



**ROADS-IN-CHARGE  
CERTIFICATES  
ARE THEY TOO  
EXPENSIVE?**

**T**he Conveyancing Committee wishes to draw to the attention of practitioners, the high fees being charged by Dublin County Council and Dublin Corporation for providing Certificates confirming Change of Address or confirming that Roads, Footpaths and Services abutting a property are in charge. The Profession should be aware that the charge for each of the above Certificates is now £15.00 representing an additional cost of £30.00 in the normal second-hand house sale. The Committee is of the view that these charges are excessive and has considered methods of amending current practice to lessen this burden on the Vendor.

The Committee is of the view that it is essential in many cases to obtain one or other of the above Certificates and does not intend recommending a change in the current practice of furnishing these Certificates. The Committee wishes to advise however that it is the current policy of Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council not to charge members of the public for attending at their offices and inspecting the relevant registers and road maps to satisfy themselves of the position. Accordingly, it is possible for a representative of the Vendor's Solicitor to attend and inspect the relevant records free of charge. The Vendor's solicitor would then be in a position to certify whether or not the roads, footpaths and services were in-charge and also to certify the position in relation to Change of Address (if any). The Committee recommends that if the Vendor's Solicitor can certify in this manner, then the Purchaser's Solicitor should accept such a Certificate in lieu of a Certificate from the Local Authority itself.

It should be noted that this Recommendation is confined to sales of second-hand dwellinghouses only.