

**Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City
Community Network (GCCN) Reps**

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Galway City Community Network
Lionra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe

Cruinniú /Name of Meeting	Housing Strategic Policy Committee
Ionadaí FPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) Name of GCCF Rep (note-taker)	Diarmaid O'Sullivan and Paul Hargaden
Dáta & Suite Date & Location of Meeting:	Galway City Council. Thursday 9 th February 2017
I láthair/ Attendance	Cllr Mark Lohan, Cllr. Declan McDonnell, Cllr. Michael Crowe Cllr. Mike Cubbard, Cllr. Niall McNeilis, Cllr. Ollie Crowe, Patricia Philbin, Dermot Mahon, Joe Tansey, Joseph Nyirenda, Sharon Lawless, Ailish Coppinger, Siobhan Donoghue, Martin Kenny (All Galway City Council) Diarmaid OSullivan, Paul Hargaden (Galway City Community Network) Paul Carey (Construction Industry Federation)

Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

Traveller Accommodation Plan – Mid Term Review

There was a general discussion of the Traveller Accommodation Plan. The meeting was informed that a meeting of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee is scheduled for the week commencing 13th February and the issue of Traveller accommodation will be discussed at Council on Monday 20th February.

A summary of the mid-term review was distributed. No halting sties were delivered in the first half of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2014-18. 2 Housing schemes were achieved as well as 14 social housing allocations through HAP. There are currently two temporary halting sites in the city at Carrowbrowne and Cul Tra. There is dangerous overcrowding at the site in Salthill. Targets for the remainder of the plan were identified and agreed by the meeting. GCCN reps stressed the need for the delivery of traveller accommodation to be done in consultation with GTM and traveller families.

Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme

There have been 37 application for the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme thus far. 10 appeals from Council tenants who were not invited to purchase. 900 properties in all were considered eligible. All 1-bed, 2-bed were excluded. However Council agreed to offer all properties other than those that are statutorily barred.

Reservations about the scheme and the disposal of Council property at a time when no additional social housing is being built were raised by GCCN reps and other. The Council confirmed that any money raised by sales under the scheme would remain in the housing department. The Council clarified that there is not any mortgage facility currently available to tenants from the Council who wish to purchase their property under the scheme. However, they would be willing to revisit this scheme again in the future.

Draft Strategic Plan for Housing Persons with Disabilities

Tabled and distributed for comments to Martin Kenny at GCC by 23rd February.

Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

Not discussed. To be circulated and comments invited from SPC Members.

Galway City Community Network Presentation on Homelessness

Martin O'Connor (COPE Galway) Emma Dolan (Galway Simon Community) and Diarmaid O'Sullivan (Threshold) gave a presentation on the homelessness problem in Galway currently and identified some to the key actions that needed to address the problem.

Socruithe déanta/ Key Decisions Made:

**Gníomhaíochtaí
Action(s) required from GCCN:**

**Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile
Date of next meeting :**

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

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