



# Annual Report 2006

Dublin Regional Authority



# Message of An Cathaoirleach

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Dublin Regional Authority for electing me to chair the Authority.

During 2006 the Authority addressed a number of important issues for the Dublin Region, the most important of which was the submission to the National Development Plan for 2007-2013.

The Dublin Region has been a major driver of growth for the Irish economy in recent years and has also become a real node of global economic development. While it is important that Ireland should strive for more balanced regional development, it must never be forgotten that Ireland needs Dublin to be a major magnet to attract certain kinds of high value investments which are needed if we are to be prosperous and also to provide an environment where world class companies can emerge. The Authority's submission to the National Development Plan set out the strategic vision of the Dublin City-Region and made the case that 50% of the total resources in the National Development Plan (2007-2013) be allocated to this Region.

The proposed strategy for Dublin focuses on promoting a consolidation of the Region, maximising the efficient use of land and integrating land use and the implementation of Transport 21. The Authority's submission sought not only to meet the needs of the Dublin Region but also the surrounding Mid-East Region and indeed the island as a whole given the critical importance of Dublin as the Capital City-region.

The Authority also addressed the sustainable management of Dublin Bay. Dublin Bay houses a thriving port which handles 27m tonnes of throughput, operates revenue in the order of €62m per annum and employs over 200 people. The Bay also houses several yacht clubs and is a location for all sorts of social and sporting activities, from wind-surfing, yachting, swimming and angling to the more gentle pursuit of bird-watching.

In spite of all of this activity, there is currently no overall co-ordination between the many authorities, State agencies, Government department and organisations whose remit includes the Dublin Bay area, and as such, it is difficult to monitor the development of Dublin Bay to ascertain if it is being developed to its full potential as both an asset of and amenity for the people of Dublin and visitors to the Capital City. The Dublin Regional Authority decided to take the initiative and it proposed that a Dublin Bay Association be set up, which would include all interests around the Bay. This proposal was discussed and agreed following a series of public meetings which were hosted by the Authority. This proposal was included in our NDP submission as a flagship project.



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The Authority also coordinated the development of the Sutton to Sandycove Promenade and Cycle project, which when completed will encourage more people to walk and cycle to work and for exercise; be a Tourist attraction and provide an enhanced image of Dublin; boost to the viability of the cycleway network and provide a safe learning facility; increase appreciation of Dublin Bay - its flora and fauna and contribute significantly to solving the problems of traffic congestion.

The Authority also made important links with its counterpart in the Belfast Metropolitan Area and jointly adopted a Blueprint for future co-operation. This is the first such formal agreement between the two regions and will be progressed in 2007.

The Dublin Regional Authority has limited powers and functions, however it continues to be a voice for the Dublin Region and I thank my fellow Councillors for their work and commitment during my tenure.

Councillor Gerry Horkan,  
Cathaoirleach

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## FUTURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF DUBLIN BAY

Dublin Bay is a unique asset for the city and the region. However, there has been no overall co-ordination to date, between the many State agencies, Departments and organizations whose remit includes the Dublin Bay area. As a consequence, Dublin Bay has not been developed to its potential as an asset of and amenity for the people of Dublin, nor have concerns about the Bay's unique environment been adequately taken into account.

Against this background, in October 2005, the Dublin Regional Authority decided to gauge the interest in setting up a discussion forum regarding the future of Dublin Bay. A request for submissions was published in the national press in November and eleven submissions were received from interested parties.

On foot of what was seen as a generally positive response, in January 2006, the DRA decided to organise a series of three public meetings with stakeholders to discuss the proposition that a body be established to drive the Dublin Bay project.

Three public meetings were held between February and March 2006 to discuss the proposition of establishing a body to drive the Dublin Bay project. The meetings were convened by the DRA, chaired by Cyril Forbes and facilitated by A&L Goodbody Consulting. The purpose of the meetings was to listen to what all stakeholders had to say. At the first meeting, a motion was passed unanimously to set up a Dublin Bay Association (DBA), under the auspices of the DRA. All meetings were conducted in an open manner and every effort was made to make sure that stakeholders' voices were heard.

The five key decisions taken at the public meetings were;

1. to set up a DBA;
2. that its first task is to agree the terms of reference of a master plan of the Bay;
3. that the DRA would seek funding from Government for the DBA project;
4. that a representative Council would be set up with the initial task of managing the master planning exercise and ensuring it was undertaken on an inclusive basis; and finally
5. that the geographical coverage of the DBA would be from Howth to Dalkey and the River Liffey as far as the East Link Bridge.

