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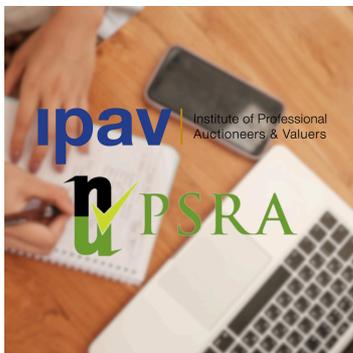
I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved and refreshing break over the Christmas and New Year period. I am sure members across the country are now looking ahead to 2026 and the opportunities, challenges, and progress it will undoubtedly bring for our profession.

On behalf of everyone at IPAV, I would like to wish all members and their families a very safe, happy, healthy, and prosperous 2026. As always, please be assured that IPAV — the voice of Auctioneers and Valuers — remains fully committed to supporting you whether through representation, guidance, advocacy, or professional support throughout the year ahead.

Genevieve



IPAV PSRA CPD Live Webinar - 13th February



IPAV will be hosting its first 2026 PSRA CPD Live Webinar on **Friday 13th February**.

Full attendance at this webinar will provide licenced agents with the required 5 PSRA CPD hours for 2026.

The cost remains the same as previous years, €75.00 per person. To register for this event please click the below link.

[IPAV PSRA Live Webinar - Registration](#)

IPAV Annual NPS Survey

IPAV sent out an NPS email survey on 7th January. This important survey takes less than one minute to complete, and we kindly ask members who have not yet taken part, to please take a moment to complete the survey.

We very much appreciate your support.



The European Affordable Housing Plan



The European Commission's first-ever European Affordable Housing Plan has been officially published. The Plan sets the stage for practical action at EU, national, and local levels to improve housing affordability and availability.

Key highlights of the Plan:

Public funding support: Enables Member States to provide affordable housing for low- and middle-income households.

- **Addressing speculation:** Measures to limit investment-driven price increases in housing markets.
- **Short-term rental regulation:** Tools to curb the conversion of long-term homes into tourist accommodations.
- **Accelerating construction:** Streamlined rules and permitting to increase housing supply.
- **Support for Member States:** Guidance and frameworks to mobilize public and private resources.

[See Full Report](#)

IPAV Boardroom available for IPAV Members

The IPAV Boardroom is now available for use by members for meetings, auctions, and other professional engagements. This facility offers a convenient and professional setting in the heart of the city, supporting members in the delivery of their business activities.

Use of the boardroom will be available at a nominal cost of €100 per booking. Members wishing to make an enquiry or request a booking are asked to contact the IPAV office directly, where staff will be happy to provide further details, confirm availability, and assist with any requirements.



Generosity that matters

Following IPAV's Members' Lunches in Dublin and Cork, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to all members and guests who generously donated on the day, in Dublin, to Cian's Kennels and in Cork, to Cliona's Foundation. Your kind contribution, together with a donation from IPAV, will assist the invaluable work of both these commendable charities.

A snapshot of the lunches are captured in the photos below, including Fintan McGill IPAV President, Genevieve McGuirk IPAV CEO, Evelyn and Enda Neary of Cian's Kennels; Lord Mayor of Dublin Councillor Ray McAdam, Charlotte Kavanagh of Cliona's Foundation & Cllr Albert Deasy.



The Housing Agency - Lunchtime Webinar on New Training Resources to Support MUDs Retrofitting



On 16 December 2025, the Housing Agency hosted a webinar to showcase new training resources to support the retrofitting of apartment buildings. The event attracted a large live audience of almost 500 attendees, including many licensed property management agents.

Missed the Webinar?

Watch the recording (30 minutes) on the Housing Agency's YouTube channel [here](#).

Webinar Highlights

- Introduction to new resources: Training videos, written guidance, and case studies focused on financing, stakeholder engagement, and governance.
- Why these resources matter: Practical tools to help property management agents, owners' management companies (OMCs), and other stakeholders plan and deliver retrofitting projects effectively.
- Research insights: Findings from the EU-supported research project that informed the development of training.
- Accessing the resources: Available now on the EU Academy platform [here](#).
- Update on news in the multi-unit developments (MUDs) sector, and the Agency's plans for support in 2026.

