



4-5 July 2019  
Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny

# HOUSING PRACTITIONERS' CONFERENCE



Progress in Housing: Planning,  
Delivery, Quality & Regulation



# AGENDA Day 1, Thursday 4 July

Conference moderator: Carol Tallon



## Morning sessions

**09:30** Registration: Tea / Coffee

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**10:00** **Official Opening**

Michael Carey, Chairman, Housing Agency

Eoghan Murphy TD, Minister for Housing,  
Planning and Local Government

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**10:20** **Session 1: In Conversation With...  
Progress in Housing**

Conn Murray, Chief Executive, Limerick City  
and County Council

Mary Hurley, Assistant Secretary, Department  
of Housing, Planning and Local Government

John O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer,  
Housing Agency

Rosalind Carroll, Director, Residential  
Tenancies Board (RTB)

Donal McManus, CEO, Irish Council  
for Social Housing (ICSH)

**Questions and Answers**

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**11:00** **Session 2: Affordability**

**Cost Rental Model:** Daragh McCarthy  
and Jim Baneham, Housing Agency

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**11:15** **Tea / Coffee**

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**11:30** **Session 3: Workshops**

Rural Issues / Revitalising Ireland's Towns

Age-Friendly Homes

Homelessness

Mental Health and Housing

Affordability (Purchase and Rental)

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**13:00** **Lunch**



## Afternoon sessions

**14:00** **Session 4: Practical Showcase**

**Regulation of AHBs:** Susanna Lyons,  
Head of Regulation, Housing Agency

**Rental Sector:** Caren Gallagher, Head of  
Communications / Research, Residential  
Tenancies Board (RTB)

**Affordable Purchase Scheme:** Paul Hession,  
Department of Housing Planning and Local  
Government (DHPLG)

**Questions and Answers**

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**15:15** **Tea / Coffee**

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**15:30** **Session 5: In Conversation With...  
What Makes a Good Sustainable  
Community**

Aideen Hayden, Chairperson, Threshold

Marian Finnegan, Chief Economist,  
Sherry Fitzgerald

James Benson, Executive, Construction  
Industry Federation, Eastern Region

Mary J Mullholland, Director of Services,  
Housing, Kilkenny County Council

David Rouse, Multi-Unit Developments /  
Owners' Management Companies Advisor,  
Housing Agency

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**17:00** **Day 1 Concludes**

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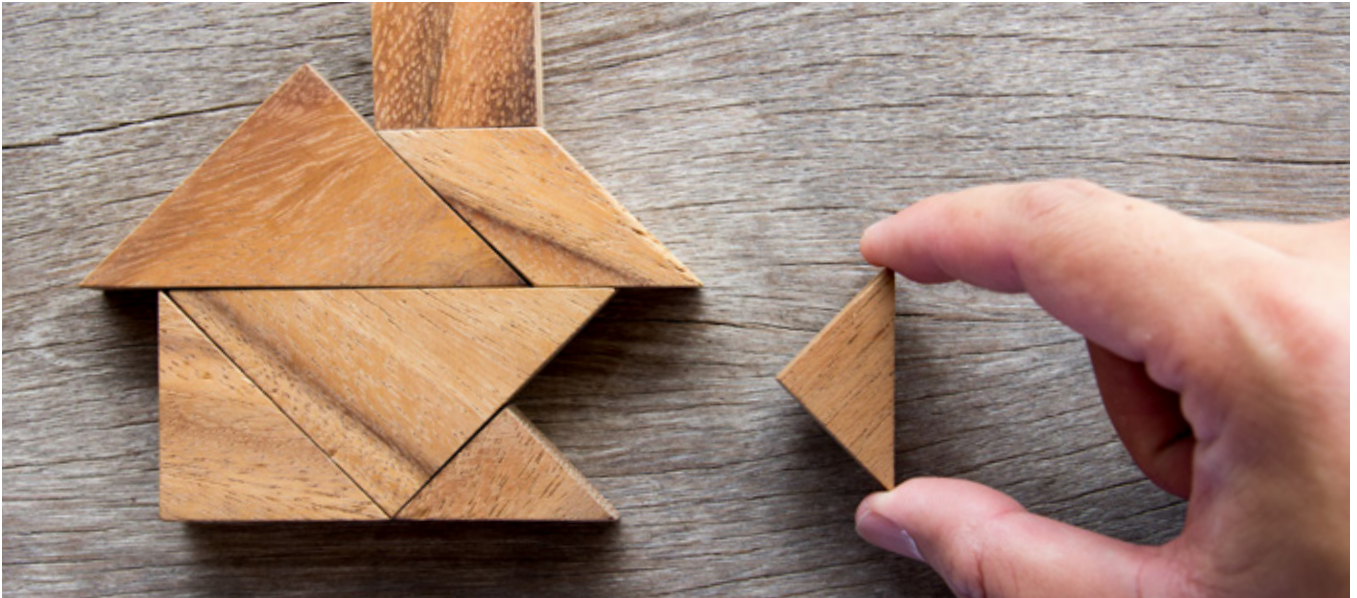
**19:00** **Pre-dinner Reception**

