


**Congratulations – You're Elected.**

**Now What ?**

**Cllr. Dermot Lacey  
Dublin City Council  
Executive Member AILG**



# Issues

1) Personal and Private to Individual  
Constituent

2) General:

- Planning
- Housing
- Community
- Traffic



## Where and How?

- ❖ Municipal Districts/Area Committees
- ❖ Strategic Policy Committees
- ❖ Corporate Policy Groups
- ❖ Council – City/County



# Rules of Engagement

- ❖ Standing Orders
- ❖ Available from Council
- ❖ Local Government Act
- ❖ Available through Government Publications Office



# Formal Actions




❖ Motions

❖ Questions



## Informal

- ❖ Get to the know the Officials
- ❖ Get to know the relevant Officials
- ❖ Be nice to the Officials – !
- ❖ Pick up the phone
- ❖ Send an email
- ❖ Write a letter
- ❖ Keep a record



## Motions

Elicit action and more.....

“This Committee requests the Manager to contact the owner of the Martello Tower in Sandymount with a view to a) seeking better ways to protect this important building and b) to explore possible public/community use of same”

## Motions continued .....

Elicit Action:

“ This Committee requests the Manager to carry out an assessment of the Public Lighting needs on Brighton Road and to include the funding for any necessary upgrade in the Estimates and Work programme for next year”





## Political Motions

“Dublin City Council recognizing the difficulties faced by thousands of hard working families with an inability to meet their mortgage obligations supports the call for the introduction of measures to protect the family home and calls on the Government to introduce legislation to give affect to this without delay”



## Questions

- ❖ Seek Information
- ❖ Seek Action
- ❖ Unsure of action required

## Political Question

Question: To ask the Manager to outline what, if any communication he had with the Committee Chaired by Dr Colm McCarthy on Public expenditure that may have been used in the considerations for the final report issued by that Committee.

Reply: The City Manager had no communication with the "Special Group on Public Service



## Questions Continued

“To ask the Manager if he could report on the total number of fines or penalties of any sort imposed on drivers of five-axle HGV’s who have entered the City in contrary to the terms of the current regulations and in particular to detail the numbers indicating if they were entering the cordon from the Northside or Southside.”



## Questions continued

Elicit straightforward action:

“To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the “Mexican Wave” Sculpture on Sandymount Strand to be repainted and rust proofed as it is beginning to look unsightly.”



## Let them Know

- ❖ Leaflets
- ❖ Flyers
- ❖ Press Statements
- ❖ Relevant Community Contacts



Let them know Again....

And again!

And again!!






“Working with the enemy?”

Relations with other Public Representatives







## Oireachtas Assistance

- ❖ Dail Questions
- ❖ Private Members Business
- ❖ Press Statements
- ❖ Web Site of your political group



Questions???