



BROUGHAN DEMANDS END TO AUSTERITY & CALLS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME

Deputy Tommy Broughan is the only T.D. in Dublin Bay North and Ireland to have voted against all the blanket bank guarantees. He continues to urge an end to the austerity policies which have slashed public expenditure and national income for nearly five years. Recent reports from the Fiscal Advisory Council, Central Bank and even the IMF show Ireland's primary balance coming into surplus by 2015 and call for EU support for easing Ireland's national debt from early 2014. In that context, Deputy Tommy Broughan has raised the issue of housing lists many times in the 31st Dail. In a recent Dail debate, he described how in effect, "the social housing programme has collapsed." In 2012, DCC reported that approximately 32% of housing applicants were waiting more than five years and 2,544 applicants were waiting more than seven years. Deputy Broughan told Taoiseach Kenny that he must urgently "kick-start a social housing programme. This, of course, would also be a major boon to employment in the construction sector."

- **TOMMY BROUGHAN T.D.** New figures released by Dublin City Council show that there are nearly 6,000 people currently on the Housing Waiting and Transfer Lists in Area B of the City (including Artane, Priorswood, Coolock, Donnycarney, Killester, Raheny, Darndale, Kilmore, Beaumont, Donaghmede, Edenmore, Marino, Clontarf and Kilbarrack). Incredibly, the Cluid Housing Association estimated that nearly 100,000 Irish households are currently waiting for a home.

PROBLEM ON 27 ROUTE & BUS SHELTERS

Dublin Bus has informed Deputy Tommy Broughan that there is a problem with the frequency of service of the new cross-city No.27 route from Clare Hall and Clonshaugh/Coolock across to Tallaght. Commuters have regularly complained to Deputy Broughan about the patchy service as the new 27 route is one of the longest across the city and is severely impacting on commuters.

Mr. Paddy Doherty the CEO of Dublin Bus has confirmed that the frequency of service is inconsistent and added that he hopes that the "revised bus schedule will address the waiting time issue." Deputy Broughan also again raised the problem of vandalised bus shelters. He has long proposed that hard-wearing and durable anti-vandalism materials would be more appropriate at many bus shelters.

BEAUMONT A&E WAITING TIMES UNACCEPTABLE

On Dail Eireann's Order of Business, Deputy Tommy Broughan raised ongoing unacceptable A&E waiting times in Beaumont Hospital with Taoiseach Kenny and Tanaiste Gilmore. A number of constituents were in touch with Deputy Broughan after they themselves or family members were left sitting for over 24 hours on chairs in Beaumont Hospital while waiting to be admitted. "Hard-pressed staff at Beaumont are providing wonderful care under very difficult circumstances and the Taoiseach and Minister James Reilly need to end the policy of cutting front-line health resources." The HSE has responded directly to Deputy Broughan and said a new programme - Beaumont Improving Care & Safety (BICS) - has been set up at the hospital. The HSE notes that "Dedicated co-ordinators within the Emergency Department (ED) focused on patients achieving the 6 hour timeframe through ED", but this is not being achieved says Deputy Broughan.



TOMMY MEETS ALL HALLOWS PRESIDENT

The President of All Hallows, Dr Patrick McDevitt, recently briefed Deputy Tommy Broughan on the outstanding work of the College which has a range of academic and adult education programmes for people of all ages. All Hallows is a college of Dublin City University and all degrees from All Hallows are validated and accredited by DCU. Deputy Broughan said, "All Hallows is an outstanding educational institution which has served students from the Northside and further afield for decades." Deputy Broughan also wished Dr. McDevitt (and all the staff) every success during his Presidential term. For more information on the courses available at All Hallows please see www.allhallows.ie/

2009 STARDUST COFFEY REPORT RAISED IN DAIL

Deputy Tommy Broughan recently asked the Justice Minister Alan Shatter to report on whether any evidence in relation to the Stardust disaster of 1981 was withdrawn before the publication of the 2009 Coffey Report into the tragedy which resulted in the deaths of 48 young people. Alleged changes to certain paragraphs in the report between its initial draft and the final published version (particularly in relation to Paragraph 5.13 and the need for a new inquiry) were brought to Deputy Broughan's attention and he asked Minister Shatter to urgently clarify the matter in the Dail.

SHELBOURNE F.C. TRUST LAUNCHED

A group of Shelbourne F.C. fans have launched the Shelbourne Supporters Trust (1895 Trust) in order to support the historic Northside Club. The key aims of the Trust include ensuring the responsible stewardship of the history and traditions of Shelbourne F.C. Deputy Broughan attended the recent launch night of the Trust in Tolka Park where there were guest speakers from successful supporters' trusts at Cork City F.C. and A.F.C. Wimbledon.

