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HIGH PAY & WEALTH COMMISSION BILL

At the end of March Deputy Tommy Broughan's **High Pay and Wealth Commission Bill** was defeated in Dáil Éireann by Fine Gael/Labour by 71 votes to 26.

The bill originated in the Deputy's submissions to end austerity in each budget since 2011. It provided for the establishment of a high pay and wealth commission on a permanent basis within the Central Statistics Office.

The proposed Commission would carry out research on all levels of pay and wealth in the state so as to inform public policy in relation to achieving much fairer budgets, taxation and public expenditure.

The High Pay and Wealth Commission was to have a specific role in regularly informing the public about levels of wealth and income across Irish society.

As part of its remit, Deputy Broughan included an 'Executive Pay Project' to report on how the awarding of greatly excessive high levels of executive pay and other remuneration could be reformed.

Deputy Broughan responded to the defeat of his bill by saying "It is very disappointing but not surprising that the conservative



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Fine Gael/Labour government voted down this bill. This government has entrenched inequality in Irish society by its savage austerity budgets since 2011."

Read the debate on Deputy Broughan's website:
<http://www.tommybroughan.com>

BROUGHAN SUPPORTS JOBS IN CADBURY, AER LINGUS & DUNNES

Deputy Broughan was shocked and disappointed to learn of proposed job losses at Coolock's iconic **Cadbury** plant. He has since been in regular contact with workers' representatives, their trade unions and with Ministers Bruton and Nash to try and assist in any way possible. Deputy Broughan has urged the Ministers and an inter-agency group, led by Enterprise Ireland, to urgently help the workers in preparing their alternative proposals to save our Coolock jobs.

At the end of May, Deputy Broughan spoke out strongly in Dáil Éireann and voted against the sale of **Aer Lingus** to IAG (BA/Iberia). He asserted again that the sale was not in Ireland's national interest in terms of Ireland's connectivity and the Heathrow slots. He also highlighted the poor record of IAG in its treatment of Britain's regional airports and the major loss of jobs when BA took over Iberia. He asked why the government was selling its 25.1% stake when Aer Lingus was operating so successfully as an independent company.

Deputy Broughan has also supported the Mandate campaign for decent contracts, secure hours and incomes for **Dunnes'** workers.

KELLY & KENNY'S WOEFUL RESPONSE TO HOUSING CRISIS

Deputy Broughan has again called on the Taoiseach and Minister Alan Kelly to take responsibility for the hundreds of Irish families living in emergency homeless accommodation. News in May showed that the housing crisis is worsening since Minister Kelly announced his Social Housing 2020 strategy. There are now over 21,015 people on the DCC housing list and over 5,000 in Dublin Bay North alone. In 2014, only 960 people were housed in the DCC area. The number of children in homeless services was 567 in June 2014 but has since increased by 62% to 911 in March 2015. Due to lack of any real action by Fine Gael/Labour, Deputy Broughan contacted the Children's Rights Alliance and also the Ombudsman for Children directly and raised the issue of the welfare of children in homeless accommodation.

If you are in receipt of Rent Supplement and at risk of losing your home, contact Threshold's Tenancy Protection Service at Freephone 1800 454 454.

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NEWS FROM AROUND DUBLIN BAY NORTH

Raheny: Raheny First Responder Group was recently set up and is part of the wider Community First Responder (CFR) network known as CFRireland. These groups are run by volunteers and respond to five medical conditions “including Cardiac Arrest, Heart Attack, Stroke, Choking and Drowning” and it is proposed that they will respond to medical emergencies in the areas of Raheny, Clontarf, Artane, St Anne’s Park and Edenmore.

Edenmore: Edenmore Safety Forum met recently and highlighted alleged anti-social and intimidating behaviour taking place in the vicinity of the park and shopping centre. Deputy Broughan has liaised on this issue with a number of agencies in the hope of urgently addressing the issue and also ensuring that young people engage positively with their communities.

Bayside: Bayside DART station has recently had a number of incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Deputy Broughan has been in touch with the Gardaí in Raheny and has requested that the potential consequences and impacts on the local community of Howth Garda station closing in the evenings be examined. He has also been in touch with Irish Rail and hopes that CCTV footage enables the Gardaí to charge those responsible.

Clarehall Says No: Deputy Broughan recently spoke at a ‘Clarehall Says No’ public meeting against Irish Water and water charges. Deputy Broughan has been very vocal in Dáil Éireann in his opposition of the set-up of Irish Water and has continuously called for this quango to be disbanded and responsibility for this service to be returned to local and regional authorities after the next General Election.

Garda Youth Diversion Projects: Recently the Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, announced the extension of the important Garda Youth Diversion Projects. Deputy Broughan welcomed that 2 of the 10 new locations will be in **Donnycarney/Fairview/Clontarf** and in **Kilbarrack/Killester/Raheny**. He also welcomed the news that this funding will provide for additional staffing numbers in the existing project in Kilmore West Youth Service, Coolock, Dublin 5.

