

County Wicklow Public Participation Network

Representative Reporting Template

This template aims to support CWPPN representatives who sit on local social partnership structures in County Wicklow in providing a report to the wider membership. Please complete the template and return to countywicklowppn@gmail.com **within one week after each meeting**. Please keep responses to 1 page if at all possible.

Name of Committee: Housing SPC

Name of Representative(s): Aoibhinn McCloy, Simon Blankhensee

Date of Meeting Attended: 6th February 2019

Most important actions or issues to emerge from a County Wicklow PPN perspective:

Homelessness:

Wicklow council have 12 beds under the Cold Weather Initiative scheme. 10 of these have been occupied in recent weather.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP):

There is a HAP place finder in Wicklow council – Rachel Gillespie
Homeless HAP can be exceeded by 20%. They will pay a deposit and 2 months' rent upfront to the landlord. Landlords are paid weekly. Rent is charged at roughly 20%. Priority is given to those in emergency accommodation or anyone who is being served a Notice to Quit from Ras accommodation.

The Department of Social Protection are writing to landlords informing them that they have to move on to the HAP scheme and this is causing concern and landlords are pulling out as a result. They are giving them 6 weeks to respond. Intreo are writing to 25 tenants per week. Advice given to contact landlords and to contact Intreo.

Rent review:

A rent review will be carried out in March 2019 for social housing residents.

Date of Next Meeting: 26th March 10am