

**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 SPC
Ionadaí FPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) Name of GCCF Rep (note-taker)	Paul Hargaden
Dáta & Suite Date & Location of Meeting:	05/05/2016
I láthair/ Attendance	Paul Hargaden (GCCN rep), Cllr Mike Cubbard, Cllr Mairead Farrell, Cllr Michael Crowe Tom Connell, Laurena Mitchell, Sharon Lawless, Anne Ruane, Ann Brett, Joe Tansey – Galway City Council Housing Department

Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

HAP:

Ann Brett gave an overview of HAP and how it is working to date. Ann included information on Policy, Implementation in Galway and Operational Issues that were being experienced. The main benefits appear to be the following:

- Facilitates activation (a household can return to full time work without losing HAP.
- Creates a system of integrated housing supports
- Improves the quality of integrated housing supports
- Offers an expansion of choice to areas where there is little available social housing
- Expands delivery for single person households

Once a person is housed through HAP their housing needs are deemed to be met.

Any household that is qualified for social housing support is eligible for HAP.

The presentation will be made available with the minutes.

Capital Programme:

Ballymoneen Rd.

14 units will be going out to tender within the next few weeks. The remaining 55 units are currently being reviewed as the Dept. are saying that more units may be possible due to the allowed increase in density. This will require a new Part VIII.

Traveller Accommodation Programme:

Critical issues remain; it was stated that a debate at Council level is required to discuss these issues. There are still a lot of difficulties with illegal sites which is a big cost in both legal and personnel terms. There needs to be action at Council level. The issue has been put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

The Cul Tra site is also a major concern.

It was asked if the Council had tried to source another site instead of the site in Ballybane site currently being looked at, the answer was 'no'.

Socruithe déanta/ Key Decisions Made:

Discuss the issues with the Traveller Accommodation Programme at the next Council meeting

Gníomhaíochtaí

Action(s) required from GCCN:

None

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile
Date of next meeting :

Thursday May 5th 9.30am

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments: