Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Friday 29th May 2020 Homeless Update	
Homeless Services and Supports	**S.10 Funding:** €9m in S.10 funding (administered by GCC for the West Region) was expended in 2019. The Estimate for 2020 is in the region of €10.3 million. There will also be additional costs incurred as a result of COVID 19 from which there will be recoupments from the Department. The allocation for 2020 was received in April for core services in the sum of €3.6 million. **Private Emergency Accommodation:** Galway City Council is currently providing Private Emergency Accommodation to 49 families. 11 families are in transitional housing accommodation. (60 total in city). 5 of the transitional units are directly provided by Galway City Council. 31 single people are in receipt of private emergency accommodation. (323 in total in West Region). Currently 31 single people in PEA, 24 in Bunk Hostel, 9 in Osterley Lodge, 26 in Fairgreen and 12 in Abbey House (76 city). Due to COVID 19 Corrib Haven Family Hub was used as a self-isolation facility for single individuals in emergency accommodation. Families resident in Corrib Haven at the time were transferred to private emergency accommodation to facilitate same. It is proposed to rehouse those families back into Corrib Haven in June. **Housing First: '**Housing First' has been implemented through an integrated approach by the Departments of Housing and Health, Local Authorities and the HSE. Housing First and commenced in June 2019 Galway City. Housing Supports will be provided by Galway Simon and Cope Galway to 30 individuals. The aim of the project is to work with the single cohort who are deemed long term homeless with complex mental health needs. Housing First also includes those who are long term homeless/rough sleeping but have other issues other than complex mental health. 7 HF tenancies created to-date. Two further tenancies are planned in the near future. **Cold Weather Response & Outreach Service:** The Homeless Cold Weather Response 2019 / 2020 (CWR) commenced in early November 2019 and officially ended on 25 April. The initiative provided a 21 bed facility with an additional 10 emergency beds available if required, in a facility nearby the Homeless Day Centre. Homeless Service providers (COPE Galway and Galway Simon) continued to engage with clients in seeking a long term solution to their housing needs. Additional supports were provided to rough sleepers including day services, warm meals, access to laundry facilities and access to a GP and other health professionals who hold weekly clinics on site. CWR 2019/2020 operated at or close to capacity. Due to COVID 19 Bunk Hostel was leased on a three month basis from the end of March 2020 to accommodate rough sleepers in the city allowing for required physical distancing, in accordance with COVID 19 public health guidelines, for this cohort of homeless service users. The 21 bed facility at Westside was decanted and the clients were re-accommodated at Bunk Hostel.

	Modular Housing: Galway city was selected as a pilot for a modular housing project which will meet the needs of 15 homeless families. Works have been completed on site and the supported temporary accommodation service, managed by Peter McVerry Trust, commenced operations at the beginning of May. Move-ins have commenced and will be progressed in a phased basis. **Homeless Travellers:** The Council with the support of Cope Galway and Galway Simon Community assist with the provision of emergency accommodation, support and transition services to Travellers. The Homeless HAP Place Finder Officer continues to work with Travellers to secure a HAP supported tenancy. Allocation of units (LA/AHB) continue to be made to Travellers in homeless services having regard to Scheme of Letting Priorities and Estate Management Strategy. Traveller families continue to be challenged in finding private rented accommodation. Eleven Traveller families have been accommodated through the HAP Homeless Placefinder Service since introduced in 2018, with 5 accommodated so far in 2020. Ten allocations have been made to homeless Travellers families so far in 2020.
Housing Allocations/ Potential Allocations	**Allocations:** Of the 66 Allocations to date in 2020, 25 were to homeless families (which includes 11 SLAs to NGO's), **Homeless HAP Placefinder Service:** Homeless HAP tenancies created in 2020 came from within homeless services and also resulted from prevention work. 211 HAP tenancies have been created since the service was introduced in mid - 2018. 45 new Homeless HAP tenancies have been created in 2020, 14 of these tenancies were direct moves from Homeless Services while 17 of the 45 tenancies were to singles and the remaining 28 tenancies were to families moving from Private Emergency Accommodation, Direct Provision or as preventative work. There are currently 44 upcoming NTQ.s received in the Housing Department. Legislation introduced as a result of COVID 19 provides for a moratorium on Notice of Evictions. This legislation is currently in effect up until the 27th of June 2020.