

Chairman's Report of SPC 4

Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 8th September 2016

Homeless Update

Margaret Newport, Senior Social Worker, presented homeless presentation statistics, broken down by month, from January to August 2016. She advised that emergency accommodation continues to be at capacity due to lack of exit strategy for those referred and residing there

Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2016

Martina Comerford, A/Administrative Officer informed the committee that a Housing Needs Assessment is carried out every three years with the last assessment held in 2013. The assessment is a snapshot as of 21/09/2016 with a closing date for Departmental return of 12/10/2016.

Void Management

Martin Mullally advised that there is a high percentage refusal rate nationally, however, Kilkenny County Council's refusal rate is at 4%. This is attributed to high take up in all areas where the Council has housing.

The Housing Section had 17 casual vacancies at 31/08/2016. Historically this figure was between 40 and 45 but has decreased due to substantial investment from internal funds to bring the properties back into stock.

Housing Report

Martin Mullally provided an overview of the following areas contained within the Housing Report:-

Hap Cap increase

Tenant Purchase Scheme

RAS/Leasing

Private Grants

Community & Estate Management

Differential Rent Framework

Capital Programme & Acquisitions

Housing Loans Programme

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Signed: _____

Chairperson

Date: _____