



East Wall Area Update

Winter 2011



FAIRVIEW PARK

At last contracts have been signed and work is due to commence on park improvements to include the construction of the children's playground, seasonal bedding area and performance area. The works are due to be completed next year.

CLONTARF FLOOD DEFENCES

I attended an information session hosted by Dublin City Council and also an alternative information session held by the residents in Clontarf. I will be supporting the residents by voting against the council's proposals.

DUBLIN PORT

Dublin Port Company launched the Draft Masterplan in late October for public consultation. The date for final submissions is 9th December 2011. The final Masterplan will be launched in January 2012.

READYMIX SITE, EAST WALL ROAD

Ownership of the site has been transferred from Dublin Docklands Development Authority to NAMA.

SEAN MCDERMOTT STREET SWIMMING POOL

I am the only councillor in the area on the City Council 'pools sub committee' that had a large number of meetings fighting to keep the pool open. Over a year later I am pleased to report that not only have the pools remained open but essential works are to be undertaken on the pool this year.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2012

Dublin City Council's annual budget meeting took place on Monday 28th November.

Despite government cutbacks, there are no cuts to services. To ensure services, savings have been made through better expenditure controls, better debt collection and less exposure to capital projects. The income from the non principal private residence tax was

more than expected and to assist businesses and try and keep jobs, commercial rates are cut. Some items that may be of interest include:

The Council anticipates that the regeneration of Dominck Street and O' Devaney gardens former PPP projects will take place in late 2012 with completion dates in 2014 or early 2015.

A Local Area Plan for the Docklands is due to be prepared in 2012/2013. This should promote the docklands as a Key Developing Area and seek to benefit the area. In the North Inner City, the City Council also intends to develop Local Area Plans for East Wall, Ballybough, Smithfield, Stoneybatter and Manor Street.

There has been an increase for services to homelessness

The vacant lands initiative – a study of vacant lands in the inner city is being undertaken to maximise the potential for sustainable redevelopment of the sites. The city council is also engaged in an EU Brownfield (ie previously used land) Regeneration Project which will include a major 'Brownfield Week' in Dublin in May 2012.

While there will be a charge for callouts to fire services, this does not apply to local authority houses. The council has also said that it will look sympathetically on cases where houses have no insurance, in hardship cases. The council has said that, in the knowledge that the charge is not an issue, it is important to call 999 or 911 in a fire situation.

The household junk collection has been restored.

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