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Environment, Community and Local Government



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Circular Housing 5/2015

**To the Chief Executive of
Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council,
Fingal County Council, and South Dublin County Council**

Housing Allocation Scheme - Ministerial Direction

Dear Chief Executive,

I am directed by Mr Alan Kelly, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to refer to the *Action Plan to Address Homelessness* and the *Implementation Plan on the State's Response to Homelessness*.

Section 22(17)(a) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 provides that the Minister may issue directions to a housing authority regarding the operation of an allocation scheme and the housing authority shall comply with any such direction in operating the scheme.

The Minister has decided to issue a Direction to your authority in accordance with Section 22(17)(a) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and this Direction is enclosed. This Direction will apply for 6 months from **27 January 2015** to **26 July 2015** and will be reviewed in advance of that date. This means that your

authority's current allocation scheme is required to operate in accordance with this Direction.

Please make the necessary arrangements to ensure that your authority complies with this Direction. Details of the revised arrangements should be published in accordance with Section 22(14) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

Please provide details on a quarterly basis to socialinclusion@environ.ie on the allocations made under the allocation scheme by specifying the different categories of dwellings and households and the proportions of each such category by reference to the total number of such allocations. Such details should also include a detailed breakdown by tenancy type and household type in accordance with the housing authority's record of qualified households. The format of this report will be provided to each housing authority in due course.

A comprehensive review of the overall allocation and transfer policies of housing authorities is being undertaken as one of the actions under the Social Housing Strategy, with a view to issuing revised regulations and comprehensive guidance on the operation of allocation schemes. It is intended that this review would update and consolidate any previous guidance given to housing authorities in respect of their allocation schemes. As soon as this review has concluded, we will write to you again about this matter.

If you have any queries in relation to this circular, please contact the undersigned or Evelyn Downes at 8882121.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Kenny', written in a cursive style.

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cc Director of Service (Housing) in the 4 Dublin housing authorities