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## **Annual Report for 2020 of the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF)**

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum Membership 2020-2023</b>		
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Mr Michael Stubbs</b>	
<b>Dublin City Council</b>	<b>Nominated Representative</b>	<b>Position in prescribed organisation</b>
	<b>Mr Owen P. Keegan</b>	<b>Chief Executive</b>
<b>Community</b>	<b>Nominated Representatives</b>	<b>Position in prescribed organisation</b>
<b>Ringsend Community Services Forum</b>	<b>Ms Sueann Moore</b>	<b>Manager</b>
<b>Grand Canal Dock Residents Association</b>	<b>Mr Michael Ingle</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>North Port Dwellers Association</b>	<b>Mr Tony Mc Donnell</b>	<b>Acting Chair NPDA</b>
<b>St. Andrew's Resource Centre</b>	<b>Ms Dolores Wilson</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>North Wall Community Association</b>	<b>Mr Mark Fay</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Business</b>	<b>Nominated Representatives</b>	<b>Position in prescribed organisation</b>
<b>Docklands SME &amp; Start-up Partnership</b>	<b>Mr Owen Reilly</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Docklands Hospitality &amp; Entertainment Venue Association</b>	<b>Mr Charlie Sheil</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Docklands Business Forum</b>	<b>Mr Alan Robinson</b>	<b>Chief Executive</b>
<b>Trinity college Dublin</b>	<b>Prof Ciaran O'Neill</b>	<b>Community Liaison Officer</b>
<b>Dublin Docklands Cultural Forum</b>	<b>Mr Vincent McCabe</b>	<b>Creative Director</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Nominated Representatives</b>	<b>Position in Organisation</b>
<b>National College of Ireland</b>	<b>Ms Gina Quin</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Public Bodies</b>	<b>Nominated Representatives</b>	<b>Position in Organisation</b>
<b>Dublin Port Company</b>	<b>Mr Cormac Kennedy</b>	<b>Head of Property</b>
<b>CIE</b>	<b>Mr Frank Masterson</b>	<b>Assistant Group Property Manager</b>
<b>Central Bank of Ireland</b>	<b>Mr Bernard Sheridan</b>	<b>Director of Strategy &amp; Governance</b>
<b>Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage</b>	<b>Ms Catriona Ryan</b>	<b>Principal Officer, Built Heritage, Architectural Policy &amp; Strategic Infrastructure</b>
<b>Waterways Ireland</b>	<b>Ms. Máirín Ó Cuireáin</b>	<b>Waterways Ireland Dublin Docklands Development Manager</b>
<b>Elected Members</b>	<b>Nominated Representatives</b>	<b>Position in Organisation</b>
	<b>Mr Joe Costello</b>	<b>Dublin City Councillor</b>
	<b>Ms Claire Byrne</b>	<b>Dublin City Councillor</b>
	<b>Mr Ray McAdam</b>	<b>Dublin City Councillor</b>
	<b>Mr Kevin Donoghue</b>	<b>Dublin City Councillor</b>

The first term of the DOCF for the period 2017 to 2020 came to an end on 13.01.20. Its second term commenced under the shadow of Ireland's Covid-19 health emergency in early 2020 which greatly restricted the ability of the Forum to meet and function as it had done in previous years.

Due largely to the impact and uncertainties of the Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time there were no official second term Forum meetings held in 2020 to report on.

The first meeting of DOCF second term was held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via MS Teams in order to comply with continuing Covid-19 restrictions and all meetings in 2021 have taken place via MS Teams. The 2021 Annual report of the DOCF will be presented to the City Council in early 2022.

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

**Michael Stubbs**  
**Chairperson**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**