



NIFHA Response to Consultation

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Consultation: Report on the Inquiry into Public Procurement in Northern Ireland

Introduction

The Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations (NIFHA) represents registered and non-registered housing associations in Northern Ireland. Collectively, our members provide 30,000 good quality, affordable homes for renting or equity sharing. Further information is available at www.nifha.org

Background

NIFHA's members within the Housing Association movement are responsible for the procurement of schemes which deliver the targets set by the Housing Minister on a year on year basis. Working with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive our members have procured around 1750 new dwellings during this current financial year which will assist in alleviating housing need and homelessness in Northern Ireland.

General Comments

Our members seek to procure schemes in a way which improves the social, economic and environmental return on the investment made by Department for Social Development, in the Social Housing Development Programme. They aim to ensure that all procurement within the sector is made on a value for money basis adhering to best practice standards.

Specific Comments

NIFHA thanks the Committee for Finance and Personnel for their very informative report which brings together the research undertaken and evidence presented in their various formats. The key conclusions and recommendations have been advised to our members and are noted.

I hope you find our comments useful.

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