

## IPAV Newsletter August 2025 Vol. 147

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### Message from Genevieve



I'm incredibly honoured to step into the role of CEO of IPAV. The messages I've received from members and stakeholders have been so supportive. You can expect to hear from me regularly and I'm just as eager to listen as I am to lead. Over the coming months, I'll be meeting many of you to discuss your business, the market and the future of IPAV.

I would like to wish Pat Davitt the very best in his retirement and hope you can join us to celebrate his leadership of IPAV on 20<sup>th</sup> August which is outlined further in this newsletter.

### YPN Annual General Meeting - 20th August, Sandymount Hotel, Dublin 4

IPAV's Young Professionals Network are holding their AGM at 5pm, Wednesday 20th August, at the Sandymount Hotel, Herbert Road, Dublin 4. We encourage members to take part in this important meeting, as YPN's committee and members will be discussing the pathway for the year ahead. We ask you to please register your attendance in advance using the [link available here](#).



### CCPC Report



Update

As highlighted in our recent email and press release, the publication of the CCPC's report *Room for improvement: Examining information availability in residential property purchases* marks an important contribution to policy surrounding the buying and selling of homes and the recommended measures need to be expedited by Government. We encourage members to review the report available from the CCPC's website at the below link:

CCPC Report: [Room for improvement: Examining information availability in residential property purchases](#)

### Positive changes to First Home Scheme Application Process



Following a regular review to improve customer experience, the FHS are introducing some changes to its application process for customers. The change to the process will now result in customers being issued with an 'Preliminary Certificate'. This precedes the 'Eligibility Certificate' and is similar to the 'AIP' (Approval in Principle) issued by lenders. Like the 'AIP', the 'Preliminary Certificate' will not guarantee funds, but indicates the potential equity funding available once the application process is completed and all necessary documents are provided.

The advantage of this additional step is that it will facilitate customers in 'shopping around' for a property by allowing them to change the key property details on the FHS self-service portal and instantly generate a revised 'Preliminary Certificate' 24/7 without having to contact the FHS directly. The new changes are effective from Monday the 28th of July. Any queries relating to this change or any other aspect of the FHS should be directed to the Brokers/Agents Help Line on 0818 300062.

### Online Certificate in Real Estate Administration - Final Weeks to Apply

Further to our recent email, registration levels are currently running at a low level for the Certificate in Real Estate Administration. This online course represents a valuable opportunity for individuals interested in pursuing or advancing a career in administrative roles within our industry, and unless more applications are received, unfortunately, the course is unlikely to go ahead. If you have administration staff on your team, or know someone who may be looking to enter the field, please consider actively encouraging them to apply. Full course details are available at: [Certificate in Real Estate Administration](#)



Additionally, graduates of this course are welcome to apply for Affiliate Membership of IPAV.

### Valuation Orders - Cork City Council and Cork County Council

We would like to bring to members attention the following information received from Tailte Éireann;

On 23 July 2025, Colm Lavery, Chief Operations Officer Valuation, signed Valuation Orders for the rating authority areas of Cork County Council and Cork City Council.

The signing of the Valuation Orders follows the completion of a statutory consultation process between Tailte Éireann, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the Local Authorities involved.

Correspondence has now issued to affected Ratepayers who are required to log into and submit information using Tailte Éireann's [online portal](#) within 28 days.

The new valuations for the areas undergoing revaluation will be published in 2027 and become effective for rates purposes from 2028 onwards.

Visit [Reval 2027 - Tailte Éireann](#) for further information.



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### A Celebration of Pat Davitt's Service and Leadership

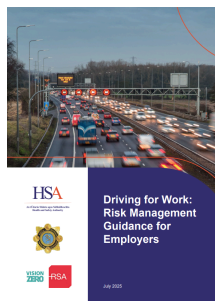


Thank you to all members who have confirmed their attendance at our upcoming BBQ. We're looking forward to a great evening to wish Pat well in his retirement, and to recognise and celebrate his dedicated service to IPAV as CEO, and outstanding contribution to the property profession. There are a limited number of places remaining to attend the BBQ, so please use the link below to register your attendance as soon as possible.

