

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK FOR DISABILITY SECTOR STAFF

Deputy Broughan has been representing the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) and Rehab Group in their call for pay restoration for the staff of Section 39 organisations. Section 39 organisations are funded by the HSE but the staff are not classified as public servants. Rehab is the largest Section 39 organisation, the IWA is the second largest and between them they employ thousands of staff, including Personal Assistants and Carers, and provide services to tens of thousands of people with disabilities around Ireland.

Since 2016, some of the HSE staff and staff in Section 38 organisations (also funded by the HSE but classed as public servants) have received levels of pay restoration as per the Lansdowne Road Agreement. Staff in Section 39 organisations are often working with the same clients and carrying out the same work but have not received restoration of pay. The Government and HSE are trying to claim that payscales are not linked and that determining pay is a matter for the individual organisations. However, when FEMPI was enacted the HSE forced Section 39 organisations to cut the salaries of staff. Payscales have been linked between Section 39, Section 38 and other HSE organisations for over 15 years.



TOMMY BROUGHAN TD

Recently Deputy Broughan hosted a briefing in Leinster House by the CEO's and representatives of the IWA and Rehab where the clear message was given that these vital services could be placed in jeopardy unless increased funding is made available to them to meet pay restoration demands. As rightly outlined, if all staff had to take the same cuts, then all should be entitled to the same levels of restoration. Ultimately it is the persons with disabilities, dependent on these vital services, who will feel the negative impacts of Government inaction most acutely. Deputy Broughan also raised the matter with Taoiseach Varadkar on Leaders' Questions recently.

'HUBS' REPLACE HOTELS

Deputy Broughan has consistently been raising the Housing/Homeless Crisis in Dáil Éireann and also directly with Dublin Local Authorities. Recently, he received a detailed breakdown of accommodation options for homeless families from Mr Brendan Kenny, the Deputy Chief Executive of DCC. Mr Kenny confirmed that 5 commercial hotels are undergoing works to be "reclassified" as Hubs and will remain as accommodation for 371 homeless families; 254 families will be accommodated in other "hubs" across Dublin, 131 in Rapid Build Housing across Dublin, 300 in HAP tenancies, 150 in acquisitions by the Housing Agency and 248 in social housing lettings.

40 families are expected to be accommodated in a 'Hub' on Greencastle Parade, Coolock, by mid-July and 38 of the Rapid

Build Houses are to be completed at Belcamp by the end of August. Mr Kenny stated that a family's ties to an area will be taken into consideration when accommodating them. He also stated that "only a small number of families (High up on the List) will get permanent accommodation directly from Hotels, instead the offers will in the main relate to Family Hubs or HAP but they will retain their full Housing entitlements, including length of time on the List".

Rather than Hotels and Hubs, Deputy Broughan has called on new Housing Minister, Eoghan Murphy, to urgently provide the social housing desperately needed in Dublin Bay North and across Dublin.

NEWS FROM AROUND DUBLIN BAY NORTH



At Northside Centre for the Unemployed's New Office

James Larkin Road: Representations are ongoing by Deputy Tommy Broughan to Dublin City Council (DCC) on the traffic problems at this location. The completion of the Sutton to Sandycove CycleWay (while welcome) has left a very narrow roadway and ongoing roadworks have led to continuous delays at the location. Most constituents believe an additional public transport and emergency vehicle lane should have been built on this road.

TARGET, Donaghmede: Deputy Broughan's representations are continuing in trying to assist Trinity Adult Resource Group for Education and Training (TARGET) to maintain current services and access to new appropriate premises in Donaghmede Parish.

Fairview: Constituents were in contact with Deputy Broughan regarding a bad odour in the vicinity of St. Mary's National School, Fairview. Following representations investigations were carried out on the matter by DCC.

Lomond Avenue Residents' Association: were also in contact with Deputy Broughan requesting the introduction of residents permit parking for the area.

Dollymount Strand: Concerned constituents were in touch with Deputy Broughan regarding emergency vehicle access to Dollymount Strand and accessible parking for seniors and citizens with disabilities. He is pursuing DCC CEO, Owen Keegan, on this matter.

