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“Working Waterfront”: a City-Port mix in progress

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Paschal Donohoe is the Fine Gael TD for Dublin Central and the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport. He was appointed to office on 11th July 2014. He was first elected to Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives) in 2011, where he topped the poll in Dublin Central. He served as Minister for European Affairs from 2013 until 2014. Prior to his election, he was a member of Seanad Éireann from 2007 to 2011. He served as a member of Dublin City Council from 2004 to 2007.

Prior to his appointment as Minister for European Affairs, he was Chair of Ireland's Future in Europe Oireachtas Sub-Committee, as well as a member of the Public Accounts Committee. He has also served as the Vice-Chair of the European Affairs Committee and, as a Senator, he served as a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport.

During his time as a member of Dublin City Council, he served as Chair of the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee, as a member of the Corporate Policy Group and also as Chairman to the Central Area Committee. Paschal Donohoe is a graduate of University of Dublin, Trinity College, where he obtained a degree in Politics and Economics and has attended St Declan's CBS, Cabra.



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- Lord Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm delighted to join you here tonight. I'm sure most of you know that the Lord Mayor also enjoys the title of Honorary Admiral of the Port which I think gives a real flavour of the historic links between our port and our city.
- I would like to particularly welcome the 154 delegates from 24 countries attending this year's AIVP conference. The AIVP is the worldwide network of port cities and it is a great privilege that it has chosen to have its conference in Dublin this year. I hope those delegates attending enjoy their trip to our wonderful city.
- I know this year's AIVP conference is exploring the theme of '*Working Waterfront: A City-Port Mix in Progress*'.
- Here in Dublin we know all too well of the benefits to be gained from a city and its port working in co-operation for the benefit of all.
- Large parts of what were once working docks have been rejuvenated and reinvented as centres for new business, leisure and residential purposes.
- Last year An Bord Pleanála approved Dublin City Council's plans in respect of further commercial and residential development in the docklands area, when the Board approved Government's designation of the area as a Strategic Development Zone.
- Alongside that on-going commercial and residential rejuvenation we still have our working port, now handling more tonnage than ever and with ambitious plans for its own future development to ensure it maintains Ireland's vital connectivity with its trading partners.
- As stated in National Ports Policy, there's real benefit to be gained when ports and local authorities collaborate on issues and work together to maximise the potential afforded by their waterfront locations.

- This benefit needs to be viewed in the round – not just economic, but also environmental, societal and citizen centred so we all can enjoy the many advantages from living in, working in or simply enjoying our wonderful port cities.
- I know there are lots of great examples all around the world of how to truly develop a '*Working Waterfront*' and I hope this year's AIVP conference allows us here in Ireland to draw on others' experiences and create our own unique and successful port –city relationship.
- Dublin Port Company's commitment to the concept of the '*Working Waterfront*' will be evident over this Bank Holiday weekend when the Riverfest takes place along the docklands area. It's a great family day out and a superb reminder of the role of the river and port in the life of the city. If you haven't been before, I'd highly recommend it.
- May I conclude by once again thanking the Lord Mayor and wishing you all well for this evening and indeed the Bank Holiday weekend.