

Chambers Ireland Housing Taskforce

Draft Terms of Reference

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Role and functions

The Chambers Ireland House Taskforce was created as a collaborative body within the Chamber Network to better leverage the skills and expertise of Chambers staff and member with knowledge of policy in the fields of housing, construction and planning. The objective of the Taskforce is to support the work of Chambers Ireland in identifying measures that will improve the supply and affordability of housing in Ireland.

The goals of the Taskforce are to

- support the work of Chambers Ireland and the wider network of member chambers
- bring greater critical mass to our national efforts;
- increase awareness within participating Chambers of the network's high level priorities; and
- identify opportunities for Chambers to jointly promote priorities where such collaboration would provide a stronger voice.

The Taskforce is one of several committees (including the Chambers Ireland Public Affairs Forum) which supports the work of the Chambers Ireland Public Affairs team in its goal of making policy recommendations to Governments

The main functions of the Taskforce are as follows:

1. To meet on a regular basis to discuss relevant policy development and proposed initiatives
2. To assist with the formulation of policy recommendations
3. To advise on specific tactical approaches to policy issues

Membership

Chambers members are invited to take part in these groups or nominate subject matter specialists from their Chamber.

- Typically, such individuals are staff of a member chamber or of a member company of an affiliated chamber

Meetings

- The Taskforce meets at least three times a year
- The working groups typically involve at least a 2 hour meeting, with subsequent consultation via email groups.
- Chambers Ireland may call additional meeting throughout the year, with agreement of the membership, as the need arises

- An agenda for each meeting is suggested by Chambers Ireland staff and distributed to members to allow for additions prior to the meeting.
- Chambers Ireland staff provide secretariat to the group

Accountability

- Members of the Taskforce are expected to update their associated Chamber of the work of the Forum and its outputs.
- Members are also expected to work collaboratively with other Chambers and Chambers Ireland on appropriate initiatives.

Review

- The mandate of the Chambers Ireland Policy Taskforces will be reviewed annually, and may be subject to change depending on the policy focus of the year in question