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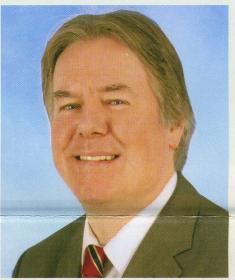
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Lay off Working Families & Vulnerable Households

Addressing Dail Eireann on the recession, Deputy Tommy Broughan slammed government economic incompetence and waste and warned the Fianna Fáil/ Green/ PD/ Independent coalition to lay off working families and vulnerable households in their disturbing programme of cutbacks.

Shamefully the minimum €1.5 billion (and growing) cutbacks have targeted health and education in 2008, despite Ministers' assurances to the contrary. The €135 million health cuts and €100 million education cuts are dreadful blows to services already under extreme pressure. Added to escalating oil, electricity, gas, food, mortgage and other household costs, further government cutbacks on our standard of living are disgraceful.



Tommy Broughan TD

Recognising the international factors which combined with government policy failure (especially in the building industry) to produce this Fianna Fail recession, Deputy Broughan urged the government to maintain capital spending programmes such as Transport 21 (including Metro North, the Dublin Rail Interconnector and 350/500 new buses in Dublin). Deputy Broughan also called for blatant examples of government waste (such as massive PR and consultancy budgets) to be slashed and the agencies carrying out similar work (such as Pobal and FÁS) to be re-integrated. He finally called for the abolition of 13 of the 20 offices of Junior Ministers which have no useful function and which could save the state up to €10 million a year.

Carter Honours Dublin Heroes of the



South African Struggle

Following a campaign by former Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Anne Carter, a plaque to honour the Dunne Stores strikers has been erected in Henry Street. The young workers, led by Ms. Mary Manning and her colleagues, refused to handle fruit from apartheid-era South Africa in support of the antiapartheid struggle there. The Dunnes strikers inspired people all around the world and they have been personally commended by Nelson Mandela and his successor Thabo Mbeki for their actions.

Cllr. Carter commented, "It is astonishing that there is a street named after Mary in Johannesburg and yet she and her colleagues have received so little recognition for their brave stance in their own home city where the strike took place. I hope

Government Abandons Northside Fishermen ... Broughan

Labour's T.D. Tommy Broughan accused Taoiseach Brian Cowen and his government of abandoning Northside fishermen during a special Dail debate. Deputy Broughan called on the Taoiseach to immediately act on the crisis situation facing the fishing community in Howth and in other Northside coastal communities.

Skyrocketing fuel increases (around 40% in the past 5 months) have had a devastating impact on our fishermen and their families.

Other serious problems affecting the industry and causing the loss of jobs include harsh quota restrictions; the problem of fish discards and cheap fish imports and the overfishing by foreign fleets in Irish waters.

Deputy Broughan put a number of meaures to the Taoiseach in the Dail to

ensure the protection and long-term viability of the critical Irish fishing industry. These measures include a review of the Common Fisheries Policy and quota system, greatly enhanced measures to brand and market Irish seafood and universal enforcement measures for Irish and foreign registered vessels. Deputy Broughan has also demanded that the EU emergency aid package for our fisheries (including an additional €600 million from the EU Commission) be disbursed immediately.



Donaghmede Area Representative Brian Mcdowell, Cllr. Anne Carter and Deputy Tommy Broughan

NEWS FROM AROUND NORTH EAST

- Tommy Broughan T.D. has welcomed the government's appointment of Mr. Paul Coffey S.C. to conduct the independent examination of the Stardust Relatives and Victims Committee's case for a reopened inquiry into the Stardust fire disaster.
- There are two new CCTV projects planned for Moatview and Belcamp Estates, Dublin 17, Deputy Tommy Broughan has been informed. He and Cllr. Anne Carter have called for a wider comprehensive and longterm funding system for maintenance and montoring of local community CCTV schemes
- At a recent North Fringe Forum meeting Deputy Broughan was informed by Dublin City Council that "meetings are ongoing to ensure the Clongriffin area is up to standard for taking in charge In the coming months. The contractor plans to complete remedial work on snag items in the Beaupark area. Work is also ongoing on areas in the vicinity of the town square for park and ride facilities.
- At the North Fringe Forum, DCC also reported to Deputy Broughan that facilities at the redesigned and enhanced Fr. Collins Park, Dublin 13 will include soccer and GAA pitches, playgrounds, a promenade, an amphitheatre, a skateboard park, fitness stations around the park perimeter as well as running tracks and walkways. Deputy Broughan also warmly welcomed news that North Central Area Manager Celine Reilly will produce and distribute a newsletter for residents of the new North Fringe.
- Deputy Broughan has been in contact with Education Minister Batt O'Keefe and Taoiseach Cowen to demand that the government does not cut the number of teachers at St. Peter's and Paul's National School, Baldoyle. Shockingly Minister O'Keefe confirmed (even with class sizes of up to 38) that the number of mainstream class teachers at St. Peter's and Paul's National School will be reduced from 9 to 8 for the 2008 new school year.
- Portmarnock Cllr. Peter Coyle and Deputy Tommy Broughan have urged Fingal County Council to take urgent action to

