



Business

Needs...



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Government needs a resilient business sector that will assist in rebuilding the economy and create employment. The Greater Dublin Area is the engine of growth for the Irish economy. In order to grow and generate employment, business needs...

Support the **GROWTH** of
Enterprise & Employment

INFRASTRUCTURE to
support Enterprise

Effective support through
LEADERSHIP and Government

SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYMENT

Dublin Chamber of Commerce wants a city region with an attractive cost structure, where businesses have ready access to necessary seed and investment capital. Successful businesses will enjoy a competitive tax regime and a fully functioning banking system that supports investment in both domestically trading and export businesses.

To deliver this Government must:

- Reduce the costs faced by business by outlawing upward-only rent review clauses, cutting commercial rates and reforming Joint Labour Committees and Registered Employment Agreements;
- Require NAMA to release property into the market in a manner that stimulates economic activity, while not unduly distorting the underlying market;
- Reform bankruptcy laws to encourage entrepreneurship;
- Ensure there is sufficient capital for enterprise by broadening the application of the Business Expansion Scheme and requiring all government bodies to pay creditors within 15 days; and
- Maintain existing levels of direct and indirect taxation, such as the 12.5% rate of corporation tax, and introduce domestic water charges and a property tax based on the cost of local government services.

In turn, the members of Dublin Chamber of Commerce will fully utilise the opportunities brought about by Government action and deliver jobs, tax revenue, economic growth, and globally successful businesses.

INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT ENTERPRISE

Dublin Chamber of Commerce wants a city region with world class higher education institutes that is renowned for its technological and transport connectivity.

To deliver this Government must:

- Commit to the delivery of critical infrastructure projects required to enhance the competitiveness of the Greater Dublin Area, including a Next Generation Network, the Grangegorman campus, an upgraded water distribution network and a waste to energy facility in Poolbeg;
- Commit to an integrated transport network including DART Underground, Metro North, Dublin Airport's second runway, and the expansion of capacity at Dublin Port; and
- Secure private finance, including more systematic use of Public Private Partnerships.

In turn, the members of Dublin Chamber of Commerce will work proactively with Government to deliver these key infrastructure projects, including promoting investment in Public Private Partnerships.

EFFECTIVE SUPPORT THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNMENT

Dublin Chamber of Commerce wants an effective and efficient public sector, led at local level by an accountable directly-elected Mayor who has both the power and the resources to drive the region's economic development.

To deliver this Government must:

- Legislate for an executive Mayor for Dublin, who is responsible for strategic planning, budgeting, and the cost effective delivery of local services;
- Implement "root and branch" productivity reforms in the management and operation of the public sector and promote the greater use of outsourcing;
- Implement the reports of the Special Group on Public Service Numbers and Expenditure Programmes, and the Local Government Efficiency Review Group by 2012, and ensure that at least two thirds of the correction in the public finances results from reductions in current expenditure;
- Support a pro-active approach to privatisation and the better use of State assets, whilst preserving key national assets; and
- Set up an Enterprise Advisory Council with a mandate to offer Government practical advice on public policies, projects and programmes.

In turn, the members of Dublin Chamber of Commerce will act as a catalyst for change by providing business expertise to support Government in their reform initiatives by supporting an open and transparent Enterprise Advisory Council.



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