



Monthly Management Report – 9th May 2016

Report to the Lord Mayor, Members of the Corporate Policy Group and Group Leaders

Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 places an obligation on the Chief Executive to prepare Monthly Management Reports for Council. The monthly report for May 2016 is submitted herewith.

Finance

Please advise that there are no additions or changes to the Monthly Local Fund Statement & EU/IMF Report listed on the May City Council Agenda.

Environment & Transportation Department

Please advise that there are no changes to the Traffic, Roads Construction or Environment reports since last month.

Housing & Residential Services

Please see attached report. (Page 3-18)

Planning & Property, Development

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Community, Culture, Economic & Emergency Services

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Corporate Services Department

Freedom of Information

Please see attached Quarterly Report in relation to Freedom of Information statistics. (Page 38)

Human Resources Department

Please see attached report. (Page 39)

I will endeavour to avoid duplication to the extent that reports have already been made to other Council Committees will not be included in this report. However as already pointed out, any member may request further information on any issues arising from this report or request that other issues should be included in the report in the future. Please liaise with Mr. Vincent Norton, Meetings Administrator, in this regard.

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive,
9th May, 2016

Housing & Residential Services - Monthly Management Report

Policy issues:

- Procedures for repossession have been reviewed to ensure compliance with the Act. OHMS system has been modified to allow the issue of Tenancy Warnings and other documents prescribed by the Act.
- As of the 1st April DCC has issued 106 Tenancy Warnings for arrears cases.
- Meetings have taken place with the three other Local Authorities to discuss new procedures and to ensure consistency.
- **New National Rent Scheme:** New National Rent Scheme not commencing in July as per circular from *DECLG and no indication as to when this might be introduced*. New circular to follow:
- **HAP: Resources being identified pending HAP being rolled out in early 2017**
- **New Improved Customer Quarterly Statement being developed and expected to issue by end of Quarter 2.**

The Minister for the Environment Mr Alan Kelly TD announced a package of initiatives called Stabilising rents, Boosting supply. Among the initiatives were

- Extending the period for rent reviews from one year to two years
- Increased rights for tenants
- Extending the notice period to tenants for increasing rents to 90 days
- Extended notice to quit period for tenants who have more than 4 years tenancy
- A new deposit retention scheme operated by the PRTB
- Landlords offering tenancies to recipient of HAP, RAS & rent supplement can claim 100% interest deduction
- A number of incentives to encourage the delivery of housing in cities, including standardisation of requirement for apartments and targeted rebates of development levies

2. National Strategy for People with a Disability 2011 - 2016

Under the terms of the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011-2016 DCC has established a Steering Committee including officials from Dublin City Council, Health Services Executive and representatives from a variety of organisations including St. Michaels House for Intellectual Disability, The Irish Wheelchair Association, The Deaf Association of Ireland, Hail Housing Association, Respond Housing Association, The Irish Council for Social Housing and Focus Ireland. The first meeting of this committee took place on May 27th and 12 meetings have been held to date. A Working Group has also been established with the specific objective of developing a Strategic Plan and this group has met 8 times.

The work is primarily operational and will include the transferring of people from congregated settings to regular housing, and the provision of disabled access housing in new build schemes, regeneration schemes, and RAS schemes and through the adaptation of existing housing stock.

The Operations Group whose task it is to implement the Actions set out in the Strategic Plan had its first meeting on the 01st April 2016.

It was agreed that the Operations Group would meet every 6 weeks.

The Terms of Reference were discussed and some draft terms were agreed. The group requested that Executive Manager of Housing comes to the next meeting to discuss the housing construction programme.

The next meeting of the Operations Group will take place on May 6th 2016 in Civic Offices.

Delivery Targets for Dublin City Council 2015-2017

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government has set the following challenging targets for the Dublin City Area. 3,347 additional units are expected to be delivered by the City Council, Approved Housing Bodies and private landlords by the end of 2017. 1,498 of the units are to be delivered through construction, Part V and the Capital Assistance Scheme at an estimated cost of €272.2 million. The Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme (SHCEP) is expecting to fund the leasing of 1,626 units in that period, 425 of those in 2015. The Rental Accommodation Scheme is expected to deliver the remaining 223 units up to 2017.

Progress report on Capital Projects

Housing Development & Regeneration – Capital Projects Update

Project	Status	Remarks
Priory Hall	Refurbishment of Priory Hall ongoing.	Apartments in the Northern Blocks due for completion Q.2 2016 (60 units – 9 social). Remaining Blocks completion due Q.3. 2017.
Maxwell Road – 9 units	Contractors on site.	Development completed and available for letting.
Crampton Buildings – 28 units	Contractors on site – additional works required due to condition of timbers.	Anticipated completion end June 2016
Buttercup Park – 35 units	On site	Target completion Q4 2016.
St Teresa’s Gardens/Eugene Street - 50 units	Part 8 Planning Permission in place. Front blocks being refurbished for short term use pending new build. Contractor on site February 2016 to demolish three blocks	Work has commenced on services diversion & relocation of substation. Tender documents for boundary and drainage issues are being assessed. Tender documents for main contract are being prepared.

Dolphin House – 100 units (Phase 1 of up to 10 phases which comprises in total 392 units including senior citizen units at Dolphin Park)	Part 8 planning granted for Phase 1; Regeneration Board to confirm their agreement to Phase 2	Tender for main contract issued 11 th April following approval from DECLG. Demolition complete. Phase 2 to go to planning Q2/3 2016
Dominick Street	The scheme has been redesigned and capital appraisal submitted to DOECLG for funding approval January 2015.	Cost Effectiveness Report being prepared by the Housing Agency.
O Devaney Gardens (128 units left of original stock – 14 still occupied)	DECLG have approved in principle the construction of 30 units on the Infirmary Road site.	The Council do not propose to re-tenant this scheme and is reviewing options for implementation of 2011 master plan under the aegis of the Housing Land initiative Steering Group. Part 8 to demolish remaining blocks initiated at Area Committee.
Ballymun Regeneration		Last blocks have been demolished.
Charlemont – 79 units in Block 3 and 73 in Block 4	On site December 2015	Public Private Partnership tender received 17 th June 2015. S. 183 approved by Council on the 6 th July 2015.
Croke Villas (7 units occupied out of 79 units in 4 blocks)		GAA agreement approved by City Council meeting in November 2015. Contracts issued to GAA in January 2016. Steering Group set up to progress scheme. Awaiting return of contracts from GAA.
Ballybough Road – 7 units (part of Croke Villas regeneration project along with Sackville Avenue)	Part 8 approved March 2015.	Tender to issue May 2016.
Housing New Build Programme 2015-2017	Funding of €40.3m announced for projects at: Cornamona, North King St Infirmary Rd & Belcamp B & C.	Designs being reviewed. Part 8 initiated at Area Committee and advertised on the 19 th April. Design Team consultants to be appointed Q2 2016

Housing Programme 2017+	Options for involving private sector being explored via procurement advertisement 4 Feb 2015	Report 2225/14 agreed with Council and advertisements placed with agreement of DECLG for technical dialogue process. Interviews with respondents completed by mid May 2015. Report to special meeting of Housing & Planning and International Relations SPC 22 nd July 2015. It was agreed to remove the Cherry Orchard Site from this process and include it in a local area plan for the Cherry Orchard Area. Review the existing plans for the two remaining sites and also Include the O Devaney Gardens and St. Michaels Estate sites in this review. Further report presented at January Council Meeting. Procurement team in place to develop a procurement process for Oscar Traynor Rd Site.
Acquisitions General & Detenancing for Regeneration	39 acquired in 2016	56 units are in the process of being acquired and are with the Law Department.
Part V units at Castleforbes (21 - 26 units)	Valuers have submitted offer to vendors for 21 units under original Part V and for a further 5 units to allow DCC to purchase all residential in Block A. Further correspondence to and meeting held with Receiver in January 2016.	Cannot be finalised until Receiver arranges the completion of outstanding works to the scheme. Awaiting details and associated timeline for completion of these works. Works to complete Q3 2016.

