

## Introduction

### What is this Issues Paper for?

Dublin City Council is starting the preparation of a new City Development Plan. This plan-making process will take two years and will end with the publication of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017.

Public displays and wide ranging consultation will take place throughout the two year process and regular updates on what's happening will be available at [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie)

This Issues Paper is meant to kick-start public debate on what broad planning and development matters should be included in the new Plan. This paper sets out what we consider to be the main development issues facing Dublin City but the list is not set in stone and we want to hear what you think.

We want to hear your views on what you think are the 'big picture' issues facing the City. During the two year process there will be plenty of opportunity to raise and discuss more detailed matters but at this stage we would ask you to concentrate on the 'big picture' issues, and not, for example on the rezoning of particular parcels of land.

If the new Plan is to reflect your concerns and aspirations, in addition to Government strategies and guidelines, it is important that we have your input right from the outset.

The City Manager very much welcomes your views, or those of any group or organisation you represent, on what you consider the next City Development Plan 2011 – 2017 should contain.

### What is the City Development Plan?

The Development Plan sets out a vision and an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of Dublin City over a six-year period. Basically, it sets out policies and objectives that guide the development of the city in terms of physical growth and renewal, economic, social and cultural activity, and environmental protection and enhancement.

The City Council is following an integrated or joined-up approach to developing the new Plan so that all the elements of what makes Dublin a great place to live, work and visit will be included. To do this we are looking at how the issues for the Plan will help to deliver:

1. An Economic Vision – Developing Dublin City as the heart of the Dublin region and the engine of the Irish economy with a network of thriving spatial and sectoral clusters, a focus for creative talent and creative assets.

2. A Social Vision – Developing Dublin City as a compact city with a network of sustainable neighbourhoods which have a range of facilities and a choice of tenure and house types, promoting social inclusion and integration of all ethnic communities.
3. A Cultural Vision – Making provision for cultural facilities throughout the city and promoting awareness of our cultural heritage and promoting safe and active streets through design of buildings and the public realm.
4. An Urban Form and Spatial Vision – Creating a connected and legible city based on active streets and quality public spaces with a distinctive sense of place.
5. A Movement Vision – Helping to build an integrated transport network and encouraging the provision of greater choice of transport. Planning and zoning objectives will be brought together to increase the opportunities to live and work close to transport hubs and corridors
6. A Sustainable Vision – Providing for an overall framework involving key principles, strategies and objectives to drive a vision of 'Sustainable Dublin' over the next 20 years, making sure that buildings can adapt to changing needs and encouraging better waste management strategies.