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**20:00** **Conference Dinner**

Pre-dinner speech by Cllr Andrew McGuinness,  
Leas-Chathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council





## Session 3: Workshops

Thursday, 4th July 2019, 11.30-13.00

### 1. Rural Issues / Revitalising Ireland's Towns

Marie Cullinan, Monaghan County Council  
Thomas Gilligan, Mayo County Council

### 2. Homelessness

Bevin Herbert, Dublin Regional Homeless Executive  
Brian Friel, Peter McVerry Trust  
Julie Ryan, Housing Agency

### 3. Affordability (Purchase and Rental)

Daragh McCarthy, Housing Agency  
Jim Baneham, Housing Agency

### 4. Age Friendly Homes

Alan Byrne, Department of Housing Planning  
and Local Government  
Aoife Duke, Limerick City and Council  
Roslyn Molloy, Researcher, Housing Agency  
Karen Murphy, Irish Council for Social Housing

### 5. Mental Health and Housing

Claire Feeney, Housing Agency  
Paul Braham, Health Service Executive  
Martina Smith, Housing Association for  
Integrated Living

## EXHIBITION

### The Vienna Model – Housing for the 21st Century City

All day, Thursday 4 July 2019

The Vienna Model of Housing is internationally regarded for its continued achievement of sustainable, high quality residential development using a cost-rental approach that in effect delivers housing for all.

This inspiring exhibition is being brought to the conference. The exhibition centres on sixty prototypical Viennese projects from the last hundred years, with a special focus on the public art that has complemented Vienna's housing since the First Republic. It presents architectural images and information, videos and works of art on scaffolding arranged across ten chapters.

[www.costrentalhomes.ie](http://www.costrentalhomes.ie)





# AGENDA Day 2, Friday 5 July



## Morning sessions

10:00

Tea / Coffee

### Session 6: Asset Management

**Chair:** David Williams, Partner, Campbell Tickell

**Delivery Programme:** Nina Murray and Aidan O'Reilly, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

#### Property Portfolio Management:

Paul Isherwood, Director of Asset Management, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

#### Planned Maintenance: Developing a Strategic Approach to Investment in Housing

**Stock:** Siobhan McNulty, Director of Social Development, Clare County Council

### Questions and Answers

11:45

### Session 7: Getting Housing Right for the Future

**Chair:** Philip Byrne, Senior Local Government Specialist, Institute of Public Administration

**Results from Housing Agency's Attitudinal Survey:** Roslyn Molloy, Researcher, Housing Agency

**Energy Efficiency Improvements:** John Flynn, Delivery Manager, SEAI

**Office of the Planning Regulator:** Niall Cussen, Planning Regulator

12:45

### Questions and Answers

### Conference Conclusion followed by Lunch

## SPEAKERS' Biographies

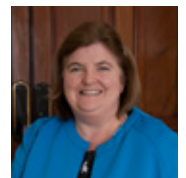
### Eoghan Murphy TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government

Before being appointed to Cabinet, Eoghan Muphy served as the Minister of State at the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform, with special responsibility for Financial Services, eGovernment and Public Procurement.