Further to the joint Housing & Planning SPC in July 2015 a steering group has been set up to progress lands at Oscar Traynor Road, O'Devaney Gardens and St. Michael's Estate. Report presented to SPC 16th December 2015 and to the Council in January at which an amendment was included for the provision of 30% social housing and senior citizen units on the lands. A brief is being prepared on one site on the Oscar Traynor Road with a view to it being advertised to the market. A report to the Housing & Planning SPC is due to be presented in May in relation to proposals for O'Devaney Gardens and an update on Oscar Traynor Road Site.

Two sites at Ayrfield and Scribblestown were submitted for consideration by NDFA for development of social housing in partnership with other agencies. The Minister for the Environment announced on 13th October 2015 that funding would be available under a PPP

model to advance these sites. A Project Board and steering group are being set up to progress these sites.

Rapid Build Housing

It is expected that the families will be moving in to these homes the first week of May.

INITIATION OF COMPETITION FOR FURTHER 131 RAPID BUILD HOUSING UNITS

Dublin City Council initiated a competition for 131 Rapid Build Housing Units, on Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

In order to facilitate optimum market participation in the competition, Dublin City Council looked for expressions of interest with individual completion dates for specific sites. This will take into consideration the specific number of units to be built on each site. The process for the expressions of interest has now been completed and went to tender on the 25th April 2016.

There are four sites selected and located in the Dublin City Council administrative area, they include;

1. Drimnagh – site will commence work in Q2 2016
2. Belcamp, Malahide Rd – site will commence work in the beginning of Q3 2016
3. Ballyfermot – site will commence work has commenced
4. Finglas –site works commenced April 2016. This work was delayed due to protestors on site

The intended timelines of this competition are working towards the completion of all units in 2016.

The four Dublin local authorities are working towards the further delivery of a further 350 units approximately across the Dublin region to address the temporary accommodation needs of families in commercial hotels. Further detail in relation to this will be provided.

Delivery by Approved Housing Bodies 2016

It is expected that 273 units will be delivered by the Approved Housing Bodies in 2016 as follows :-

Ballygall Road, D 11	Fold	11	Completed
Harolds Cross, D 6	Focus	28	Q2
Haddington Road, D 4	PMVT	18	Q2
Merville Avenue, D 3	Cooperative Housing Ireland	10	Q2
Thornwood, Dublin 9	Tuath	69	Q4 (phased)
An Riasc, D 11	Tuath	35	Q4 (phased)
Catherines Gate, D 8	Cluid	22	Q4
James's Street, Dublin 8	Cluid	12	Q4
Castleforbes Square, D 1	Tuath	21	Q2
Ard Na Greine, D 13	Cooperative	11	Q2

	Housing Ireland		
Prior Hall, Bow Lane, D 8	Tuath	19	Q4 (phased)
141/143 James Street	Tuath	7	Q2
one off acquisitions	Various	10	

There are some larger schemes (Canon Troy (70), Armagh Rd (97), Broome Lodge/Dunmnaus (43), Richmond Rd (39), Orchard Lawns (72), Raleigh Square (33), Stormantown Hall (42) in progress which are due to be completed in 2017.

Capital Assistance Scheme

The Department has indicated that there is likely to be a Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) call aimed at moving people from congregated setting in the next quarter. .

RAS & Private leasing

Dublin City Council currently has 49 households under Notice to Quit from RAS Landlords which is a reduction from the same period in 2015. The RAS section has acquired 20 additional RAS units and 12 leased units this year. 41 properties have been withdrawn by landlords. 8 RAS properties were purchased from landlord or receivers keeping the existing tenant in place

Maintenance and Energy Improvements

Voids Refurbishment

- 215 units have been completed to date in 2016. 92 units are currently being refurbished and Task Orders will be issued for a further 170 units. The current number of voids as a percentage of our housing stock represents just 0.70%.

Energy Improvements

In 2015, we retrofitted 2034 units as detailed in the table below at a total cost of €3.7m:

- Lissadel Road & Rafters Lane Maisonettes
- Lissadel Court
- Aughtim Court
- St Gabriels, Clontarf
- Tom Clarke House, Shaun Terrace
- Hampsted Court Apt x 55
- Hampstead Court Community x 2

We are currently awaiting confirmation of our funding allocation for 2016 from the DOECLG, on receipt of which we will progress to complete Phase One of the programme.

Energy Improvements

Energy improvements including new boilers, insulation and ventilation, have been carried at the following locations:

- Lismeen Grove, Coolock. (24 units) - COMPLETE
- Saint John's Court, Donnycarney (39 units) - COMPLETE
- Saint Mary's Court, East Wall (11 units) - COMPLETE
- Killane Court, East Wall (8 units) - COMPLETE
- Ard na Meala, Ballymun. (12 units) - COMPLETE
- Bow Bridge Court, Weaver's Row, Dominic Street Upper & Lord Edward Street (40 units combined) (heating upgrades) - COMPLETE
- Cromcastle Court, Coolock, Dublin 5 (128 Units) (windows and heating upgrades) - COMPLETE

Energy improvement schemes are currently being compiled for submission for 2016.

Adaptations and Extensions

There are currently 30 extensions at various stages of the building process, whilst 60 internal adaptations have been completed in 2016 to date and a further 54 are at survey/tender/commencement stage of the process.

Loans

- Local Authority involvement in issuing loans is as a direct response to Government Policy promoting home ownership and assisting persons who could not obtain loans from commercial banking to finance the purchase of a home. As at the end of March 2016 Dublin City Council's loan portfolio consisted of 2,477 loans with a total value of €282,804,285. Of the 2,477 loan account 1040 of them are in arrears with a value of €14,753,999
- The Loans Section has in place an Arrears Support Unit that manages and implements a Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process. This process sets out the framework for dealing with arrears in a timely, efficient and flexible manner which is fair to both the lending authority and the borrower. It provides resolution options for consideration for borrowers who's loans are unsustainable including the Mortgage to Rent Scheme (MTR)
- Local Authority Mortgage to Rent Scheme is a Government Initiative to help homeowners who have mortgages through the Local Government Sector and are at risk of losing their homes due to mortgage arrears. Under the scheme candidates transfer ownership of their home to Dublin City Council. They no longer own their own home but will continue to live in it as a social housing

tenant of Dublin City Council. To date 96 mortgage holders have completed applications for MTR and these are now tenants of Dublin City Council -

The Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

- The Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme for existing local authority houses is set out in Part 3 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 and came into effect from 1 January 2016
- Subject to certain criteria Local authority tenants will be given the opportunity to purchase their houses which involves discounts for purchasers linked to household incomes (40%, 50%, or 60%) If a tenant purchases a dwelling under the scheme a charge, equal to the value of the discount they qualified for, will be placed on the dwelling which will wither over time.
- The level of discount is linked to the tenant's income. The level of discount and the income bands will be set out in regulations are outlined below.

Gross tenant income	Discount off purchase price	Charged period
=>€30,000	40%	20 years
€20,001 to €29,999	50%	25 years
€15,000 to €20,000	60%	30 years

- All tenants eligible to purchase their houses will be notified shortly and will be provided with an information leaflet setting out the eligibility criteria

Home Grants

- The Grants section provides grant assistance to those in private homes and privately rented accommodation who need to have their homes adapted due to illness. The "combined capital allocation to Dublin City Council for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Schemes, in 2016 is €6,797,650
- The Housing Adaptation Grant is available where changes need to be made to a home to make it suitable for a person with a physical, sensory or intellectual disability or mental health difficulty to live in. The grant can help you to make changes and adaptations to your home, for example, making it wheelchair-accessible, extending it to create more space, adding a ground-floor bathroom or toilet or a stair-lift. In some cases, the provision of heating can be included, but only under certain conditions.
- The Mobility Aids Grant Scheme provides grants for works designed to address mobility problems in the home, such as the purchase and installation of grab-rails, a level access shower, access ramps or a stair-lift. The scheme is primarily for older people, but people with a disability can also apply for it.

