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Beauchamps is a top full-service law firm with one of the largest commercial property practices in Ireland. They have been responsible for many of the most significant market-shaping property developments in Ireland in the last 20 years, with their team recently acting for the two largest property deals in Irish history.

They advise public sector clients across the full range of legal services, including commercial property, housing, litigation, corporate & commercial, employment, data protection, intellectual property and procurement. They act for a broad range of public sector clients, with many of these being long-term relationships built-up over many years.

With the ongoing economic and societal impact of Covid-19, the future continues to be uncertain for many people living and working in Ireland. The work of the public sector in supporting the effective functioning of the State is more important now than ever, and Beauchamps are proud of their work supporting their public sector clients in tackling the variety of issues currently faced by the sector.

Beauchamps' award-winning housing team, ably led by partner Fidelma McManus, are a good example of how the law firm supports the public sector in some of the most crucial issues facing the country. At times such as these, social housing becomes even more important, particularly in protecting some of the most vulnerable in society – an already acute issue that has only been worsened by Covid-19.

The lack of good quality affordable housing has long been identified as the most important societal issue in Ireland and is now a clear priority within Government. The Beauchamps team utilise their considerable depth of experience and expertise in this sector to ensure private, affordable and social housing projects throughout the country are delivered.

Beauchamps' commercial property team, within which the awardwinning housing team sits, has unrivalled experience acting for public bodies in large transactions and developments and are continuing to advise many of the most significant property matters in the country. For instance, they act for the largest approved housing bodies such as Respond and Clúid in large scale projects including the Charlestown Podium Development in Dublin 11 of 138 units and the Market Garden Development of 130 units in Dundalk, to name but a few. They have recently been particularly busy advising local authority clients on their roll out of long-term leasing (standard and enhanced) for social housing projects. Beauchamps are also providing ongoing legal advice to Dublin Port Company, acting in the strategic Brexit related acquisitions, lettings and relocations in Dublin Port and in the implementation of the Dublin Port Master Plan 2040, as well as acting for South Dublin County Council in relation to the successful procurement of a residential site as a mixed-tenure housing development for over 1,000 homes.

According to Fidelma McManus, Partner & Head of Housing, Beauchamps, an effective and efficient public sector is more

important now than ever before to Ireland, with the State and private sector working in tandem the key to Ireland bouncing back from the initial shock of Covid-19. Commenting she says: "As demonstrated by the work of Beauchamps' housing team, the firm's long and broad experience ensures they understand the complexities and obstacles faced daily in the public sector, as well as the need to manage multiple and varied stakeholders, with sometimes competing objectives.

"Beauchamps has the depth of resources to support you, no matter how big or small the matter, and will always seek to work with public sector clients in a financially efficient and effective manner."

