

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HOUSING & CORPORATE ESTATE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**25<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Attendance:** Cllr. John Snell, Cllr. Mags Crean, , Cllr. Grace McManus, Cllr. Tommy Annesley, Mary-Anne Parsons (PPN), Niamh Power, Joe Lane (WCC), Theresa O'Brien (WCC), Helena Fallon (WCC), Declan Marnane (WCC) Aoibheann McCloy

Apologies: Cllr. Paul O'Brien Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy

**Item 1                      To receive a presentation on Affordable Housing Scheme**

This meeting was called to discuss the Affordable housing scheme in the pipeline for Wicklow County Council

Joe Lane DOS gave a presentation to the members in which he made the following points

- A scheme has been identified in Wicklow that may be flipped from social to affordable
- WCC are continually getting enquiries regarding affordable housing
- This scheme is in thN Wicklow Town area
- 3 bed and 2 bed units will be available
- Shared equity 50,000.00 will be owned by WCC
- Could be delivered as early as Feb 2022
- Wicklow area has had delivery of circa 150 social units in last two years
- Application system to be developed

A lengthy discussion took place in which the following points were raised

- Wicklow MD area is crying out for affordable housing
- He last affordable scheme was over 12 years ago

- People stuck in the middle too high income to avail of social housing supports but too low income to get mortgage to buy on open market
- 36 units in the scheme in total
- Is there any discretion on who gets the units (time and date order)
- No apartments in this development
- Once a person can afford the property they can apply shared equity can increase if house price increase
- 30% is the maximum that can be reserved for local people as in local to county Wicklow not Wicklow MD
- Request to have a workshop for the members
- Scheme to be circulated to the members when finalised

Signed:



Cllr. John Snell, Cathaoirleach

Dated:

28/11/2022