

## Banks & Developers Bailed out as Families' Incomes Slashed

Budget 2010 was a shameful and savage attack on citizens and families on low and middle incomes. The Fianna Fail/Green government is the first since 1924 to slash basic welfare benefits (with a minimum 4% cut in 2010). Including the Christmas Bonus, Carers' Benefit has been slashed by €648 per annum; Widows will lose €641 a year; people on Jobseekers' Benefit and Allowance will lose €636 and disabled citizens who qualify for Disability Allowance will lose €636. Following the abolition of the Early Childcare Supplement, child benefit has been slashed by 10% and a family with three children for example will lose as much as €576 per year.



Deputies Róisín Shortall, Mary Upton and Tommy Broughan

Low and middle earners in the public sector have also had an appalling attack on their wages and conditions through the so-called Financial Measures in the Public Interest (No 2) Act with a further 5% reduction on all public sector salaries up to €30,000 and a 7.5% reduction on the next €40,000. Yet Taoiseach Cowen and Minister Lenihan produced no

initiatives to protect or create jobs in Budget 2010. Unlike the Labour Party which published its 'Jobs and Recovery: Labour's Proposals for a Fair Budget' which included the establishment of a €1.15bn job creation fund to finance wide-ranging new employment. Of course, all of these cutbacks have been inflicted on families as a result of the

blanket guarantee to banks and developers culminating in the establishment of NAMA in late 2009. Deputy Broughan and the Labour Party have bitterly opposed all of these measures which have so far cost the state at least €11 billion and are set to cost as much and more in 2010. Only a General Election can end this economic madness.

## Broughan Demands Action on North Fringe



Opening of St. Francis of Assisi School

In a special Dail Eireann debate before Christmas Tommy Broughan slammed Minister John Gormley and Dublin City Council's reaction to the enfolding fire threat disaster at Priory Hall, Donaghmede where 167 families have been living in buildings deemed a major fire hazard. Deputy Broughan condemned the profound failure to implement planning and building regulations in the North Fringe and demanded that all 167 Priory Hall families be immediately rehoused for their protection and safety.

Deputy Broughan also again urged Minister John Gormley in the Dail to designate the huge North Fringe as a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) to facilitate the necessary invigilation, repair and completion of Clongriffin,

Belmayne, Clare Village and other areas of the North Fringe. He also demanded a final and comprehensive approach to address all outstanding matters resulting from the pyrite infill scandal. Irish Rail and Dublin City

Deputy Tommy Broughan that Clongriffin Rail Station, Donaghmede, is finally set to open in 2010. However he has expressed strong disappointment that there will be at best just two trains an hour



# NORTH EAST PLANNING FILE

## Glenkerrin Homes @ Techrete, Howth

At An Bord Pleanála, Deputy Tommy Broughan strongly supported Fingal County Council's decision to refuse permission for a high rise (up to 12 storeys), high density (386 apartments) development at the entrance to Howth Town which is so out of character with the district.

## Clonshaugh House, Clonshaugh Road

In November last, An Bord Pleanála refused permission for a 5 storey high density proposed development on Clonshaugh Road opposed by local residents.

## 820/822 Howth Road & 7 Kilbarrack Road, Dublin 5

Just before Christmas a decision was awaited from An Bord Pleanála on the high density proposal (31 apartments) for the above location.

## Telecoms Mast & Antennae at Sutton Pumping Station

Fingal Council refused permission for retention of the above structure and Deputy Tommy Broughan was delighted to support residents in Binn Eadair, Tramway Court, James McCormack Gardens and Strand Road on this issue at Fingal County Council and An Bord Pleanála.

## Bayside Shopping Centre

Deputy Tommy Broughan made a strong submission to Fingal County Council in support of Mid-Sutton residents on the latest plan for Bayside Shopping Centre. While an enhancement of the centre is welcome, concerns remain about the 5 storey height, density (11,000 sq metres commercial and 62 apartments), traffic impacts and parking provision.



● Labour Transport Forum with Deputies Mary Upton and Joanna Tuffy.

## Dublin City & Fingal County Development Plans 2011 – 2017

Deputy Broughan urges residents to carefully examine all aspects of the new Dublin City and Fingal County Development Plans, whose preparation is now well underway. The Dublin City Draft Plan (2011-2017) has been considered by the City Council and goes to Public Display and Consultation for ten weeks from early January 2010. The Fingal County Draft Plan (2011-2017) will be considered by the County Council in late January 2010 and goes on public display for ten weeks early in April 2010. Comments and queries may be raised with Deputy Broughan and the Labour North East team of Cllr. Peter Coyle, Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan, Cllr. Sean Kenny, Cllr. Paddy Bourke and Cllr. Andrew Montague.



