

Local and EU Agenda

European Agenda

Background

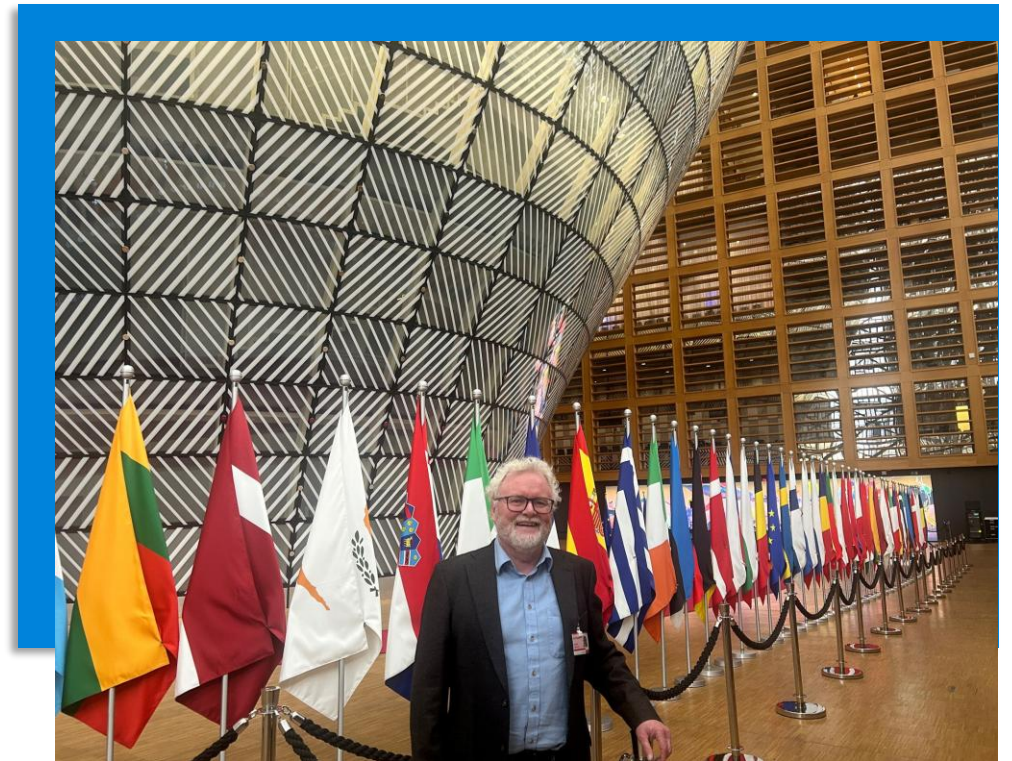
Dublin Chamber feeds into EU policy through Eurochambres, where Chambers Ireland CEO, Ian Talbot sits on the Board, and through our nominee on the European Economic and Social Committee, Peter Byrne.

Current Status

We are meeting the Permanent Representation in Brussels in November. Ireland is hosting the EU Presidency in H2 2026.

Our Lobby

The main focus of the Chamber movement at EU level is to advocate for continued progress in the implementation of the recommendations from the Draghi and Letta reports regarding competitiveness and the Single Market.



Local Authority Topics

Background

The CEOs of all four Dublin local authorities and the Lord Mayor of Dublin sit on our policy Council.

Current Status

Dublin Chamber represents the Chamber movement at the Working Group to Reform Strategic Policy Committees in local government, which will inform the operation of local authority Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) going forward. Dublin Chamber also sits on a number of DCC working groups, including the local Joint Policy Committee, the City Centre Business Forum and the DCC Coordination Committee.

Our Lobby

Many of our policies, such as not reducing LPT and prioritising active travel, were included in the Governing Majority Agreement on DCC. We have continued to engage bilaterally with councillors and the CEOs of the four Dublin local authorities. Members met DCC CEO, Richard Shakespeare in September. A member meeting with AnnMarie Farrelly, CEO of Fingal County Council, will take place in November 2025.



Directly Elected Mayor

Background

The Citizens Assembly on a DEM reported in 2023. Dublin Chamber made a submission and presented to the Assembly, see [here](#). Dublin Chamber also met with the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing and Local Government regarding DEM.

Current Status

The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing and Local Government report has been sent to Government asking that Government provide clear details on the proposal to be voted on in a plebiscite. No date for this vote has been set, and the report of the Citizens Assembly has not been actioned. The Programme for Government commits to considering a plebiscite in Dublin.

Our Lobby

We support a strong regional leader with powers around transport, land use and planning. This could be in the form of a DEM or a Minister for Dublin.



Crime

Background

Dublin Chamber has highlighted its concern at the growing sense of menace across many parts of Dublin and in the city core in particular.

Current Status

We argue for more Gardaí on the streets, improved lighting and street cleaning, as well as investment in the public realm to make Dublin's streets attractive to people to use and congregate safely. Budget 2026 provides funding for the training of 1,000 Gardaí in 2026 and for Garda overtime to support frontline policing.

Arising from our lobby on safety in the city, Government established a Dublin Taskforce that produced a series of recommendations to rejuvenate the city centre. Government have yet to establish a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and allocate specific funding to enable the recommendations in the report to be actioned.



Crime

Our Lobby

We have met several times with Department of Justice officials, including Minister Jim O'Callaghan, the Deputy Commissioner of An Garda Síochána and the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council. We support the increase in Garda numbers in Dublin. We sit on the DCC implementation group of the Taskforce recommendations. We also hold regular meetings with local government officials and An Garda Síochána as part of our membership of the Dublin City Centre Business Forum and the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee.



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