

## **That Dáil Éireann**

### **Condemns Budget 2024 for:**

- providing no additional voted capital expenditure on 2023 levels
- not increasing the Governments inadequate social and affordable housing targets
- excluding reforms of the public spending code to speed up the delivery of social or affordable housing
- including no new measures to tackle dereliction and vacancy
- including no new measures to reduce the levels of homelessness
- extending policies that push up house prices out to 2025

### **Notes that under the current government:**

- house prices have increased 28%, costing on average €70,000 more
- rents have increased by 25% costing on average €3700 more per year
- homelessness, including child homelessness, has increased by 47%
- social housing output has been 33% below target, leaving a shortfall of 8,527 homes from 2020 to 2022
- just 1401 social homes of a target of 9100 were delivered by June 2023
- zero affordable homes were delivered in 2020 or 2021
- just 1007 affordable homes were delivered in 2022, 50% behind target
- only 123 affordable homes of a target of 3500 were delivered by June 2023
- over €1bn of voted capital expenditure for social and affordable homes went unspent from 2020 to 2022
- over €1bn of general government capital expenditure, including voted capital expenditure, AHB borrowing and LDA funding, went unspent in 2022
- at the end of September 2023 less than half of the allocated €4bn general government expenditure for housing was spent

### **Further notes with concern that the lack of affordable housing:**

- is undermining public services including education, healthcare, social care and the Gardaí
- is impacting on investment, competitiveness and jobs in the private sector
- is forcing an entire generation with good education and job prospects to emigrate
- Is driving increased levels of adult and child homelessness

### **Calls on the Government to:**

- immediately increase the voted capital expenditure allocation for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for 2024 to increase social and affordable housing targets to at least 21,000 in 2024 including 13,000 social homes, 4000 affordable purchase homes and 4000 affordable rental homes.
- urgently reform the public spending code in order to increase and accelerate social and affordable housing delivery
- ensure that at least 4,000 vacant and derelict homes are brought back into use in 2024
- introduce a three year ban on rent increases and transform and expand the current renters credit to ensure it provides a full month's rent back into every private renters pocket through a refundable tax credit
- include an emergency response to address the escalating homelessness crisis including a doubling of housing first tenancies and the provision of 1000 social homes to end homelessness for over 55s in a single year and reduce child homelessness.