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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday 2nd May , 2017**

**MOTION NO18**

**MOTION: Councillor L. Dunne**

This Council calls on the Minister for Housing to include the hidden homeless such as sofa suffers who present to authorities or services and women in refuges in the national homeless figures.

**REPORT:**

According to the 1998 Housing Act a person shall be regarded as homeless if there is no accommodation available which, in the opinion of the authority, he/she, together with any other person who normally resides with him/her or who might reasonably be expected to reside with him/her, can reasonably occupy or remain in occupation of and if he/she is unable to provide accommodation from his/her own resources.

This criteria does not prevent sofa surfers or service users of refuges being included.  If such persons present to the Council as homeless we will assess them in accordance with the criteria above and if they are deemed homeless they will be included in the homeless list which feed into the national statistics on homelessness.

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