- The Housing Aid for Older People Scheme is used to improve the condition of an older person's home. In general, it is aimed at people 66 years of age and older, who are living in poor housing conditions. However, in cases of genuine hardship the local authority may assist people under age 66.

There are currently 1144 applications at hand.

	No of Grants Paid to 31/03/2016	Total Value of Grants paid up to 31/03/2016	No of grants where commitment has been entered into (Approved)	Total value of grants where commitment has been entered into	No of grants on hand awaiting approval (Unapproved)	Total Value of Grants (estimated) on hand awaiting approval
HAG	152	€1,115,171.88	376	€3,625,016	546	€5,263,986
MAG	22	€106,778.97	42	€210,672	70	€351,120
HOP	<u>20</u>	<u>€72,352.13</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>€ 246,942</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>€256,088</u>
Totals	194	€1,294,302.98	472	€4,082,630	672	€5,871,194

Rents

Rent payments projection for 2016 €75.m

Projected Arrears: €21.2m

Housing Allocations 2016

New Ministerial Directive: Under Circular No. 5/2016 from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, dated the 1st February 2016, which applies from the **1 February 2016 to 30 April 2016**, each housing authority must ensure that at least **50%** of the dwellings available for allocation under Section 22 of the 2009 Act during the specified period will be allocated to households that are qualified for social housing support (i.e. those who are on the record of qualified households) and that, on or before **1 June 2015**, have been deemed by the authority to have one or more than one of the following needs:

- (i) was in an institution, emergency accommodation or a hostel (i.e. a homeless household within the meaning of Section 2 of the Housing Act 1988);
- (ii) has an accommodation requirement arising from an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment (i.e. households where one of its members has a disability and as such is deemed to be a vulnerable household); and

- (iii) was in accommodation that was unsuitable for the household's adequate housing on exceptional medical or compassionate grounds (i.e. including households the subject of domestic violence and young people leaving State care and as such deemed to be a vulnerable household).

Each housing authority should make arrangements for timely and efficient selection of households and offers of accommodation so as to ensure that households are notified and ready to move into dwellings as soon as they become available. These arrangements should seek to avoid inadvertent delays in letting dwellings, and dwellings being left vacant for lengthy period due to refusals of offers of accommodation. *The use of choice based lettings is being considered in areas throughout the City for a limited number of properties.*

The number of allocations done by Dublin City Council in 2016 to date is **338** which includes **89** HAP lettings and **9** RAS lettings.

Traveller Accommodation Unit

Update from Traveller Accommodation Unit - 25th April 2016

1. **NTACC Visit 24th May** - Sites and meeting with LTACC
2. **Introduction of Crew cab** – This increased mobility for caretaker staff should facilitate greater coverage of the sites and the capacity for teamwork on larger jobs.
3. **Closure of the site at Grand Canal**
Discussion at LTACC 29/02/16 - all members supportive of sale of the site on the understanding that there will be a benefit to traveller accommodation generally as a result. There was acknowledgment that there has never been demand for the site and it has never operated at capacity.
4. **Fire Review** - final reports due shortly. There is ongoing liaison with Traveller representative organisations BTAP (Ballyfermot) and TravAct (Coolock) in attempts to create 6m separation where caravans have been brought onto the group housing schemes but where there are no official halting site facilities. Despite requests the families have refused to move to other parts of the site where there is space and in Labre we are meeting with a tenant in an effort to move 4 large steel containers stabling horses to allow at risk caravans to achieve 6m separation.
5. **New Site Development** - There is ongoing work to identify new sites for Traveller Accommodation.
6. **Waste management:** There are a number of complaints regarding waste management on the N32 and in the environs of Labre Park. TAU and waste management are working together to address these issues.

TAP UPDATE

TAP Reference	No of Units	Description of Works	Status 13/04/16

1	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	4	St. Joseph's Park Day-house upgrade Long-term void refurbished. 1 refurbishment and 3 void recoveries	Complete
2	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	1	Special Needs Adaptation - 18 Avila Park	Complete
3	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	2	2 House Acquisitions - Finglas	Complete
4	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	2	Rebuild of 2 houses - Bridgeview	Complete
5	(8.12) Emergency Facilities	8	Labre Park Emergency Facilities for families living on the site without sanitary facilities:	Complete
6	(8.14) Electrical Supply	30	St. Margaret's Park Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade	Complete
7	(8.4) Roads & Footpaths Improvement	1	Road Resurfacing Avila Park	Complete
8	(8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair	8	Remediation of 8 Impaired Yards	Complete
9	(8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair	5	5 Kitchen Replacements	Complete
10	(8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair		Repainting of Bays	Complete
11	8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair		Attic Insulation of all Traveller-specific Group Housing	Complete
12	8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair		Distribution of Fire Blankets, CO2 alarms, smoke alarms to all tenants	Complete
13	8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair	2	Bathroom Special Needs Adaptations 2 wet rooms Avila & Labre	Complete
14	(8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair		Grand Canal Harbour – Drainage works	Complete
Projects In Progress				
15	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	3	Labre Park: Rebuilding of 3 Fire Damaged houses in Kylemore Grove (Phase 1) - tender for construction awarded, contracts to sign this week.	In Progress
16	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	2	Cara Park: Overcrowding extensions Approval in Principle Received - detailed drawing for tender to be prepared.	In Progress
17	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	2	Cara Park: Special Needs Adaptations 1 complete, 1 near completion.	In Progress

18	(8.12) Emergency Facilities	20	Refurbishment of Sanitary Facilities 9 units in Labre complete.	In Progress
19	(8.12) Emergency Facilities	2	New Sanitation Unit Requests received - 2 new requests, spec being prepared for quotes	In Progress
20	8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair	1	Bathroom Special Needs Adaptations Cara Park wet room	In Progress
			Change of Submission	
21	(8.3) Community Facilities	1	Remediation of Pyrite-damaged - Avila Park Community Centre Pending submission by local representative.	On Hold
			Pending Approval in Principle	
22	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	6	Pigeon House Road - Redevelopment of site Proposal submitted to DECLG 04/03/16	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
23	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	24	Labre Park: Re-development (Phase 2) Meeting with DECLG took place in February. Requested to submit a capital appraisal addressing phasing and management issues. Submitted following consultation with BTAP & Clúid.	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
24	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	10	Tara Lawns - Redevelopment of the site Clean-up of site and drainage works in progress.	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
25	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	30	St. Margaret's Park Day-house upgrade Pilot Scheme to trial 2 units & funding application submitted to DECLG for approval. Resubmitted for TAP 2016 allocation	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
26	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	15	Redevelopment of St. Dominic's Park Site occupied without authorisation by c. 20 families. Emergency works to make the site safer. Proposal submitted to DECLG 04/03/16	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
27	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	5	Grove Lane - Refurbishment of 5 derelict houses & redevelop the site Application for funding submitted to DECLG	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
28	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	3	Bridgeview /Northern Close/ Avila Park Rebuild of Single Houses Initial feasibility submitted for 2016 allocation under TAP	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
29	(8.14) Electrical Supply	15	Electrical Upgrade - St. Oliver's Park	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle
30	(8.14) Electrical Supply	14	Electrical Upgrade - St. Joseph's Park Initial feasibility submitted for 2016 allocation under TAP	Submission to DECLG for Approval In Principle

			Not Started	
31	(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	15	St. Oliver's Park Day-house upgrade	Not Started
32	(8.3) Community Facilities	1	St. Joseph's Park - Community Centre refurbishment	Not Started

Dublin Region Homeless Update - May 2016

Report on breakdown of Emergency Accommodation Usage between March 21st to March 27th 2016 in the Dublin Region.