DUBLIN BAY NORTH PLANNING FILE

DRAFT BALDOYLE – STAPOLIN LAP 2013-2019

- In early 2013, Fingal County Council undertook a consultation process on its Draft Local Area Plan (LAP) for Baldoyle Stapolin 2013 -2019. The aim of the draft LAP is to lay out a roadmap for the completion of the area as an appealing and sustainable residential district. Deputy Tommy Broughan welcomed the LAP and sent a strong submission to Fingal on behalf of constituents in Baldoyle, Stapolin, The Coast, South Portmarnock, Balgriffin, Belcamp, Clonshaugh and Cloghran, Clongriffin, Belmayne, Burnell and Belcamp. In his submission, he argued that it "is critical that there is a comprehensive and sustainable LAP for the region given the range of planning and infrastructure challenges still facing this area and the whole North/South Fringe."
- The planning application for a Mosque, Cultural Centre, Conference Centre, Primary and Secondary Schools at Panhandle Park, Clongriffin, Dublin 13 has been referred to An Bord Pleanala for invigilation.
- Deputy Tommy Broughan has again demanded that Minister Phil Hogan fully rule out Clonshaugh as the site for a new regional sewage plant for North Dublin. Deputy Broughan said, "I have submitted two strong objections to Fingal County Council's Dublin Drainage Project supporting local residents and outlining why it would be appallingly inappropriate to locate the proposal for an all-Fingal sewage plant in Clonshaugh.
- The DCC Darndale Local Area office has arranged for resurface and tarmacadam works at the Spine open space leading to the Darndale Village Centre and School.
- Phase 2 of the Clonshaugh Road Improvement Scheme is set to be completed by May 2013.



The Coast Estate, Stapolin, Baldoyle

NEW INSOLVENCY SERVICE LAUNCHED

The new, independent, statutory Insolvency Service of Ireland has just been launched to facilitate citizens who find themselves in significant debt. For more information please see www.isi.gov.ie

HOWTH SAYS NO TO PAID PARKING CHARGES

Howth continues to say no to plans by Minister Simon Coveney to introduce paid parking charges to Howth harbour. Deputy Broughan said, "I first raised this matter in late November with Minister Coveney in Dail Eireann. Local businesses are already struggling given the current economic circumstances and are rightly gravely concerned that the introduction of paid parking charges may have a drastic negative impact. Howth is a unique tourist and leisure destination for the whole of the Dublin and wider Leinster region but visitors will be clearly discouraged from the Peninsula by the imposition of significant parking charges. It is also extraordinary that out of all six of the National Fisheries Harbours, only Howth appears to be earmarked for this type of paid parking scheme." Information released to Deputy Broughan indicated that in 2012, Howth Harbour earned approximately €766,732 for the Department of the Marine (including €182,246 in direct income from the Fishing Industry and the rest consisting of rental income from harbour businesses and marine leisure.)



Howth Harbour

Deputy Broughan has asked Minister Coveney numerous times to publish his Cost Benefit Analysis for Howth paid parking charges which he has never done. "The Minister has simply failed to make any kind of credible case for introducing pay parking charges into Howth Harbour. Minister Coveney and Minister Richard Bruton should completely withdraw this plan", concluded Deputy Broughan.

PRIORY HALL & PYRITE

After **Priory Hall** residents had been out of their homes for more than 500 days, Deputy Tommy Broughan again questioned Taoiseach Kenny in Dail Eireann about when there will be a full resolution of the Justice Finnegan process for all Priory Hall families. Minister Phil Hogan wrote to Deputy Broughan about Priory Hall and said that DCC continues to work on behalf of Priory Hall residents but that he couldn't comment further until the Justice Finnegan Resolution Process is concluded.

Deputy Broughan also asked Minister Hogan to ensure that the promised **pyrite levy** is established as a matter of urgency given that no agreement was reached with the quarrying and insurance sectors for a remediation scheme for pyrite-affected homeowners.



Tommy at Dáil Eireann

POLICING COMMITTEE UPDATE

As a member of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee, Deputy Tommy Broughan has welcomed recent Garda Operations including Operation Acer, Hybrid, Creeper and "Hi Viz" which have led to a 40% decrease in crime offences in the Raheny

and Clontarf sub-districts and a 5% reduction in crime in the Howth sub-district to date this year. Deputy Broughan also commended the enhanced anti-social behaviour policy being undertaken by Superintendent Joseph O'Connor of Raheny Station and Superintendent Ronan Galligan of Coolock Garda Station which have led to a successful increase in Public Order detections for anti-social activity throughout these districts.