● Launching rural transport proposal

## Parsis Ltd. at Santa Sabina

A 4 storey high density proposal for 97 (mostly apartment) housing units was granted permission by Fingal County Council before Christmas. Deputy Tommy Broughan made a lengthy submission to An Bord Pleanála regarding the grave concerns on this development in Glencarraig, Church Road, Offington, Santa Sabina Manor and Greenfield Road, Sutton.

# News from around NORTH EAST

## Grange Road/Hole in the Wall Road

Labour Deputy Tommy Broughan has welcomed a new consultation process to examine proposals to replace the roundabout at the Grange Road/Hole in the Wall Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13 junction with traffic lights. Deputy Broughan said "There have been many complaints from constituents in Grattan Woods, Grattan Lodge, Priory Hall and

Clongriffin about the difficulties crossing the Grange Road/Donaghmede Roundabout.

Tommy Broughan T.D. has also been informed by Dublin City Council Traffic Advisory Group that they have recommended the construction of three new speed ramps along Foxhill Park, Dublin 13.

## Aer Lingus

The crisis at Aer Lingus and the devastating threat to jobs at Dublin Airport was continuously raised with Taoiseach Cowen in Dail Eireann by Dublin North East T.D. Tommy Broughan. With a 25% government shareholding in the company, Deputy Broughan urged Taoiseach Cowen to protect high quality aviation jobs at the Airport and to reject any Irish Ferries-style plans that would involve the widespread outsourcing of critical Aer Lingus jobs.



## Northside Community Law Centre

Deputy Tommy Broughan backed the Northside Community Law Centre in their campaign to retain funding for local community law services.

*"I'm delighted that the Centre will now receive funding in 2010. Without the Northside Community Law Centre many citizens would simply not be able to access detailed social welfare and legal information or representation",* said Deputy Broughan.

## Howth Sea Scouts' Den

Local Deputy Tommy Broughan strongly supported parents in Howth, Baldoyle and Sutton in their campaign to retain the Howth Sea Scouts' Den which local parents worked so hard to build and maintain.

Deputy Broughan urged Fisheries Minister Tony Kileen in Dail Eireann to make sure that the lease is renewed on the Sea Scouts' den.

## Moatview/Fairfield

Tommy Broughan T.D. forwarded a petition with over a 1000 signatures to Ministers Mary Hanafin and Mary Coughlan collected by community workers in the Moatview / Fairfield Development Association in Priorswood, Dublin 17. Deputy Broughan continues to strongly support Jobs Initiative and Community Employment Workers in Moatview/Fairfield and the Baldoyle Forum who have key community development roles including in childcare, senior care, drug rehabilitation, youth projects and environmental enhancement works.

## Fianna Fáil / Green Water Charges

Deputy Tommy Broughan has criticised the Fianna Fáil/Green government's announcement in Budget 2010 that they will



introduce water charges for all homes over the next two years at a cost of €600 million.

Minister Gormley indicated that every household will get a small

"free" water allowance and then would be charged for all other water use. This follows the new water charges for schools that will see primary schools face an increase of up to 70%



# Budget 2010

## Social Welfare Cutbacks



### NEW CHILD BENEFIT RATES

Children	2009 Rate (monthly) €	2010 Rate (monthly) €
1 child	166	150
2 children	332	300
3 children	535	487
4 children	738	674
5 children	941	861
6 children	1,144	1,048
7 children	1,347	1,235
8 children	1,550	1,422

### FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT (FIS)

Family Size	2009 Current Limit €	2010 New Limit €
1 child	500	506
2 children	590	602
3 children	685	703
4 children	800	824
5 children	920	950
6 children	1,030	1,066
7 children	1,160	1,202
8 children	1,250	1,298

### PERSONAL RATES

### QUALIFIED ADULT ALLOWANCE (under 66 yrs)

Allowance / Benefit	2009 Rate	2010 Rate	2009 Rate	2010 Rate
Jobseeker's Benefit/ Illness/ Health & Safety/ Injury Benefit	204.30	196.00	135.60	130.10
Widow's/Widower's (Contributory) Pension/ Deserted Wives Benefit	209.80	201.50		
Carer's Benefit/Constant Attendance Allowance	221.20	213.00		
Invalidity Pension	209.80	201.50	149.70	143.80
Disablement Pension	235.40	227.00		
Jobseeker's Allowance/ Pre-retirement/ Supplementary Welfare	204.30	196.00	135.60	130.10
One Parent Family	204.30	196.00		
Widow's/Widower's (Non Contributory) Pension/Deserted Wife's Allowance	204.30	196.00		
Carer's Allowance	220.50	212.00		
Disability Allowance/ Blind Pension	204.30	196.00	135.60	130.10
Maternity/ Adoptive Benefit (minimum)	230.30	225.80		
Adoptive Benefit (maximum)	280.00	270.00		
Guardian's Payment	176.50	169.00		

### JOBSEEKERS

■ Rate of Jobseeker's Allowance or Supplementary Welfare Allowance paid to new claimants aged 20 and 21 is being cut to €100 per week with effect from January 2010.