Table 1: Gender: March 21st – March 27th 2016

Gender	Total March 2016
Male	1,510
Female	1,240
Total	2,750

Table 2: Age Groups: March 21st – March 27th 2016

Age Group	Total March 2016
18-24	461
25-44	1,733
45-64	513
65+	43
Total	2,750

Table 3: Accommodation Type: March 21st – March 27th 2016

Accommodation Type	Total March 2016
Private Emergency Accommodation (Including hotels) (PEA)	1,469
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	1,224

Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	71
Subtotal	2,764
- Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	14
Total Unique Individuals	2,750

Table 4: County: March 21st – March 27th 2016

County	Total March 2016
Dublin	2,750
Total	2,750

Table 5 (a): Families with dependent children in ALL Emergency Accommodation (incl. Hotels) – March 21st – March 27th 2016

Family Breakdown	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	546	546	1015
Couples with dependent children	293	586	708
Total	839	1132	1723

Table 5 (b): Families with dependent children in Commercial Hotels Only: 24th March, 2016 (Single Night)

Family Breakdown	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
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Individuals with dependent children	386	386	714
Couples with dependent children	212	424	528
Total	598	810	1242

**Table 5 (c): Families with dependent children in Commercial Hotels Only: March 21st - 27th, 2016.
For internal circulation only – not submitted to DECLG.**

Family Breakdown	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	413	413	772
Couples with dependent children	216	432	544
Total	629	845	1316

Chart: Families in ALL EA – trend: January 2015 to March 2016

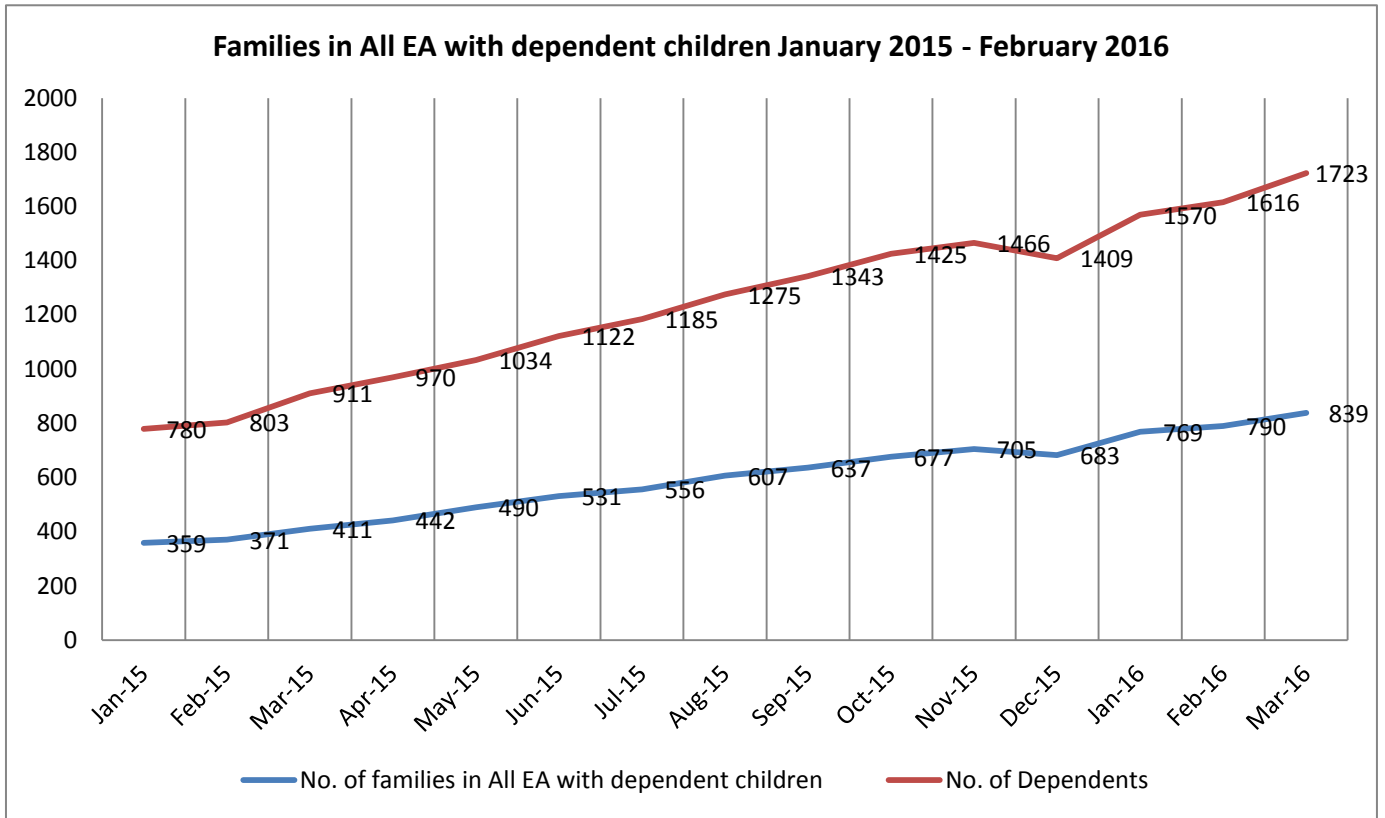
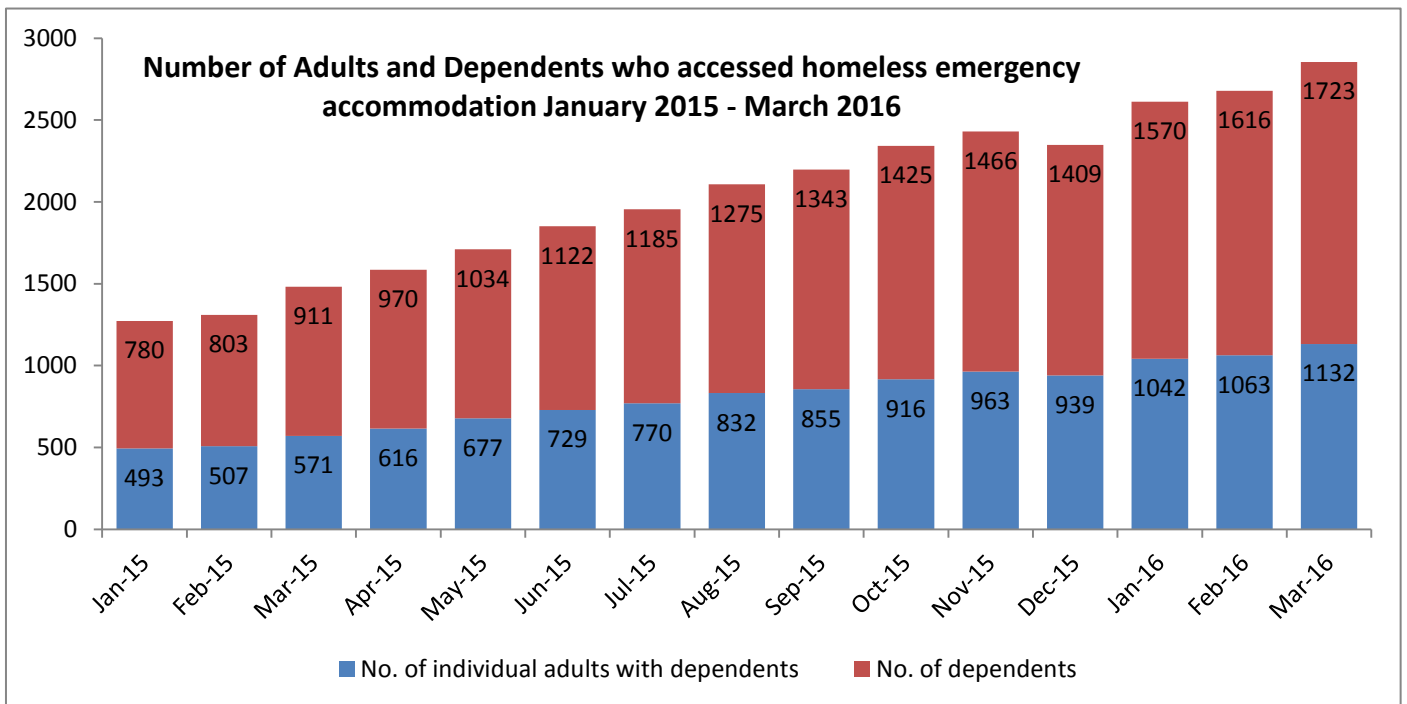


