## **The Voluntary Code for Approved Housing Bodies**

The Housing Agency has been given responsibility, on an interim basis, for regulating Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs). AHBs are private, non-for profit organisations formed for the purpose of relieving housing need. Currently there are approx. 700 AHBs in Ireland. Regulation of the sector is based on a Voluntary Regulation Code which provides a framework for Approved Housing Bodies to prepare for imminent statutory regulation. The Code is designed to assist AHBs to improve their governance, management and financial capabilities, and provide oversight of the sector. North & East submits and annual return to the Housing Regulator and re-affirms its commitment to the Code on an annual basis. The full Code is available at <a href="https://www.housingagency.ie/Regulation/The-Code.pdf">https://www.housingagency.ie/Regulation/The-Code.pdf</a>