The DRA, at its meeting on 21st March, agreed that the DBA should be established, with members to include representatives of the stakeholders who attended the public meetings and other relevant groups. There was agreement that a master plan of Dublin Bay is the best way to drive the DBA project forward. It is necessary that funding is available in order to resource the DBA project. The immediate priority is to fund the proposed master plan at an estimated cost of €1 million. The DBA initiative was classified as a Flagship Project in the DRA's submission to Government on the National Development Plan 2007 - 2013.

## **DUBLIN – BELFAST CO-OPERATION PROJECT**

The Dublin and Belfast Metropolitan Regions met on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2006 to discuss the potential for co-operation between the two regions. At the meeting, which was attended by politicians and officials from the two regions, agreement in principle was reached that there is a genuine wish for cooperation between the two metropolitan areas with the possibility to include a Scottish dimension in terms of future collaborative activities.

A report entitled “A Blueprint for Future Joint Co-operation” was prepared by the Comet INTERREG Partnership and the Dublin Regional Authority in July 2006. This report outlines the significance of Belfast and Dublin Metropolitan Areas as major economic drivers in achieving the goals of the Lisbon Agenda and in the creation of a thriving economy on the island of Ireland.

The report outlines current links between the two Metropolitan Areas and suggests ways in which these links may be further developed. It then goes further and examines the vital dimension of East-West links and the development of closer co-operation with the Glasgow Metropolitan Area using the opportunities offered by the new Territorial Co-operation Programmes.

Both regions will use this report to lobby both the Irish and UK Governments, the Special EU programmes Body, the European Commission and relevant bodies to ensure that the means exist for joint cooperation either through EU, National or other funding mechanisms.

## NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007-2013 – DUBLIN’S SUBMISSION

The Dublin Regional Authority made a submission to the National Development Plan 2007-2013 (NDP) on behalf of the Dublin Region in March 2006. The submission set out the strategic vision of the Dublin City-Region and made the case that 50% of the total resources in the National Development Plan (2007-2013) to be allocated to this Region.

The Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area are already in place and provide much of the context for the submission together with several Government strategies, Transport 21 for example, and the multi-annual capital envelopes provide policy direction and budgetary resources (for the first part of the NDP at least).

Within the submission there were some basic fundamentals which support the case that the Dublin Region needs a significant financial allocation under the NDP. If the economy continues to grow in line with ESRI and other forecasts, and if the population surge which is predicted happens, then the investment levels required to address the current deficits in economic and social infrastructure will be considerable.

The submission went on to say that the Dublin Region is not at all complacent about its competitive position. The cost of doing business in the Region is too high and as a consequence the NDP as a priority must focus on measures which improve the Region’s competitive position.

Social exclusion is still a major issue in the Dublin Region. Therefore the submission made the strongest case possible for Government to adequately resource an integrated, and better targeted series of measures to address the marginalised and disadvantaged in a City-Region of considerable wealth.

The submission also stated that much of the output of the national economy is predicated on the Dublin Region having adequate infrastructure, for example public transport infrastructure, education and health infrastructure, etc. Therefore the national economy benefits directly from investment in the Dublin Region. Hence the submission recommended that the Dublin Region should get an allocation under the NDP slightly more than its contribution to national output.

The submission also made ‘The case for Dublin’ and stated that the Dublin Region needs a coherent strategy which reflects the Region’s unique position in and contribution to the Irish economy. The Dublin Regional Authority’s submission therefore had the double purpose of seeking to influence the forthcoming NDP, but as importantly to define the Dublin Region’s overall strategy as a whole and the priority public investments which are needed to sustain the Region as –

[A Knowledge City and Region](#)

[A Region that Works](#)

[A Great European City and Region](#)

[A Highly Competitive Region](#)

## **SOUTHERN AND EASTERN REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME 2007-2013 – DUBLIN'S SUBMISSION**

In 2006 the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly commenced preparation on a new Operational Programme for the Southern & Eastern (NUTS II) Region covering the period 2007-2013. The new Programme will only contain Measures which are co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and matched by Irish public resources. The Region will no longer qualify as being an Objective 1 Region, it will now qualify under Objective 2, which is the Regional Competitiveness and Employment Objective. This means that the range and type of possible measures is much curtailed and focused on the Lisbon and Gothenburg Agendas.

