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Delivering 303,000 new homes by 2030

In November 2024, ahead of the general election, the outgoing government approved a revised delivery target of 303,000 new homes across the State by 2030.

Outlining a pathway to deliver an average of 50,500 homes per annum, rising to 60,000 in 2030 and subsequent years, the then-government described it as a crucial step towards meeting:

1. growing housing need, as per population increases; and
2. existing and ongoing demand for housing.

Now, recognising the housing crisis as “a major social and economic challenge that touches every generation”, the incoming Government has committed to “prioritise a radical step change in housing supply”.

Housing for All is set to be replaced by “a new fully funded, radical and realistic housing plan”, seeking to accelerate the delivery of more than 300,000 new homes by the end of 2030.

Meanwhile, the Report of The Housing Commission, published earlier in mid-2024 – as agreed in Programme for Government 2020 – advocates for a “radical strategic reset of housing policy”.

In this context, the 10th annual Housing Ireland conference will host a range of expert domestic and international speakers who will comprehensively explore the challenges, and tangible opportunities for Ireland’s housing practitioners as they seek to deliver 303,000 by 2030.

Key issues to be examined:

1. Accelerating housing supply
2. New 2030 housing target
3. Innovation in housing delivery
4. European housing policy perspective
5. What the Planning and Development Act 2024 means for residential construction
6. Environmentally sustainable housing
7. Delivering social and affordable housing at scale
8. The role of local authorities in delivering housing
9. Increasing the proportion of social and cost rental housing
10. Delivering social and affordable housing at pace
11. Childcare provision in new housing
12. Housing conditions and integrated care for older people
13. Innovative methods to scale residential construction
14. The Report of The Housing Commission

Expert speaker panel includes:



Graham Doyle, Secretary General, **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage**



John Coleman
Chief Executive, **LDA**



Paul Benson, Assistant Secretary, Social Housing Delivery Division
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage



John O'Connor
Former Chair, **The Housing Commission**



David Silke, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Director of Insights and Operations, **The Housing Agency**



Fidelma McManus
Partner and Head of Housing, **Beauchamps**



Éadaoin Ní Chléirigh
Director of Development Operations, **Irish Council for Social Housing**



Michelle Norris, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice
University College Dublin



Caroline Timmons, Acting Assistant Secretary
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage



Paul Hogan, Acting Assistant Secretary, Head of the Planning Division
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage



Dan Hill, Director
Melbourne School of Design and Professor of the Built Environment
University of Melbourne



Kathryn Meghen
CEO, **Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland**



Orla McGuirk, Director Construction Advisory
KPMG Ireland and **Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland**



Margaret Geraghty
Assistant Programme Coordinator, Housing Delivery Coordination Office Team
Local Government Management Agency



Killian O'Sullivan
Assistant Planner, **Fingal County Council**



Jim Baneham, Director of Delivery and Innovation
The Housing Agency



Roslyn Molloy, Head of Policy, Practice, and Communications
The Housing Agency

Programme

09.00 **Chair's welcome and introduction:**
Graham Doyle, Secretary General, **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)**

09.05 **CONFERENCE PLENARY: ACCELERATING HOUSING SUPPLY**

MINISTERIAL ADDRESS:
James Browne TD, **Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage**

Innovation in housing: The next decade
David Silke, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Director of Insights and Operations, **The Housing Agency**

Delivering affordable homes on state lands
John Coleman, Chief Executive, **Land Development Agency**

Maintaining momentum in housing delivery
Fidelma McManus, Partner, and Head of Housing, **Beauchamps**

What the Planning and Development Act 2024 means for residential construction
Paul Hogan, Assistant Secretary, Head of the Planning Division, **DHLGH**

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 **Chair: Paul Benson**, Assistant Secretary, Social Housing Delivery Division, **DHLGH**

KEYNOTE VISITING ADDRESS

Modern housing: An environmental common good
Dan Hill, Director, **Melbourne School of Design**, and Professor of the Built Environment, **University of Melbourne**

11.45 **PARALLEL SESSION 1: DELIVERING SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT SCALE**

Chair: Paul Benson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Social Housing Delivery Division, **DHLGH**

Delivering Social and Affordable Housing at Scale
Jim Baneham, Director of Delivery and Innovation, **The Housing Agency**

