

Temple Bar Project

Temple Bar Properties Limited was established by Government legislation in 1991 with the objective of developing the Temple Bar Area as a new commercial and cultural quarter. The sole shareholder of the Company was the Taoiseach.

In 2001 as the physical development work reached completion the Government (Local Government Act 2001) decided to change the sole shareholder status to the Dublin City Manager and in 2006 under the Companies Act the name of the Company was changed to the Temple Bar Cultural Trust (TBCT)

In April 2013 the Board of the Trust made a decision to seek dissolution of the Company and to hand over all its assets, functions and responsibilities to Dublin City Council. That transition is currently in progress and the necessary legislation to dissolve the Company/Trust is being drafted, it is expected that such legislation may be enacted before the end of 2014.

In the meantime Dublin City Council has appointed a special Temple Bar Project Team which is based in the Culture Box premises in Temple Bar. The initial role of this team (**Led by John Durkan**) is to deal with legacy and transition matters to prepare for the transfer to Dublin City Council.

In time this Project Team will become the focal and centre point for all Dublin City Council issues in the Temple Bar Area linking in with the South East Area Management Office in the Civic offices in Wood Quay plus all other relevant disciplines within the Council. It will also report into the South East Area Committee of Councillors.

Dublin City Council is committed to the development of a new vision for the very important Temple Bar Area which will encompass the views and needs of Residents, the Traders and the Cultural Institutions operating there.

As a first step we recently commissioned a consultation process (Genises) which got a very strong response. Dublin City Council will shortly publish the full report from this process and we will respond to the several recommendations coming from it.