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Tommy
Broughan
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Dear Constituent,

I am honoured to have represented the people of Dublin North East at community, council and Dáil level over the past number of years. If re-elected, I will continue to speak out and act without fear or favour on behalf of the people of Dublin North East. I therefore hope you will support me and the Labour Party and vote **Tommy Broughan Number1** on polling day. Please continue your **Number2** for **Seán Kenny**.

Very Best Wishes,

Thomas P. Broughan T.D.

Vote no. 1

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LABOUR WILL REFORM IRISH POLITICS

The collapse in our economic fortunes has not only greatly undermined the public's confidence in the Fianna Fail/Green government but also in the whole political system. Labour believes that the way the Dáil, the government and the public service operates must be fundamentally transformed to make it work more effectively for the Irish people.

Labour's **New Government, Better Government** policy sets out 140 proposals to overhaul the whole political system and we intend to:

- Abolish the Seanad
- Introduce a 50 per cent increase in Dáil sitting days, longer working days and longer working weeks, less holidays
- Make it standard for laws to be initiated by all T.D.s rather than just by a decision of the government of the day
- Ensure that Ministers can't agree EU legislation without the Oireachtas fully scrutinising the proposal
- Allow citizens to petition the Dáil to seek redress of grievances connected with public services
- Set up a Citizens' Constitutional Convention to review and renew the Constitution for the 21st Century (to report within a year)
- Introduce spending limits for local and Presidential elections
- Establish an Oireachtas Budget Commissioner to undertake official macroeconomic projections and monitoring
- Establish an Office of Public Sector Reform with responsibility for all public service matters, headed by a Senior Cabinet Minister

For the full 140 proposals please see www.labour.ie/policy



Tommy opposes cut in Minimum Wage

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LABOUR'S ECONOMIC APPROACH: JOBS, REFORM AND FAIRNESS

Labour was the only political party to vote against the Fianna Fáil/Green government's blanket bank guarantee in September 2008 which has ended up bailing out non-systemic, casino banks at a cost of billions to the Irish people. But Labour is also clear that there is a better, fairer way of tackling the unemployment crisis, supporting small businesses and getting Ireland back on track.

To achieve this Labour has proposed:

- A Jobs Fund (with a 2011 allocation of €500 million for pro-jobs initiatives)
 - A Strategic Investment Bank (using €2 billion from the National Pension Reserve Fund as capital) to make sure business people and new entrepreneurs can finally access the capital they need
 - 'Bridge the GAP' – a Graduate and Apprentice Work Placement Scheme.
 - A tax back scheme for full-time study
 - 'Earn and Learn' – a new scheme to incentivise people on 'short time' to combine their working week with training or education.
 - Extending the employer's PRSI holiday
 - Reducing the qualifying period for the Back to Education and Back to Work Enterprise Allowance to three months
 - Enhancing Ireland's competitiveness by ending the upward-only rent reviews and tackling the artificially high prices in some sheltered professions
 - Developing new banking partnership through An Post & the mutual & credit union sector
 - Introducing a small businesses SME Working Capital Guarantee Scheme
 - Insisting on public hearings for the Nyberg banking inquiry.
- For more information see www.labour.ie/policy



Tommy Broughan T.D. and former Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Anne Carter

END EXCESSIVE BONUS & SALARY CULTURE

Speaking in Dáil Éireann recently, Deputy Tommy Broughan criticised the government's ongoing refusal to address the outrageous bonus culture and exorbitant high pay in the banks, semi-State bodies and the private sector.



"It is incredible that the Fianna Fáil/Green government has slashed the minimum wage for low wage workers by €1 to just €7.56 an hour. But at the same time they refuse to tackle unjustified bonuses and excessive pay." Deputy Broughan has asked Finance Minister Brian Lenihan in Dáil Éireann a number of times to establish a High Pay Commission for Ireland to review and overhaul the dysfunctional compensation system including a maximum rate for senior public sector and semi-State executives.

BROUGHAN SAYS: "RENEGOTIATE IMF DEAL"

Dublin North East Labour T.D. Tommy Broughan and the Labour Party have said that the terms of the IMF-EU bailout agreement will be renegotiated under a Labour-led government.

"The disastrous banking policy of Fianna Fáil and the Greens has resulted in the IMF and EU coming in to bail out the economic mess the government has made," said Deputy Broughan. He believes that the 5.8% interest rate being charged on the €85 billion bailout package is completely unacceptable and punitive. Deputy Broughan said that the Irish people are being forced to carry the can for the private debt of senior bank bondholders. "This is clearly a very bad deal for Ireland.

A Labour-led government will seek a greatly reduced average interest rate; a burden sharing mechanism with bank bondholders; EU level settlement on bank resolution and debt restructuring and the development of eurobonds."



Mayor of Fingal Ciaran Byrne, Tommy Broughan TD and Cllr Peter Coyle

BROUGHAN URGES FULL CONSULTATION ON BUS CHANGES

Tommy Broughan T.D has urged Dublin Bus to widely consult with local commuters on their plans to change services under the Network Direct programme for Malahide Road Bus services including the 17a, 20b, 27, 27b, 27x, 42, 42a, 42b, 43, 104 and 128.

