

## **REPORT FROM HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT SPC - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2017**

### **HOUSING REPORT:**

Amendments of exclusions to the Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) Regulations 2015 were presented.

A presentation on housing standards for rented homes covered the regulatory framework introduced by the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 and 2014 outlined the 9 basic elements of inspection for rented property as well as the PRTB 2017 10 point action plan.

The 9 basic elements of inspection cover standards under the headings;

- Structural Conditions,
- Sanitary Facilities
- Heating Facilities
- Food Preparation, Storage & Laundry
- Ventilation
- Lighting
- Fire Safety
- Refuse
- Electricity & Gas

The 10 point action plan covers;

- The necessary training for inspection team
- The targeting of 20%-25% of properties for inspection.
- All HAP properties to be inspected within a timeframe of 8 months.
- To build a directory of contacts for landlords.
- The targeting of inspections in town centres.
- The targeting of inspections of multi unit buildings.
- Enforcement for non compliance.
- Referral to other departments and/or bodies
- Implementation of necessary changes following DOE circulars.

### **SPORTS ACTIVE WEXFORD STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2021**

A presentation of the work of Sports Active Wexford, the overall vision of this plan encompasses 3 themes;

- Theme 1: Empowering Communities – empowering communities to increase sustainable and inclusive participation in lifetime physical activities.
- Theme 2: Enabling Inclusion – to encourage and enable locally identified low participation groups access opportunities for meaningful participation in physical activity.
- Theme 3 – Support the Sports Sector – to support the key provider in the sports sector to promote a sport for all culture and increase participation in recreational sport.

The website [sportsactivewexford.ie](http://sportsactivewexford.ie) provides information on funding, courses and services.

## **BURIAL GROUND MAINTENCE AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

This report covers;

- Funding of burial grounds
- Maintenance
- Development of policy on provision of burial grounds
- Survey of burial grounds
- Provision of burial grounds to meet needs
- Recommendations

## **WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ENERGY POLCY 2017 -2020**

This report covers;

- Goals of the policy
- Legal requirements
- Effective energy management
- Energy projects

## **DRAFT ARTS PLAN**

‘Advancing the Arts’ 2018 -2012 covering vision, goals and implementation was presented by Liz Burns , this plan highlights how the Arts can be used in Wexford in the following ways:

- Bring people and communities together
- Create a place where we all want to live, work and play
- Be a catalyst for rural and urban regeneration
- Promote health and wellbeing
- Foster a culture of education attainment
- Boost employment and the local economy
- Distinguish us from other places

For more information on funding, plans and events see <https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/arts-and-culture>.

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