The local authority role in delivering social and affordable housing at scale
Margaret Geraghty, Assistant Programme Co-ordinator, Housing Delivery Coordination Office Team, **Local Government Management Agency**

Increasing the proportion of social and cost rental housing within the national housing stock
Éadaoin Ní Chléirigh, Director of Development Operations, **Irish Council for Social Housing**

North and South: The social and affordable housing landscape in Ireland
Paddy Gray, Professor Emeritus of Housing, **Ulster University** and Chair **Tuath Housing Association**

Question & answer session

11.45 **PARALLEL SESSION 2: ACCESSIBLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

Chair: Roslyn Molloy, Head of Policy, Practice, and Communications, **The Housing Agency**

The Danish public housing model
Bent Madsen, CEO, **Danish Federation of Non-Profit Housing Providers** and President **Housing Europe**

Housing and social inclusion
Patrick McCarthy, Head of Local Authority Services, **The Housing Agency**

Childcare provision in new housing
Killian O'Sullivan, Assistant Planner **Fingal County Council**

Housing conditions and integrated care for older people
Tom Grey, Research Fellow, TrinityHaus Research Centre, **Trinity College Dublin**

Question & answer session

13.15 **NETWORKING LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING**

14.00 **DISCUSSION PANEL: INNOVATIVE METHODS TO SCALE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION**

Chair: Caroline Timmons, Assistant Secretary, Affordable Housing Division, **DHLGH**

Developments in MMC: Opportunities to drive efficiency and scale
Seán Armstrong, Head of Unit, Climate and Construction Innovation, Housing Policy, Legislation and Governance Division, **DHLGH**

- Orla McGuirk, Director, Construction Advisory **KPMG Ireland**, and **Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland**
- Karen Kenny, Senior Adviser, National, Regional and Urban Planning Policy, **DHLGH**
- Tom Maguire, Senior Development Advisor, **Enterprise Ireland**
- Daniel McCrum, Co-Principal Investigator, **ConstructInnovate**
- Claire McManus, Director, JFOC Architects and Spokesperson on Housing, **RIAI**
- Brian Mallon, Associate Director, **Hawkins\Brown**

15.15 COFFEE BREAK

15.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION: WHERE IS THE REPORT OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION NOW?**

Chair: Paddy Gray, Professor Emeritus of Housing, **Ulster University** and Chair, **Tuath Housing Association**

The significance of the Report of The Housing Commission
John O'Connor, Former Chair, **The Housing Commission**

- Michelle Norris, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, **University College Dublin**
- Kathryn Meghan, CEO, **Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland**
- Eoin Ó Broin TD, Housing Spokesperson, **Sinn Féin**
- Conor Sheehan TD, Spokesperson on Housing, Local Government and Heritage, **Labour Party**
- Owen Reidy, General Secretary, **Irish Congress of Trade Unions**

16.30 **CHAIR'S CONCLUDING REMARKS AND CONFERENCE CLOSE**

I wish to:

- Reserve ____ places at the Housing Ireland Conference
Delegate fee €345 + VAT @23% = €424.35
- Delegate rate for AHBs and voluntary sector:
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- Receive information on sponsorship and exhibition opportunities

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Who should attend?

The conference will attract stakeholders engaged in all aspects of housing policy, funding, delivery, and management, including senior managers in the public, private, and third sectors in Ireland.

- Professionals in housing policy and delivery
- Government departments and agencies
- Those providing social welfare advice
- Approved housing bodies
- Policy / public affairs advisors
- The construction industry
- Project funders
- Legal advisors
- Housing and planning consultants
- The community and voluntary sector / NGOs
- Local elected representatives

Networking opportunity

The conference is structured in a way to provide a high level of interaction between speakers and delegates.

There will be plentiful opportunities for questions as well as discussion in each of the sessions. In the breaks and margins of the event there will also be ample scope for business development.

Benefits of attending

Delegates attending the conference will:

- ✓ Hear directly from leaders across the housing sector
- ✓ Discuss the delivery of new homes
- ✓ Look at issues around funding and financing
- ✓ Meet with fellow professionals from across the sector
- ✓ Debate the challenge of meeting housing needs

How to register



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