Drones – Understanding The Basics: New 1 Day Courses launched for 2026

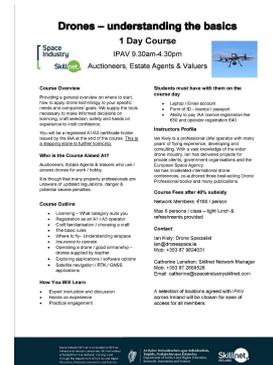
Further to our email in December, IPAV in conjunction with Drone Space Ltd & Skillnet are running additional 1-day courses for members, 40% subsidised by Skillnet to help your business become compliant.

The following dates are available for bookings; 6 persons max per class.

Cork: Thursday January 15th, 2026 - National Space Centre, Middleton, Co Cork

Dublin: Monday January 26th, 2026 - Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin

To register or if you have any questions, please contact ian@dronespace.ie or call 087 9824031.



Webinar on EU Deforestation Regulation

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine would like to extend their thanks to all who attended the recent webinar on the EU Deforestation Regulation on Thursday 11th December.

A recording of this webinar is now available to view on the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine YouTube channel - [EU Deforestation Regulation Webinar 11th December 2025](#), along with a copy of the presentations provided during the webinar. [Copy Presentation](#)

Minister publishes Civil Reform Bill 7th January 2026

Minister Jim O'Callaghan published the General Scheme of the Civil Reform Bill to reform the Judicial Review mechanism and streamline other key courts processes. The General Scheme of the Civil Reform Bill 2025 implements most recommendations of the Kelly Report, with a major focus on reforming judicial review to improve transparency, efficiency and balance.

The Bill aims to prevent misuse on technical grounds, reduce costs, and clarify standing, while

preserving citizens' right to challenge unlawful public decisions.

These reforms are positioned as essential to addressing urgent national challenges—particularly infrastructure, housing, energy and climate—by supporting the Government's Accelerating Infrastructure Action Plan and ensuring judicial remedies account for both individual harm and the wider public interest.

[Link to Report](#)

Defective Concrete Block (DCB) Stakeholder Forum

IPAV is engaged as a representative body on the Defective Concrete Block (DCB) Stakeholder Forum, ensuring the property profession is represented on this important issue.

Working alongside other industry bodies, the forum is trying to develop a practical framework to help give certainty, to all parties that have a role in the conveyancing process, that properties on the market in impacted counties are mortgageable and that the presence of defective material, if any, is within acceptable limits.

As our engagement with the DCB Stakeholder Forum continues, we will provide members with further developments.

The Property Professional - Q4 2025



IPAV's Q4 *The Property Professional* offers members a range of excellent and helpful features, and for any member who has not yet had the opportunity to look through our last issue, simply click the links below. Huge thanks as always to all our expert contributors and members for being a part of this insightful edition.

[The Property Professional Q4 2025 Digital](#)

[The Property Professional Q4 2025 PDF](#)

IPAV Diary Dates

IPAV will be circulating a full calendar of event for 2026, and in the meantime, we would like Members to note the following key events;

February 13th: IPAV PSRA Live Webinar - 5 PSRA CPD hours

March 4th: IPAV Online Event for International Women's Day

March 6th: YPN's Rostrum Auctioneers Competition at Tattersalls, Co Meath

March 11th: IPAV Online Farming Report Launch & Agri Webinar - 2 TEGOVA CPD hours

May 7th: IPAV AGM (venue tbc)

May 15th: IPAV Annual Conference & Dinner at Galway Bay Hotel

August 20th: YPN AGM at IPAV Head office, Dublin 2

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September 3rd: YPN Golf Classic at The Heritage Golf Resort, Co Laois

October 20th: IPAV European Valuation Conference - 5 TEGOVA CPD hours (venue tbc)

November 19th: IPAV Online Lettings & Residential Conference - 4 TEGOVA CPD hours

The above dates and events are subject to change

IPAV In the Media & Press Releases

IPAV in the Media:

Thursday 4th December 2025, Quinton O'Reilly, Business Post, **Decisive action needed now to solve Ireland's property woes**

Thursday 18th December 2025, Christian McCashen, The Daily Mail, **Average House Price rose 10% in the last year to €439,300**

Sunday 4th January 2026, Wayne O'Connor, The Irish Independent, **Property prices will keep on growing in 2026, experts agree**

IPAV Press Release:

Wednesday 17th December 2025, **House Prices May Ebb and Flow but Remain Elevated – IPAV**

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