### Mary Hurley, Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

Mary has responsibility for the Social Housing Programme Delivery Division at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. She has previously worked across a range of Government Departments, including the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.



### Michael Carey, Chairman, Housing Agency

Michael Carey has extensive experience in overseeing State bodies, having served as Chairman of Bord Bia (2011-2018), and as Chair of the Grow Dublin Tourism Alliance in 2016.



### John O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Agency

John O'Connor was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Agency in 2010. He was previously the Chief Executive of the Affordable Homes Partnership and prior to that Executive Manager with Dublin City Council's Housing Department.



### Carol Tallon, CEO, Property District

Carol Tallon, CEO of communications agency Property District, specialises in Public Consultation for property development. Over 15 years in planning, construction, property and proptech, Carol has worked with government departments, industry representatives, developers, construction companies, auctioneering firms and media outlets.



### Conn Murray, Chief Executive, Limerick City and County Council

Conn Murray was appointed Dual Manager of both Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council before taking up his role as Chief Executive of the new amalgamated Limerick City and County Council in 2014. He is a board member of the Housing Agency and the recently formed Land Development Agency.



# SPEAKERS' Biographies

## **Rosalind Carroll, Director, Residential Tenancies Board**

Rosalind Carroll was appointed as Director of the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) in April 2016. She was formerly Head of Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies at the Housing Agency and previously worked in the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and Dublin City Council.



## **Paul Hession, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government**

Paul Hession is an Assistant Principal Officer in the Capital Infrastructure and Affordability Unit. His primary area of responsibility is affordable purchase. This incorporates the Serviced Sites Fund which will support the delivery of infrastructure on local authority sites over the next three years, and the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 which places affordable housing on a statutory footing.



## **Donal McManus, CEO, Irish Council for Social Housing**

The Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) is the National Federation of Housing Associations. Dr Donal McManus previously worked in a range of housing roles in both the public and housing association sectors in Scotland and Northern Ireland.



## **Aideen Hayden, Chairperson, Threshold**

Dr Aideen Hayden is Chair of Threshold, national housing charity. Aideen has worked extensively in the area of Private Renting housing reform in Ireland. She recently, together with Bob Jordan, published a report on how to achieve successful mixed tenure housing, 'Rebuilding the Irish Neighbourhood'.



## **Daragh McCarthy, Researcher, Housing Agency**

Daragh McCarthy is involved in the delivery of social housing through long-term leases with private owners. In addition, he works on developing supports for moderate-income households via the affordable purchase scheme and pilot cost rental initiative.



## **Marian Finnegan, Chief Economist, Sherry Fitzgerald**

As Chief Economist and Director of Research Marian Finnegan's role involves monitoring and analysing economic and property indicators in the domestic and international markets. She is a regular contributor in the Irish and international media and one of the most highly regarded commentators in the industry. Marian was appointed to the board of Sherry FitzGerald Group in 1998.



## **Jim Baneham, Senior Executive, Housing Agency**

Jim Baneham has an overarching role in housing delivery within the Agency and has been particularly involved in the Agency's recent acquisition programme to acquire houses and apartments for social housing and in the development of cost rental housing.



## **James Benson, Eastern Region Executive, Construction Industry Federation**

James offers support and advise to members in a complex and fast changing regulatory environment in which the house builder and developer operates. He has been involved in numerous policies, legislation changes and consultations submissions on behalf of CIF members in the housing sector since joining the Federation.



## **Susanna Lyons, Head of Regulation, Housing Agency**

Susanna Lyons has responsibility for the implementation of the Regulatory Framework for Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs), assessing organisation's Governance, Financial Viability and Performance Management. Prior to joining the Housing Agency, Susanna specialised in risk, financial management, strategy, liquidity management and stress testing with a number of US multinationals in Europe and Canada.



