Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Joanne Pender
Cllr Thomas Redmond
Cllr. Brendan Weld
Raymon O' Reilly
Pat Doyle, Peter Mc Verry Trust
Tadhg Mc Donnell, Director of Services

In attendance:

Annette Aspell, SEO, Housing
Sinead Fitzpatrick, AO, Housing
Mary Mc Carthy, AO, Housing
Mark Mc Loughlin, AO, Housing

Apologies:

Cllr. Deborah Callaghan
Cllr. Aoife Breslin

1. Allocations Policy 2016:

This meeting was convened to consider a revised allocations policy 2016 which proposes a move from a points based system to a time on list system incorporating choice based lettings. Mary Mc Carthy delivered a presentation on the key changes proposed and the implications of same. A copy of the draft scheme was also circulated for consideration.

2. Submissions and proposals:

It was agreed to record, collate and circulate proposals on the draft policy; the following items were raised for consideration:

1. Transfers: It is proposed that tenants should only have to hold a tenancy for 12 months as opposed to 24 months before being eligible to apply for a transfer.
2. Long term permission to stay in the State: Outline the various stamps/permissions this relates to.
3. Choice based letting is widely accepted as a workable model but needs to be mindful of screening process before allocation.
4. Financial Contribution Scheme:
 - (i) Consider a linear progression based on % increases as opposed to stepped progression.
 - (ii) Consider practical implications of scheme in terms of priority, demand and ability to deliver.
5. Illegal occupation of dwellings: Consider wording, should removal from the list be at the discretion of the council.

Members agreed to submit any additional comment within one week of receiving the collated points. **Therefore by Friday 15th April 2016.**

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from the Irish Council for Social Housing requesting a meeting with the SPC, this was agreed and an invitation will be extended to them to attend the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Thursday May 19th 2016, 2.30pm.