The Dublin Regional Authority made a submission to the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly in April 2006. Within the submission the Dublin Regional Authority identified the main priorities for the Dublin Region in the forthcoming Southern and Eastern Regional Operational Programme (2007-2013) for actions involving –

1. Sustainable URBAN Development
2. Innovation and the Knowledge Economy
3. Environment and Risk Prevention
4. Access to Transport and Telecommunication Services
5. Cross-Border Co-operation

This submission took account of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area and also drew on the Development and Corporate Plans published by Dublin City Council, South Dublin, Fingal and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Councils.

## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) FORUM

The Dublin Regional Authority held an ICT Discussion Forum in July, 2006 in an attempt to provide the much-needed leadership within the Dublin region to begin the long process of developing a regional knowledge-based economic vision for Dublin. The basis for the discussion stemmed from the following two reports which when taken together, provide a clear view of the needs and requirements for the Dublin Region in the area of ICT and the development of Dublin in the knowledge-based economy –

- 1 Report by the Dublin Regional Authority entitled *ICT Infrastructure and its use in the Dublin Region*.
- 2 Report by Dublin Employment Pact together with the Dublin Regional Authority and the four City and County Councils entitled *Digital Divide*.

The Discussion Forum agreed that the ICT Forum should address the following issues:-

1. What is the current use of ICT in the Dublin Region?
2. How can access, awareness and know-how be improved within the general community as well as within the business sector?
3. What are the needs of the general community in relation to ICT?
4. How can SMEs be further encouraged to utilize ICT as part of their mainstream activities?
5. What methods can be undertaken to ensure wide-spread understanding and use among end-users?

It was agreed to bring the Forum together with progress in 2007.

## SUTTON TO SANDYCOVE PROMENADE AND CYCLEWAY (S2S)

### Introduction.

The S2S proposal is to join up the various sections of promenade and cycleway that already exist to form a continuous promenade and cycleway around Dublin Bay. The completed route will be 22kms long. Approximately 14.5kms already exists and while improvements and modernisations could be undertaken at some locations, the in-place route services the required function. To complete the route, approximately 7.5kms requires to be constructed. Of the sections needing to be constructed, half are in Dublin City Council area and half are in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area.

The S2S, when completed from end to end, will fulfill a number of diverse roles and support a wide variety of activities. The completed project is intended to provide a major transport, recreational and leisure facility, readily accessible by all age groups with the potential to become a significant amenity and tourist attraction within the Dublin region, especially as the route commands unparalleled access to Dublin Bay. It is thought by many to be the initiative that is most likely to achieve a modal shift from cars to cycling by providing a traffic free cycleway from the suburbs to the city centre. When completed it would probably be the longest urban seafront promenade in Europe.

### Development Plans

The completion of the proposed route is supported by all of the Local Authority areas through which it passes. It has been included as an objective in the current development plans of Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Fingal County Council; the Dublin Docklands Development Authority's Masterplan and the Dublin Transportation Office's Platform for Change.

### Preliminary Design and Environmental Study

With financial assistance from the Dublin Transportation Authority, the Dublin Docklands Development Authority and the three local authorities, and working under aegis of the Dublin Regional Authority, a preliminary design and environmental report was commissioned from outside consultants (WSP), which has now been completed and adopted by the Dublin Regional Authority in May 2006. The finished report identified the optimum route and overall design approach to each section, as well as the environmental issues that require to be addressed.

### Next Steps

The S2S Project was formally launched by An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern and the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Dick Roche in September 2006. The implementation of the S2S project is now being undertaken by the local authorities.

## REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Dick Roche, T.D., launched a public consultation on the review of Ireland's National Climate Change Strategy in July 2006.

The report on the review of the Strategy, Ireland's Pathway to Kyoto Compliance, sets out Ireland's overall approach to meeting its Kyoto target, assesses Ireland's progress since 2000 and identifies options for further measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### Dublin Regional Authority's Submission

The Dublin Regional Authority, having discussed the contents of Minister Roche's Consultation Paper, submitted the recommendations of its members to be considered as part of the Review of Ireland's National Climate Change Strategy.

