

Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar
Key priorities for housing policy in Ireland and implementing the Affordable Housing Bill

Timing: Morning, Thursday 7th October 2021

Taking place online

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Mary Fitzpatrick, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- 9.05 **The housing market in Ireland and improving access to affordable accommodation**
John O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer, The Housing Agency and Chair Designate, Commission on Housing
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Housing in the wake of the pandemic and taking forward lessons learned - tackling homelessness, housing supply and demand, and supporting the construction sector**
David Dinnigan, Director of Housing Delivery, Dublin City Council
Micheál Keohane, Housing Director, BAM Ireland
Pat Dennigan, Chief Executive, Focus Ireland
Micheál Mahon, former President, Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 Break
- 10.15 **Next steps for affordable housing - supporting first-time buyers, the use of social housing, and assessing the shared equity and cost-rental schemes**
Declan Dunne, Chief Executive Officer, Respond Housing Association
Dr Rachel Slaymaker, Research Officer, Economic Analysis Division, Economic and Social Research Institute
Fidelma McManus, Partner, Beauchamps
Padraig W Rushe, Chief Executive Officer, Initiative Ireland
Senior representative, mortgage provider
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senator Mary Fitzpatrick, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Eoin Ó Broin TD, Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Housing
- 11.25 **The planning system - streamlining the system, regional and local approaches to land use, the role of legislation, and the impact of the Land Development Agency**
Deirdre Nagle, Partner and Head of Planning and Environmental Law, Mason Hayes Curran
Tom Gilligan, Director of Services, Housing, Roads and Services Development, Mayo County Council
Senior representative, planning
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 Break
- 12.10 **Skills, employment and the housing sector in Ireland - supporting the talent pipeline, working conditions and pay, and helping to meet the needs of industry**
Joseph Kilroy, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Ireland, The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
Patricia King, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Anne Boner, Head, Department of Civil Engineering and Construction, Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Senior representative, skills
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Eoin Ó Broin TD, Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Housing
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Ireland