

NORTHSIDER

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THANK YOU!

Dear Constituents,

I was delighted and honoured to be re-elected to serve the people of Dublin North East on February 25th last. I would like to deeply thank all of you who voted for me and put your confidence in me to represent you in Dail Eireann. Once again I intend to vigorously stand up for all of my constituents across Dublin North East throughout the 31st Dail.

I was also delighted that the Labour Party performed so well in Dublin North East and that we achieved a tremendous two out of three seats through the election of my colleague Deputy Sean Kenny. Sean and I have now once again achieved a historic first in the Labour Party's electoral history, winning two out of three and previously two out of four seats in a national election.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if there is any issue at either a national or local level that you would like brought to my attention.

Very Best Wishes,

Tommy Broughan


Labour

Tommy Broughan T.D.



Tommy Broughan TD



Tommy acts as Chair of the 31st Dáil

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLLR BRIAN MCDOWELL



New Deputy Michael Conaghan, Tommy and new Cllr. Brian McDowell

Local Deputy Tommy Broughan T.D. has congratulated Cllr. Brian McDowell on his recent co-option onto Dublin City Council for the Donaghmede Ward. "Cllr. Brian McDowell is an outstanding community activist in Donaghmede and a longstanding official in the Donaghmede Estate Residents Association (DERA). He has worked tirelessly for the people of the Donaghmede Ward over the past few years as Labour's Area Representative", said Deputy Broughan. "I look forward to working closely with Cllr. McDowell over coming months and years."

BROUGHAN BACKS 40th YEAR ANNIVERSARY UPGRADE FOR GRANGEMORE & DONAGHMEDE

Tommy Broughan T.D. has backed a proposal to mark their historic 40th year anniversary by upgrading key estates in Donaghmede Parish. "A number of residents' bodies are planning celebrations to mark this great 40th year milestone", said Deputy Broughan. Mr. Shay Coyne and Grangemore Residents' Association have proposed that Dublin City Council and local stakeholders mark the occasion by carrying out a full upgrade of the physical environment of Grangemore Estate including footpaths, boundary walls, street surfaces and the main green areas. Donaghmede Estate Residents Association is also planning to mark the 40th anniversary of Donaghmede Estate with a community social event. "Over the past 40 years Grangemore and Donaghmede Estate have made a terrific contribution to the social and economic life of Dublin North East", said Deputy Broughan. Deputy Broughan is also raising this issue with Housing and Planning Minister Willie Penrose and with City Manager John Tierney.



● Deputies Eamon Gilmore, Tommy Broughan & Sean Kenny with Donaghmede Estate Resident's Association

OBJECTIONS TO NEW HOWTH TECHRETE & TEELING SITE PROPOSAL

Dublin North East Deputy Tommy Broughan T.D. has strongly objected to Fingal County Council on behalf of his constituents in the Howth Road and Harbour Road, Howth and throughout the parishes of Howth and Sutton to a revised proposal for the redevelopment of the former Techrete and Teeling Site, Howth. Deputy Broughan submitted a comprehensive objection to the proposal on a number of grounds including its unacceptable density, height, overshadowing and negative traffic impacts. Deputy Broughan has now been informed that Fingal County Council has sought Additional Information from the proposer of the revised development, Glenkerrin Homes.



● Labour General Secretary Ita McAuliffe welcomes Tommy back to the Dáil

POOR WATER PRESSURE IN CLONSHAUGH

There are ongoing water supply problems especially during the weekends in Clonshaugh, Dublin 17. "During the North Fringe drainage works and the various Leixlip Reservoir Improvement works, the Clonshaugh, Newbury and Riverside district has had continuous water pressure problems over the past decade. But it was believed that this problem had been fully addressed", said Tommy Broughan T.D. Deputy Broughan has asked Dublin City Council's North Central Area Manager and her team to immediately examine and address this issue in Clonshaugh. Deputy Broughan's colleague Cllr. Brian McDowell is also set to bring a motion before Dublin City Council asking the Dublin City Manager to urgently remedy this extraordinary water situation.

