



Annual Report (2022) of the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF)

The Dublin Docklands Development Authority was dissolved on 1 March 2016 by Ministerial Order in accordance with the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015. The Act provided for the establishment, by resolution of the Council, of a Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum which will be independent in the performance of its functions.

The role of the Forum, as set out in the Act, is to consider and advise the Council and the strategic policy committees of the Council in relation to the formulation, development, monitoring and review of the Council's policy relating to the performance of the functions of the Council insofar as they relate to the Dublin Docklands Area and in particular in relation to the following:

- a. enterprise and employment;
- b. education;
- c. housing;
- d. planning;
- e. the environment, including the natural and built environment, and the amenities of the area and;
- f. the interaction of communities

The Act also provides that the Forum may consider and advise the Council and the strategic policy committees of the Council in relation to:

- (a) initiatives of communities in the Dublin Docklands Area which in the opinion of the Forum will benefit such communities, including initiatives in relation to the provision of amenity, recreational, cultural or heritage facilities, the protection or enhancement of the environment and programmes to promote social inclusion and community development and
- (b) Communications of the Council to the public in relation to the performance of the functions of the Council insofar as they relate to the Dublin Docklands Area.

The Forum may, and if requested by the Council shall, consider and advise the Council and the strategic policy committees of the Council in relation to any of its functions.

Dublin City Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 9th May 2016, having considered Report No.129/2016 adopted the following resolution:

“That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 129/2016 and hereby establishes a Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum as provided for in the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015 and that four Members of the City Council be

appointed to that Forum, and that these four Members will be convened by the Chief Executive or his nominee to be consulted in relation to various issues related to the selection of persons for appointment to the Forum as and when required ”. The motion was put and carried.

Following a vote, the following Members were declared to be appointed to the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum: Councillors Christy Burke, Gaye Fagan, Dermot Lacey and Claire Byrne.

As per Section 39 (1) of the Act, the DOCF consists of 21 ordinary members, plus an Independent Chair.

The Chief Executive recommended to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government that Retired Dublin City Council Assistant Chief Executive Mr. Michael Stubbs be appointed as the independent Chair of the DOCF, this recommendation was approved by the Department and Mr. Stubbs was formally appointed as the Chair by the Minister with effect from 6th February 2017 and for a period not exceeding 3 years under Section 39(2) of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015.

After a lengthy expressions of interest process the membership of the DOCF was formalised when the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government appointed the 21 members with effect from 6th February 2017 and for a period not exceeding 3 years under Section 39(6) of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015. The first 3 year term of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum ended on March 2020.

On September 8th 2020 the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Mr. Darragh O’Brien following consultation with the Council appointed the nominated Forum members for the second term of the Forum for a three year period from the 8th of September 2020 to 7th of September 2023.

The membership of the DOCF for the reporting period with independent Chair Mr. Michael Stubbs is as follows:

Dublin City Council	Nominated Representative	Position in prescribed organisation
	Mr Owen P. Keegan	Chief Executive
Community	Nominated Representatives	Position in prescribed organisation
Ringsend Community Services Forum	Ms Susanne Moore replaced by Ms Rachel Rooney on 31.03.22	Network Coordinator RCSF
Grand Canal Dock Residents Association	Mr Michael Ingle	President
North Port Dwellers Association	Mr Tony McDonnell resigned in January 2021 position is currently vacant	Chairperson
St. Andrew's Resource Centre	Ms Dolores Wilson	Treasurer
North Wall Community Association	Mr Mark Fay	Chairperson

Business	Nominated Representatives	Position in prescribed organisation
Docklands SME & Start-up Partnership	Mr Owen Reilly	Chairperson
Docklands Hospitality & Entertainment Venue Association	Mr Charlie Sheil /Mr Conor O'Kane WEF 31.03.22	Chairperson
Docklands Business Forum	Mr Alan Robinson	Chief Executive
Trinity college Dublin	Prof Ciaran O'Neill	Community Liaison Officer
Docklands Cultural Forum – no longer in existence. Nominations for replacement to be sought by Dublin City Council.		
Education	Nominated Representatives	Position in Organisation
National College of Ireland	Ms Gina Quin	President
Public Bodies	Nominated Representatives	Position in Organisation
Dublin Port Company	Mr Cormac Kennedy	Head of Property
CIE	Mr Frank Masterson	Assistant Group Property Manager
Central Bank of Ireland	Mr Bernard Sheridan	Director of Strategy & Governance
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	Ms Catriona Ryan	Principal Officer, Built Heritage, Architectural Policy & Strategic Infrastructure
Waterways Ireland	Ms. Máirin Ó Cuireáin	Waterways Ireland Dublin Docklands Development Manager
Elected Members	Nominated Representatives	Position in Organisation
Central Area	Mr Joe Costello	Dublin City Councillor
Central Area	Ms Claire Byrne	Dublin City Councillor
South East Area	Mr Ray McAdam	Dublin City Councillor
South East Area	Mr Kevin Donoghue	Dublin City Councillor

The second term of the DOCF began at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic health emergency in early 2020 which initially restricted the ability of the Forum to meet and function as it had previously done so. Due to public health measures introduced by the Department of Health at the onset of the pandemic, restrictions on movement for non-essential work and travel directly affected meeting arrangements for the Forum.