Edenmore Boxing Club: Representations have also been continuing to assist Edenmore Boxing Club to source an appropriate permanent training facility.

Belmayne: Deputy Broughan has campaigned with residents for the provision of a school warden outside the St. Francis of Assisi and Educate Together Schools in Belmayne and this is ongoing.

Anti-social Behaviour: Deputy Broughan contacted the Gardaí and asked for night patrols around several areas of Dublin Bay North following contact from constituents worried at the growth of anti-social behaviour.

North Fringe/South Fringe: Deputy Broughan recently wrote to Mr Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive of Dublin City Council, regarding the major housing developments under construction in Balgriffin, Belmayne and Clongriffin regarding the necessary infrastructure upgrades for our new residents.

Water meters in Ayrfield: Deputy Broughan received reports that water meters were being installed at this location and he contacted Irish Water on the matter.

Kilmore, St. John Vianney F.C.: Members of St. John Vianney were in contact with Deputy Broughan requesting assistance in accessing a location to store their football equipment and Deputy Broughan has been in touch with Dublin City Council.

Clontarf: Clontarf constituents were in contact with Deputy Broughan regarding graffiti along St Lawrence's Road and also about the lack of trees being planted in new developments. Deputy Broughan is pursuing these issues.

Howth: Deputy Broughan has been in contact with the An Post CEO and the Minister for Communication, Climate Action and the Environment on the reported closure of the Howth Post Office during June. Deputy Broughan has recently been informed that recruitment is ongoing for this post.

Greater Dublin Drainage Project: Deputy Broughan has been in touch with Irish Water regarding this project following contact from constituents saying that works were taking place on the site along the R139/N32. A reply confirmed that the planning application for the GDD project is expected to be submitted in 2018.

Mayne River: Deputy Broughan contacted Fingal County Council regarding dumping in the Mayne River, which was brought to his attention by concerned constituents. After investigation the matter was referred by Fingal to Dublin City Council.

Speech and Language & OT Services: Deputy Broughan recently asked about speech and language and Occupational Therapy services in Dublin 5, 13 and 17. A HSE reply in May confirmed that there are 8.36 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Speech and Language Therapists in the Paediatric (0-18yrs) service in Coolock and Kilbarrack Health Centres. 2 Speech and Language Therapists are in the Adult (18yrs+) service in Coolock. There are 7.5 WTE Occupational Therapists in the Adult Primary Care Service and 4 in the Children's Primary Care Service. There are just 2 WTE in the Early Intervention Team for children aged 0-5yrs.

Local Community Centres: Deputy Broughan contacted Minister Heather Humphreys, the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs on further supports for local community and parish centres in Dublin Bay North including the outstanding **Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre & Le Chéile, Donnycarney.**

Schools: Deputy Broughan recently asked about plans for additional primary school places in the greater **Donaghmede** area but was astonishingly informed that according to the Geographical Information System (GIS) used there isn't a need for additional school accommodation here. The reply did confirm that this will be kept under review in line with future residential developments. **St. Mary's National School, Fairview,** was also in contact with Deputy Broughan with concerns around the new method of allocating Special Needs Resources and Deputy Broughan contacted the Minister for Education and Skills on their behalf.

North Dublin Bay Housing Crisis Committee: Deputy Broughan recently met with representatives of the NDB Housing Crisis Committee on the worsening housing and homelessness crisis, which is particularly acute in our constituency of Dublin Bay North. The representatives outlined a number of issues that they are experiencing with regards to HAP and access to supports and Deputy Broughan has been following these up with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. The NDB Housing Crisis Committee also run information and support groups and provide advice, advocacy and expertise to people experiencing difficulties in their housing situations.

