

Statement from Tom O'Brien, Mazars, Receivers to Apollo House:

The Receivers to Apollo House welcomed today's High Court decision and reiterate their commitment to meet and work with representatives of Home Sweet Home so that an orderly vacation of the building can be achieved by the 11th of January.

We wish to emphasise that these proceedings were never about the eviction of the people currently in Apollo House but were brought in order to address the serious legal and safety issues arising from the present situation.

We remain very concerned for the health and safety of those occupying Apollo House and are hopeful that Home Sweet Home will work with us to meet the directions of the Court which, in turn, will allow us to work with insurers to try to put in place the necessary insurance to cover the period up to the 11th of January.

We do not want to see any homeless person currently in Apollo House put out on the streets and since this occupation began we have been actively working to identify a longer term solution for their situation.

As Dublin City Council told the court today, there is more suitable accommodation available in Dublin City Centre that can provide long term care and support to those seeking shelter. We will continue to work with Home Sweet Home, Dublin City Council and homeless agencies over the next three weeks to assist homeless people in Apollo House move to more appropriate accommodation. This will ensure they also get the continuous professional care and supports required.

We hope that Home Sweet Home will work with us and co-operate with Dublin City Council and the other homeless agencies to achieve this.

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