The Dublin Regional Authority considered that the review of Ireland's Climate Change Strategy should have regard to and include the following three guiding principles –

- A. Climate change is recognized by security experts, major international insurers, scientists, ecologists and financiers, as the biggest security threat that humans have ever faced and there is no precedent in history for us to draw from – our way of life and our quality of life are at risk.
- B. To address climate change we must acknowledge that human induced climate change is happening and is affecting us, therefore, we must –
  - Avoid taking actions that produce or increase greenhouse gas emissions;
  - Reduce our contribution to greenhouse gas emissions; and
  - Adapt to unavoidable climate change by managing risks and taking early actions which will reduce future costs to society, at the same time, maintaining our quality of life and promoting a strong economy.
  - Our environment, our economy and our society are interdependent and we should recognize the need to live within environmental limits.
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The Dublin Regional Authority also made recommendations in relation to:-

- Energy
- Transport
- Waste
- Environment

## IRISH DELEGATION TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

The Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the EU body representing the views of local and regional authorities in the EU policy-formation and legislative processes. It is composed of 317 elected members from the EU 25, the Irish Delegation consists of 9 'full' members backed up by 9 'alternate' members. The Dublin Regional Authority is the designated secretariat to the Irish Delegation with Director Ms. Patricia Potter, Secretary to the Delegation.

### New Mandate of the Committee of the Region 2006-2010

In January 2006, the Government nominated the Irish members for the fourth term of the CoR for the four year mandate of 2006-2010, as follows:

#### Full Members

- Cllr. Seamus Murray (Meath Co. Council and Mid-East R.A.) Chairman
- Cllr. Maria Corrigan (Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Council and Dublin R.A.)
- Cllr. Cathal Crowe (Clare Co. Council and Mid West R.A.)
- Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald (South Tipperary Co. Council and South East R.A.)
- Cllr. Connie Hanniffy (Offaly County Co. and Midland R.A.)
- Cllr. Denis Landy (South Tipperary County Co. and South East R.A.)
- Cllr. Declan McDonnell (Galway City Co. and West R.A.)
- Cllr. Patrick McGowan (Donegal Co. Council and Border R.A.)
- Cllr. Paul O'Donoghue (Kerry Co. Council and South West R.A.)

#### Alternate Members

- Cllr. Terry Brennan (Louth Co. Council & Border R.A.)
- Cllr. Veronica Cawley (Sligo Co. Council & Border R.A.)
- Cllr. Peter Coyle (Fingal Co. Council)
- Cllr. Pat Doran (Wicklow Co. Council)
- Cllr. Michelle Mulherin (Mayo Co. Council)
- Cllr. John Pender (Carlow Co. Council & South East R.A.)
- Cllr. Noreen Ryan (Limerick Co. Council)
- Cllr. Mary Shields (Cork City Council)
- Cllr. Barney Steele (Longford Co. Council)

## IRISH DELEGATION – CONTINUED

### Inaugural Plenary Session February 2006

At the inaugural plenary session, Mr. Michel Delebarre (FR/PES) was elected President 2006-2008 and Mr. Luc Van den Brande (BE/EPP) was elected 1st Vice-President. It is expected that these positions will be reversed for 2008-2010.

Cllr. Maria Corrigan was elected President of the UEN-EA Political Group and also elected a member of the executive Bureau; Cllr. Seamus Murray was elected a Vice-President of the Committee and also elected to the Bureau; Cllr. Connie Hanniffy was elected as 1st Vice-President of the ECOS Commission.

### The Irish Delegation

The Irish members work together across party lines to ensure that the Irish regional viewpoint is promoted within the CoR. Irish members meet before plenary sessions to develop and agree common positions, to discuss Bureau and Plenary agenda issues and to propose amendments to opinions to ensure that the Irish perspective is taken into consideration in the CoR response to any issue.

Working through the DoEHLG, the Delegation has established contacts with Departments in Ireland and with the Irish Permanent Representation in Brussels to help ensure that members are briefed on key EU policy issues. In April, the Delegation met with the Deputy Ambassador to the EU and in June with the Environment Counsellor. The Commission's work programme for 2007 and the Future of Europe debate were the themes as the Delegation met with Mr. Bobby McDonagh, Ireland's Ambassador to the EU late in the year.

There is a co-operation agreement between the Irish CoR members and the Association of Irish Regions (AIR) which has facilitated the input of regional authorities/assemblies into the work of Irish members as all draft opinions are circulated to the Directors for their comments / observations prior to CoR plenary sessions. There are also more strategic biannual meetings of all Irish full and alternate CoR members to which the Directors and Cathaoirligh of the regional authorities and regional assemblies are invited.

With the new mandate and the intake of new CoR members, in June, a joint Training/Information Day with CoR and AIR members was held near Athlone on EU decision-making and its impact on Local and Regional Authorities, the event was considered very useful by participants.