BELMAYNE & CLONGRIFFIN MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Deputy Tommy Broughan has been contacted by some Clongriffin residents about a proposal to introduce a new €12 annual fee for residents parking and a 60 cent parking charge on all visitors in Clongriffin and Belmayne, Dublin 13.

This issue has again highlighted the ongoing problems of management companies in newer North East residential estates. Deputy Broughan has been in touch with Dublin City Council and the new Minister for Housing & Planning Deputy Willie Penrose in relation to a range of management company related issues and also on the need to implement the new management company legislation.

Deputy Broughan has also raised the issue with Dublin City Council and asked them to liaise with Clongriffin residents in order to facilitate an early taking-in-charge of public streets and amenity areas in Clongriffin.

NEW FINGAL HERITAGE PLAN

Fingal County Council has undertaken a public consultation process on its proposed second Heritage Plan for Fingal for 2011 to 2017.

Deputy Tommy Broughan said, "The new county heritage plan will deal with all aspects of the natural and cultural heritage across Fingal County including landscapes, flora, fauna, wildlife, archaeology, architectural heritage, local history and folklore." Interested residents can make a written submission to Fingal Council by emailing heritage@fingalcoco.ie or writing to the Heritage Officer, Fingal County Council, Main Street, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin by Friday 22nd April. Constituents with ideas for the plan should also contact Deputy Broughan's Fingal colleagues Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan and Cllr. Peter Coyle. The draft plan should be ready by September 2011 and then brought before Fingal County Council for approval and adoption by the end of the year.

DUBLIN BUS SERVICES REVIEW CONTINUES

Dublin Bus are continuing their review of local bus services including the Malahide Road / Coolock / Ayrfield and Howth / Sutton / Baldoyle / Portmarnock bus routes under the company's Network Direct programme. Dublin Bus are proposing changes to the Coolock/Ayrfield (Malahide Road) routes including the 17a, 20b, 27, 27b, 27x, 42, 42a, 42b, 43, 104 and 128. Residents in Clonshaugh, Bonnybrook, Fairfield, Priorswood and Belcamp are very concerned that they will still have a bus service to the local Post Office in Clare Hall. The 29a, 31, 31b, 32, 32a, 32b, 32x routes for Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle and Portmarnock commuters are also under review "I am deeply aware that many residents and commuters have strong concerns about any proposed changes to their local bus routes and areas like Clonshaugh and Sutton are rightly trying to get an improved bus service", said Deputy Broughan. "I would share these concerns especially if residents were faced with a much longer journey to their nearest bus stop or if there were significant reductions in the frequency of service." Deputy Broughan has been in ongoing contact with the CEO of Dublin Bus Mr. Paddy Doherty and has strongly expressed constituents' reservations to Mr. Doherty and the Dublin Bus Network Direct team.



FUNDING FOR SUMMER WORKS FOR NORTH EAST SCHOOLS

Tommy Broughan T.D. has welcomed funding for summer building works for a number of Dublin North East schools under the €41.2million Summer Works Scheme which allocates funds to allow schools carry out desperately needed small and medium building works.

Schools that have been selected for the scheme in Dublin North East include Baldoyle Boys National School; Scoil Assaim, Raheny; Naiscoil Ide, All Saints Road; Scoil Caitriona, Coolock; St. Eithne's Senior Girls National School, Edenmore; St. Monica's National School, Edenmore; Mhuire Iosef Junior School, Bayside; St. Paul's Junior National School, Ayrfield; Scoil Bhride, Donaghmede; Scoil Naomh Muire Agus Iosef, Bayside; St. Helen's Junior National School, Portmarnock; St. Paul's Senior National School, Ayrfield and St. Joseph's National School, Macroom Road.

"I understand that the Planning and Building Unit in the Department of Education will be in touch with all of the outstanding schools that have been approved under this scheme with further instructions and details on how to proceed" concluded Deputy Broughan.



