



Annual Report (2021) 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, 2020 to 2023.

The membership of the DOCF for the reporting period is as follows

Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum Membership 2020-2023		
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
Ringsend Community Services Forum	Ms Sueann Moore	Manager
Grand Canal Dock Residents Association	Mr Michael Ingle	President
North Port Dwellers Association	Mr Tony Mc Donnell	Acting Chair NPDA
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	Chairperson
Docklands Business Forum	Mr Alan Robinson	Chief Executive
Trinity college Dublin	Prof Ciaran O'Neill	Community Liaison Officer
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 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
	Mr Joe Costello	Dublin City Councillor
	Ms Claire Byrne	Dublin City Councillor
	Mr Ray McAdam	Dublin City Councillor
	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 to date have been hosted virtually via MS Teams.

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 2021 to December 2021

Four Meetings were held in 2021:

11th January 2021, 12th April 2021, 6th July 2021 and 18th October 2021

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
Mr Michael Stubbs, Chair	4	4
Mr Owen P. Keegan	4	4
Mr Cormac Kennedy	4	4
Mr Frank Masterson	4	3
Mr Bernard Sheridan	4	4
Ms Catriona Ryan	4	2
Ms Máirin Ó Cuireáin	4	2
Ms Gina Quin	4	4
Ms Sueann Moore	4	1

Mr Michael Ingle	4	4
Mr Tony Mc Donnell	4	4
Ms Dolores Wilson	4	3
Mr Mark Fay	4	4
Mr Owen Reilly	4	4
Mr Charlie Sheil	4	2
Mr Alan Robinson	4	4
Prof Ciaran O'Neill	4	2
Mr Vincent McCabe	4	0
Cllr. Joe Costello	4	4
Cllr. Claire Byrne	4	2
Cllr. Ray McAdam	4	3
Cllr. Kevin Donoghue	4	1

A – Number of meetings available to attend

B – Number of meetings attended.

Work of the Forum during the reporting period January 1st 2021 to December 31st 2021

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
11.01.2021	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Update Docklands SDZ Planning presentation.
	Mr Cormac Kennedy Head of property Dublin Port Company	Dublin Port overview and update presentation
	Ms. Máirin Ó Cuireáin Waterway Ireland Docklands manager	Update presentation on Waterways Ireland plans for Grand Canal Docks and surrounding area of responsibility
Date	Presenter	Purpose
12.04.2021	Ms Deirdre Scully DCC Deputy City Planner	Overview presentation on City Development Plan 2022-2028
	Mr Tony Mc Donnell Acting Chair North Port Dwellers Association	Presentation on the “The Impact of Planning/Development on residents of New Wapping Street and Mayor Street Upper”
	Mr Cormac Kennedy Head of property Dublin Port Company	Update presentation on Dublin Port 3 rd and final Masterplan
	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Docklands Planning update presentation with reference to Connolly Station and height review for SDZ
	Mr Michael Ingle Grand Canal Dock Residents Association	Discussion on current anti-social behaviour taking place in the Docklands tabled by Mr Michael Ingle
Date	Presenter	Purpose
06.06.21	Mr John Downey DCC Planning Enforcement Manager	Presentation by Mr John Downey of the role of Planning Enforcement Department within the Docklands SDZ
	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
18.10.21	Mr Myles Farrell DCC Senior Planner	Docklands Planning update presentation

Michael Stubbs
Chairperson