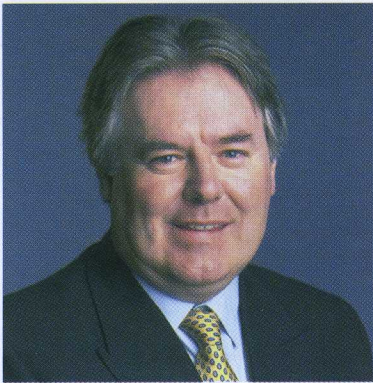


NORTHSIDER

New Year Greetings and Annual Report from Dublin North East Labour Party



**Best Wishes
for
A Peaceful and
Prosperous 2006
from
Deputy Tommy Broughan
and Cllr. Anne Carter**



BUDGET 2006 FAILS KEY NEEDS OF IRISH SOCIETY

Deputy Tommy Broughan has described Budget 2006 as failing the key tests of any government that is truly committed to social justice.

Tommy commented; *"This government had unprecedented amounts of money to spend, certainly more than any other government in the history of the state. The well-trumpeted childcare measures in this Budget are extremely disappointing. A mere €19.23 per child under 6 years per week is little compared to full-time crèche costs of €170-200 per week. Unlike the Labour Party the government has made no commitment to universal pre-school education. There is also virtually nothing in this budget for parents of school-going children. An increase in child benefit of just €8.40 per month (for the first 2 children) and €7.70 per month (for the third and subsequent children) shows this government is out of touch with reality.*

"The Ahern/PD government have again broken their promise to reduce pupil-teacher ratios to 20-1 for the under 9s. We are one

of the richest countries in the world yet too many of our children are still condemned to primary school classes of 30 or more. The €5 increase in the fuel allowance, which many vulnerable seniors rely on in the winter months, is paltry compared with the skyrocketing increases in the price of fuel.

"Budget '06 promises just a 10% increase in the current very inadequate funding for affordable housing. Since 2001 only 1,294 of 300,000 new commercial housing units have been allocated to social and affordable housing.

"It is clear that the government has so much money at its disposal but seemingly no clue how to ensure that it is effectively, efficiently and fairly spent for the benefit of all Irish citizens" ■

Deputy Tommy Broughan Selected to Contest Next General Election

At a well-attended selection convention recently in the Sheiling Hotel, Howth Road, Raheny, Deputy Tommy Broughan was selected as Labour candidate for Dublin North East in the forthcoming General Election.

Deputy Broughan was the only candidate nominated by the local branches of Dublin North East Labour Party and was selected unanimously. He was proposed by Cllr. Anne Carter of the Donagmede/Raheny Ward and seconded by Mr. Greg Curran of Ayrfield Clare Hall. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Brian McDowell of Donaghmede, the Dublin Regional Organiser of the Labour Party.

Speaking at the convention Deputy Broughan commented, *"I am honoured to be selected by Dublin North East Labour Party for the 7th occasion in local and national elections. There have been many great figures who represented Dublin North East in the past going back to Big Jim and Denis Larkin and I look forward to carrying on the wonderful Labour and Left tradition in our constituency.*

incompetence and waste that is a hallmark of the current government. A new government with Labour at its heart will deliver where the Ahern/PD government has so profoundly failed?" ■

Darndale Housing Development

Deputy Broughan attended the recent public display for the proposed 72 two-storey housing units in central Darndale (on the old shop site and adjoining open spaces). The proposal displayed included 62 three-bedroom houses (with the remaining units consisting of two bed houses and two bed apartments). As laid out and after consultation with local residents, the new plan would eliminate any through traffic and pedestrian routes and all existing roads into the site would become cul-de-sacs.

Deputy Broughan thanked Area Housing Manager John Egan and his staff for the public consultation on the proposals.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET 2006

KEY SOCIAL WELFARE CHANGES

	Present Rate	New Rate	+Qualified Adult	Each Child
Old Age Pension (Contributory)				
Under age 80	179.30	193.30	128.80	19.30
Aged 80+	185.70	203.30	149.30	19.30
Old Age Pension (Non-Contributory)				
Age 66 and Under Age 80	166.00	182.00	120.30	16.80
Aged 80+	172.40	192.00		16.80
Widow/Widowers (Contributory)				
Under 66	154.30	171.30		21.60
Aged 66 to 80	179.30	193.30		21.60
Aged 80+	185.70	203.30		21.60
Carer's Allowance				
Under Age 66	153.60	180.00		16.80
Aged 66+	169.80	200.00		16.80
Invalidity Pension (Under 65)	154.30	171.30	122.20	19.30
One Parent Family Allowance				
Under Age 66	148.80	165.80		19.30
Aged 66 and Over	166.00	182.00		19.30
Unemployment/Disability/Health & Safety/Injury Benefit	148.80	165.80	110.00	16.80
Unemployment Assistance	148.80	165.80	110.00	16.80

