



Councillor Cormac DEVLIN

General Election Candidate



Winter 2018

Dear Resident,

This newsletter provides an overview of some of the projects that I have been working on since I was selected as a General Election Candidate in Dún Laoghaire.

The Council recently agreed a €184 million budget for 2019. The budget prioritises housing, expanding services and improving our towns and villages. This was achieved without increasing commercial rates, council rents, parking charges or the Local Property Tax.

At a national level, I have been working with my Fianna Fáil colleagues to prioritise the establishment of a national affordable housing scheme and to secure further resources for the National Treatment Purchase fund.

I am also pleased to report we secured a commitment from the National Transport Authority that there will be a second round of public consultation before any changes to the Dublin Bus network.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to get in contact. If you would like more regular updates, please feel free to sign up to my e-bulletin at my website cormacdevlin.ie.

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Cormac and Micheál Martin during his recent visit to Dún Laoghaire to meet with residents, businesses and schools

Local Property Tax Update

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council recently voted to maintain a 15% reduction in the Local Property Tax rate for 2019.

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is based on the valuation of homes, given the cost of property in the Capital, households in Dún Laoghaire face much higher bills than elsewhere in the country.

Since 2016 we have seen a dramatic increase in submissions from the public on the LPT. This year the council received a record 268 submissions, up from 76 last year, and just six in 2016. The message from the public was clear - 89% favoured maintaining the full 15% reduction in the rate.

I have consistently voted to reduce the LPT by the maximum rate as this goes some way to alleviating the structural inequality of the current system. Nationally, Fianna Fáil as a party is committed to ensuring that any review of the LPT creates no additional financial burden on households.

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€184m Council Budget set to prioritise Housing, Services and improving Public Spaces

Councillors have agreed a €184 million budget that will prioritise housing, services and improving the public realm in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The County has seen an uplift in economic conditions which will allow the 2019 budget to deliver an expansion of services across all divisions of the Council.

The budget will maintain commercial rates, council rents, parking and other charges at existing rates. Earlier this year, councillors agreed to maintain the full 15% reduction in the Local Property Tax.

Key areas of spending in 2019 include:

Housing and Building	€43m
Recreation, Amenities and Sport	€34m
Environmental Services	€32m
Road Transport and Safety	€29m
Planning and Development	€20m
Water Services	€12m

Key projects prioritised in 2019 include:

- Progress on Cherrywood and Shanganagh lands
- “Deep clean” of our town centres and villages
- Improvements to access and quality of public beaches and parks



The Council will spend €34m in 2019 supporting recreation, amenities and sports in the County

- Introduction of a Columbarium Wall in Deansgrange Cemetery for the interment of ashes
- Plan new and refurbish existing libraries
- Completion of the Bulloch-Sandycove Masterplan
- Expansion of the Vacant Site Register
- More resources for Planning Enforcement and Private Rented Sector inspections

I am particularly pleased we are able to rollout new services and undertake more projects while leaving rates, rents, charges and Local Property Tax levels unchanged for 2019.

Housing: Government must cut unnecessary red tape

The Council has been making progress on a number of public housing schemes. New social schemes were recently completed at the Brambles in Glenageary, Rochestown House in Sallynoggin and George's Place in Dún Laoghaire Town.

However as of August 2018 there were 4,527 households on the Council's Social Housing Support List. The majority of these applications were for one and two bedroom accommodation.

While the small to medium sized schemes that the Council has been completing are welcome, they are insufficient to make real progress in reducing the Social Housing list.

Aside from the social housing requirement, there is also a huge demand for affordable housing in Dún Laoghaire. Councillors recognised this when we proposed to develop 540 social and affordable houses on public lands at Shanganagh and 70 units at Ballyogan.

As of November 2018, the Council executive has been waiting almost 10 months for sign off from the Department of Housing for these schemes.



Rosie Dunne and Cormac at the launch of the Council's new public housing scheme at George's Place

The Department's insistence on micro-managing every public housing scheme is causing significant delays. The government must act to cut unnecessary red tape and allow local authorities proceed to build houses.



Dedicated Public Transport Police required

Incidents of disorder on public transport services in the Capital must be prevented by a dedicated transport police unit.

Repeated incidents of anti-social behaviour on LUAS, DART and Dublin Bus services in Dublin are causing severe disruption for passengers and commuters.

The LUAS, DART and Dublin Bus each provide an essential service to Dubliners and those visiting our city. It is deeply frustrating that the challenging behaviour of a small minority continues to cause interruption to services.

Management at LUAS, Irish Rail and Dublin Bus have made efforts to tackle anti-social behaviour on their services, however, they are limited and do not have the necessary authority to do what is needed.

Fianna Fáil has proposed the establishment of a Dublin Transport Police unit which will be responsible for enforcing the law on all Dublin public transport services.

A zero tolerance approach must be taken to target the culprits of anti-social behaviour and deter incidents from occurring on the Capital's public transport services.

Bus Connects must work for the entire community

The National Transport Authority have recently concluded their public consultation on the proposed Bus Connects redesign of the Dublin Bus network.

The overall Bus Connects project, will see investment and improvement in Dublin's public transport infrastructure.

Seven of the eight aspects of the project are welcome, especially the investment in cycling infrastructure, but there were significant flaws with the network redesign as proposed.

The plan failed to consider the social impact of the redesign. As proposed, it would have an unacceptable impact on the elderly and people with disabilities.

Working with my Oireachtas colleagues, we secured a commitment from the government that the NTA must review the 30,000 submissions and bring new proposals for public consultation before it can proceed.



Cormac speaking at one of the six public meetings he hosted about the proposed Bus Connects network redesign

The second phase of public consultation on the revised network plan will give bus users an opportunity to examine the proposals and have their say.

If you would like to be kept informed about developments please sign up to my e-bulletin.

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Justin Moylan joins Fianna Fáil Local Election team

Justin Moylan has been selected to run alongside Cormac in next year's Local Elections in the seven-seat Dún Laoghaire ward where Fianna Fáil is targeting two seats.

Justin grew up in Cabinteely and was educated locally. He lives in Dalkey with his wife and three children where he is an active participant in the community. He has seen first-hand the fantastic work undertaken by many local community-based organisations including Dublin Lions, Cuala, Dalkey Scouts, CoderDojo and Dalkey Utd.

If elected to the County Council next May, Justin will prioritise improving services and expanding support for local community and sporting organisations. He can be reached at justin@justinmoylan.ie / 086 600 7007.



Cormac and Justin Moylan have been selected to contest next year's Local Elections in the Dún Laoghaire ward

Improving cycling infrastructure in the county



Ten new cycle stands provided on Frascati Road, Blackrock

The council is currently upgrading cycling infrastructure around the county. Ten new cycle stands were recently installed on Frascati Road, Blackrock. 30 new stands will be installed shortly at four locations:

- Seapoint DART Station (Alma Road)
- Killiney DART Station (Station Road)
- Killiney Hill Road (Tea-rooms at Killiney Hill Park)
- Ballybrack Village (2 locations)

Officials are currently identifying new locations for stands. If you believe there is demand in your area please let them know via cycling@dlrcoco.ie

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