Dublin Bus proposes that:

- Route 27 will be amalgamated with route 77 and operate cross city to City West. It will terminate at Edenmore Park operating via Millbrook Road, Darndale, Coolock, Connolly Rail Station, Dame Street to City West
- Route 27b will be renamed route 79 and will offer connections to the south west of the city. It will operate from Kilmore to Park West via Beaumont Hospital, Skelly's Lane, Ardlea Road and Malahide Road.
- Route 27x will be discontinued
- Route 42 will operate all trips from Sands Hotel via Portmarnock and The Hill to Malahide Village then via Seabury to the City Centre
- Route 42b will be renamed route 27a and operate to the City Centre via Millbrook, Edenmore, Harmonstown Road and Malahide Road
- Route 104 will operate from Beaumont Hospital to Clontarf via Northside S.C., Darndale, Edenmore and Harmonstown
- Route 128 will be extended to Ballycullen serving St. Stephen's Green, Rathmines, Rathgar, Terenure and Templeogue

Dublin Bus extended the initial period of the consultation process to Friday 11th February after a request by Deputy Broughan. But Deputy Broughan has urged Dublin Bus to make sure that a greatly expanded consultation process takes place. *"Local commuters including those in Clonsaugh and around Tonleage Road must not be left facing a significantly longer journey to their nearest bus stop"*, warned Deputy Broughan.

HEALTH REFORM - OUR KEY PRIORITY

The ongoing chaos in parts of our health system has been one of the worst and most unacceptable failures of successive Fianna Fáil/Green/PD governments. Providing universal access and making our health system work for all patients and staff through a phased and fully-costed reform programme is a key policy of the Labour Party. Labour believes that all citizens should have security about their health care and we will end the appalling/public, private two-tier health system through a universal hospital care insurance policy.

Leading the Irish government, we will ensure:

- Primary care is free at the point of delivery phased in over 4 years
- No more GP fees
- One state-guaranteed Primary Care Insurance Fund
- Universal Hospital Care Insurance phased in over 6 years which will end the two-tier system and allow a choice of either public or private insurer and immediate hospital treatment for all



Tommy Broughan T.D. & Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan

VICTIMS AT HEART OF LABOUR CRIME POLICY

"A new Labour policy to reform the penal and sentencing systems puts victims of crime and their needs at the heart of the criminal justice system," said Dublin North East T.D. Tommy Broughan. "The new proposals build on our earlier policy, "Safe and Secure – Labour's Plan for Safe and Secure Communities" to tackle anti-social behaviour including through enhanced community policing." Labour wants to greatly strengthen the Commission for the Support of Victims and extend the range of special measures (such as live-television link and video-recorded evidence) for victims who are witnesses in court cases. Labour is also proposing to end the current failing government crime and penal policies by fundamentally transforming the sentencing, youth justice and prison systems including expanding the role of the Drug Court initiative.



COAST DISCOUNT SHOP PROPOSAL

Tommy Broughan T.D. has forwarded a submission to An Bord Pleanála strongly supporting local residents including The Coast Residents' Association in their opposition to a proposed new discount supermarket (approved by Fingal on December 9th last). Deputy Broughan said, "A masterplan already exists for a Town Centre in The Coast. The development of a discount foodstore at this location will deal a mortal blow to the development of the long-planned and integrated commercial town centre at The Coast, Red Arches and Clongriffin." Deputy Broughan also stressed that this proposal would have a devastating negative visual impact on new homeowners and tenants in The Coast and has insuperable negative traffic impacts.



Tommy raises Aer Lingus in Dáil

BROUGHAN'S NORTH FRINGE CAMPAIGN

Tommy Broughan T.D. is continuing his campaign in and outside of Dáil Éireann to have all outstanding issues in the North Fringe, Dublin 13 urgently addressed including the completion of all estates and apartment complexes and the provision of critical and long promised health, education, transport and commercial services for new North Fringe residents. In Dáil Éireann, Deputy Broughan again asked Environment Minister John Gormley to establish a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) for the North Fringe. "The North Fringe is a wonderful new addition to Dublin North East. But new and existing residents deserve to have their estates completed and all long promised services delivered."



Tommy Broughan TD at the the City Neighbourhood Awards with Millwood Court residents

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TOMMY BROUGHAN – INFORMATION CLINICS

Every MONDAY

11.00 am BESC Offices, Darndale Village

2nd / 4th FRIDAY

7.15 pm Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre
7.45 pm Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre
8.30 pm Marine Hotel, Sutton
9.15 pm Waterside, Howth /Golf Links Inn, Portmarnock

Every SATURDAY

10.00 am Clonshaugh Shopping Centre
11.30 am Donaghmede Shopping Centre
1.15 pm Madigans, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre

1st / 3rd SATURDAY

2.00 pm Bayside Shopping Centre
2.45 pm Baldoyle House (Graingers) /Racecourse Inn, Shopping Centre

2nd /4th SATURDAY

2.30 pm Walkabout in one of the 16 parishes of Dublin North East.

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TOMMY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Tommy Broughan T.D. has recently launched an updated version of his website www.tommybroughan.com. Tommy was one of the first T.D.s to have his own personal website and hopes that constituents will visit the revamped site to find out more about his track record in representing Dublin North East and on all of his local and national policies. You can also follow Tommy on Twitter at www.twitter.com/TommyBroughanTD