

5. Total number of persons living at the above address: _____

6. Nature of Tenure of existing accommodation and cost (Please tick appropriate box):

		COST PER WEEK
(a)	Rented	<input type="checkbox"/> €.....
(b)	Owner Occupied* with Mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/> €.....
	*outright	<input type="checkbox"/> €.....
(c)	Living with relatives	<input type="checkbox"/> €.....
(d)	Other	<input type="checkbox"/> €.....

7. Are there any serious health problems in the Household (please tick the appropriate box) Yes No

If yes, a medical certificate in support should be provided.

8. Sleeping Accommodation: Number of Rooms:

9. Type of development proposed:

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PLEASE NOTE THAT PROOF OF OWNERSHIP MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION FORM.

I declare that the information and particulars given by me on this application form are true and correct and I undertake to notify the Social Policy & Housing Department of any changes in my circumstances.

I, also, hereby agree to allow Limerick City Council to make any/all enquiries in relation to this application.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE** The furnishing of false or misleading information is an offence liable to prosecution.**

IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN LIEU OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

Explanatory Leaflet

Introduction

This scheme enables local authorities to improve or extend privately owned houses occupied or intended to be occupied by an approved applicant for housing as an alternative to the provision of local authority housing.

Do I qualify?

If you are

- ◆ A person whose application for local authority housing has been approved by the local authority, or
- ◆ A local authority tenant or tenant purchaser who wishes to move to a privately owned house and to return your present house to the local authority, or
- ◆ A tenant for more than one year of a house provided by a voluntary housing body under the Rental Subsidy Scheme who wishes to move to a privately owned house and to return your present house to the body.

You may apply to your local authority under this scheme.

What houses qualify?

The local authority may carry out improvement works under this scheme to privately owned houses that are

- Owned by the applicant, where the house is defective or overcrowded for the needs of the applicant, or
- Owned by a relative of the applicant, where the house is defective or would be overcrowded when the applicant moves into the house.

Private rented housing is not eligible under this scheme.

What works qualify?

The local authority may carry out any works to eliminate defects in the house or to provide additional accommodation where this is necessary to eliminate overcrowding or to accommodate a person not residing in the house who is approved for local authority housing.

How does the local authority choose what houses to improve?

The local authority will take into account the urgency of individual housing needs when choosing houses to improve or extend under the scheme. It will also have regard to the cost effectiveness of the proposal.

Why should I consider the scheme?

The scheme has the advantages that persons in housing need can remain in their existing homes and neighbourhoods and, at the same time enjoy decent housing conditions sooner than they otherwise might.

What payments are involved?

The local authority will pay the full cost of the works carried out to the house. You will pay a reasonable weekly or monthly charge in respect of the local authority's costs for a maximum of 15 years. If, within the 15 years period, the total of your payments equals the cost to the local authority, the weekly or monthly charge will then cease.

The charge will be calculated, in much the same way as differential rents for local authority tenants, on the basis of your income and the cost of the works carried out in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Weekly differential rent} \quad \times \quad \frac{\text{cost of the works}}{\text{€125,000}}$$

The charge will vary during the 15-year period to take account of the changes in your circumstances and changes in the authority's rent scheme. The payments are therefore related to your ability to pay.

Can I sell the house if I wish?

You can sell the house at any time. However, if the house is sold before the total of your repayment equals the cost of the works or within 15 years of the works being carried out, whichever is the sooner, you must make a repayment to the authority. The amount of that repayment will be 1/15th of the cost of the work for each year between the date of the sale and the expiry of 15 years from the completion of the work.

Application Form

Please note that Proof of Ownership **must** accompany a completed Application Form.

Further information

The scheme of improvement works in lieu of local authority housing is available from your nearest Local Authority office. If you feel that the scheme is an option that may be suited to your circumstances, contact your local authority for further information.