## Highlights of the Committee and the Irish members in 2006

Over 40 opinions adopted by the Committee including:

SME Policy for Growth and Employment – Rapporteur Cllr. Connie Hanniffy

Framework Strategy for Multilingualism – Rapporteur Cllr. Seamus Murray

Delegation response to EU White Paper on Communication Policy

Delegation represented on Special Observer Pillar of the National Forum on Europe

Delegation partner in CoR test on Monitoring Subsidiarity

Participation in the Open Days events led by the Irish Regions Office

### Further Information

Further information on the work of the CoR and the Irish Delegation can be obtained by contacting the Dublin Regional Authority or by viewing the Delegation website at [www.iro.ie/delegation](http://www.iro.ie/delegation) or by visiting the CoR website at [www.cor.eu.int](http://www.cor.eu.int)

## IRISH REGIONS OFFICE

The Irish Regions Office (IRO) established in Brussels in 2000 as a resource for the Irish members of the Committee of the Regions and the regional authorities provides a range of EU information services and policy and project supports to local and regional bodies in Ireland.

In 2006, the IRO consolidated the services it delivers. As part of its information service it produced 11 monthly EU News Bulletins, a range of policy briefings and an enhanced web-based service. During 2006, it directly assisted 18 local/regional authorities' participation in EU funded projects and assisted a further six authorities in identifying partners for EU supported projects. In developing its representational role, the IRO facilitated a number of study visits to Brussels, met with groups from other European regions, participated in Brussels based networks, facilitated inter-regional contacts and promoted the EU related work that local and regional authorities in Ireland are involved with. In its support role to the Irish CoR members, the IRO further developed the briefings service that members receive, especially through enhanced contacts and meetings with the Irish Permanent Representation to the EU.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE DUBLIN REGIONAL AUTHORITY

The Dublin Regional Authority is one of Eight (8) Regional Authorities set up in 1994 under the Local Government Act 1991 (Regional Authorities) Establishment Order 1993.

### The main functions of the Authority are:-

- To promote co-ordination, co-operation and joint action among the public services and local authorities;
- To prepare Regional Planning Guidelines (P&D Act 2000);
- To review the overall needs and development requirements of the region;
- To review local authority's Development Plans;
- To monitor spending and progress of the National Development Plan and EU Funds.

### Membership of the Dublin Regional Authority

The Dublin Regional Authority consists of a Board of 30 elected representatives nominated from the four Dublin local authorities operating within the region.

Dublin City Council 14 members	South Dublin County Council 5 members	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council 6 members	Fingal County Council 5 members
Cllr. Maurice Ahern (Fianna Fáil)	Cllr. Máire Árdagh (Fianna Fáil)	Cllr. Nessa Childers (Green)	Cllr. Peggy Hamill (Labour)
Cllr. Tom Brabazon (Fianna Fáil)	Cllr. Mark Daly (Sinn Féin)	Cllr. Pat Hand (Fine Gael)	Cllr. May McKeon (Independent)
Cllr. Christy Burke (Sinn Féin)	Cllr. Stanley Laing (Fine Gael)	Cllr. Gerry Horkan (Fianna Fáil)	Cllr. Michael O'Donovan (Labour)
Cllr. Catherine Byrne (Fine Gael)	Cllr. Tony McDermott (Green)	Cllr. Eugene Regan (Fine Gael)	Cllr. Margaret Richardson (Fianna Fáil)
Cllr. Eibhlín Byrne (Fianna Fáil)	Cllr. Colm Tyndall (Progressive Democrats).	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy (Labour)	Cllr. Leo Varadkar (Fine Gael).
Cllr. Anne Carter (Labour)		Cllr. Maria Corrigan (Fianna Fáil).	
Cllr. Dessie Ellis (Sinn Féin)			
Cllr. Mary Freehill (Labour)			
Cllr. Dermot Lacey (Labour)			
Cllr. Vincent Jackson (Community)			
Cllr. Bronwen Maher (Green)			
Cllr. Wendy Hederman (Progressive Democrats)			
Cllr. Brian Gillen (Fine Gael)			
Cllr. Andrew O'Connell (Sinn Féin)			
Ex-Officio Member: Lord Mayor of Dublin City.			

### The Board is supplemented and assisted by:-

- an Operational Committee, which consists of the chief executives from the public service agencies and
- an EU Operational Committee consisting of State agencies, local authorities and public bodies to discuss EU matters.

