

**Policy Forum for Ireland Keynote Seminar: Priorities for the housing sector in Ireland:
examining the challenges in social and private housing following *Rebuilding Ireland***

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 29th March 2017

Venue: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member, Houses of the Oireachtas
- 9.05 - 9.45 **The future of housing policy in Ireland: implementing the *Rebuilding Ireland* action plan**
Damien English TD, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal, Department for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 - 9.55 **Key issues in the private rental sector: access to housing, security of tenure and rental costs**
Fintan McNamara, Director, Residential Landlords Association of Ireland
Aideen Hayden, Chairperson, Threshold
- 9.55 - 10.40 **Priorities for the private housing sector: investment, affordability and building more homes**
Hubert Fitzpatrick, Director, Housing, Planning and Development, Construction Industry Federation
Dr Lorcan Sirr, Lecturer, School of Real Estate and Construction Economics, Dublin Institute of Technology
Peter Minnock, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Development, Kildare County Council
Questions and comments from the floor with **Fintan McNamara**, Director, Residential Landlords Association of Ireland and **Aideen Hayden**, Chairperson, Threshold
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member, Houses of the Oireachtas
- 10.45 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Eoin O'Broin TD, Member, Joint Committee on Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Houses of the Oireachtas
- 11.25 - 11.55 **The future of social housing policy in Ireland**
Nicola McCrudden, Director of Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland, Chartered Institute of Housing
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.55 **Social housing and homelessness: waiting lists, security of tenure and the future of tenancy purchase schemes**
Dr Dáithí Downey, Head of Policy and Research, Housing and Community Services, Dublin City Council
Mike Allen, Director of Advocacy, Focus Ireland
Neasa Kane-Fine, Director, Project Communications, RPS Group
Declan Dunne, Chief Executive Officer, Respond! Housing Association and Chair, Dublin Homeless Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Eoin O'Broin TD, Member, Joint Committee on Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Houses of the Oireachtas
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Ireland