

Commercial rates are a huge burden on businesses in these difficult economic times. As things stand, commercial rates in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are the highest in the Dublin Region. The Association is concerned that this is making it more difficult to attract and retain businesses and employment numbers in the area. A decision by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to reduce the rates for 2013 would help to alleviate this concern and reduce the burden of



rates for businesses at this time. We urge you to reduce the rates for 2013 to support business and prevent business closures.

The Association greatly values the support and commitment of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to members of the association and to the businesses of the Sandyford District. At this time we need the Council to show businesses that they recognise and understand the difficult environment that continues to prevail in doing business in the County. A reduction in rates for 2013 would show that understanding.

We understand the challenges faced by the Council but we urge you now to reduce the disproportionate burden on business and support the local, national and international businesses in the Sandyford Business District.

Yours sincerely

Dan Holland

SBDA Chairman

Mr. Dan Holland, Chairperson, Sandyford Business District Association, 7-8, Burton Hall Rd., Dublin 18

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Re: Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Budget 2013

Dear Mr. Holland,

Thank you for your recent letter calling on the Council to reduce rates.

I want to advise that Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council adopted its Annual Budget 2013 on the 19^{th} December 2012. In order to support business, the Council reduced rates by 2%.

I should be obliged if you would kindly bring this information to the attention of your Members.

Yours sincerely,

Therese Langan Senior Executive Officer Transportation