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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

**QUESTION NO.9**

**QUESTION: Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the average monthly rent for non-homeless HAP tenancies in SDCC, and in addition to provide the average monthly rent for homeless HAP tenancies?

**REPLY:**

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a form of social housing support for people who have a long term housing need in accommodation that is of the applicants choosing.  HAP Shared Services Centre is run by Limerick City and County Council on behalf of the 31 local authorities across the country.   The Housing Assistance Payment is paid directly to the landlord.  Tenants are charged the differential rent set by South Dublin Council.  Rates are set by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.  Some tenants find properties which are over the HAP payment and choose to pay a 'top up' to the landlord.

Housing Assistance Payment Rates for this local authority are as follows:

1 adult in shared accommodation                            €430

Couple in shared accommodation                            €500

1 adult                                                                  €660

Couple                                                                  €900

Couple or 1 adult with child                                   €1250

Couple or 1 adult with 2 children                            €1275

Couple or 1 adult with 3 children                            €1,300

There is discretion to provide additional payments on top of the above rates to those who are homeless or at great risk of finding them homeless and this is adjudicated on a case by case basis.

Rents vary throughout the County depending on location, size, type etc.  Details of average rents throughout the County are available on the Council Website through the Local Community Development Committees 'Local Community and Economic Monitor' which is updated on a regular basis. This can be accessed at:  [**http://www.sdublincoco.ie/index.aspx?pageid=6429**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/index.aspx?pageid=6429)

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