

**RETAIL**

## Sales bring Xmas cheer

RETAIL sales rose last month as more shoppers braved the recession to hit the capital's high streets.

The figures from the Central Statistics Office showed sales in Dublin rose by 2.1% from November to December last year.

And the good news for traders is that footfall in the capital's centre rose 8.5% from 2010.

Dublin City Business Improvement District chief Richard Guiney said: "Feedback suggests that sales exceeded expectations for the Christmas period."