TAX CREDITS

	Present Rate	New Rate
Single	€1,580	€1,630
Married	€3,160	€3,260
Additional One-Parent Family Credit	€1,580	€1,630
Employee Credit	€1,270	€1,490

TAX RATES & BANDS

	Rate	Present Bands	New Bands
Single/Widowed	20% 42%	€29,400	€32,000 Balance
Married –			
1 Income	20% 42%	€38,400	€41,000 Balance
Married –			
2 Incomes	20% 42%	€58,800	€64,000 Balance

(Up to €41,000 of lower tax band may be transferred from one spouse to another)

One Parent/

FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT (FIS)

Family	Present Income Limit	New Income Limit
1 child	446.00	465.00
2 children	472.00	510.00
3 children	497.00	565.00
4 children	522.00	630.00
5 children	554.00	705.00
6 children	580.00	775.00
7 children	601.00	845.00
8 children	623.00	905.00

Increases come into effect in January 2006

CHILD BENEFIT

Number of Children	Present Rate	New Rate
1 child	141.60	150.00
2 children	283.20	300.00
3 children	460.50	485.00
4 children	637.80	670.00
5 children	815.10	855.00
6 children	992.40	1,040.00
7 children	1,169.70	1,225.00
8 children	1,347.00	1,410.00

Child Benefit customers paid by electronic methods will receive their increase in full from April 2006. Customers on book payments will receive their increase through a special payment in May which will be backdated to April.

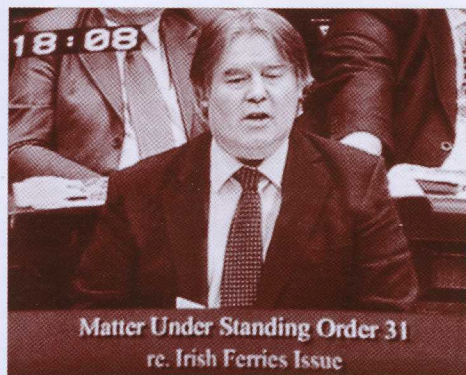
The Early Childcare Supplement (worth €1000 per annum for all children under 6) will be paid from April 2006. The first payment covering the second quarter of 2006 will be made in mid-2006.

Medical Card/GP Visit Cards Limits December '05

	Medical Card	GP Visit Card
Single Person Living Alone		
Aged up to 65 years	184.00	230.50
Aged between 66-69	201.50	252.00

Single Person Living With Family		
Aged up to 65 years	164.00	205.00
Aged between 66-69 years	173.50	217.00

Married Couple/Single Parent Families With Dependent Children		
Aged up to 65 years	266.50	333.00
With 1 child	304.50	380.50
With 2 children	342.50	428.00
With 3 children	383.50	479.00
With 4 children	424.50	530.00
With 5 children	465.50	581.00
Aged between 66-69	298.00	373.00
With 1 child	336.00	420.50
With 2 children	374.00	468.00
With 3 children	415.00	519.00
With 4 children	456.00	570.00
With 5 children	497.00	621.00



Tommy Broughan TD

Annual Report 2005

This annual report highlights the work Deputy Broughan has been doing as your T.D. for Dublin North East throughout the year.

A lot of the work Tommy undertakes during the week in the Dail is spent debating and amending new laws and examining what the government and other institutions such as the European Union do that affects our lives. He is also the Labour Party's Spokesperson on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources. Listed below are a few highlights of his work in Dail Eireann during 2005.

Irish Ferries – Tommy has been an active campaigner for the Irish Ferries workers since the dispute over the outsourcing of workers began on the MV Normandy vessel nearly two years ago. Before the recent resolution at the LRC, the disgraceful actions by Irish Ferries management against their staff saw industrial relations in this state brought to an unprecedented low level. At the daily start of Dail business, Tommy has repeatedly raised the issue of the race to the bottom in pay and conditions right across the Irish economy with Taoiseach Ahern.

An Post – This year has seen major upheaval in An Post. Deputy Broughan has worked tirelessly to ensure that a fair deal and fair work practices are achieved for postal workers and pensioners. He has also demanded an efficient and effective postal system for all Irish consumers and businesses and that the Universal Service Obligation is upheld.

Rosspoint 5 – The imprisonment of five Rosspoint citizens last summer for their opposition on safety grounds to a gas pipeline development through their local community highlighted many major issues surrounding the regime that regulates the exploration and production of Irish natural resources. Deputy Broughan has actively pursued a comprehensive review of the fiscal and licensing framework that regulates the exploitation of Ireland's natural gas reserves.

