**MINUTES OF CAVAN HOUSING & DISABILITY STEERING GROUP MEETING via Microsoft Teams at 11.00 a.m. on 19 February 2021**

**Present:** Claire Feeney, Housing Agency

Nicole Berkery, Housing Agency

Jean Coleman, IWA

Cathy O’Hanlon, Disability Services, HSE

Denise Downey, Mental Health, HSE

Collette Ferguson, Mental Health, HSE

Bernie Donaghy, Disability Services, HSE

Jeanette Cummings, Mental Health, HSE

Briege Byrne, Disability Services, HSE

Marion McCormack, Disability Services, HSE

Rosie McCarthy, Mental Health, HSE

Sarah Donohue, Rehabcare

Bridget Boyle, CLDC

Bridie McBrearty, Cavan County Council

John Wilson, SE, Cavan County Council

**Apologies:** Eoin Doyle, Director of Service

Aileen Gallagher, Tuath Housing

Miffy Hoad, MH Ireland

BMcB welcomed everybody to the meeting and advised that it had been called to deal with one specific item of business - the Local Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability. She invited CF from the Housing Agency to go through the different elements of the Plan.

CF advised the Group that the Plan is not a Local Authority Plan rather it is the Members of the Groups Plan. Each person on the Group is representing their Agency or Service and the needs of their clientele need to be represented in it, it is up to each to bring the strategy to the attention of their service users and feed into the relevant chapters. The timeframe is end May to ensure that there is a direct link to the National Plan.

The online consultation on the new Strategy will commence on March 1st. It will be advertised in the local press, social media etc. and will be on survey monkey. She encouraged all members of the group to bring this to the attention of their clients/networks/sectors/links to ensure that as many persons as possible feed into the Strategy.

CF went through the template Chapter by Chapter and after discussion the following responsibilities and work programme was agreed:

Chapter 1 BMcBrearty

Chapter 2/3/4/7/8 Each Grouping committed to submit information

Chapter 6 JWilson

Chapters 7/8/9 B Donaghy to gather this information together with colleagues in HSE

Each person committed to submitting information to BMcBrearty by 5 March. She agreed to collate information and have 1st draft ready for sending to Group for consideration by 31March. It was agreed that a meeting be held on 16 April at 11 a.m. to discuss and finalise Plan.

JColeman advised that the IWA are running a campaign ‘Think Ahead Think Housing’ and the aim is to encourage and support people with Disabilities apply for social housing. She will give a presentation to the Group the next day and prepare an information paragraph for inserting into the Plan.

**8. Relevant dates agreed**

5 March Each representative to submit information as outlined above

26 - 31 March BMcBrearty to send 1st draft to Members of Group

16 April Consideration/Finalisation of Draft

This concluded the business of the meeting.