Chart: Families in ALL EA – Total Adults and Dependents: January 2015 to March 2016



**Planning & Property
Development Department
Monthly Management Report
May 2016**

Development Management

A detailed weekly Planning list is circulated to all Councillors outlining applications lodged and decisions made on a weekly basis. This list includes a breakdown of domestic and non-domestic applications, exemption certificates, appeals notified and decisions from An Bórd Pleanála and also applications for Outdoor Event Licences.

Forward Planning & Projects

Plan	Progress in previous quarter	Completion date for next stage
Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft City Development Plan put on public display from 1st October 2015 to 11th December. • A number of public information and SPC information sessions held. • 1,484 submissions received. Chief Executive's Report on submissions prepared. • Chief Executive's report on submissions circulated to Councillors 11th March, 2016. • 460 motions submitted on foot of Chief Executive's Report 	Report on motions will be circulated to Councillors 16 th May and special Council meeting commencing 30 th May as required.
Local Area Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phibsborough included in schedule of future LAP's as agreed at February City Council Meeting. 	Phibsborough LAP draft to be used as basis of Local Environmental Improvement Plan and relevant objectives included in the Draft Development Plan.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballymun LAP preliminary work on Issues Paper circulated in June. • Presentation given to the North West Area Committee on 16th June. • Consultants for retail study appointed and retail survey carried out. • Chief Executives Report on Issues Paper presented to March Area Committee Meeting and April Council Meeting. 	LAP local focus group consultations to be arranged. Draft LAP scheduled for preparation by October 2016
Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phibsborough Centre and Great Western Way & Environs 	Approved by City Council. Implementation ongoing.
Record Protected Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of buildings added under review. • Review of NIAH recommendations also taking place. 	Ongoing.
Residential Land Availability Study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage two completed: data uploaded to myplan.ie website. 	Prepare RLA update for DCC when DELG initiates process.
Dublin Housing Taskforce (Construction 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration work between 4 Dublin LA's, NAMA, DECLG and Housing Agency: 2 reports now produced <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) On land immediately available for housing and ii) On land with infrastructure constraints • Joint Housing co-ordination Strategy Brief agreed. Consultants appointed in September Draft prepared for comment. • Schedule of Active sites prepared for each LA Key Developers in process of being contacted. 	Work ongoing. Compile 1 st Quarter data by end of April. Housing Strategy draft circulated, consultants to complete work. Survey of residential prices in 4 local authorities to be carried out.
Housing Land Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report prepared on potential sites to bring housing onstream on Dublin City Council lands. • Joint SPC held with Housing, Planning & International Relations. • Report to January City Council Meeting: Oscar Traynor agreed with amendments. 	Further reports on O'Devaney Gardens, St. Michael's Estate, Belcamp to be prepared. Brief being prepared for Lot 1 in Oscar Traynor Road.

<p>Active Land Management/Vacant lands Study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Land Management approach adopted by Planning & Property Management Department. Report to SPC in April 2016 on establishment of Active land Management Unit. 	<p>Report on vacant land management to be prepared for May meeting of City Council for agreement to apply provisions of vacant site levy. Initial survey of inner city sites of more than 0.05 Ha to be completed by May.</p>
<p>Docklands SDZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme published October 2014 Planning permission granted for Blocks 7, 10, 14, 15 and 17. Planning permission granted for new north – south street linking North Wall Quay and Sheriff Street - located west of the 3 Arena. Planning applications submitted for 180,000 m² commercial and 572 residential units to date. Public Realm Plan being drawn up. Project received overall national Planning Award for 2016 by IPI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport study, including E-Link Bridge, being developed Landscape scheme prepared for Chocolate Park. Ongoing pre-app consultations on a number of city blocks. Planning applications lodged on Blocks 5, 8 and 11, awaiting decision.
<p>South Georgian Core Study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First stage Report Complete: Consultants currently engaged in testing Design solutions Templates being adopted to support Living City Initiative. 	<p>Q 2 , 2016</p>
<p>Dubline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art works and design works completed Phase 2 – sign off proofs for new maps Branding of existing wayfinding completed May 2015. Installation of new information panels completed along Dubline Route. 	<p>Replacement of existing maps with bilingual maps to be completed by June 2016.</p>
<p>Dublin Wayfinding Scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 3 completed, radial/orbital routes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to six monthly review/monitoring Tender issued for manufacture/supply of wayfinding structures. Advertised in OJ- March 2016, closing date for submission of tenders 29/4/2016.
<p>Coca Cola Zero dublinbikes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of preliminary design for Grangegorman mini-expansion Evaluation of funding options 	<p>To be completed 1st Quarter 2016. Ongoing.</p>
<p>Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement for Car Park and Multi Use Games Area (M.U.G.A.) tender for design has issued and been accessed. Design Detail for Redevelopment of Markets building being progressed by City Architects and outside experts. 	<p>Complete Procurement process will continue in tandem with design elements being undertaken by DCC.</p>

Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PR Master Plan for City Core identifies projects and policy to be implemented over a twenty year timeframe. Some adjustments were needed as a result of the College Green proposals. • These recommendations / project once agreed will form the Dublin City Public Realm Plan 2015 and provide guidance for other public realm projects in the City. • The Group continued to review projects and input into corporate submissions on major infrastructure projects, policy issues and City proposals. 	<p>Information session proposed for Planning and Transport SPC's with the Area Committees.</p> <p>Masterplan document to be circulated and survey and analysis information made available on open data and to other vested projects.</p>
North East Inner City Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is strong engagement with local agencies and property owners to actively improve the streetscape. Liaising with Schools on civic engagement around Litter. • Name and shame initiative instigated for illegal dumping. Protocol agreed for removal of abandoned bikes – trial implementation mid March. • A number of streets between O'Connell Street and Marlborough Street are identified for environmental improvements before Luas goes live. • A number of key sites have been cleared and development commenced. • The Group will meet every six weeks. 	<p>Actions ongoing throughout the year.</p>
Living City Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of the Living City initiative is to bring life back into the heart of the relevant cities by offering tax relief for qualifying expenditure incurred on the refurbishment or conversion of certain buildings where conditions are met. • Consultants have submitted a draft report. • Workshop in Wood Quay Venue on 28th January. • Interdepartmental working group set up to ensure integrated approach. 	<p>Ongoing for the next five years. Consultants to advise of "Tax incentive packages"</p> <p>20 applications received to date 1 Certificate of completion received. Outputs/findings of workshop to be disseminated and report to SPC. Living City Initiative integrated approach between Planning, Building Regulations, Fire Regulations and Conservation being set up.</p>

Reports on Derelict Sites, Planning Enforcement, Building Control, Finance and Property Management are updated on a quarterly basis.

