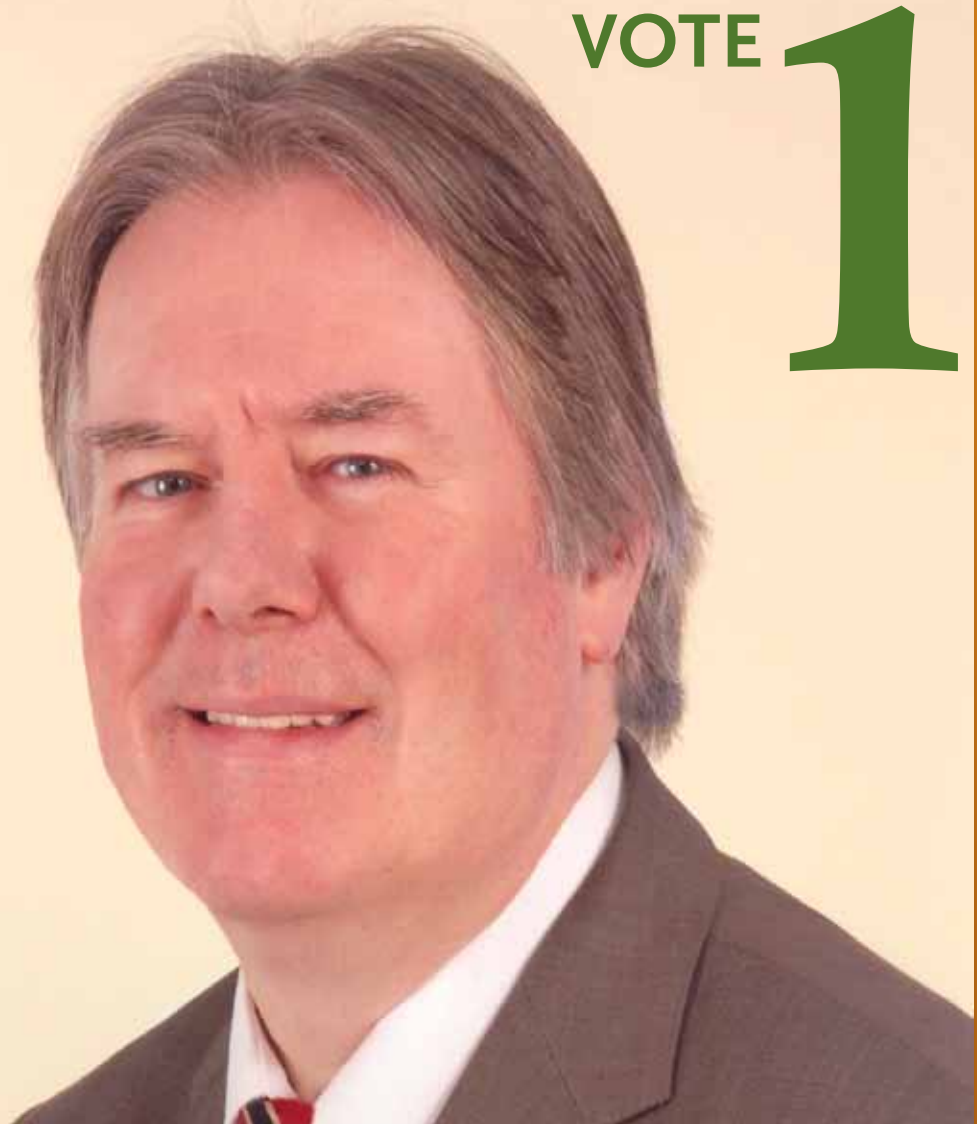


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TOMMY BROUGHAN

ON YOUR SIDE, ALWAYS

WHERE TOMMY STANDS



ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS AND LONG HOUSING WAITING LISTS

Tommy Broughan was the first TD to call for the declaration of a National Housing Emergency with legislative powers on the lines taken by the government to rescue the failed banks. Housing output is less than a third of the minimum needed to house our growing population with nearly 7,000 citizens and families on housing and homeless lists in Dublin Bay North alone. Appallingly, the outgoing Fine Gael / Labour government has allowed the number of homeless children in hotel and guest houses to rise to nearly 1,600. Social Housing 2020 targets are totally inadequate and the government is completely reliant on private developers who failed us in the crash. **Deputy Broughan demands an urgent, national, social housing programme led and partially funded by a reconstituted NAMA or new National Housing Executive with Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and the other local authorities as the construction and delivery agents.**

ESSENTIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT & ROAD SAFETY

Dublin remains one of the few EU capitals without a citywide Tram and/or Metro public transport system. Deputy Broughan supported the Fingal County Manager's initiative for a Dublin Airport / Swords to O'Connell Street link and he welcomes a government commitment to restart planning an airport Metro line. (Tommy's preferred route remains the Drumcondra/Clonshaugh/Nevinstown corridor). He has also been a strong advocate for bus and DART passengers in Dublin Bay North. **As a former Dáil Transport spokesperson, Tommy has taken a special interest in road safety and over several Dáils has vigorously pursued Ministers for Transport to update and consolidate road traffic law.** The staggering death and injury toll on Irish roads remains unacceptable and he has been very proud to represent PARC road safety group and great voluntary bodies like the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network. **The street and road surfaces of Dublin Bay North have gone to rack and ruin during the years of austerity and their upgrading is a core objective of Tommy Broughan.**



BALANCED FINANCES & FAIR TAXATION FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Tommy Broughan is the only TD to have opposed and voted against the Blanket Bank Guarantee & all its renewals. He is a fierce opponent of austerity and budgetary cuts since 2008. As an Independent each year since 2011, he has submitted balanced national budget proposals based on fair taxation and adequate provision for essential public services to the Department of Finance.

The recent modest upturn in the economy is welcome but Deputy Broughan believes that wrong-headed austerity policies of the Fine Gael / Labour and earlier Fianna Fáil / Green governments have left a huge overhang of national debt and an economy vulnerable to future interest rate rises. National well-being and prosperity to 2021 require a balanced and fair approach to national budgets with all citizens involved in determining fair taxation and expenditure on public services.



Tommy with Mick Duffy of the Alliance of Retired Public Servants

TOMMY'S DÁIL RECORD & WHERE HE STANDS

As an Independent since 2011, Deputy Broughan was denied regular speaking time but he has continued to vigorously contribute to Dáil proceedings through Parliamentary Questions, Topical Issues & Private Members' Debates and through directly confronting the Taoiseach & Ministers at the Dáil Order of Business. In earlier Dáils he was a distinguished spokesperson and member of the Public Accounts Committee and other Dáil Committees such as Finance, Social Welfare, Enterprise and Employment and Transport. **He fiercely opposed the creation of Irish Water & water charges & is determined to abolish both if honoured with election to the 32nd Dáil.** Among bills he drafted and introduced to the current Dáil were: the Burial and Cremation Regulation Bill 2011, a bill to regulate & sustainably plan crematoria and new cemeteries (for the first time in Irish Law); the Brighter Evenings Bill 2012, to consider moving Irish clocks forward by 1 hour throughout the year (or shorten the period when clocks are moved back), a bill which remains on the clár of the 31st Dáil; and the **High Pay & Wealth Commission Bill 2014** to collect anonymised information on income and wealth in order to inform economic and fiscal policy.

HARD WORKING, HONEST

A PRINCIPLED POLITICIAN

WORLD CLASS HEALTH & DISABILITY SERVICES

Ireland needs adequate budgets and staffing for our health & disability services. Expenditure on both remains significantly below 2008 levels of funding. Ministers of Health are a long litany of failures including Fianna Fáil's Michael Martin and the recent incumbents Messrs Reilly and Varadkar of Fine Gael. Hospital waiting lists for operations and the annual winter trolley crisis in A&E's are disgraceful and have to be finally addressed by the next Dáil. The leaders of outstanding agencies in Disability Services complain to Deputy Broughan about seriously reduced funding and staff numbers to cope with rising service needs. Additional sustainable funding of at least €3 billion is critically necessary for these core services. **In Dublin Bay North, Tommy strongly supports the campaign to provide a new fit for purpose A&E in BEAUMONT HOSPITAL and adequate staffing to deal with the 50,000 plus patients every year.**



TOP OF THE CLASS EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

Irish primary and secondary classes remain among the largest in the EU and OECD. Well over €10 billion has been cut from the annual education budget since 2008. **Only the huge commitment and skill of Ireland's outstanding teachers at first, second and third level have kept our country's excellent reputation for education intact.** The Education Capital Programme since 2008 was valuable but is the minimum needed to keep up with population trends. The tiny steps taken in Budget 2016 to reverse increases in the Pupil-Teacher-Ratio must be funded to EU norms by 2021. Core funding for our universities also needs to be restored to pre-2008 levels and **Deputy Broughan is committed to a third level system funded by fair national taxation without further impositions on students.** He is also committed to the full recognition and integration of the crucial pre-school system into national education provision along long promised Scandinavian lines.

