

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report on Special Policy Committee Meeting

Reporting Representative Name: Lisa Morris

Committee: SPC 3 Housing

Date: 20th of March 2025

Time: 11am-1pm

Venue: Meeting Room 1, John's Green House, Kilkenny

Were you in attendance at the last Special Policy Committee Meeting? Yes.

Did you consult with your linkage Group/Wider PPN prior to this meeting: Yes. Attended KSIP Meeting on the 20.02.25, Specific KSIP Meeting re Prep for SPC 3 Meeting on the 12.03.25 and KSIP Sub Group Meeting on the 19.03.25.

Please outline the key issues discussed at the Meeting:

Were any decisions made at the Meeting?

Are there any actions to be taken as a result of this meeting? Who by?

(Above 3 questions answered together below)

Agenda Items/areas discussed:

1. **Review of Previous Minutes-** completed.

2. Matters Arising

- The issue of GDPR and Councillors requesting consent for making representation on a Constituent's behalf discussed. It was noted the GDPR Consent Forms are cumbersome and difficult to understand for the Constituent. It was agreed the Council would discuss these issues with the DPO internally and revert.
- Press releases will go out on updates regarding individual housing developments and the launch of the Annual Report will highlight key areas of work and relevant statistics for sharing with members of the public. It was discussed that good news stories need to be shared more to showcase the developments in housing provision in Kilkenny.

3. A.O.B.

- **Vacant homes-** Council are reviewing properties in this category at present.
- **Adaption Grant for Boilers-** No update currently.
- **New Grants Available-** the Council will arrange a separate Meeting for SEAI to come and present on available grants.

Lisa Morris (KSIP Rep on SPC 3) Input under AOB:

- Lisa Morris (KSIP Rep) informed the meeting that the Disability Federation of Ireland recently conducted an Audit Report on Local Authorities across Ireland and how they are (or not) meeting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities at a Local level (UNCRPD). The recommendations included therein speak to improvements to the provision of housing in the context of UNCRPD. Lisa requested that a member of the Disability Federation would come to a SPC 3 Meeting and present the findings with a view to Kilkenny County Council considering same and their performance in terms of these recommendations. It was agreed that a speaker could present during the meeting on the 4th of September 2025 11am-1pm. Lisa to liaise with Meg Molly in Kilkenny County Council to arrange same and also send the Report.
- Lisa Morris (KSIP Rep) asked if the Agenda and Minutes could be sent out in a timely manner so that we could prepare in advance with our groups ahead of the meetings. This was agreed.

- Lisa Morris (KSIP Rep) sought clarity on the Council's timelines for review of Housing Policies and which ones were due for review in 2025. It was advised that the Council will revert on this and bring relevant/due Policies in a timely manner to the SPC 3 for review and discussion.
- Lisa Morris (KSIP Rep) sought clarity on the standing order of the SPC 3 Agenda. Lisa requested that Capital Updates and Homeless Updates be reintroduced to the Agenda as a reoccurring item. This was agreed.

Do you require feedback from the wider PPN/Linkage Group on any issues raised? (Specify issue)

Feedback welcome regarding any of above items.

Point of contact required for the Disability Federation of Ireland and who will attend the SPC 3 Meeting to present on the 4th of September 2025.

Are there any issues/difficulties for you as a representative of the PPN arising from this meeting?

Not at present.

Dates of next SPC 3 Housing Meetings:

12th June 2025 at 11am-1pm.

4th September 2025 at 11am-1pm

4th December 2025 at 11am-1pm

Any other comments: None at present.

Signed: 

Lisa Morris (Social Inclusion Rep on SPC 3 Housing)

