

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE 1.

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL TO DELIVER 173 NEW SOCIAL HOMES THIS YEAR

Carlow County Council will provide 173 new social housing units by the end of this year. The local authority has completed **20** units to date this year and there are currently **67 units under construction and 17 properties purchased to date**, with a further 262 in the process of getting to build stage. Developments underway include 40 units at Tullow Road, Carlow, 16 Ard na Greine, Tullow, 4 in Hackettstown, 2 units at Bilboa, and 5 units at Castle Oaks, Carlow. In partnership with Approved Housing Bodies, a further 69 units will be delivered through the acquisition programme.

These new build homes will add to social housing stock in the local authority area by the end of the year. Delivering these homes means that Carlow County Council will once again meet the Council's target under the Rebuilding Ireland plan. Carlow County Council is running a week-long information campaign to highlight the ongoing work of the Council to provide social housing solutions and to facilitate increased building in the public and private sector.

The homes we are building are quality homes and we are developing them with the needs of the occupants and the community in mind.

Carlow County Council wants to assure people living in Carlow that it is working to solve the housing issue. We want to make people aware of the actions the local authority is taking to do that in the right way, and we also want to alert people to the various ways in which we are working to build new units and bring vacant properties back to life.

We are supporting the housing bodies to build and we are also facilitating and stimulating building in the private sector. We have to tackle the housing supply situation, and we have to tackle it in the right way. That means careful planning, working with communities to ensure sustainability, design that will last the test of time and meet the needs of the families who will live in these homes.

- Carlow County Council is building and acquiring 99 new housing units in 2018 in addition 74 will be acquired in collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)

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