Planning Enforcement

2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1- 2015
No. of new complaints opened	220				-10%
No. of S152 Warning Letters issued	196				-19%
No. of S154 Enforcement Notices issued	22				4%
No. of S157 referrals to District Court	1				-91%
No. of files closed/resolved	183				-3%

Total number active planning enforcement files at 31/03/2016	2048
% Change on 2015 (Qtr 1)	3%

Building Control

2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 - 2015
Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority (National Service Indicator P5)	40%				-3%

2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 - 2015
No. of units in a development commenced	384				273%
No. single dwellings commenced	34				209%
Total dwellings commenced	418				266%

Disability Access Certs

2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 - 2015
Valid Applications	100				47%
Certs issued within 2 months	82				30%
Info requested	13				-40%

Derelict Sites Section

Statutory Notices Served

2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 - 2015
Number of sites inspected	171				-26%
Number of sites on Derelict Sites Register- 31/3/2016	59				34%
Number of charges registered to date – 31/3/2015	41				17%
Section 10 (warning letters)	57				-9.5%
Section 8 (2) Notices (Intention to enter on Register)	9				50%
Section 8 (7) Notices (Entry on Register)	6				200%
Section 11 Notices (List of required works)	0				-100%
Sites removed from Register	1				-91%

Property Management

Revenue & Receipts

Revenue Raised				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2016	€1,335,060.98			
2015	€1,583,448.42			

Income Received				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2016	€947,180.44			
2015	€1,214,036.49			

Property Disposals

Notices in relation to any proposed disposal (for a term exceeding one year) are delivered to the Members for consideration and approval.

Finance

Development Contributions

2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 - 2015
No. of New invoices issued .	90				-27%
Total value of invoices issued	€6,909,799.46				26%
No. of payments made	284				22%
Total payments received	€6,058,980.82				76%

Collection of outstanding Development Contributions (utilising enforcement tools)

2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 - 2015
No. of Inspections	74				-23%
No. of Section 152 Warning letters issued	6				-76%
No of Section 154 Enforcement Notices issued	0				No change
No. of Section 157 referrals to District Court	0				No change

Planning Application Fees

2016	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 - 2015
Total income from fees	€662,694.42				76%
Total refunds issued	€60,394.27				-31%
Net fee income	€602,300.15				108%



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MAY 2016

Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on Thursday 26th May 2016.

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Each of the five programme implementers are continuing to deliver the programme across the City and their actions will be monitored in a midterm review.

Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

This plan will be available shortly. Work is ongoing to attribute the high level goals, objectives and actions to the relevant Strategic Policy Committees and the LCDC. It is intended that these become permanent agenda items for attention by the SPC Committees.



Public Participation Network PPN

The Dublin City PPN held its first linkage '**Meet Your Representative Event**' on Tuesday 15th March. It was an opportunity for members to come and meet their new representatives on the SPCs and the LCDC.

Members want their representative, in preference order to:

- 1. Drive the agenda**
- 2. Represent the full PPN**
- 3. Be informed**
- 4. Raise awareness of decision making**

Key phrases from groups are: 'listening and feedback accurately'; 'facilitate discussion'; 'consult'

Staff training on the management of the City register and the use of the new database system has taken place. After detailed consultation with the PPN Secretariat, the logo has been signed off and is completed.

Dublin City Council Integration Strategy

The Dublin City Council Integration Strategy 2016 – 2020 has now been completed with design finalised and will be going to print this month. The strategy includes a themed, practical action plan, and the implementation of some of these actions is already taking place. These include the delivery of a pilot intercultural awareness workshop for frontline staff and a drop-in English language class project. Various partnership initiatives with NGOs are also taking place, including a new communities information open day and jobs workshop. Work is also underway on Integration related initiatives with other DCC Sections, including LEO, Sports and Dublin.ie.

Richmond Barracks

Richmond Barracks construction is complete and the contractor is engaged with the Architectural Design Team to examine snagging items.

The exhibition fit out started on April 18th and it is anticipated it will be complete by the official opening on May 2nd.

Arrangements are now well advanced for the official opening (Centenary of the Courts Martial), however, the facility will not open to the Public until early/mid June to allow training of tour guides and staff recruitment etc.

ARTS OFFICE

ARTS IN LOCAL AREAS

The Arts Office is facilitating conversations between National Cultural Institutions and City Council areas in order to develop projects and new initiatives for city neighbourhoods. Advisory Groups have been formed in all City Council areas and a report to the Local Area Committee will further inform this process.

PARTNERSHIP WITH ARTS ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES

Partnerships in all art forms and particularly in the development of cultural spaces and artists studios as part of the City Development Plan are currently being evaluated.

The Local Cultural Audits proposed under the new City Cultural Strategy are being considered as a potential mechanism for development of cultural buildings.

The Arts Office continues to work with private landlords and statutory agencies to identify potential long and short term spaces for arts use.

ARTS EDUCATION AND LEARNING

A Draft Arts and Education Policy have now been distributed to stakeholders who are expert in the field including Universities, Artists and Educational Institution. It is hoped that a more complete draft will become before the Arts and Cultural Sub Group of the SPC before June. A feedback meeting that included the Department of Education, DCU/St. Patricks, CDYSB, ETB, The Ark and others have responded positively to the draft policy.

DUBLIN CITY SPORT AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

The Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (the Partnership) was created and formally launched in November 2015 to build and expand upon the very positive work already happening in the Dublin City Council Sport and Recreation Section.

The purpose of the Partnership is:

- To improve the quality of life of people living in and working in Dublin City regardless of age, ability or background.
- To provide opportunities for people living in, working in and visiting Dublin City to partake in sports and physical activities through facilities, infrastructure, services, programmes and events.
- To have Dublin City recognised as the national and international leader in sports and wellbeing.

The current focus of the Partnership board is the development of a Statement of Strategy for Sport and Wellbeing in Dublin City. To progress this piece of work an internal consultation was held with relevant key personnel on Tuesday 16 February 2016. An external consultation was conducted during March 2016.

At the Partnership Board meeting on Monday 18 April 2016 an active discussion on the remit of the Partnership Board and ability to influence decisions regarding Sport and Wellbeing in the City was led by Chair, Fiona Coghlan. The Key actions of this meeting are:

Key Action	Owner	Due
Nomination of HSE Representative	Brendan Kenny (ACE)	20 June 2016
Overview of Dublin City Council organisational structure & key personnel.	Shauna Mc Intyre (Manager of Partnership)	20 June 2016
Overview of planning processes in relation to the City Development Plan and Local Area Plans.	Shauna Mc Intyre	20 June 2016
List of current or upcoming Local Area Plans	Shauna Mc Intyre	20 June 2016
Evaluation of Programmes and Services ensuring they are properly focussed and sustainable.	Shauna Mc Intyre	Ongoing
Invitation to Epsilon (Data Specialists) to attend a future board meeting.	Rob Hartnett (Sport for Business)	20 June 2016
Compilation of list of all sports clubs in Dublin area.	James Galvin (Federation of Irish Sport)	20 June 2016

DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE

PROPOSED NEW CITY LIBRARY, PARNELL SQUARE Project Stage 2(a) Sketch Design

Approval of the Stage 2(a) report by the PSCQ Foundation is awaited. A sketch design presentation of the project will be brought to the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Community SPC once the approval process is complete.

KEVIN STREET LIBRARY

Work on preparing a tender package for completion of the works on Kevin Street continue. The *estimated* timetable is:

- Part 8 Planning issued: within 2 weeks of approval
- Issuing of tenders: within 2 weeks of Part 8 issue
- Planning process completed/ Contract awarded: 2 months following issue of tender
- Contract completed/Handover: 4/5 months following award
- Fit-out: 2 months
- TOTAL: 9-10 months

COMMEMORATIONS

DCC 1916 Rising centenary programme

The 1916 Commemorations Programme continues with full details on the website at <http://www.dublincity.ie/decadeofcommemorations>.

