

**McSWEENEY HOUSE, BERKELEY STREET – OCCUPATION BY REFUGEES AND ASYLUM APPLICANTS.  
(Update 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023)**

McSweeney House, a 21-unit apartment complex on Berkeley Street, Phibsborough, was broken into on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> May and has been occupied since then by a group describing itself as the Revolutionary Housing League (RHL).

Following a number of High Court hearings, an Attachment and Committal Order was issued on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The occupation was ended last night following an intervention by Gardai. The premises are now being made secure. A number of (RHL) activists were detained and appeared in Court this morning, 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Cabhrú welcomes the ending of the occupation.

A tender for the demolition of the building will be issued next week and it is planned that works will commence in mid-October and be completed before the end of January next year.

A separate tender, for the construction of the new building, will be issued in October this year and it is planned that these works will commence in March 2024 and be completed by the end of 2025. The new building will comprise of thirty-five 1-bed apartments, age-friendly homes designed to the highest standards.

The original Tenants of McSweeney House were progressively re-housed in other Cabhrú properties over a number of years in preparation for the redevelopment of the site. Those who wish to return to McSweeney House will be accommodated in the new building when the works have been completed at the end of 2025.