

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report on Special Policy Committee Meeting

Reporting Representative Name: Lisa Morris

Committee: SPC 3 Housing

Date: 4th of December 2025

Time: 11am-1pm

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

Were you in attendance at the last Special Policy Committee Meeting? No.

Did you consult with your linkage Group/Wider PPN prior to this meeting: Yes. Attended KSIP Meeting on the 20.11.25.

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. Minutes of last Meeting-** reviewed and approved.
- 2. Matters Arising-** none.

- 3. Overview of Housing 2025 Presentation-** Ian Gardiner Acting Director of Services gave a very comprehensive presentation on housing updates from January – October 2025.
- 4. SPC Work Plan 2025-** Mary Cashin Acting Senior Executive Officer gave a brief report on the work of SPC 3 this year and areas covered. The Work Plan for 2026 will be developed at the first meeting in 2026.
- 5. GDPR Consent Forms-** matter still not closed out and it was proposed to carry this item to the first meeting of 2026.
- 6. Presentation from Disability Federation-** PJ Cleere and Laura O’Callaghan from Disability Federation of Ireland attended the meeting and gave a presentation titled “The Right Home: The Housing Needs of People with Disabilities”. They also presented a snap shot of National and EU Housing Updates. This presentation came about following 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. DFI were asked to present at this SPC 3 Meeting and present the findings with a view to Kilkenny County Council considering same and their performance in terms of these recommendations.
- 7. Propose and Agree on Meeting Dates for 2026-**

The following were agreed:

Thurs 12th of March 2026; 11am-1pm

Thurs 18th of June 2026; 11am-1pm

Thurs 24th of Sept 2026; 11am-1pm

Thurs 10th of Dec 2026; 11am-1pm
- 8. AOB-** none.
- 9. Next Meeting/meeting for 2026-** Thurs 12th of March 2026; 11am-1pm

Lisa Morris (KSIP Rep on SPC 3) input:

- Lisa Morris (KSIP Rep) recommended that the public receive the updates on Kilkenny Co Co’s Housing updates as these were very positive. Ian Gardiner said there is a

plan to communicate this type of information from next year through comms, more frequently.

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

Feedback welcome regarding any of above items.

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

Not at present.

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Any other comments: None at present.

Signed: 

Lisa Morris (Social Inclusion Rep on SPC 3 Housing)