■ Rate of Jobseeker's Allowance or Supplementary Welfare Allowance paid to new claimants aged 22, 23 and 24 years is being cut to €150 per week with effect from January 2010.

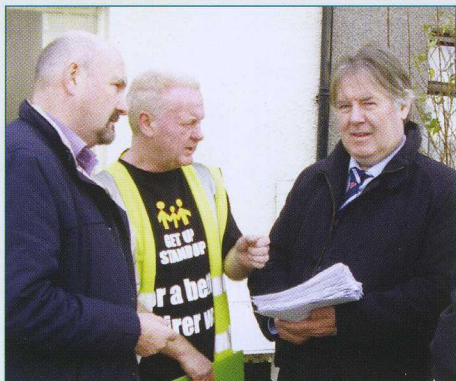
■ The personal rate of Jobseeker's Allowance and basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance will be cut to €150 per week where job offers or activation measures have been refused.

### TREATMENT BENEFIT

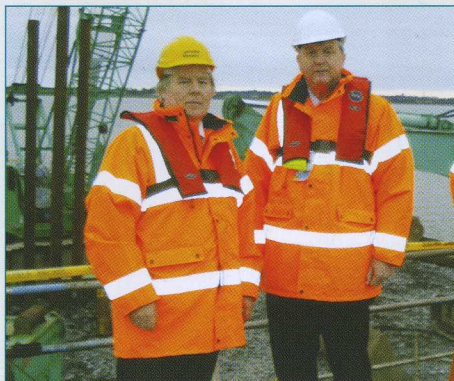
■ Treatment Benefit scheme will be limited in 2010 to the Medical and Surgical Appliances scheme and the free examinations provided for under Dental and Optical Benefits.



# Working for Dublin North East



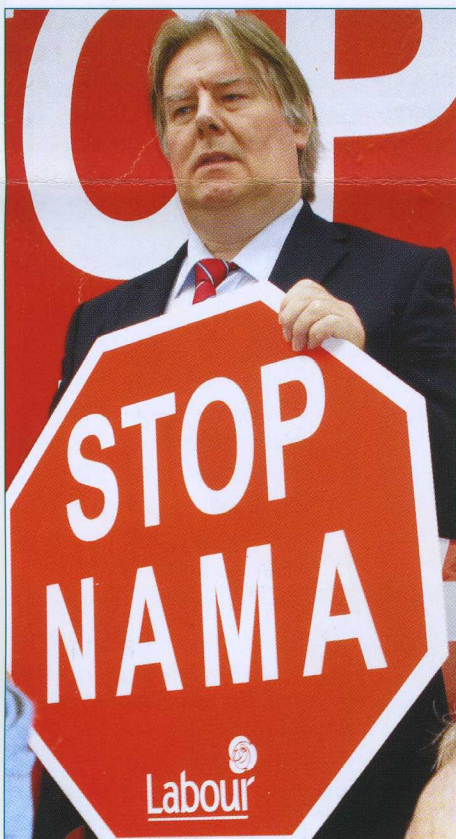
● Accepting Moatview petition from Mr. John Cullen



● With Senator Brendan Ryan at Broadmeadow Bridge collapse



● Opening Labour Transport Forum



● Labour Nama Protest



● Mayor Cllr Emer Costello, and Area Rep. Brian McDowell



● Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan



● Belmayne School opening with Cllr. Peter Coyle

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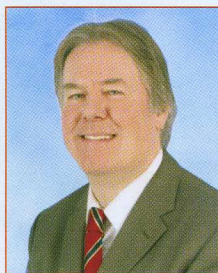
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## TOMMY BROUGHAN – INFORMATION CLINICS

### Every MONDAY

11.00 am BESC Offices, Darndale Village

### 2nd / 4th FRIDAY

7.00 pm Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre

7.45 pm Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre

8.30 pm Marine Hotel, Sutton

9.15 pm Pier House, Howth

### Every SATURDAY

10.00 am Clonsaugh Shopping Centre

11.30 am Donaghmede Shopping Centre

1.00 pm Madigans, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre

2.00 pm Bayside Shopping Centre

### 1st/ 3rd SATURDAY

2.30 pm Baldoyle House / Graingers

### 2nd/4th SATURDAY

2.30 pm Racecourse Inn, Racecourse Shopping Centre

3.15 pm Walkabout in one of the 14 parishes of Dublin North East.