

# Pathways to Housing for All

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# **About The Housing Agency**

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## **Our Role**

Founded in 2012, we are a State-funded body of housing specialists, with a strong focus on problem-solving.

The Housing Agency supports the development of sustainable communities across Ireland.

We work mainly with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Local Authorities, Approved Housing Bodies, and other state agencies.





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#### The Housing Agency and Housing for All

Our Strategic Plan has been framed in the context of supporting *Housing for All* 



### **Social & Affordable Housing**



#### Project Housing Output (New Build) 2022 - 2030

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Tenure	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Social Homes	9,000	9,100	9,300	10,000	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,200
Affordable & Cost Rental Homes	4,100	5,500	6,400	6.400	6,100	6,300	6,400	6,300	6,300

#### **Local Authorities**

- Social Housing Investment
  Programme
- Affordable Housing Fund
- Partnership with LDA & AHB

#### **AHBs**

- Payment & Availability Agreements
- Capital Advance Leasing Facility
- Capital Assistance Scheme
- Cost Rental Equality Loan



#### Eradicating homelessness, increasing social housing delivery and supporting social inclusion

#### Supporting AHBs: P&A and CALF

- Commitment in *Housing for All* to review operation of P&A-CALF funding in areas with low market rents.
- DHLGH has now completed the review process to improve viability in these areas and address emerging challenges with inflation and interest rate increases.

Туре	Projects	Homes
Construction	7	256
Turnkey Construction	17	646
Turnkey Acquisition	150	3,967
Total	174	4,869

New Builds Assessed since September 2021

#### **Technical Support with Projects and Procurement**

- Provision of technical services to local authorities and Approved Housing Bodies.
- Priority is to assist delivery of *Housing for All* targets.
- Expertise in framework set up and delivery.
- Work areas includes new building and regeneration programmes, and initiatives such as Town Centre First and Accelerated Delivery.
- Assisting in delivery of MMC including guidance document on Design & Build.





## Land Acquisition Fund

- More strategic approach to land management
- Fund of €125 million
- Identify and acquire land for social housing with a focus on delivery up to 2026
- Collaboration key to success



### **Social Inclusion**

- Housing First
- Homelessness Prevention and Supports
- National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 - 2027
- International Protection supporting the White Paper on Ending Direct Provision
- Ukraine response





**National Housing Strategy** for Disabled People 2022 - 2027





# Supporting home ownership and increasing affordability

#### **Cost Rental – A New Tenure for Ireland**

- > New tenure that provides secure homes below market rent
- Progress so far: 585 Cost Rental homes delivered
- Planned: 550 scheduled for delivery



Enniskerry Road Cost Rental Homes



Taylor Hill (Balbriggan) Cost Rental Homes



#### **Affordable Housing Fund**



- Housing Agency assessed fund assists Local Authorities to deliver affordable purchase and cost rental housing
- To date:
  - ➢ 44 applications from 14 Local Authorities (3,297 dwellings)
  - 36 recommended for approval (2,432 dwellings)
  - ➤ Total recommended AHF funding: €210 million
- Applications include LDA Project Tosaigh and initial Local Authority Cost Rental applications.



# Increasing new housing supply

### **Croí Cónaithe (Cities) Scheme**

- Activate development of apartments in high density areas for sale to individual purchasers.
- Available for un-commenced apartment developments of four storeys or more.
- Fund to support the building of 5,000 apartments.
- Second call expected in Summer 2023.





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# Addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing stock

## **Addressing Vacancy**



- Vacant Homes Action Plan 2023 -2026 published in January.
- Property Optimisation Unit established in the Agency to provide advice and practical support to Local Authorities.
- Housing Agency will assist all stakeholders with the introduction of a new programme for the CPO of vacant properties for resale.
- CPO Guidance being updated to include Compulsory Acquisition and Resale.
- Practical support with CPO process including title searches and owner location.
- Assisting with expansion of the Repair and Lease Scheme.



# Enabling a sustainable housing system

#### Remediation and Resolution -Making sure our homes are safe

#### Pyrite Remediation Scheme

Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme

Apartment Defects

# The Housing Agency is helping to implement *Housing for All*



#### Delivery, Viability and Affordability

- Social Housing Delivery
- Affordable
  Housing
- Croí Cónaithe (Cities)
- Architectural, engineering and QS support
- Land Acquisition Fund

#### Efficient Use of Stock

- Town Centre First
- Compulsory
  Purchase Orders
- Land Management

#### Social Inclusion

- Housing First
- International Protection
- Housing for Disabled People
- Mortgage to Rent

#### Remediation & Resolution

- Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme
- Apartment Defects
- Pyrite Remediation Scheme



## How we can work with you

# Our Shared Goal: Achieving a Sustainable Housing System

- Increasing social housing delivery
- Embedding affordability
- Making apartment living a reality
- Bringing vacant properties back into use
- Promoting sustainable communities that meet the needs of everyone
- Ensure homes are safe and free from defects
- Preventing and ending homelessness





### How we can help

- Our role is to support the housing sector to deliver the homes and communities we need.
- We understand there are a lot of new initiatives.
- We're here to answer your questions and to help you find solutions.
- Collaboration is what we do.







# Thank You

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