

**NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARCIA D'ALTON
CORK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ON 10 DECEMBER, 2018.**

“That Cork County Council would carry out an assessment of sheltered housing for the elderly, both public and private, currently available in each town in the county and that, arising from this assessment, Cork County Council would adopt the following policies:

- 1. It will be a specific objective of the County Development Plan to provide for sheltered housing for the elderly in every town in the county.*
- 2. The range of sheltered housing to be provided will allow for both independent and supported living.*
- 3. The sheltered housing will be provided close to the town centre and/or services and amenities.*
- 4. The number of sheltered housing units to be provided will be an appropriate proportion of the population of each town.*
- 5. The Local Area Plan for each Municipal District will identify areas in each town appropriate for the provision of sheltered housing for the elderly.”*

[Deferred at previous 3 meetings]

Response:

The specialised housing requirements of particular groups including Older Persons will be addressed in the Cork County Development Plan Review, in particular, through the preparation of a new Housing Strategy which will be based around a Housing Needs Demand Assessment model. This will be supported by policies and objectives relating to Ageing/Older Persons which will be set out in the Placemaking and Sustainable Communities Chapter of the forthcoming Plan.

Michael Lynch
Director of Services, Planning
Date: 8th October, 2018

Capital Assistance Scheme

Under the capital assistance scheme (CAS) Local Authorities, through funding from the DHPLG, advance up to 100%, to assist with capital costs, to Approved Housing Bodies to construct or acquire housing units. To qualify for these loans the AHBs must provide housing for elderly, homeless, people with disability and other specialised categories of need as indicated by the Department within the CAS calls for proposals.

The output and development of CAS is critically dependent on the response by the Local Authority to approaches from Approved Housing Bodies for assistance. In Cork County the capital assistance scheme has had a central role in the direct provision of housing for older people; and the range of schemes provided have allowed for both independent and supported living in schemes throughout the county. Under the CAS Scheme 9 houses have been completed in Bandon town in 2018, 3 units will be available in Ballingeary before year end and 9 are at construction in Rosscarbery.

Schemes to the value of €16 m are approved funding in Cork. As well as the construction programme that is underway there are schemes at the design, planning and pre-construction stage and ongoing support and development is provided to local Approved Housing Bodies and communities to assist in the pre-development necessary to progress these schemes.

548 units, 106 in West, 219 in North, and 223 in South, have been provided with the aid of CAS funding.

Maurice Manning

Director of Services

Date: 8th October, 2018