Dublin City Public Library Staff promoted library services, photographic collections and the libraries' involvement in the commemorative programme at the *Reflecting the Rising* event in Smithfield on 28th March.

The lectures and talks series in branch libraries finished in mid-March 2016 with a total of 1,725 people attending.

LIBRARIES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS)

Dublin City Council is the project manager for the implementation of a new Library Management System, Sierra, in all public libraries in Ireland. Six library services, Dublin City; Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown; Fingal; Kildare; South Dublin and Wexford, have implemented the system in phase 1 of the project.

Summary of activity, Q1 2016:

- Transactions – 1,735,932
 - o Loans – 1,107,999
 - o Returns – 1,056,410
 - o Renewals – 627,933
- Reserves placed and satisfied – 111,806
- Registrations – 19,357 new patrons

Phase 2 of the project is now underway.

INTERNATIONAL DUBLIN LITERARY AWARD

The shortlist for the 2016 International DUBLIN Literary Award was announced on 12th April. Ten novels are on the shortlist, including four novels in translation (from Brazil, France, Germany and Spain), *Academy Street* by Irish author Mary Costello, and novels from India, Jamaica and the USA. The winner will be announced by An t-Ardmhéara on 9th June.

The media promotion of the shortlist included an emphasis on the City Council's ownership of the Award and the dropping of 'IMPAC' from the name.

DUBLIN UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE

The UNESCO City of Literature office is resourced by Dublin City Council and managed by the public library service.

One City One Book 2016

The Dublin programme of events for the *Two Cities One Book* festival was launched by the Ardmhéara in the Mansion House on Wednesday 9th March. The programme includes over seventy events which will animate *Fallen* by Lia Mills, the book which is being read by readers in Dublin and Belfast throughout the month of April.

The *Fallen, Two cities One Book* festival is a major contribution to the Council's 1916 Commemorations programme.

Words on the Street

Words on the Street - European Literature Night will take place around the Temple Bar area of the city on Wednesday 18th May. This is a partnership with twelve countries and showcases the best of contemporary writing from Europe. Irish celebrities will read short extracts for writing from participating countries in unusual venues in Temple Bar.

PARKS AND LANDSCAPES SERVICES

Dawn Chorus heralds the Launch of Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan



An t-Ardmhéara Criona Ní Dhálaigh and Derek Mooney switched on the sounds of the Dawn Chorus to launch the Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan on Wednesday, 20th April in the Civic Offices.

The overarching aim of the plan is the conservation of biodiversity within the city which reflects the Strategic Objectives of Ireland's National Biodiversity Plan (Actions for Biodiversity 2011-2016). RTÉ Radio 1's *The Dawn Chorus* has become a radio phenomenon in Ireland. Every summer, for more than two decades, Derek Mooney and his *Mooney Goes Wild* team have broadcast the sounds of early morning birdsong into Irish homes on RTÉ Radio One, the main national radio station. This year through collaboration with other European countries, the Dawn Chorus will be broadcast across Europe across countries including Russia and Norway. Herbert Park is one of the broadcast locations in Dublin on the 1st May.

Dublin Bay Biosphere



Fáilte Ireland's membership of Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership

Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership has expanded its membership with the recent inclusion of Fáilte Ireland as a member of the partnership.

Fáilte Ireland will provide advice and expertise on tourism within the Biosphere, identifying areas for potential growth, as well as in-kind financial support through marketing and promotion of Dublin Bay Biosphere in line with the Dublin Breath of Fresh Air campaign and brand.

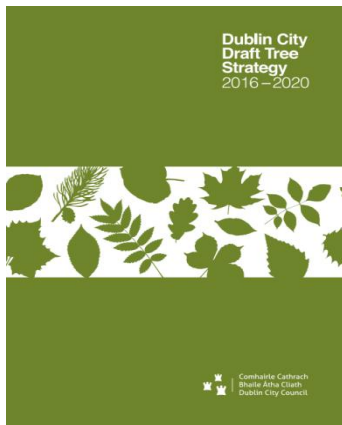
Fourth World Congress of Biosphere Reserves, Lima, Peru



The Dublin Bay Biosphere Coordinator, Dr Jenni Roche, attended this event. She delivered a talk on our work to over 1,000 delegates and was a speaker on the panel in a workshop on Branding and Communication, thereby raising the international profile of Dublin Bay Biosphere. She made numerous contacts including staff of the UNESCO MAB Secretariat, the International Coordinating Council and other Biosphere Coordinators from all over the world. The Lima Action Plan for UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves 2016-2025 was developed and adopted <http://bit.ly/1qFy5XY> and will be influential in the management of Dublin Bay Biosphere. New Biospheres were designated, including our neighbour the Isle of Man, bringing

the World Network of Biosphere Reserves to 669 sites in 120 countries.

Dublin City Tree Strategy – Consultation Phase



Following the presentation to the Arts Culture and Recreation SPC the Draft Strategy has, been presented to the 5 Area Committees for their feedback. On the whole the proposal has received an enthusiastic and positive response from elected members. Stakeholders invited to make a submission on the document include the Arboricultural Association, An Taisce and the Irish Landscape Institute. The Draft Tree Strategy has been placed on the City Council Consultation Hub to encourage submissions from interested groups or individuals before the 29th April. Link to Consultation Hub: <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/parks/draft-tree-strategy-consultation>



Purchase of Arbortrack Software System



- Tree Management

The completed contract for the above system has been returned by the supplier and the purchase/contract phase of the project is nearing completion. Permission for the use of address and mapping data has been arranged.

Hand held tablet devices (pictured) have been purchased to allow use of the system on site by Parks staff and a one day staff training course on survey and data entry has been completed. The next phase of the project will involve the roll out of the software system across the parks service and the creation of a database of public trees to facilitate pro-active tree management.

Play Development

Playday in Merrion Square Park – Easter Monday RTE Reflecting the Rising



Dublin City Council and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs worked in collaboration to host a 1916 themed **Children's Play Day** on Easter Monday, 28th March in Merrion Square Park as part of the hugely successful RTE Reflecting the Rising event programme in Dublin.

Thousands of families attended this free programme of fun, games and entertainment in the Park where children had the opportunity to play the games that children played in 1916. The **Children's Play Day** included children's street rhymes and games, including, marbles, penalty shoot-outs, relays and obstacle courses.

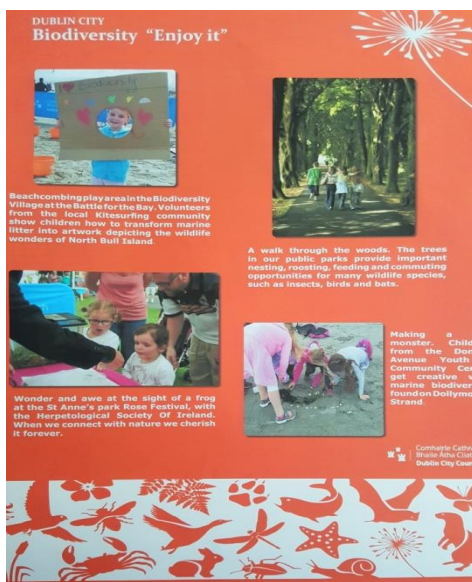
The event also tapped into children's imagination with creative messy play, art, and bugs n beasties, dress up, kite making and the opportunity to perform their *party pieces* through drama games. Young and old enjoyed bouncing around on a giant inflatable donut, giant nests were built as children created their own play spaces while some children created handmade skipping ropes which were used for traditional skipping games.