Traffic Management: Deputy Broughan contacted the ESB and Fingal County Council regarding some broken street lights on the **Howth Rd., Sutton.** Deputy Broughan requested a review of the junction at **Chapel Rd.** and the **Malahide Rd.** and requested that traffic lights be installed here. Deputy Broughan asked that 'Go Slow' signs be erected at **Grange Park, Stapolin and Castlerosse.** Deputy Broughan also requested that Donaghmede Park be monitored for use of speeding motorcycles. He has also asked for slow speed signage to be put in place on **Tonleegge Rd.** New pedestrian lights have been recommended by the Traffic Advisory Group on **Grange Rd.** outside the entrance to **Grange Abbey Grove** following his requests to DCC.



Tommy supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland



Tommy hosting the IWA and Rehab briefing in Leinster House

DUBLIN BAY NORTH PLANNING FILE

Block 17, Station Square, Clongriffin, Dublin 13: On May 23rd, permission was granted for a development consisting of 28 1-bed, 97 2-bed and 14 3-bed apartments. The proposed development ranges in height from 6 to 16 floors accessed from Station Square, Station Hill and Dargan Lane, Clongriffin. Deputy Broughan made a lengthy submission on the height and density of this proposal.

52, 54, 56, 58, Station Road, (adjacent to Ashcroft Housing Estate), Raheny, Dublin 5: On the 19th April permission was granted for a development containing 71 apartments. The proposed single block apartments would vary in height from 4 to 6 storeys. The proposal includes ramped vehicle access from Ashcroft Estate. Following a meeting with Ashcroft residents in Raheny GAA Club, Deputy Broughan submitted an observation to An Bord Pleanála conveying their strong concerns.

Lands at Rear of 28-50 Dollymount Ave, Dublin 3: The Dollymount Avenue Partnership applied to build 13 three storey 4-bed homes on May 10th last with vehicular access off Dollymount Ave.

Blackbanks Garden Centre, 754 Howth Rd., Raheny, Dublin 5: In a submission to DCC, Deputy Broughan supported neighbouring residents' concerns regarding a proposal last May for 30 apartments in a 4-storey block and a new adjacent 2-storey garden centre building at 754 Howth Rd.

Colomban Missionary Site; Junction of Hole in the Wall Rd & Clare Hall Ave., Donaghmede, Dublin 13: Midgard Construction Ltd. applied in early May for 209 apartments in four 4/5 storey blocks. There are 72 1-bed, 102 2-bed and 35 3-bed units in the proposal.

118 & 120 Richmond Rd., Dublin 3: Permission was also sought in May for the demolition of 118 & 120 Richmond Rd. and their replacement by two 5-storey blocks of 26 apartments.

The Coast, Ballydoyle, Dublin 13: Additional information was submitted by the Statutory Receivers for the Coast in May. The proposal is for 379 apartments and 171 houses on 16 hectares in Growth Area One of the Baldoyle Stapolin Local Area Plan (2013/2019).

Former Lighthouse Bar, Church St., Howth & 1/2 Howth Terrace: In April, Fingal granted permission for 8 two storey houses at the above site.

TOMMY IN THE DÁIL

Tommy spoke in support of the **Universal Jurisdiction of Human Rights Bill** which would enable the charge and conviction of those who breach human rights laws internationally. He introduced his Private Members' Bill, the **Welfare of Greyhounds (Amendment) Bill 2017**. Tommy also spoke in support of the **Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Bill**.

Tommy questioned the Tánaiste on the **Garda breath-test controversy** and also on the **Stardust Review**. He questioned the Minister for Finance on the **NTMA and the size of our national debt**. In April, Tommy spoke on **Brexit** and also on the **Bus Éireann strike**. He questioned the Minister for Education and Skills on the introduction of **student loans** and also later raised this during **Leaders' Questions**. Tommy questioned the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade on delays in **passport applications**.

Tommy supported Sinn Féin's **Motion on the Garda Commissioner** and called for her to step aside. He also spoke on **Ireland and the EU/UK Brexit negotiations** and of our need for strong & constant representation. He spoke against the **proposed sale of AIB shares** and in support of the need for increased resources for **Dublin Public Transport**.

