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Oaklee Housing, in collaboration with its Tenant Forum, launch their Tenant Engagement Strategy.

Oaklee Housing, in collaboration with the Oaklee Housing Tenant Forum and guided by independent champions of community participation, *Supporting Communities*, is pleased to announce the launch of its most comprehensive Tenant Engagement Strategy to date, in the walled gardens of IMMA at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham.

Driven by the need to ensure that the tenant's voice is central to the continuous improvement of the services provided by Oaklee Housing, this 3-year strategy sets out a robust 14 point action plan that will not only help shape its future but strives to build stronger, more sustainable communities.

Speaking at the event, Oaklee Housing CEO, Sharon Cosgrove said, "We have been fortunate enough to have always had a dedicated Tenant Forum. And while its members may come and go, their enthusiasm and dedication to ensuring our tenants have a strong voice is relentless. This document is a testament to that cause. It is the culmination of many months of hard work, building on the efforts of previous Tenant Fora and reaffirms our commitment to our tenants and their communities."

Dr Robbie Sinnott, Chairperson of the Oaklee Housing Tenant Forum, remarked, "This 3-year Tenant Engagement Strategy is written by both Oaklee Housing and us, the tenants. It promises to give tenants a stronger input into how Oaklee Housing designs and delivers its services. It sets out how we can continue to develop tenant participation in decision making and improve the housing services we receive."

"The success of this strategy," according to recently appointed Tenant Engagement Manager for Oaklee Housing, Richard Mealey, "relies on the active participation and involvement of our tenants. I am confident that the range of opportunities that this strategy offers will appeal to our diverse community of tenants and so ensure its successful implementation."

Oaklee Housing is an Approved Housing Body (AHB) established in 2001 to deliver high-quality modern homes for older people, families, mature single people and people with complex needs. Collaborating with its statutory and voluntary partners Oaklee Housing has grown its presence across 19 counties in Ireland to become one of the country's most ambitious social housing providers. Oaklee Housing is a member of the Irish Council for Social Housing and the Housing Alliance.

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