## **Mary J Mullholland, Director of Services, Housing, Kilkenny County Council**

Mary Mullholland has been Director of Services with Kilkenny County Council since 2015. Having worked for more than 30 years in the local government sector across counties Kildare, Louth and Carlow she has returned to her native county as Director of Housing, Community and Cultural Services. Mary has spent recent years in the Housing area with specific emphasis on capital delivery in a rural county and the associated challenges with meeting targets.



## **Caren Gallagher, Head of Communications / Research, Residential Tenancies Board**

Before joining the RTB in 2017, Caren Gallagher was Joint Director of Policy with the Irish Council for Social Housing. She has considerable experience in housing, research and policy development and holds an Honours degree in Geography from Queen University, Belfast and an MPhil examining urban social exclusion (Dublin Institute of Technology, awarded by TCD).



# SPEAKERS' Biographies

## **David Rouse, Multi-Unit Developments / Owners' Management Companies Advisor, Housing Agency**

David Rouse is an advisor on multi-unit developments and owners' management companies. He is a director of one of the country's largest OMCs, and a founding director of the Apartment Owners' Network. David is a fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland (FCA).



## **Siobhan McNulty, Director of Social Development, Clare County Council**

Siobhán McNulty is Senior Executive Officer with Clare County Council. She is an engineer by profession with extensive experience in social housing. During her initial tenure in housing and despite the prevailing economic climate Siobhán led a number of remedial housing projects and the last capital scheme delivered by CCC before the cessation of capital funding.



## **Andrew McGuinness, Leas-Chathaoirleach, Kilkenny County Council**

Andrew McGuinness is a County Councillor on Kilkenny County Council.



## **Philip Byrne, Senior Local Government Specialist, Institute of Public Administration**

Philip Byrne is the Director of the key accredited programmes for local government staff and has responsibility for managing a variety of services to the local government system. Philip is responsible for managing a wide range of local authority housing practitioners training programmes and works closely with the DHPLG and the Housing Agency in the provision of these programmes.



## **David Williams, Partner, Campbell Tickell**

David Williams has worked on a range of governance, strategy and new business related projects. David was until 2011 Executive Director (Strategy and New Business) at Circle Anglia. He has substantial knowledge of housing and related sectors.



## **Roslyn Molloy, Researcher, Housing Agency**

Roslyn Molloy is the principal investigator on the Housing Agency's report National Study of Irish Housing Experiences, Attitudes and Aspirations in Ireland. She has carried out research in the area of housing for older people and is a member of a newly established interdepartmental/agency implementation group to progress actions in the Housing Options for Our Ageing Population policy statement.



## **Nina Murray, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government**

Nina Murray has responsibility at Principal level for the delivery of Social Housing through rental market sources, including utilising the capacity of Approved Housing Bodies; management of the Department's current funded housing programmes including the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP); the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SCHEP).



## **John Flynn, Delivery Manager, SEAI**

John Flynn is Manager of the SEAI's Community scheme. He holds an MSc in Strategic Management and is a qualified accountant. He has over 10 years' experience working in Banking and industry. For the last 15 years he has worked for SEAI in financial control, governance and programme delivery.



## **Aidan O'Reilly, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government**

Aidan O'Reilly has responsibility at Principal level for the management of the Social Housing Capital Investment programme West and East, including the capital provision for local authority housing through programmes of construction and acquisitions and liaising with local authorities on advancement of projects and development of new proposals.



## **Niall Cussen, Planning Regulator, Office of the Planning Regulator**

Niall is the Chief Executive and Planning Regulator at the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) established by Government in April 2019. Prior to his appointment Niall was Chief Planner at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government from July 2014 and he worked in the Department from January 2000 prior to that. Prior to joining the Department in 2000, Niall had an extensive planning career working for local authorities in Clare, Meath and Dublin City Council and An Bord Pleanála.



## **Paul Isherwood, Director of Asset Management, Northern Ireland Housing Executive**

Paul Isherwood has over 25 years' experience in property maintenance and asset management and previously worked with Great Grimsby Borough Council, Alpha Housing and Helm Housing.

