

**Housing Strategic Policy Committee
Meeting 9th May 2019**

Present: Chair Cllr. P Kennedy, Cllr. Thomas Redmond, Cllr. Joanne Pender, Cllr. Aoife Breslin, Cllr. Robert Power, Cllr. Brendan Weld, Cllr Deborah Callaghan, Mr. Ger Dunne.

In attendance: T McDonnell, Director of Services, A Aspell, Senior Executive Officer, O Brady, Administrative Officer, S Scully, Administrative Officer.

Apologies: Pat Doyle

1. Minutes of last meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Pender, seconded by Cllr. Redmond.
2. Updated list of circulars provided to the Committee
3. Matters Arising - The Committee was provided with an update on the rapid build project in Maynooth. A request to proceed to Part 8 will be submitted to the Department in June 2019.
4. Consideration of the Scheme of Priority for the Affordable Purchase Scheme-A Aspell provided the members with a draft copy of scheme and provided an overview of same. In accordance with Section 85 of Part 5 of the 2009 Act, the elected members are required to adopt a scheme of priority for affordable purchase arrangements on or before 18th June 2019. In considering the scheme the members have discretion regarding the permitted distance from the education establishment attended by a member of the household and the place of employment of one member of the household. A Aspell advised that the distance contained within the draft scheme is 100 km. There was a general discussion regarding the funding of the scheme, likely sites in Co. Kildare and the distance requirement. Apart from Cllr Redmond all members agreed with the 100 km rule.

4. Work Programme 2019

Rebuilding Ireland – Report provided to Members

Homelessness- O Brady provided the members with an update. 25 beds now operational in Kerdiffstown House. There is an increase in female homeless presentations Regular meetings are being held between the Gardai and the management of temporary supported accommodation. The council will shortly tender for the provision of Housing First Services on behalf of the region (Kildare Wicklow and Meath). He confirmed that a meeting is being arranged between Kildare County Council and the Dining Room.

The meeting concluded.