● Deputy Tommy Broughan at Stardust 30th Anniversary

NEW SOCIAL HOUSING INCOME BANDS

Labour Dublin North East T.D Deputy Tommy Broughan has welcomed the announcement of a reform of the regulations for the assessment of social housing need by Housing and Planning Minister Deputy Willie Penrose as the first step in a wider review of social housing policy.

Deputy Broughan said, "Minister Penrose has indicated that there will now be a standard practice for assessing social housing need across all Local Authorities in terms of how applicants have their income means tested and how income is defined." The new amended regulations will see an increase of €5,000 in each of the income bands previously envisaged which now range from €25,000 - €35,000.

Deputy Broughan said, "In Fingal and Dublin City Council for social housing applicants the maximum net income threshold for a single person will now be €35,000 and the maximum income threshold for up to a three adult and four child family is €42,000."

BROUGHAN RAISES ATM FRAUD WITH JUSTICE MINISTER

Dublin North East Labour Deputy Tommy Broughan has raised the ongoing problem of ATM fraud with Justice Minister Alan Shatter given the severe distress and financial loss caused to victims of this crime. Deputy Broughan said, "A number of constituents have contacted me with their concerns about the problem of skimming and other attempts to defraud citizens while they are using an ATM machine." Deputy Broughan has now learnt that Garda "Operation 'Glint' was started in January last specifically to prevent and detect this type of crime and to draw the attention of all members of the public to the use of skimming equipment at ATMs. Under this operation local Garda management have also been tasked with reducing this type of criminality through high visibility uniform patrols, plain-clothes surveillance patrols and the education of the public in relation to this criminal activity.

LOCAL AREA PLANS FOR NORTH FRINGE & CLONSHAUGH

Dublin City Council is preparing Local Area Plans (LAP) for the North Fringe and Clonshaugh. The North Fringe LAP is one of the first tranche of plans being prepared by DCC under the new City Plan 2011 -2017 and Deputy Tommy Broughan learnt that it will go to public consultation in April 2011. "A draft plan will be formulated and go back on public display and then a final plan and report will hopefully be ready by December 2011", said Deputy Broughan. Critical issues for the North Fringe LAP include unfinished estates; management company problems; housing densities in the North Fringe; transport connectivity; NAMA's role in the North Fringe; the appearance of estates where neither the developer nor the local authority have finance to carry out works and the safety of empty sites. The second tranche of LAPs will then begin and will include a new LAP for Clonshaugh, Dublin 17. Deputy Tommy Broughan commented, "I'd urge all North Fringe, Clonshaugh and neighbouring communities to make submissions on these LAPs which offer an opportunity to create sustainable and excellent North Fringe estates and to end developer-led planning once and for all in our new urban area."

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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 Abbey, Howth /Golf Links Inn, Portmarnock

Every SATURDAY

10.00 am Clonsaugh 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,
Racecourse Shopping Centre

2nd /4th SATURDAY

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



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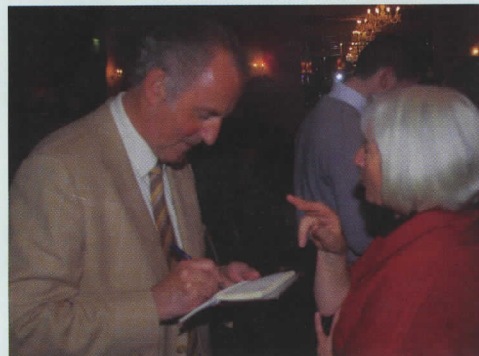
● Tommy on Campaign Trail in Stapolin



● Local Activist Roger Adamson P.C. picks up poster ties



● Tommy Broughan T.D. & Joe Whitaker at Clongriffin DART Station



● Cllr. Peter Coyle



● Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan and Eamon Gilmore T.D.



● Victorious candidates Tommy Broughan T.D. and Sean Kenny T.D.

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