‘Taking In Charge’ at Belmayne & Clongriffin: Dublin City Council has begun the process to commence the taking in charge of Parkside Boulevard from Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13 to Malahide Road, Dublin 17. Discussions have also begun on the taking in charge of Main Street, Clongriffin through Priory Hall to Belmayne Avenue. Funding has been obtained for new pedestrian signals on Clare Hall Avenue near Donaghmede Roundabout.



Tommy with Roisin Shortall T.D and Camilla McAleese, Trustee, Irish Land Mark Trust



Tommy with Andrew Smith and Karl Deegan from BATU

Priory Hall: Phases 1 to 3 (Blocks 2 to 7) of the 190 unit redevelopment of Priory Hall will be completed from May to August 2015. It is expected that Phase 5B (basements and roads) will be completed by the end of 2015.

Sutton to Sandycove Cycleway: KN Group contractors on behalf of Dublin City Council have begun construction of the Dollymount Promenade and Flood Protection Project creating a 2km promenade and cycle track from the Wooden Bridge to Causeway Road. The works include improved flood defences with repairs to the existing sea walls and a new retaining wall at both ends of the promenade/cycleway. There will be a segregated 4 metre wide (2-way) cycle track and 2 metre wide pedestrian facility. A new drainage system is to be provided along the route and works (based at St. Anne’s Public car-park) will take 16 months in all.

Mylan Factory at Baldoyle / Donaghmede: Following shocking complaints from adjoining residents of Carndonagh Road, Donaghmede, Deputy Tommy Broughan has made strong representations to Fingal County Manager, Paul Reid and the Mylan CEO regarding strict enforcement of the Bord Pleanála permission for the new Mylan/McDermott Labs factory at units 21A to 25, Baldoyle Industrial Estate.

Junk Collections in Dublin Bay North: Cllr. Paddy Bourke has been informed that Dublin City Council Waste Management Services will resume the junk collection in September 2015 (no schedules have been prepared yet).

Drainage and Traffic Measures in Howth/Sutton: Byrne Looby have been appointed to make a Preliminary Report on the Howth Flood Relief Scheme Brief and Improvement Works on surface water infrastructure at the Bloody Stream, Howth commenced recently. On foot of a motion by **Cllr. Cian O’Callaghan** the unsightly luminous orange bollards on Main St. Howth have been replaced by a raised kerb.

Fairview Marino Local Environment Improvement Plan 2014 – 2017: The DCC North Central Area Office is pursuing a number of actions under the above plan including: the painting of railings, light standards and bollards; graffiti removal and support for Fairview and Marino Residents Association for community planting and a garden; footpath repairs and anti-fouling signage for dog-owners. Actions under consideration include CCTV in Fairview Park and a Heritage Trail.

New Sports Facilities; Drumcondra, Kilbarrack and Beaumont: Dublin City Council has commenced the Part 8 planning process for new all-weather pitches at Clonturk Park, Drumcondra, Dublin 3 and at Greendale Park/Foxfield Green, Kilbarrack, Dublin 13. Consultants have been appointed to design the all-weather training pitch in Drumcondra and a full size all-weather pitch at the grounds of Kilbarrack Utd. F.C. Part 8 planning has also begun for a new Tennis Pavilion, new floodlights and re-surfacing of 9 tennis courts and a new resurfaced football training pitch at Rockfield Park, Whitethorn Ave., Beaumont, Dublin 9.

DUBLIN BAY NORTH PLANNING FILE

Aviation Pipeline: Deputy Broughan is strongly opposed to a proposal by Fingleton White & Co and the Independent Pipeline Co. for an aviation fuel pipeline of approximately 15km from Dublin Port to Dublin Airport. The planning proposal currently before DCC and Fingal will involve an underground kerosene pipeline passing up along the Malahide Road through a densely populated residential region including East Wall, Fairview, Marino, Clontarf, Donnycarney, Artane, Coolock, Darndale, Ayrfield, Clare Hall and Burnell along the R139 and the M1 and up to the airport. Deputy Broughan has submitted his objections to both Councils on this plan.

Fingal County Council Development Plan 2017-2023

Submission: Deputy Broughan made a submission to the Fingal County Development Plan recently. He highlighted a number of issues that affect the Dublin Bay North constituency such as the completion of the South Fringe and the importance of drainage and water run-off impacts on developments, particularly in Howth and Sutton. He re-iterated the importance of the conservation and protection of the Howth Peninsula, Baldoyle Bay and the Velvet Strand wetlands of Portmarnock and Baldoyle.

Maywood Lawn, Raheny: Deputy Broughan was contacted by the Maywood Lawn Action Group regarding Planning Application Ref. 2620/15. This proposed development is a 4-storey apartment block at Brethern Hall, The Glen, Watermill Road and Deputy Broughan supported the Action Group's opposition to this huge overlooking development directly behind Maywood Lawn.

