

## About The Housing Agency

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The Housing Agency is a state body under the aegis of Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

The Agency works with and supports:

- Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government
- Local Authorities
- Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)
- Private Sector

in the delivery of housing and housing services.

#### Housing Knowledge and Expertise



#### The Agency has:

- significant body of housing knowledge;
- expertise in housing;
- experience in current and previous schemes and policies

#### **Strategic Plan 2019 - 2021**



#### **Our Vision**

To promote the building of **sustainable** communities.

#### **Our Mission**

To promote the supply of housing to meet current and future needs and demand by being a centre of expert knowledge on housing, supporting housing policy development and implementing effective housing programmes in collaboration with key stakeholders.



#### 2020 Resources





€12m - General Budget

€70m - Acquisitions Fund

€20m - Pyrite Remediation Scheme



Board – 9 members

Executive – 98 staff

#### What We Do



- Undertake and support housing delivery
- Provide national shared services
- Support policy development, innovation and implementation
- Act in a neutral and independent way

#### What We Do – Delivery



- Acquire vacant homes under the €70m fund (834 homes to date)
- Acquire homes for Housing First and other properties to address homelessness (154 homes Housing First 2019/20)
- Acquisitions in trust for Local Authorities (582 homes)
- Provision of Housing Agency Land for LAs, AHBs, and the Land Development Agency

# **Supporting Delivery**

#### What We Do – Supporting Delivery



- Support delivery by AHBs and assess their funding applications on behalf of the Department
- Provide housing procurement services for Local Authorities and AHBs
- Support the Department in the development of affordable purchase and cost rental housing schemes
- Central advice and support services to Local Authorities

#### What We Do – Shared Services



- Implementation of the National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities
- Mortgage to Rent Scheme (MtR)
- Pyrite Remediation Scheme
  (1,970 homes remediated to date, 511 in 2019)
- National Underwriter for Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

#### What We Do – Land



**Objective:** Development of Housing Agency land to:

- be used for public housing
- be connected;
- integrated into existing communities;
- prioritise walking and cycling over car use; and
- achieve a net improvement in Biodiversity

Sustainability in terms of social, environmental, economic and cultural sustainability

#### What We Do – Research & Training



- Active Research and Data Analysis Programmes
- Ongoing training and workshops with local authorities
- Advice and training for Owner Management Companies
- Training and seminars
  - E.G. Webinar Series in May/June 2020:

#### **Building resilient and sustainable communities**

- Town & Village Renewal
- Nature based solutions Biodiversity
- Retrofitting the collaborative approach
- Importance of green space in housing developments



# Thank You

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