## CONFERENCES ATTENDED 2006

<b>The Regional Authority was represented at the following Conference/Seminars during 2006</b>			
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date 2006</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attended By</b>
The Future of Local Authorities	18th/19th May	Westport	Cllr. M. Ahearne
Mid-West Regional Authority Annual Conference	16th/17th February	Ennis	Cllrs. G. Horkan, M. Richardson, M. McKeon
Death on our Roads – What can we do?	22nd – 24th March	Kilrush	Cllr. G. Horkan
A.M.A.I. Spring Seminar	10th/11th February	Letterkenny	Cllrs. C. Burke, D. Ellis, P. Hamill
Association of County & City Councils	9th – 11th March	Dundalk	Cllr. Bronwen Maher
LAMA	20th/21st April	Kilkenny	Cllr. Vincent Jackson
LAMA	10th/11th November	Arklow	Cllr. Máire Árdagh
Chambers Ireland – Local Economic Development	20th September	Limerick	Cllr. Evelyn Byrne
Chambers Ireland	23rd June	Mullingar	Cllrs. G. Horkan, C. Keane
Great Blasket Commemoration	13th – 15th October	Blasket Centre	Cllr. G. Horkan
ETowns	14th/15th November	Miltown Malbay	Cllr. G. Horkan
Suicide Prevention	30th Nov./1st Dec.	Sligo	Cllrs. G. Horkan, A. Devitt
BMW Assembly Annual Conference	8th June	Ballinlough	Cllr. D. Lacey
Energy from Waste	19th September	Dublin	Cllr. D. Lacey
A.M.A.I. Annual Conference	13th – 16th September	Cavan	Cllrs. D. Lacey, M. McKeon
Housing Services Local Government	28th/29th April	Rooskey	Cllr. L. McCarthy
The Local Government Environment Service	28th – 30th September	Youghal	Cllr. M. O'Donovan
Clare Tourism Conference	23rd – 25th November	Ennistymon	Cllr. P. Hand
Local Government & The Arts	24th – 26th August	Letterkenny	Cllr. P. Hand
Kerry Mental Health	26th/27th May	Killarney	Cllrs. T. Smithers, C. Burke
“See the Light”	28th/29th September	Cavan	Cllr. C. Keane
“The Cost of Waste Disposal”	4th/5th May	Carrigaline	Cllr. S. Laing
A New Heart for Dublin	20th October	Dublin	Cllr. W. Hederman



## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2006

Expenditure	2006€	2005 €
Salaries	189,328.79	189,328.79
Office Equipment	30,577.95	23,292.37
Postal & Telephone Charges	13,293.24	12,034.78
Annual Allowances (Art.34(1))	46,552.29	41,893.71
Travel & Subsistence Allowances:	–	13,267.81
I.Article 34(2)(a)	20,238.47	–
II.Article 34(2)(b)	–	–
III.Staff	6,869.97	16,812.48
Rent and Rates	–	–
Miscellaneous	103,899.17	53,934.09
Committee of the Regions Irish Delegation	250,969.48	235,309.50
Irish Regions Office (IRO)	68,828.70	75,624.72
EU Projects	23,932.77	6,475.76
S2S Project	39,296.36	66.86
Regional Planning Guidelines for Greater Dublin Area	220,105.44	35,873.60
<b>Expenditure total</b>	<b>1,013,892.63</b>	<b>674,477.84</b>
	€	
RECEIPTS	2006 €	2005 €
Local Authorities Contribution	388,008.00	378,772.00
Public Bodies Contribution	5,000.00	7,500.00
Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly Contribution	38,646.77	34,448.82
Other:	–	–
• DoEHLG (Committee of the Regions)	317,065.13	100,000.00
• Committee of the Regions – miscellaneous	5,233.35	1,024.71
• Miscellaneous	1,717.55	8,873.24
• Irish Regions Office	74,498.21	73,401.14
• RPG Contributions	273,049.65	138,050.00
• RPG Miscellaneous	4,439.50	478.50
• S2S Contribution	–	–
• Bank Interest (Bol)	5,432.37	5,247.67
<b>Receipts total</b>	<b>1,111,090.53</b>	<b>747,796.08</b>
Surplus	97,197.90	73,318.24
Opening Balance (Surplus)	325,738.47	252,420.23
<b>Closing Balance at end of year (Surplus)</b>	<b>422,936.37</b>	<b>325,738.47</b>

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