

# **Tower Blocks Action Plan Progress Report**

**March 2021**

The Housing Executive continues to move forward with the Action Plan to address all of its tower blocks. The Action Plan is a high level document that sets out the broad timescales, actions and estimated funding required over the next fifteen to twenty years. Implementation of the proposals will be subject to approval of business cases for individual or groups of blocks as appropriate.

## **What we've completed so far:**

The programme of business cases required for the blocks is underway and is currently focused on the 'Short Term' blocks (blocks with an anticipated lifespan of 1-5 years).

The business case for the demolition of Monkscoole House has been approved by the Housing Executive's Board and the Department for Communities (DfC) and a consultant has been appointed to prepare the demolition scheme. We anticipate appointing a demolition contractor by August 2021 and the block will be fully demolished by August 2022.

The business case for the demolition of Latharna House has also been approved and almost half of the block is now empty. We are working with tenants to identify the best available accommodation for them. We anticipate that the demolition of Latharna House will commence in early 2022 and will take around a year to complete.

The business case for Coolmoyne and Rathmoyne House has been approved by the Housing Executive's Board and will be sent to DfC for approval shortly.

A number of other business cases are currently being prepared and we hope to submit these for approval in the next few months. These include the business cases for Clarawood House, Kilbroney House, Belvoir House and Breda House.

## **What's next?**

**Over the next 12 -24 months we will complete the remaining business cases for the blocks. Your local office will keep you advised of how the plans are progressing and will contact you during the business plan stage to discuss the plan for your block and how this will affect you.**

**Work is underway to engage a consultant to carry out detailed surveys for the refurbishment works to the 12 'Long' term blocks. An indicative seven and a half year programme has been drawn up and we anticipate that works will start at the first blocks in the programme by 2022 at the earliest, although this timescale could slip due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.**

**Our Board has approved a Sprinkler Installation Programme. This is a major programme of work, which will take around two years to complete. We are currently developing the rollout plan for 31 blocks (all our blocks except for Monkscoole House & Latharna House as these have already been approved for demolition). We will keep residents up to date with progress and will be consulting in detail on these proposals before any work begins.**

## **Where can I get more information?**

**We will be regularly updating information on our website as we move forward with our proposals. However, if you have a specific question or want to discuss your individual circumstances the please contact your Patch Manager at your local office.**