



Annual Report (2020) of the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum

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 (DOCF) 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 membership of the DOCF for the reporting period is as follows

Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum Membership 2017-2020		
Chairperson	Mr Michael Stubbs	
Dublin City Council	Nominated Representative	Position in prescribed organisation
	Mr Owen P. Keegan	Chief Executive
Community	Nominated Representatives	Position in prescribed organisation
Co-operative Housing Ireland (Society Ltd.)	Ms Catherine O'Brien	Head of Customer Services
Grand Canal Dock Residents Association	Mr Michael Ingle	President
H.O.P.E Hands on Peer Education Ltd	Ms Alison Gray	Project Worker
St. Andrew's Resource Centre	Ms Dolores Wilson	Treasurer
North Wall Community Association	Mr Gerry 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	Chairperson
Docklands Business Forum	Mr Alan Robinson	Chief Executive
Trinity college Dublin	Dr Mary Lee Rhodes	Co-Director of the Centre for Social Engagement
Dublin Docklands Cultural Forum	Mr Vincent McCabe	Creative Director
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 Eamonn O'Reilly	Chief Executive
CIE	Mr Frank Masterson	Assistant Group Property Manager
Central Bank of Ireland	Mr Paul Molumby	Director of Currency and Corporate Services
Dept of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltact Affairs	Mr Trevor Donnelly	Principal Officer, Principal Advisor in Built Heritage and Architectural Policy
Waterways Ireland	Mr John Boyle	Director of Business Development Waterways Ireland
Elected Members	Nominated Representatives	Position in Organisation
	Christy Burke	Dublin City Councillor
	Claire Byrne	Dublin City Councillor
	Ray McAdam	Dublin City Councillor
	Kevin Donoghue	Dublin City Councillor

DOCF meets on a bi-monthly basis and has sat four times during the reporting period. The dates of the meetings were 13th May 2019, 9th September, 2019, 11th November 2019 and 13th January 2020. The 3 year term of the current membership of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum ended on 13th March 2020.

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>

Bi-monthly Meetings Attendance – 13th May 2019 to 30th June 2020

	A	B
Michael Stubbs, Chair	4	4
Owen P. Keegan	4	3
Eamonn O'Reilly	4	2
Frank Masterson	4	4
Paul Molumby	4	2
Trevor Donnelly	4	0
John Boyle	3	1
Gina Quin	4	3
Catherine O'Brien	4	1
Michael Ingle	4	4
Alison Gray	3	2
Dolores Wilson	4	3
Gerry Fay	4	4
Owen Reilly	4	2
Charlie Sheil	4	3
Alan Robinson	4	4
Dr Mary Lee Rhodes	1	1
Vincent McCabe	4	0
Cllr. Dermot Lacey	1	1
Cllr. Claire Byrne	4	3
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	1	0
Cllr. Christy Burke	4	3
Cllr. Ray Mc Adam	3	1
Cllr Kevin Donoghue	3	2
Dr Ciaran O'Neill	3	3

A – Number of meetings available to attend

B – Number of meetings attended.

Changes in DOCF Membership during the reporting period

The following is a list of changes in membership over the reporting period: 13.05.19 to 30.06.20

Cllr Gaye Fagan did not seek re-election to Dublin City Council and resigned her membership of the DOCF and was subsequently replaced by Cllr Ray Mc Adam.

Cllr Dermot Lacey electoral boundary changed and as a consequence he stepped down to be replaced by Cllr Kevin Donoghue.

Dr Mary Lee Rhodes resigned due to changes in her teaching schedule and was replaced by Dr Ciaran O'Neill.

Work of the Forum during the reporting period May 13th 2019 to June 30th 2020

The DOCF is required as per Section 49 of the Dissolution Act to present no later than 30th June each year 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 what presentations were on the Agenda for each meeting and the resulting discussions that followed. The various presentations made to the DOCF were given by Dublin City Council representatives and other Docklands Stakeholder organisations as detailed below.

