

## Make a change



Tommy Broughan TD

The last ten years have seen massive changes in Ireland. There are more jobs, higher wages and greater opportunities for many Irish people. However the last decade has also seen the Fianna Fail/PD government squander and mismanage so many of the resources created by the hard work of Irish people all over the country. In critical areas such as health, housing, education, transport and crime prevention the Fianna Fail/PD government has absolutely failed to deliver.

With Labour in government this will be different. Labour has announced 5 key Commitments for Change which we will implement when in government. The Labour Party is committed to a dynamic economy which continues to generate prosperity for all our people. However, it is also now time to deliver on the better quality of life which our prosperity should provide for all Irish people. It's time to make a change.

## Labour's 5 Commitments for Change

### 1. MORE BEDS IN CLEAN HOSPITALS

Labour's commitment is to provide 2,300 more beds in hospitals that are clean. We need more beds to deal with our health needs. We need our hospitals to be cleaner so that you can be sure that going into hospital doesn't mean catching MRSA.

### 2. PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

Labour's commitment is to provide one year of pre-school education for all our children. To give our children the best chance they can is the wish of all parents, and we all know that the start they get is crucial to that.

### 3. MORE GARDAÍ ON THE BEAT IN NEIGHBOURHOODS

Labour's commitment is to ensure that there are more Gardai on the beat in neighbourhoods. Hard working families are entitled to live in peaceful law-abiding communities. Labour is convinced that changes in the manning, deployment and organisation of the Garda Síochána would have a hugely positive impact on people's quality of life and on crime and anti-social behaviour.

### 4. ABOLISH THE MEANS TEST FOR CARERS

Labour's commitment is to abolish the means test for carers. Carers in our communities provide unpaid help for a family member or friend with a disability. And while nearly half of these carers have no paid employment and one third of them give more than 43 hours of unpaid time per week, less than a fifth receive financial assistance from the state for their invaluable

### 5. ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO BEGIN TO BUY A HOME

The Labour Party has developed a new idea to help people get onto the property ladder. It is a new scheme that will provide a means for people with a job to begin to buy their own home. This new proposal is called 'Begin to Buy'.

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Cllr. Anne Carter

### BROUGHAN & CARTER WELCOME GP OUT OF HOURS SCHEME

Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr. Anne Carter have welcomed the establishment of the new 24 hours Out-of-Hours GP Scheme. However Cllr. Carter has again urged the HSE and the Irish Medical Organisation to consider putting a cap on the charge for calling out a GP outside of normal hours to ensure that all families can avail of a doctor without fear of paying massive costs.

# SAVE OUR SCHOOL

## Broughan continues Greendale Community School campaign

Tommy Broughan T.D. has demanded that Greendale Community School must be saved for education and community use.

"Education Minister Mary Hanafin recently told me that no decision has yet been made on the future of Greendale Community School campus with its magnificent school building and wonderful revamped sports hall. This means there is still time to save this historic and outstanding school site. It is vital that the educational and community facilities are retained under new sponsors if necessary", said Tommy Broughan T.D.

The vast new city that is currently being built on the North Fringe of the Dublin North East constituency (with up to 25,000 housing units approved or in planning) is just over a mile due north of Greendale on the DART line. With no schools yet planned for this massive new area it is very short-sighted of the government to go ahead with the Greendale closure. Tommy has raised the proposed closure of Greendale Community School four times in the last 18 months in Dail Eireann with the Minister for Education and is continuing to pursue the Minister and Taoiseach Ahern on the matter throughout the last months of this Dail.

## NEWS FROM AROUND NORTH EAST

- Deputy Tommy Broughan has contacted Education Minister Mary Hanafin to request that she urgently proceeds with the much needed extension for St. Fintan's High School, **Sutton**, Dublin 13.
- Local Cllr. Anne Carter has welcomed the announcement of the North Central Area Major Works Programme for 2007. Cllr. Carter has been informed that the tarmac verges and dishings of the footpaths on **Ferrycarrig Road** and **Glin Avenue**, **Coolock Park/Ayrfield** and the **Kilbarrack** Area are also set to be refurbished. The asphalt roadway at **Newtown Cottages**, **Glin Grove/Glin Crescent** and **Ferrycarrig Park**, are also set to be repaired. Finally, the City Council committed to carrying out badly needed repairs on the Malahide Road (at the **Darndale Roundabout** and **N32**); **St. Margaret's Avenue**, **Kilbarrack**; **Grange Road** (outside Donaghmede Shopping Centre) and **Harmonstown Road**.
- Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr. Anne Carter continue to closely monitor the refurbishment of Clonshaugh Road. Section 3 (Riverside Park to Oscar Traynor Road) is now almost complete. Section 2 (Riverside Park to Clonshaugh Avenue) is commencing and is due to finish by August. Finally, tendering for Phase 1 (Clonshaugh Avenue to the N32) ended in January and this contract will be carried out between April and December 2007.
- Tommy Broughan T.D. has continued to campaign in Dail Eireann for the immediate appointment of a new Commission of Investigation into the **Stardust** fire disaster of 1981 where 48 young people tragically lost their lives. Deputy Broughan also strongly criticised Taoiseach Ahern and Justice Minister McDowell's disgraceful stonewalling of the Stardust Families and ongoing broken deadlines and commitments.
- Cllr. Anne Carter and Deputy Tommy Broughan have welcomed a decision from North Central Area Manager Declan Wallace that the public lighting upgrade works will be completed in **Riverside** estate in 2007 and that the bulk of **Foxhill** estate will also receive upgraded public lighting this year.
- Local Labour Cllr. Anne Carter has asked Justice Minister

provide the **Coolock** Garda Division with the long promised additional Gardai needed to meet the policing needs of the local community. Deputy Broughan continues his ten-year campaign for a new Garda Station for Donaghmede and the North Fringe.

- The final completion of improvement works at **Howth Junction/Donaghmede** and **Raheny** Dart stations must be urgently carried out according to Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr. Anne Carter. Iarnrod Eireann has informed Cllr. Carter that they will be providing new and upgraded shelters, seats and litter bins at all stations.
- Deputy Broughan has continued to represent the **Sutton Park and Lawns** Residents Association in their ongoing campaign to ensure that Iarnrod Eireann completes a series of outstanding works in relation to the damaged westbound piped drain from **Sutton Park Estate** under **Bayside Dart Station** and north into Seagrang Park adjoining Sutton Park. Tommy has also pursued Iarnrod Eireann in relation to the disgraceful flooding of the underpass at Bayside Station.
- Dublin Bus has reported to Cllr. Anne Carter and Tommy Broughan T.D. that they will repair a series of bus shelters at **Donaghmede** Shopping Centre and provide additional shelters for **Priorswood Road** including the stop opposite the junction with **Moatview Avenue**.
- Deputy Broughan has welcomed Fingal County Council's draft programme of works for the Howth/Malahide Area for 2007. At **Seagrang Park**, **Baldoyle**, Dublin 13 it has been agreed to improve and/or raise the footpaths. In Howth funding is to be allocated to develop new paths from **Balkill Park** to **Carrickbrack Road**. Under the Transportation Works Programme for 2007 footpath improvements will be carried out at **Meadowbrook Estate, Baldoyle**; **Seagrang Estate, Baldoyle**; **Grange Road, Baldoyle**; **Sutton Park/Bayside**; **Balkill Park/St. Neassans, Howth**;