- the Environment to approve a €350,000 grant application from Fingal in November 2007 to carry out the critical anti-erosion works. Fingal Manager David O'Connor also informed Cllr. Coyle and Deputy Broughan that funding has since been sought from the Office of Public Works.
- New Garda figures have been released to Deputy Tommy Broughan by Justice Minister Dermot Ahern on Garda resources in the Dublin North East stations of Raheny, Coolock and Howth. At the end of May 2008 there were 41 Gardai stationed at Howth which has been reduced from 49 Gardai in 2005. The number of Gardai at Raheny Station also remains relatively low and this figure has further fluctuated between 59 in 2005 and 68 in 2007. In Coolock there has been an increase in Gardai from 98 in 2006 to 118 in 2008. However, residents believe that significantly increased resources are still greatly necessary at all three Garda stations.
- Cllr. Anne Carter and Tommy Broughan T.D. have slammed the ongoing failure of the government to properly resource Beaumont Hospital after receiving new information from the HSE on hospital waiting lists. The HSE has informed Deputy Broughan for example that 35 people are currently waiting for orthopaedic treatment at Beaumont Hospital. Of these, eight people are waiting 3-6 months with seven people over 12 months; and astonishingly six people have been waiting more than 12 months for treatment.
- Former Labour Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Anne Carter and Deputy Tommy Broughan have warmly congratulated the staff and pupils of St. Paul's Junior School, Ayrfield, Dublin 13 for their great success in winning a third environmental Green Flag.
- Tommy Broughan T.D. and Area Representative Brian McDowell have strongly criticised the refusal of the Minister for Justice Dermot Ahern to finally establish a Garda station to serve Donaghmede, Clongriffin and the vast new North Fringe district. Deputy Broughan has supported the people of Donaghmede's campaign for a Garda station for nearly two decades. With more than 25,000 new housing units in Clongriffin and the North Fringe Deputy Broughan described as

Broughan Continues Pyrite Campaign

Labour Deputy Tommy Broughan has continued his campaign for a major investigation and process of remediation and compensation for householders in The Coast, Baldoyle and Clongriffin, Dublin 13 whose homes have been badly damaged by the use of defective infill materials with too high a concentration of the mineral pyrite.

In his 3rd Dail debate on the issue, Deputy Broughan slammed Environment Minister Gormley for washing his hands of the crisis and abandoning affected homeowners. Deputy Broughan asked the Minister why he has still not ordered a full traceability audit of the 2,000,000 tonnes or so of infill from the affected quarry. Deputy Broughan also asked Minister Gormley and Taoiseach Cowen to immediately consider the appropriate compensation mechanisms for



Cllr. Emer Costello, Joanna Tuffy TD, Sen. Dominic Hannigan, Tommy Broughan TD and Liz McManus TD at the launch of Labour's campaign on global warming

immediately consider the appropriate compensation mechanisms for affected householders and to establish a Task Force with City Manager John Tierney and County Manager David O'Connor to investigate and address all aspects of this appalling affair. Deputy Broughan has also continued to work with householders who are seeking an appropriate response and action from some of the developers involved who so far have been unacceptably letharagic on this matter. He also noted that the issue has now reached the Commercial Court.

NORTH EAST PLANNING FILE

Bayside Shopping Centre

Deputy Tommy Broughan and Area Representative Cian O'Callaghan attended a recent public consultation organised by the Save Our Square Committee in Bayside Parish Church. The meeting followed the rejection of the 6 and 7 storey high density redevelopment proposal for the Shopping Centre by An Bord Pleanala. Deputy Broughan strongly supported the SOS Committee and Mid-Sutton residents associations' objections at Fingal County Council and An Bord Pleanala.

Railway Avenue, Sutton

Deputy Tommy Broughan and Area Representative Cian O'Callaghan have submitted strong objections to the high rise, high density development proposed for the old paint factory site at Railway Avenue, Baldoyle. The development proposes 82 residential units including 5 and 8 storey blocks.

Hilltop Shopping Centre, Raheny

On behalf of Belmont and district constituents, Deputy Broughan has appealed aspects of the proposed major redevelopment of the Hilltop Shopping Centre to An Bord Pleanala..