Tommy questioned the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs on **aftercare provisions for young adults leaving State care**. He questioned the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation on **CETA and TTIP**, on **zero hour contracts** and on the **impact of Brexit on the motor industry**. Tommy spoke strongly in support of People Before Profit's **Residential Tenancies (Housing Emergency Measures in the Public Interest) (Amendment) Bill**. Tommy also called a Topical Issues Debate on the lack of **communication with homeless families** in advance of the June 30th deadline to end the use of hotels as emergency accommodation.

Tommy highlighted the irony in Fianna Fáil bringing forward a **Motion on Hospital Health Services** and welcomed the proposals by the **Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Healthcare**. He also spoke on the **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill**. Finally, Tommy hosted two briefings for members of the Oireachtas, one by the **Union of Students in Ireland (USI)** and the other by the **Irish Wheelchair Association and Rehab**.

Tommy criticised the record of the current **Fine Gael/Fianna Fáil government** and opposed the nomination of Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and his Ministers. **(Read Tommy's full speech at www.tommybroughan.com).**



Tommy at Dogs' Trust with CEO Suzie Carley and Winter



Tommy with representatives from USI

CONTROL THE EXPORT OF GREYHOUNDS

On the 21st of March, Deputy Broughan introduced the Welfare of Greyhounds (Amendment) Bill 2017 in conjunction with Dogs' Trust Ireland. The Bill would amend the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011 to provide for the control of the export of greyhounds and for the publication of a white list to which the export of greyhounds under licence would only be permissible. This Bill would also make it an offence for persons to export greyhounds to countries not on the white list and will provide for related matters. Deputy Broughan would like to thank the staff at Dog's Trust for their terrific research and work on this timely Bill. Last year, there was a public outcry when reports confirmed that three Irish greyhounds had been exported to Macau, China to race in the infamous Canidrome. There are reports that in the Canidrome unless a greyhound finishes in the top three in five consecutive races it is destroyed and there is also reportedly no adoption programme for retired greyhounds. Deputy Broughan's Bill would stop the export of these beautiful creatures to countries with much lower welfare standards than our own.

A BREXIT MINISTER AT LAST

Deputy Broughan recently welcomed the decision that new Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister, Simon Coveney, will have a special lead role for the government on critical Brexit issues. The impact of Brexit is already beginning to be felt in certain industries such as the used motor trade sector. Deputy Broughan continues to question the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, and other relevant Ministers, on our Brexit-readiness in various sectors. Mr Michel Barnier, the European Chief Negotiator on Brexit, recently addressed the Dáil on Ireland and the negotiations with the UK and there seems to be some positive, initial responses that indicate that our interests are being taken into consideration in the negotiations.

While Deputy Broughan welcomes any progress in being cognisant of the North/South relationship on the island of Ireland, he is concerned that sufficient emphasis must also be placed on the significant East/West relationship with Britain itself. The nature of both countries interactions is profound in trade, industry and culture. Deputy Broughan says that we need to ensure that a free-trade area is agreed with the UK enabling us to operate as closely as possible to the way we operate at present.

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Every **MONDAY**

11.00 a.m. BESC Offices, Darndale Village

2nd **MONDAY**

12.15pm Le Chéile, Donnycarney

2nd / 4th **FRIDAY**

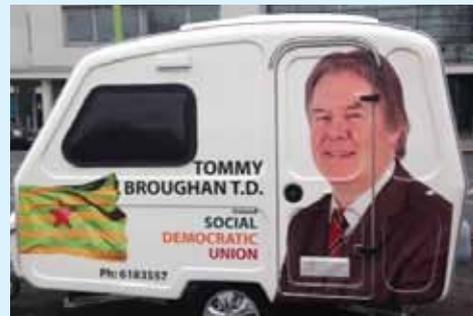
7.00p.m. Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre
7.30p.m. Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre
8.15p.m. Marine Hotel, Sutton
9.00p.m. Abbey Tavern, Howth (By Appointment)

Every **SATURDAY**

10.15 a.m. Clonshaugh Shopping Centre
11.30a.m. Donaghmede Shopping Centre
1.15p.m. Bayside Shopping Centre

1st/ 3rd **SATURDAY**

2.00p.m. Racecourse Inn, Racecourse S.C., Baldoye



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