The first meeting of the second term was held virtually on 11th of January 2021 via MS Teams in order to comply with Government Covid-19 working restrictions and all meetings up 5th of July 2022 were hosted virtually via MS Teams. The first hybrid meeting took place on the 26th of September 2022 and proceeding meetings have continued in this format.

The North Port Dwellers Association representative Mr Tony McDonnell resigned from the Forum on the 4th of January 2022.

On the 31st of March 2022 the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Mr. Darragh O'Brien appointed Ms Rachael Rooney of Ringsend Community Services Forum and Mr Conor O'Kane of the Docklands Hospitality & Entertainment Venue Association as replacements for Ms Susanne Moore and Mr Charlie Shiel.

The Agendas and Minutes of the meetings are available to view at <http://www.docklands.ie/living-docklands/live-work/community/docklands-oversight-and-consultative-forum>

DOCF Meetings Attendance – January 2022 to December 2022
Five Meetings were held in 2022:

10th January 2022, 11th April 2022, 5th July 2022, 26th September 2022 and 7th November 2022

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
Mr Michael Stubbs, Chair	5	5
Mr Owen P. Keegan	5	4
Mr Cormac Kennedy	5	5
Mr Frank Masterson	5	3
Mr Bernard Sheridan	5	3
Ms Catriona Ryan	5	0
Ms Máirin Ó Cuireáin	5	3
Ms Gina Quin	5	3
Ms Sueann Moore	1	0
Rachael Rooney	4	2
Mr Michael Ingle	5	4
Ms Dolores Wilson	5	5
Mr Mark Fay	5	5
Mr Owen Reilly	5	3
Mr Conor O'Kane	4	1
Mr Alan Robinson	5	5
Prof Ciaran O'Neill	5	4
Cllr. Joe Costello	5	5
Cllr. Claire Byrne	5	5
Cllr. Ray McAdam	5	3
Cllr. Kevin Donoghue	5	2

A – Number of meetings available to attend

B – Number of meetings attended.

Work of the Forum during the reporting period January 1st 2022 to December 31st 2022

The DOCF is required as per Section 49 of the Dissolution Act to present an annual report to Council in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submitted.

In order to fulfil this requirement the following gives a breakdown of the presentations held during 2022 and the resulting discussions that followed. The various presentations made to the DOCF were given by Dublin City Council representatives and various stakeholder organisations who engage directly with Dublin City Council and the Docklands area specifically.

Presentations to the Forum

Date	Presenter	Purpose
10.01.2022	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Update Docklands SDZ Planning presentation.
	Ms Deirdre Scully, DCC Deputy City Planner	Update presentation on City Development Plan 2022-2028
	Mr Michael O’Riordan of the NEIC Programme Office	Presentation on North East Inner City Program (NEIC)
	Ms Sabrina Dekker DCC Climate Action Co- Ordinator	Presentation on Docklands/Dublin Bay Renewable Energy
Date	Presenter	Purpose
11.04.2022	Mr Frank Masterson Iarnród Éireann	Update on Spencer Dock Rail Station
	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Docklands Planning update presentation
	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Docklands Planning update presentation with reference to Connolly Station and height review for SDZ
	Ms Eleanor Ryan DCC Acting Executive Architect Docklands Office	Docklands Public Realm Infrastructure update
Date	Presenter	Purpose
05.07.2022	Ms Alice Simington DCC Senior Executive Officer	Dublin City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Docklands Planning update presentation
	Mr Alan Robinson Docklands Business Forum	Mr Alan Robinson tabled a discussion on the DCC draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
Date	Presenter	Purpose
26.09.2022	Mr David Frizell, Project Director and Mr Jamie Moore, Engagement Lead for Eirgrid	Eirgrid Presentation on Powering up Dublin
	Mr Mark Fay North Wall Community Association	Issues and opportunities relating to the Sheriff Street area
	Mr Derek Kelly DCC Director of Services	Georges Dock Development update

	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Docklands Planning update presentation
	Mr Alan Robinson Docklands Business Forum	Discussion on the maintenance of public spaces in the Docklands by DCC
Date	Presenter	Purpose
07.11.2022	Mr Michael Stubbs Forum Chair	Georges Dock Development update review
	Ms Marie Kavanagh Senior Executive Officer DCC	Docklands Heritage trail application mobile app presentation
	Ms Eleanor Ryan Executive Architect DCC	Non Statutory consolation on Sir John Rogerson Quay Public Realm and Flood defences
	Cllr Joe Costello DCC and Mr Alan Robinson Docklands Business Forum	Workshop proposal on “The Future Imagining of the Dublin Docklands Quarter and the goals and activities of the Docklands”
	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Docklands Planning update presentation

Resolution:

“That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 186/2023.”

Michael Stubbs

Chairperson

23rd August 2023