COMÓRADH BRIAN BÓIRMHE AGUS CLUAIN TARBH

Cuireann an Teachta Dála, Tommy Broughan, céad míle fáilte roimh na hullmhucháin atá ar siúl chun comóir a dhéanamh ar an rí Brian Bóirmhe agus Cath Chluain Tarbh sa bhliain 2014. Thosaigh Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, an t-Ard Mhúsaem na hÉireann agus an Comhlachas Gnó Chluain Tarbh ag ullmhú don ócáid, chomh maith le ceannairí ó na heagraíochta pobail, chultúra agus spóirt, i rith an fhómhair 2012. Is é príomh-sproic an céiliúradh i gCluain Tarbh agus timpeall na cathrach i mBaile Átha Cliath ná comóradh a dhéanamh ar mhuintir na hÉireann a bhí ann sa bhliain 1014.

Beidh Comhairle Cathrach Baile Átha Cliath ag cruthú nasc idir Baile Átha Cliath agus Reykjavik, chun an aidhm sin a shásamh. Dúirt an Teachta Tommy Broughan: "tá sé fíor-thábhachtach go gcuimhníonn muintir na hÉireann ár sinsearach Gaelach agus Lochlannach ón bhliain 1014. Tá sé suntasach go gcomóirtear an t-Ard Rí na hÉireann, Brian Bóirmhe, agus é ainmnithe 'Imperator Scotorum' in sna hAnnala Ulaidh".

KILBARRACK & DONAGHMEDE HOWTH JUNCTION RESIDENTS' CAMPAIGN

The Kilbarrack Road and Howth Junction Residents Group are continuing their campaign for the maintenance and enhancement of Howth Junction DART Station and its surrounding areas. The key aim of the "Clean up Howth Junction Campaign" is to improve the quality of life for the people on the Kilbarrack Road and all users of Donaghmede Howth Junction DART Station and its environs. Deputy Broughan has been in touch with Irish Rail, Dublin City and Fingal County Councils on this matter. For more information on the campaign please see: www.kilbarrackroadandhowthjunction-residentsgroup.com

DOG PARK FOR ST. ANNE'S

Deputy Tommy Broughan has welcomed the opening of a new "Dog Park" within St. Anne's Park, Raheny. Dublin City Council has described this new attraction in the park as one where "owners and pets can congregate and socialise in safety." DCC is encouraging responsible pet ownership and have said that they hope that the Dogs Trust will offer courses on pet behaviour to regular dog walkers and owners in St. Anne's over coming months.

MEMBERSHIP OF STATE BOARDS

Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources Pat Rabbitte has sought expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced people interested in being appointed to a number of State Bodies under his Department's remit including An Post; Bord Gais Eireann; Bord Na Mona; Broadcasting Authority of Ireland; Eirgrid; ESB; Inland Fisheries Ireland; National Oil Reserves Agency; RTE; Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and TG4 over the coming 12 months. For more information please see www.dcenr.gov.ie

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAMME

In Dail Eireann recently, there was a special debate on a proposal by the Howth Sutton Community Council for a new drugs and alcohol prevention and education programme.

Deputy Broughan asked that funding be urgently approved for the proposal given the important role for the project in addressing and preventing the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

Deputy Broughan said, "Howth Sutton Community Council Chairman, Mr. Charles Sargent, and colleagues, briefed public representatives about the proposal they have submitted to the Department of Health and the local Dublin North East Drugs Task Force, which advocates a south-east Fingal drugs and alcohol project. The proposal sets out clear principles of strict governance with a projected budget of €80,000. This is a vital project that will provide critical drug and alcohol education and prevention programmes at minimal cost to the State for young people in the Peninsula and adjoining parishes."

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Every **MONDAY**

11.00 a.m. BESC Offices, Darndale Village

2nd / 4th **FRIDAY**

- 7.00p.m. Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre
- 7.30p.m. Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre
- 8.15p.m. Marine Hotel, Sutton
- 9.00p.m. Abbey Tavern, Howth/Golf Links Inn, Portmarnock (By Appointment)

Every **SATURDAY**

- 10.15 a.m. Clonshaugh Shopping Centre
- 11.30a.m. Donaghmede Shopping Centre
- 1.00p.m. Madigans, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre

1st/ 3rd **SATURDAY**

- 1.45p.m. Bayside Shopping Centre
- 2.30p.m. Racecourse Inn, Racecourse S.C., Baldoyle

2nd/4th **SATURDAY**

- 2.30 p.m. Walkabout in one of the parishes of Dublin Bay North



Tommy speaks in Dáil Eireann

PENALTY POINTS LOOPHOLE HIGHLIGHTED

Deputy Tommy Broughan raised a number of loopholes in the Penalty Points system with Justice Minister Alan Shatter in Dail Eireann. Under the 2010 Road Traffic Act, a person going to Court for a road traffic offence must produce their licence in order to have it endorsed with penalty points when appropriate.

Concerns were raised that there were vast differences in procedures in some courts and penalty points were being avoided in some instances outside the Dublin region. Deputy Broughan said, 'It is unfair to motorists if there are different standards on the recording of penalty points in different parts of the country.'