In 2005 Tommy produced 2 pieces of legislation in his own name for the Labour Party:

The Mercantile Marine (Avoidance of Flags of Convenience) Bill 2005 – This Bill sets out to restrict the circumstances under which an Irish registered vessel may be re-registered in another country in order to circumvent Irish labour law.

The Petroleum and Other Minerals Development Bill 2005 – This Bill would ensure that there is accountability to Dail Eireann in the regulation of the licensing system for the exploitation and production of Ireland's natural resources for the greater benefit of the people of Ireland.

Enabling Ireland's Future – Deputy Broughan also published a major policy document, Enabling Ireland's Future, on the alarming broadband deficit that currently exists in Ireland and he put forward a comprehensive series of recommendations to get all Irish homes and businesses online. To read the complete versions of Tommy's bills & policies please visit: www.tommybroughan.com

Throughout the 14 parishes of Dublin North East during 2005, Deputy Broughan attended around 400 information, residents, community group and site meetings and his Dail office represented a wide variety of constituents and local bodies.



Cllr. Anne Carter with Pat O'Connell and Mick O'Neill of Ayrfield Utd. F.C.

Cllr. Anne Carter – Annual Report 2005

Anne was elected Chairperson of the Dublin North Central Area Committee for 2005/06 last July. The Committee which meets in Coolock Civic Offices on the 3rd Monday of the month consists of 14 City Councillors for the Artane, Donaghmede and Clontarf wards supported by the Dublin City Council Management Team led by Mr. Declan Wallace.

Highlights of Cllr. Carter's Work and Representation in 2005 Include:

- The taking-in-charge of Clare Hall Estate by Dublin City Council.
- The presentation of prizes in the Dublin Neighbourhood Tidy Districts.
- The installation of the bus shelter at Blunden Drive.
- The construction of the new kerb boundaries at Foxhill Park and Millbrook Avenue.
- Her successful achievement in obtaining funding for the erection of a new palisade boundary and landscaping works for Ayrfield Utd. F.C.

- Successful opposition to proposed microwave masts at Grange Road, Donaghmede and other unauthorised mast developments.
- A successful request for the painting of railings at Streamville Park. New traffic measures for Ashcroft, Raheny.

Cllr. Carter's many ongoing campaigns include:

- A new bus service along Grange Road and east of Clare Hall Avenue.
- Traffic signals at the Millbrook Road/Millbrook Avenue junction.
- Increased Garda patrols to stamp out anti-social behaviour.

Throughout 2005 Anne has arranged many site meetings to address local problems and lodged regular submissions to the Planning

NORTH EAST PLANNING FILE

Major Developments are Pending at 3 Key North East Shopping Centres

Cromcastle/Northside

The Cromcastle/ Northside proposal was on public display in Northside Shopping Centre from December 5th to December 9th last. Regrettably the model of the new district on show was of poor quality and gave no real idea of the high density and mass of the proposal. While a refurbishment of Northside Shopping Centre is welcome and long overdue, the new Shopping Centre on the



Atlantic Homecare site and the proposed 800 residential (mostly apartment units) on the Cromcastle Court and Health Services Executive sites will have major traffic and service implications for existing estates around Northside. Unlike the 2016 Dublin Transportation Plan for this area, the current Northside/Cromcastle proposals have no provision for a new public transport mode such as Luas or the Metro ■



Donaghmede Shopping Centre

Just prior to Christmas, residents leaders and public representatives were made aware of development proposals for Donaghmede Shopping Centre. Harcourt Developments, the owners of Donaghmede Shopping Centre (which is chaired by Mr. Pat Doherty) is proposing to expand the current 170,000 square feet Donaghmede centre by about 50,000 square feet. A four-storey car-park is also proposed for most of the current car-park to expand the number of parking places at the centre by nearly 400 and several new retail outlets are promised. At the time of printing this leaflet, there has been no announcement of the timing of a public display but many local residents were

Bayside Shopping Centre

Deputy Tommy Broughan strongly supported mid-Sutton residents in their successful opposition to an earlier very high density redevelopment of Bayside Shopping Centre. New proposals have now been presented to the Bayside Save Our Square Committee and reported to a special public meeting in Bayside Church. The latest plan includes 96 apartments, (16 retail units including a greatly expanded supermarket) and 274 car parking spaces (of which 141 are proposed to be underground). The proposal thus remains very high density and is an amazing six storeys high. Part of the church car park would apparently be retained but there is no traffic impact study with the new plan.



The 3 significant proposals for our shopping centres will of course be subject to further public consultation and scrutiny by Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and An Bord Pleanala ■

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