

Minutes of the Supplementary Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Friday 31st January 2025 via MS Teams & in the Council Chamber

In Attendance: Cllr. D. McDonnell, Galway City Council (Chair)
Cllr. H. Ogbu, Galway City Council
Cllr. T. O' Flaherty, Galway City Council
Cllr. N. McNelis, Galway City Council
Ms. Olena Bratchenko, GCCN Representative
Mr. A. Daly, SIPTU Representative
Ms. K. Golden, GSC Representative

Officials: Ms. E. Fanning, A/ Director of Services, Social Development
Ms. H. Martyn, A/Senior Executive Officer, Social Development
Ms. C. Fahy, Senior Social Worker
Ms. A. Brett, Administrative Officer, Social Development
Ms. M. Fallon Ward, Administrative Officer, Social Development
Ms E. Killarney, Traveller Accommodation Officer, Social Development
Mr. D. Healy, A/Administrative Officer, Social Development
Mr. M Cormican, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development
Mr. A. Falvey, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Development

Apologies: Cllr. A. Burke, Galway City Council
Cllr. J. McDonagh, Galway City Council
Mr. E. Waldron, Construction Representative

Present: Ms. M. Kilgariff, Staff Officer, Housing Department

Cllr. D. McDonnell opened the meeting and welcomed all.

1. Minutes of Meeting 29th November 2024

Minutes were proposed by Cllr. T O' Flaherty, seconded by Mr. A. Daly and agreed by all.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Draft Workplan 2025

It was agreed to take Item number 4 on the agenda next.

Ms. H. Martyn provided an explanation of the draft work plan which was circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to remove the Housing Needs Assessment update, the Energy Retrofit Scheme and the Vacant Homes Initiative from the plan. Updates on these can be provided in the quarterly reports to Council.

Updates on other matters can be provided as agenda items rather than through the work plan. Policies on items such as integration may be added to workplan where relevant.

Dates 28th May 2025, 17th September 2025 and 19th November 2025 were agreed for future meetings of the SPC, with the date for the next meeting to be agreed before the end of this meeting.

3. Regional Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027

Mr. D. Healy gave a presentation on the updated Regional Homeless Action Plan.

The Plan was proposed by Ms. K. Golden, seconded by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty and agreed.

5. AOB

Cllr. D. McDonnell thanked all for attending. It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 28th February at 9.30am.

The meeting then concluded.