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Kennedy calls for roll out of refurbished Dart carriages
Rollout will allow greater capacity on the Northern DART Line

DUBLIN NORTH Deputy Michael Kennedy (FF) has called on Iarnrod Eireann to roll out for use on the DART line any carriages which have been restored under the company's as-yet-incomplete refurbishment scheme.

Deputy Kennedy said: "Many of the original DART cars are currently out of circulation, because of this restoration scheme. Once complete, the company intends to reintroduce them all together – although this might not happen until the end of this year. I am calling on Iarnrod Eireann to begin rolling out refurbished trains as soon as they are restored, in order to increase peak hour capacity."

"At the moment, all peak-time trains running on the northern DART line are scheduled to operate with between six and eight carriages. Unfortunately, it has become quite common for this to be reduced to four, when occasional repair works need to be carried out.

"An increase in Iarnrod Eireann's useable stock would see an end to this, as the company would have more resources at its disposal."

"By rolling out carriages as their restoration is complete, Iarnrod Eireann would ensure that there is ongoing growth in the number of carriages available. There is simply no need to wait until the entire fleet of carriages in need of refurbishment have been through the scheme, before reintroducing them together," concluded Deputy Kennedy.