Presentations to the Forum

Date	Presenter	Purpose
13.05.19	Meeting with Minister Eoghan Murphy,	To discuss Social Housing, area development plans and local issues relevant to the Dublin Docklands
	Myles Farrell, A/Senior Planner DCC	Docklands SDZ Height Review Update Docklands and Poolbeg SDZ planning update
09.09.19	Michael Stubbs DOCF Chair	DOCF Annual Report Presentation
	Myles Farrell, A/Senior Planner DCC	Presentation on North Lotts/Grand Canal Dock SDZ & Poolbeg West SDZ.
11.11.19	Mr Eamonn O'Reilly Dublin Port	Discussion on Dublin Port Cruise Ship Consultation Process
13.01.20	Myles Farrell, A/Senior Planner DCC	Progress report presentation on North Lotts/Grand Canal Dock SDZ & Poolbeg West SDZ
	Ms Caroline O' Keeffe Failte Ireland	Visitors Experience Development Plan for the Docklands
	Dr Ciaran O'Neill Trinity College	Information briefing by Dr. Ciaran O'Neill on Trinity College new community space on Macken Street

DOCF Sub-Committees

At its November 2017 meeting the DOCF established 3 Sub-Committees that were tasked with developing a strategy for the DOCF under the headings of Housing, Community and Communications, Technology and Innovation.

The DOCF Sub-Committees have met on a number of occasions and have considered various issues that they have identified under the three Sub-committee headings.

The Technology and Planning Sub-committee produced a report that identifies a number of issues and have made various recommendations that they would like to bring to the attention of the relevant Dublin City Council SPC and to the City Council. Their report is attached to this report at appendix 1.

Current Position with the DOCF

The 3 year term of the members came to an end on 13th March.2020 Prior to the end of their term the Docklands Office liaised with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government during late 2019 to put in place the new members of the Forum for the next 3 years. Prescribed organisations were requested to submit their nominees and all of which are with the Department pending approval by the Minister. It is hoped that appointments will be made shortly and that the first meeting of the new term will be arranged when the new reporting period commences in July 2020. There will be a number of changes to the composition of the Forum for the new term but many of the existing members have agreed to continue subject to Ministerial approval of their appointments.

Michael Stubbs

Chairperson

4th June 2020

Appendix 1

2nd Report to Dublin City Council from the Docklands Oversight & Consultative Forum Technology and Planning Sub-committee

Docklands

Dublin's Docklands is Ireland's most successful urban regeneration and one of the most exciting places to live and work in the country. From largely urban wasteland the area's over 1,000 businesses now produce 9% of the nation's GDP and employ over 45,000 people.



Misery Hill before and after Docklands Redevelopment. Facebook and the Maker Hotel on the left and the side of the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre on the right.

The Docklands has great potential to continue generating jobs for the city. The significant levels of development to be seen over the coming years will attract over 23,000 jobs into the area. There are also further areas of untapped job creation in tourism.

Communications, Technology & Innovation Sub-committee First Report to DCC

In our first report to Dublin City Council the committee identified a challenge of communication. For all its success Docklands remains, in the eyes of many, as an enterprise park on the periphery of the city and not as the new exciting extension of the city centre. The committee identified three initiatives using new technologies that could play a significant role in communicating the areas potential;

- o The Docklands App to promote what is happening in the area and be a dynamic resource for residents, employees and visitors.
- o A Docklands Summer Festival promoting the areas water resources and accompanying quaysides. These areas are an underutilized resource and such an event is an ideal opportunity to communicate this new urban quarter and its availability for recreation for the city's population.



Communicating all Docklands has to offer the festival will span two weekends

- o In the shoulder tourist season a Christmas Festival on Grand Canal Square using the water and building lights as a backdrop was proposed to communicate all Docklands has to offer.

The committee looks forward to receiving any feedback the City Council may have in relation to the three initiatives proposed in our last report.

A Broadening Role for the Sub-Committee

With the agreement of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF) the committee has expanded its remit to include the areas of planning and development.



New Dublin Landings Development North Wall Quay

It is planned over the course of 2020, through a series of consultation processes, the committee will identify 'pain points' for local businesses and residents that may be alleviated through better informed planning and development.

Although Covid 19 and the delay in appointing a new DOCF have both greatly hampered the committee's work we plan to have a detailed report to the City Council for the next reporting period.

Sub-committee Members; Cllr. Claire Byrne – Dublin City Council, Charlie Sheil – General Manager Marker Hotel and Alan Robinson - CEO Docklands Business Forum