Tonleegee Road, Ayrfield, Dublin 13: TLC spectrum has applied to build a 2/3 storey, 149 bed nursing home at the former Smurfit Kappa factory on Tonleegee Road.

Bayside Shopping Centre: On May 11th last, Bayside Centre Management applied for the demolition of existing retail/commercial units and of 3 duplex apartments. The new proposed replacement buildings include a supermarket, 3 retail units, a medical centre, gym and restaurant. Existing parking is to be 'reconfigured' to provide 135 car spaces.

SuperValu Shopping Centre, Sutton Cross: In early May, Musgraves applied for a one-way traffic circulation system at SuperValu, Sutton. All outbound customers and delivery traffic is proposed to leave via a new exit through the planned demolition of No. 15 Howth Road. Parking spaces are being expanded from 278 to 304.

Former 'Campions Pub', Balgriffin: Crosswaithe has applied for the demolition of Campions and its replacement by 43 houses, 19 apartments and 1 retail unit.



Tommy with Tony McPoland, Chair of Don Bosco Care at event in Clontarf



Tommy speaking in the Dáil on the bus strike

TOMMY IN THE DÁIL

Deputy Tommy Broughan has raised the issue of the proposed job losses at **Mondelez/Cadbury Coolock** a number of times in Dáil Éireann by way of questions and Topical Issues Debates with Minister Richard Bruton. He also challenged the Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton on her draconian changes to **One-Parent Family Payments** that will negatively impact on single parents who are already at higher risk of living in poverty. Deputy Broughan was happy to support Deputy Seán Crowe's **Neutrality Bill** and Deputy Mick Wallace's **Peace and Neutrality Bill** calling for Ireland's neutrality to be enshrined in our constitution.

Deputy Broughan highlighted the inequalities of the Government's **Spring Economic Statement** and again strongly criticised the Fine Gael/Labour Government's ruthless cuts and austerity policies which most harshly effect the vulnerable in Irish society.

The **National Bus Strike** was also discussed in Dáil Éireann and Deputy Broughan spoke against the proposed privatisation plans highlighting the negative impact privatisation has had on UK bus services. Deputy Broughan spoke in support of Deputy Maloney's **Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill** which sought to amend the 1996 Act. Most recently, Deputy Broughan highlighted **human rights issues in Tibet and the Uyghur region** with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade after the visit from the Chinese Premier and some Chinese Ministers of State. Deputy Broughan spoke on the **Motion to sell Aer Lingus** and strongly opposed this motion saying that it is clearly not in our national interest.

Other issues that Deputy Broughan continuously raised on the Order of Business or during Leader's Questions include the **Housing and Rental Crisis, Emergency Homeless Accommodation for Families** and the backlog of waiting lists of persons categorised as high medical priority awaiting **Disability Adaptation Grants for extensions** to their houses.

CHANGES TO ONE-PARENT FAMILY PAYMENTS

Many readers in receipt of One-Parent Family (OPF) Social Protection Payments will already be aware of the coming changes for parents whose youngest child is 7 years of age. Changes to OPF payments were introduced ostensibly with the aim of enabling lone parents to move away from social welfare dependency and into education and employment. Yet, according to statistics from One Family, the charity working with one-parent families, there were just 36% of OPF recipients working in 2014 compared to 60% in 2012. Deputy Broughan is echoing One Family's call for the Tánaiste to immediately pause these reforms and stop pushing one-parent families further into poverty.



Tommy at the GPO Easter Rising Commemorations



Tommy with Jessie Ennie, patient ambassador, and Philip Watt, CEO of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland

RESTORE PAY & PENSIONS

Deputy Broughan has called for the reversal of cuts since 2009 in wages, salaries and pensions across the private and public sectors. The Department of Finance is projecting GDP growth of 3.9% in 2015 following the 4.7% projected growth rate in 2014 with employment levels returning to 1.94 million. But average weekly earnings in both private and public sectors grew far more slowly than the growth rate. Deputy Broughan has thus supported the call by Civil Public and Service Union (CPSU) and others to restore pay levels on an equitable basis by prioritising the lower paid and abolishing the pension levy.

30 KMPH SLOW ZONE SPEED LIMITS

The Department of Transport recently issued a circular to all local authorities on the Control of Vehicle Speeds in Housing Estates. This followed a Dáil debate on Jake's Law when Deputy Broughan strongly supported a proposal for lower estate speed limits, especially to protect children. Fingal County Council has held a public consultation and intends to agree up to 18 pilot residential estates for the new 30kph speed limits while Dublin City Council has referred the guidelines to the City's Transportation Committee.

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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 (By Appointment)

Every **SATURDAY**

10.15 a.m. Clonsaugh 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., Baldoyle



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