#### Event Details:

- 6pm, Wednesday 20th August
- Sandymount Hotel, Herbert Road, Dublin 4, D04 VN88
- [Click here to register](#)

### Driving for Work: Risk Management Guidance for Employers



The Health and Safety Authority (HSA) have published a new guidance on managing driving for work. The guidance document has been jointly developed by An Garda Síochána, the Health and Safety Authority and the Road Safety Authority and explains the legal duties on employers to manage driving for work risks in their business. We encourage members to download the guidance, linked below, and be familiar with the contents of this important guidance, and to put in place policies, procedures and rules around driving for work.

Click: [Driving for Work: Risk Management Guidance for Employers](#)

We also advise members to visit [www.besmart.ie](http://www.besmart.ie) a free Safety Statement & Risk Assessment Resource.

### All Places Now Allocated - Higher Certificate in Business in Real Estate, Valuation, Sale & Management

We are delighted to report all places for this year's Higher Certificate in Business in Real Estate, Valuation, Sale & Management have been allocated, the class is at full capacity, and we thank members who encouraged staff members to apply. It is hugely encouraging to see a continuing interest and commitment to our profession, and we wish all students the very best with their studies.



### RTB - New online Dispute Resolution Centre

The Residential Tenancies Board's new online Dispute Resolution Centre is now available to all customers. Access to the Dispute Resolution Centre is through a blue button in the top right-hand corner of RTB's website homepage and for more information on how RTB Dispute Resolution Services work, details are available at [www.rtb.ie/disputes](http://www.rtb.ie/disputes).

### IPAV - Career Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity for an Education Administrator here at IPAV's head office. This is a dynamic and varied role, supporting both online and in-person learning programmes, liaising with members, lecturers, students and delivering exceptional service. Further details on the role and application are through Osborne [available here](#).



### Deepest Sympathies, Thomas Collins, Former IPAV President



We extend our deepest sympathies on the passing of Thomas Collins, IPAV's esteemed former President and Council member. We offer our sincere sympathies to his wife Anne, and children, Jack, Ruth and Alexandra. Thomas was IPAV's President in 1996/97 and continued his dedicated contribution to IPAV as a Council member until 2015, and remained a long-standing, supportive member of IPAV. Many members remember fondly when Thomas was an advisor to Neil Jordan for the movie Michael Collins, and when he was elected at IPAV's AGM in 1996 at the Shelbourne Hotel, Liam Neeson paid a surprise visit to the room while taking a break from promoting the famous biopic.

May he rest in peace.

### YPN's 2025 Golf Classic - Don't Miss Out



It's a great time to gather your teammates for this year's YPN Golf Classic and enjoy a day of competition, networking and sport. Places are filling up fast, and to secure your team, please see the registration link below.

For a 3-player team, the cost is €240 and includes Green Fees, Breakfast Bap on Arrival, 2-Course Meal at The Heritage Hotel and a chance to win some fantastic prizes.

#### Event Details:

Thursday 4th September  
The Heritage, Killenard, Co. Laois

Registration link: [YPN Golf Classic 2025](#)

### IPAV PSRA CPD Live Webinar - 19th September

IPAV's Autumn PSRA CPD Live Webinar is taking place on Friday 19th September. Full attendance provides licenced agents with the necessary 5 PSRA CPD hours for 2025, the cost is €75.00 per person and registration is available at the below link:

[IPAV PSRA CPD Live Webinar](#)



### Early Booking for IPAV Events

- European Valuation Conference
- IPAV Member's Lunch - Dublin
- IPAV Member's Lunch - Cork

Please click: [IPAV Upcoming Events](#)



## IPAV In the Media & Press Releases

### IPAV in the Media:

09.07.25 - Source: Newstalk The Pat Kenny Show

**After 40 years in the property sector Pat Davitt steps down from IPAV**

### IPAV Press Releases:

**IPAV Responds To CCPC Report Government Needs To Expedite Sellers Legal Pack**

**House Prices Government's New Housing Plan Amounts to Last Chance IPAV**

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