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MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH JULY, 2019

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Question submitted by Councillor Gerald Mitchell

I will ask at the next Municipal District meeting as to why it takes so long to retrofit vacant Council houses having regard to current pressures on the Council's Housing Waiting List.

Response to Question

We have committed to removing the current batch of Voids by June 2020, understanding that the return of properties, for various reasons, takes place on an on-going basis throughout the City and County.

Up to now the timeframe for return of properties includes a Voids funding application to the Department in advance, with works commencing upon receipt of approval.

To manage the issue, we are in the process of introducing a fast-track process that will see a pilot project being launched to return 30 of the properties in the coming months. After the first phase is completed we will move to return more of the properties in batches of 30.

The project will include a mix of properties from City and County areas.

The pilot will be completed in conjunction with the existing work programme of Operations and Maintenance and Design and Delivery, who look after the properties approved for Voids funding and properties approved under the Buy and Renew Scheme.

We are introducing a single point of contact to assess the returned property immediately. This will ensure that the vacated property enters a work stream based on a standard scope and timeframe, which is determined by an inspection of the property at the outset.

The above measures will be reviewed on a monthly basis to assess progress made with regular reporting on same to be included in our report to Council.

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Director of Service
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17th July, 2019