

<b>Summary Minutes of the Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>			
<b>Present:</b>		<b>Apologies:</b>	
Alistair Mawhinney	SAB Chair (A), Assistant Director, Supporting People	Elma Newberry	SAB Chair (A), Regional Services, NIHE
Brian O’Kane	Assistant Director of Housing Services, NIHE	Jennifer Hawthorne	Director of Housing Services, NIHE
Ailbhe Hickey	Assistant Director, Land and Regeneration Services, NIHE	Mark McGuicken	Department of Health (DoH)
Catherine Cassidy	Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG)	Gillian Hynes	Department for Communities (DfC) – Observer
Maria Watson	Department of Justice (DoJ)	Michele Bell	Department of Justice (DoJ)
Liz Arthur	Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)	Heloise Brown	Department for Communities (DfC) – Observer
Nicola McCrudden	Committee Representing Independent Supporting People Providers (CRISPP) – Observer		
Roy Baillie	Development Programme Group (DPG), NIHE		
<b>In Attendance:</b>		<b>Apologies:</b>	
Bernie Crossan	Supporting People, NIHE	Kelly Hillock	Supporting People, NIHE
Brian McAtasney	Supporting People, NIHE		
Sinead Twomey	Supporting People, NIHE		
Liam O’Hanlon	Supporting People, NIHE		
Pauline Allison	Supporting People, NIHE (SAB Secretariat)		

Stephanie Bullock	Supporting People, NIHE		
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## **Summary Minute**

### **Finance Report**

Annual budget not yet confirmed.

The SP finance have been carrying out scenario planning.

SP will be communicating with all concerned as soon as the budget position had been finalised.

### **Supporting People Communications**

Recent SP Communications included;

- The SPOCC replacement project correspondence
- SP Contribution to support Housing Investment Plan meetings with local Councils
- SP Provider Briefing
- SP Contract Team presentation at The Autonomie NI Supported Living event
- SP presentation at the Learning Disability Resettlement Strategic Planning Summit

Upcoming SP engagement events were also highlighted.

### **Supporting People Three Year Strategic Plan and COVID- 19 Recovery Plan 2022-2025**

An update on the progress of actions was given.

Progress on the actions under the four objectives of the Strategic Plan 23-25 have been included in the SP Annual report 22/23.

There are budget challenges in addressing all of the objectives and actions in the plan. This will curtail the delivery of strategic objectives.

### **Papers**

#### **Dumbarton Business Case**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (Mental Health Services).

The request is for capital funding and additional SP funding.

The project will modernise the existing units in the service.

There are currently 12 units and it may be possible to add an additional 2 units with the reconfiguration.

SAB members endorsed the Dumbarton business case.

SP is unable to commit to any additional revenue funding required for the additional 2 units due to budget constraints. The scheme will be included in a pipeline for consideration should the budget position change.

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### **East Belfast Supported Living Service**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (Learning Disabilities).

This business case is for accommodation and support for 6 people with mild to moderate support needs.

SAB members endorsed the East Belfast Supported Living Service business case.

SP is unable to commit to new revenue schemes due to budget constraints. This scheme will be included in a pipeline for consideration should the budget position change.

### **Regional Thematic Groups (RTG)**

#### **Young People RTG**

The RTG meeting was held on the 08 August.

The Housing First for Youth independent evaluation was presented.

The STAY project has increased the number of hosts.

#### **Homelessness RTG**

The RTG meeting was held on 23 August.

Budget pressures and the increasing number of Homeless presenters was highlighted.

Updates were provided on the Saul Street Hostel Business Case and the Derry DIME project.

**No update to Disability & Mental Health and Older People RTGs.**