

**Chairman's Report of SPC 4 –
Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting
held on 31st March, 2016**

Presentation by the Kilkenny Homeless Action Team (KHAT)

Margaret Newport gave a presentation on the Kilkenny Housing Action Team (KHAT) stating that KHAT was established in June 2007 with the aim of “developing and enhancing the delivery of Homeless Services in an integrated, efficient and effective way” and gave details of the aims, objectives and membership of KHAT. The following members of KHAT each spoke about the roles played by the organisations they represent on the KHAT:

- Margaret Newport for Ciara O’Neill, HEO, Department of Social Protection
- Jean Murphy , A/Manager, Amber Women’s Refuge
- Fergus Keane, Manager, Good Shepherd Centre
- Susan Doherty, Ardú, Carlow/Kilkenny Substance Misuse Team
- Margaret Newport, Senior Social Worker, Kilkenny County Council
- Deirdre Kehoe, Project Worker, Focus Ireland
- Caroline O’Brien, Social Work Team Leader, Mental Health Services

Department Allocations 2016

Martin Mullally outlined the allocations received to date from the Department of Environment and agreed to circulate a copy of the final allocations once available.

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Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 – Members were advised of public Advertisement to be placed in local newspapers and completion of application form with the introduction of a fee €20 (refunded in cases of successful purchases) and a fee of €100 towards the costs of an independent valuation. Agreed to send information pack to all elected members.

Maria Melia stated that the Management Company engaged to manage Traveller accommodation will commence work on Monday 4th April, 2016.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____