STRONG SUPPORTER FOR JOBS, SMALL BUSINESS & WORKERS' RIGHTS

Deputy Broughan has always been a relentless promoter of jobs, including through community enterprise, small businesses and of workers' conditions and rights. He helped to found Community Enterprise Donaghmede Artane and he was the founding Chairperson of Coolock Development Council and the Northside Community and Business Campus. He famously lost the whip of his then party when he voted to support Aer Lingus, Team Aer Lingus and Dublin Airport during his first Dáil. He always advocates the attraction of good quality jobs to DBN and **recently the protection of key jobs at Mondelez (Cadbury) Coolock and Howth Harbour. Tommy has always believed in fair rewards for work done through the economy.** As an Enterprise Spokesperson he introduced the first Trade Union Recognition Bill into the Dáil in collaboration with ICTU and a raft of worker protection bills. **He was one of the first TD's to advocate a Living Wage for everyone.**



RIGHT2CHANGE – THE TIME HAS COME

Deputy Broughan is a member of the Right2Change political campaign which provides a platform for anti-austerity and centre-left candidates to agree on broad national policies.

These include **Right 2 Water, Right 2 Health, Right 2 Jobs & Decent Work, Right 2 Housing, Right 2 Education, Right 2 Equality, Right 2 Democratic Reform, Right 2 Sustainable Environment and Right 2 Natural Resources (all policies Tommy himself has championed over the years).**

Austerity policies of Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil and their allies targeted the most vulnerable in Irish society. 300,000 young people have emigrated since 2011 & up to 36% of Irish children experience multiple deprivation. Lone Parents were targeted by Fine Gael / Labour with draconian cuts to the One Parent Family Payment and 70/80 families a month became homeless in 2015. **You can read more about Right2Change at www.right2change.ie.**



EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION



Tommy at the Liffey

REFORMING AND RESOURCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Deputy Broughan was proud to represent the Coolock Artane Ward and the Donaghmede/Raheny Ward on Dublin City Council for many years. He also led the Rainbow Civic Alliance on the Council for 8 years. He believes passionately in strong local government. He has always supported the establishment of an elected Mayor of Dublin (with a small elected cabinet of Councillors) for the 4 Dublin counties. Unlike the 4 City and County Managers, elected Mayors would be directly responsible to our people. Local government services have been decimated by cutbacks since 2008 and these must be urgently restored. **Tommy is strongly opposed to the apparent Fine Gael plan to raise Local Property Tax in the next Dáil** given that Dublin Bay North households pay some of the highest property taxes in Ireland. **He thinks that a reformed and much lower local property tax should form a key ingredient of financial autonomy for our local authorities to enable proper funding of parks, traffic management, street and street-light maintenance, libraries and local community services.**

STRONG ANTI-CRIME & SECURITY MEASURES

Deputy Broughan recently voted to strengthen the new Policing Authority & broadly welcomes its establishment. In earlier Dáils, he proposed local Garda/Community Committees and **has been honoured to serve on the North Central Dublin City and Fingal Garda Joint Policing Committees.** Tommy has often commended An Garda Síochána, DCC and Fingal officials for important initiatives, such as the Juvenile Diversion Programme and Friday Night Football, in combating anti-social and criminal behaviour. Continuously in Dáil Éireann he has called for extra personnel and resources for An Garda Síochána in Dublin Bay North to address burglary and other criminal behaviour. **In relation to drug fuelled crime, Deputy Broughan believes that government cuts to Anti-Drugs Programmes have had a malign impact and that key resources for wonderful Dublin Bay North rehabilitation programmes such as KCCP and RASP must be fully restored.** Tommy is a strong supporter of the Stardust Victims' and Relatives Group and is committed to the establishment of a Commission of Investigation into this tragedy.

PROTECTING OUR BEAUTIFUL CONSTITUENCY

Throughout his political service, Deputy Broughan has taken a profound interest in the protection & sustainable planning of the parishes and districts he represents. He was the only public representative to invigilate on constituents' behalf the early planning of the North Fringe of Dublin City and the South Fringe of Fingal and proposed the North Fringe Forum. He played a critical role in supporting constituents to secure the Special Amenity Area status for the Howth peninsula and the Bull Island and in Dáil Éireann he first proposed a UNESCO protection status for the Howth peninsula, Dublin Bay and Baldoyle Bay. More recently, Tommy was the only TD to strongly oppose at Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council an oil pipeline being laid through the streets of Clontarf, Artane, Coolock and Clonsaugh. He is also on the public record as a strong protector of St. Anne's Park and the environment and views from Clontarf Road and James Larkin Road. **Tommy was also heavily involved in supporting Priory Hall families and those affected by Pyrite. He believes deeply in democratic and sustainable planning and while making detailed submissions on behalf of constituents, always urges them to become involved in the Dublin City and Fingal County Development Plans.**



Tommy with Linda Hayden of the Golden Years Centre, Belcamp/Darndale Village

Getting in Touch



Tommy Broughan is always delighted to meet with and hear from constituents from all of the 25 parishes of Dublin Bay North. Many constituents will be aware of his longstanding and helpful information clinic network. As Dublin North Central was merged into Dublin North East to become Dublin Bay North, he is gradually extending this network across the new constituency.

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