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Reporting Template

For Galway County PPN Community Representatives on various bodies/committees

Representative's Name	Cathy McGrath Marcella Conneely
Name of committee from which the Rep is reporting	Housing SPC
Date of the meeting	02 June 2021
Key issues discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of previous meeting approved.• Update presentation on Maintenance given including breakdown of staff / organisation chart, budget, general requests, and planned maintenance programme delivered. Co. Galway recognised as being very advanced in delivery of the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Upgrade Programme. These schemes respond to the needs of the 2,500 tenants in regard to repair / replacements regarding boilers windows and doors, and insulation. Turnover on voids was discussed. Emphasis on the approach by the council to ensure they have a planned maintenance programme to anticipate and avoid larger problems. Galway County Council, GCC have a tender out on supporting their planned maintenance programme to facilitate better data analysis. Emphasis on the value for tenants to log calls through the online system.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on development of GCC Tenancy Handbook given. Co.Galway CC is one of the first councils to include regard to Climate Change. C.McGrath noted the direction of national policy in support of people with disabilities holding their own tenancy and / living in a setting that is not under the direct control of their care support service provider. mind C.McGrath emphasised the need for accessible, easy to read formats of the Tenancy Handbook. Tenancy roles and responsibilities outlined by GCC. • New Housing Application Form – delayed. • Ministers Update given. Emphasis on continuing the build programme and aiming for a quicker turnaround. The affordable programme is in front of the Dáil for the next few weeks. This does not replace Social Housing. • Update on Control of Horses given. Workshop was held with very detailed discussion and input with further changes reflected on. Revised draft pending review by barrister, to include exact costings. Horse license will be taken directly by the Department. • Francis Kane introduced, as a new role held jointly across the City and County ‘Coordinator of the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme’. The aim is to prevent older people from early access to long term residential care, through needs assessment.
Key Decisions Made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenancy Handbook will be circulated for review. • New Housing Application Form will be added to the agenda of the next Housing SPC meeting. • Draft Control of Horses By Law due to be released for public consultation and review by the Housing SPC by the end of June. • Francis Kane to circulate an invitation to stakeholder session being held soon and will deliver a presentation at the next meeting. • Review of the Housing Strategy for People with Disability will come to this SPC in Q3. • Areas of Choice will come to this SPC in Q3. • Affordable Bill will be passed by September for regard by this SPC.
Action(s) required from Galway County Public Participation Network for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For awareness of the PPN: a Housing Task Force has been established in Tuam. GCC will work with resident associations on two key areas of 1. Estate Management (establishing resident associations and supporting them) and 2. Anti-Social Behaviour (including CCTV, exclusion orders and court processes). • PPN members recognised in the ongoing work of GCC regarding support to resident associations and linking with them particularly in regard to waste disposal.
Date of Next Meeting	01 September 2021