City & County Development Plans, 2011-2017

Constituents should be aware that outline programmes for the reviews of the Dublin City and Fingal County Development Plans are now being drawn up by our local authorities. The process of consultation is due to start in early 2009.



Donaghmede Shopping Centre

Deputy Tommy Broughan and Area Representative Brian McDowell have lodged submissions on behalf of Donaghmede residents to proposed alterations to the already approved Donaghmede Shopping Centre plans. Both Labour spokespersons believe that the proposed new extensions to the south-east of the site again ignore potential serious traffic impacts.

Northside Shopping Centre

In support of Riverside Residents Association and constituents in Bonnybrook and Clonshaugh, Deputy Tommy Broughan has appealed the 10 year grant of permission by Dublin City Council to N1 Property for a high rise, high density 1,340 unit redevelopment of Northside Shopping Centre, the Atlantic site and Cromcastle Court and environs. Deputy Broughan is also demanding an Oral Hearing at An Bord Pleanala. Deputy Broughan and Area Representative Sinead Seery continue to demand a reconsideration of the great height and massive density of the proposal.

Greenfield Road, Sutton, Dublin 13

Deputy Tommy Broughan has warmly welcomed the refusal by An Bord Pleanala in June of a high density, high rise proposal for 111 units in 4 massive blocks by Parsis Ltd. at Greenfield Road, Sutton. Deputy Broughan lodged strong submissions against the proposal at Fingal County Council in support of Glencarraig, Church Road, Greenfield Road, Offington Estate and Santa Sabina Manor residents.

The Coast, Baldoyle.

In June, Deputy Tommy Broughan was informed that the 6th and final phase of the Helsingor development at The Coast, Baldoyle had been approved by Fingal County Council. Deputy Broughan is supporting the Abbey Park and District Residents Association's concerns about several aspects of the 489 unit development at An Bord Pleanala.

Brickfield and Seagrange Park

Cian O'Callaghan and Deputy Tommy Broughan have strongly supported Mid-Sutton and Baldoyle residents' concerns over reports of a high rise, high density proposed development at Brickfields and Seagrange Park. Fingal Housing Manager Dick Brady has told Deputy Broughan that

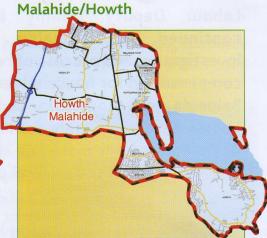
Working with Tommy in Dublin North East

New Donaghmede

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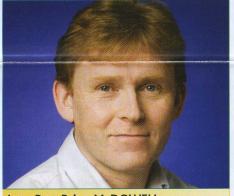








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The recent report by the Electoral Area Commission has resulted in significant changes to the local authority areas in Dublin North East. The Ayrfield/ Donaghmede/ Raheny/Kilbarrack ward has lost one council seat from 5 to 4 and the district of St. Anne's and Ennafort has been transferred to the Clontarf ward. Following her outstanding contribution to Dublin City Council as Donaghmede Cllr. and Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr. Anne Carter is not going forward in 2009. But former Lord Mayor and highly experienced Cllr. Sean Kenny will be joined on the Donaghmede Labour team by Donaghmede community leader, Brian McDowell, who, if elected, will make a terrific successor to Anne.

Bonnybrook, Riverside/Clonshaugh, Priorswood and Darndale Belcamp will form part of the new 5-seater Artane-Whitehall ward (up from 4 seats). Here, popular Lord Mayor Paddy Bourke will be joined by hardworking Coolock/Artane Area Representative Sinead Seery and by Whitehall's prominent young Labour Cllr. Andrew Montague.

Finally, the Howth Sutton Baldoyle Fingal Council ward (3 seats) has been merged with the Malahide/Portmarnock ward (4 seats) and unfortunately been reduced to a 5-seater. In this new ward, Labour's outstanding Portmarnock Malahide Cllr. Peter Coyle will be joined by Sutton's Cian O'Callaghan, Labour's energetic former National Youth Officer.



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Every MONDAY

11.00 am BESC Offices, Darndale Village

2nd / 4th FRIDAY

7.00 pm Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre 7.45 pm

Marine Hotel, Sutton 8.30 pm

9.15 pm Pier House, Howth

Every SATURDAY

10.00 am Clonshaugh Shopping Centre Donaghmede Shopping Centre 11.30 am

Madigans, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre 1.00 pm

1st/ 3rd SATURDAY

Bayside Shopping Centre 2.15 pm

3.00 pm Baldoyle House (Graingers) / Racecourse Inn, Racecourse Shopping Centre

2nd/4th SATURDAY

Walkabout in one of the 14 parishes of Dublin 2.30 pm

North East.