

Home and Social Development Linkage Group meeting summary

Tuesday 14 December 2021

Attendance – Tracy McElligott, Vidette Molyneaux, Anne Curtin, Siobhan Reidy

Apologies – Anne Cronin, Brian Thompson

The meeting reviewed the agenda for SPC to be held on 15 December at 3pm.

Siobhan Reidy, the new Home & Social SPC Rep introduced herself to the meeting.

- **Social Housing Mix**

The meeting discussed the desirability of developments having an appropriate mix of social and affordable homes. Mungret Gate's social homes are separate from purchased homes which does not promote integration or social cohesion.

- **Transport & Amenities**

Vidette spoke about lack of transport infrastructure, footpaths and lighting on new developments in the Mungret area. Apart from the park, there are few amenities available to residents.

Issues to be raised at the SPC on 15 December

- transport linkages to new developments such as those in Mungret and Condell Road.
- the issue of vacant Garda Stations, and their possible use as homes, and
- The timeframe and procedures for taking over derelict homes (and the link between Vacant Homes Ireland, vacanthomes.ie and the Council's Vacant Houses Office)
- Affordable homes – do applicants have to be on housing list to be eligible for this scheme

The meeting agreed to support Councillor Sheehan's Motion to increase income eligibility caps for social housing.