There was also an extensive schedule of children's performances hosted by National Performing Arts School (NPAS) and a special performance from the Garda Band. This outdoor event covered the full expanse of Merrion Square Park and included some additional features on the streets surrounding the Park such as Vintage Car Show, Steam Engine and open air concert. A letter sent in to the Irish Independent says it all: <http://www.independent.ie/opinion/letters/easter-monday-in-merrion-square-made-me-proud-to-be-irish-34592453.html>

Funding Resources

2016 Capital funding application has been completed and submitted to Department of Children and Youth Affairs on 6th April 2016.

Biodiversity Events in the City



A full programme of events, workshops and exhibitions are planned for the coming months to provide interactive and engaging opportunities for everyone to engage with the biodiversity in the city. Everything from Pond Dipping to learning about urban birds and an opportunity to visit our Pop-Up Biodiversity Village at various Festivals throughout the summer months. The table below sets out the programme of events for the month of May.

Date	Event	Location
May 1 st – June 3 rd	various interactive displays	Atrium - Civic Offices
May 1 st	Mooney goes Wild live broadcast of the international Dawn Chorus	Herbert Park
May 1 st - 3pm	Pond Dipping for eels, crayfish and more with OWLS, the Children's Nature Charity	Bushy Park
May 15 th – 3pm	OWLS - DEN building challenge	St. Anne's Park
May 22 nd 10am	International biodiversity Day - Bioblitz with the Irish Wildlife Trust	Fr. Collins Park
May 28 th	10am Bumblebee workshops with the National Biodiversity Data Centre	Herbert Park
May 28 th – 29 th	Biodiversity Stand at the Battle for the Bay	Dollymount Strand

All events facilitated by OWLS can be booked via www.owls.ie or 087 3299936

Bumblebee workshops can be booked via www.biodiversityireland.ie or 051 306240

Offset



Offset Dublin is an annual International Design and Creative Industries Conference, that takes place in the Bord Gais Energy Theatre in April. The event attracts over 2,500 attendees and local and international speakers from many fields of design. The Parks and Landscape Services teamed up with the conference organisers this year to host a series of events in city parks as part of the conference Festival Fringe. The events included - **Offsketch**,

sketch events in parks including St. Patrick's Park and St Audoen's Park, presented in association with the Illustrators Guild of Ireland and **Offbeat**, a music, food and pop up event that took place in Essex Street West/Wood Quay Amphitheatre that included a programme of music from up and coming performers, a street picnic and pop up events in some of the retail outlets in Essex Street West/Cow's Lane. These type of events raise awareness of and encourage conference attendees to engage with the city. In this case they also provide activity for the public to engage with in parks during an off peak time of the year for outdoor festival activity.

PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND DESIGN PROGRAMME 2016



New Park Infrastructure

Location	Description	Status
Croppies Acre	New Public Park	Opening Q2
Herbert Park	New tearoom; Bowling Clubhouse; Tennis courts	Opening Q2
Weaver Park	New Public Park	Construction to commence Q3
Peace Garden, Christchurch	Park re-design,	Construction to commence Q4 Further consultation being arranged
'Chocolate' Park, Docklands	New Public Park	Part 8 in progress. Construction to commence Q4
Liffey Vale, Liffey Valley Park	Phase 1 of new Park on north bank of river from Chapelizod to Memorial Gardens.	Plan in preparation.
St Audeons Park/Church	Up-grade of Park and grounds of church	Part 8 in progress. Construction to commence Q4
Bushy Park	New Tearooms	Design team appointed. Part 8 in Q3.
Bridgefoot Street Park	New Public Park	Design Team appointed. Part 8 in Q3
Bull Island	Phase 1 of car parking traffic improvements on Causeway. Interpretive Centre feasibility study. Design for recreation facility at North Bull Wall	Planning approval Q2 Draft report to be finalised Q1 Design commenced for Part 8 in Q3

PARK RECREATION/SPORTS FACILITIES

Location	Description	Status
Bushy Park	Upgrade of Tennis/Padel facilities	Official Opening Q2
Willie Pearse Park	Changing Rooms/Boxing Club pavilion; playground	Official Opening February
Le Fanu Park	Skatepark/playground	Winning design announced in February. Detailed design process now in progress with a view to

		construction in 2017.
Poppintree Park	New Changing Rooms Pavilion	Construction to commence in Q3
Glendale, Kilbarrack	New All-weather pitch	Construction to commence in Q3
Springdale, Edenmore.	New Changing Rooms Pavilion	Construction to commence in Q3
Tolka Valley, Finglas.	New Changing Rooms Pavilion	Construction to commence in Q3
Trinity Leisure Centre, Belmayne	New All-weather pitch	Construction to commence in Q3
St Annes Park	New All-weather pitch	Construction to commence in Q3
Rockfield Park,	Re-surfacing of tennis courts/training area	Construction to commence in Q3
Outdoor Gyms		Installation Q2/Q3
Sports field drainage		Installation Q2/Q3

IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION PLANS FOR HISTORIC PARKS

Location	Description	Status
Herbert Park	Upgrade of bowling clubhouse, new tearooms and depot building for public use completed. Implementation of Conservation Plan	Official opening May/June
St Anne's Park	Conservation works on follies; ongoing re-development of Red Stables and Sealawn Lodge; design of new toilets at playground	Consultants engaged re upgrade of follies
Merrion Square Park	Implementation of Conservation plan Tearooms	In progress. Design team appointed
Mountjoy Square Park	Implementation of Conservation plan	Conservation of railings (phase 1); Part 8 in Q1 for restoration of historic layout
St Patrick's Park	Prepare Conservation Plan	Consultants in place.
Blessington Street	Restoration of railings/gates	
Grosvenor Square	Conservation Study on pavilion	Consultants in place
ETB lands, Terenure	Conservation Study on pavilion	Consultants in place

PLAYGROUND RENEWAL

Location	Description	Status
Willie Pearse Park	New Playground	Official Opening 11 th February
Cherry Orchard	Replace surface of playground	2016

Herbert Park	Enhance playgrounds at depot and Pembroke cottages.	2016
Mount Bernard Park	Additional Play Equipment	2016
Darndale	Additional Play Equipment	2016
Ring St, Inchicore	Up-grade	2016
Bluebell	Additional Play Equipment	2016
Ranelagh Gardens	New Playground	2016
	Commemorative 2016 playground	2016

SPORTS CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project	Description	Status
Markiewicz Leisure Centre	Refurbishment of changing facilities.	Works are ongoing. Delay due to unforeseen problems

TEMPLE BAR

There are no disposals this month in Temple Bar.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - MAY 2016

Ref No	Request Details	Name(s)	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/4665/2016	breakdown on everything spent on the Lord Mayor's Coach since 2015	Ben Haugh	Press	31/03/2016	22/04/2016
FOI/4664/2016	Chief Executive expenses and top ups	louisa mcgrath	Press	31/03/2016	22/04/2016
FOI/4663/2016	all records related to the boundary of Ashington Estate, Navan Road	laura larkin	Press	31/03/2016	
FOI/4661/2016	details on retirement gratuities paid to councillors	Cormac Quinn	Press	30/03/2016	14/04/2016
FOI/4660/2016	Details of the money spent by the DRHE on emergency accommodation	Sean Dunne	Press	29/03/2016	22/04/2016
FOI/4658/2016	information regarding impact of airbnb on DCC	Ken Foxe	Press	29/03/2016	12/04/2016
FOI/4657/2016	Details of Dublin City Safe City Programme	louisa mcgrath	Press	30/03/2016	26/04/2016
FOI/4654/2016	Documentation in relation to Dame Court	Paul Higgins	Client	24/03/2016	
FOI/4653/2016	Details in relation to the Legacy Project at Merrion Square Park	Cllr. Mannix Flynn	Councillor	23/03/2016	25/04/2016
FOI/4652/2016	Details in relation to telecare services in DCC	Task Ltd (Toni Bunting)	Business	23/03/2016	21/04/2016
FOI/4651/2016	Details in relation to monies spent by DCC on consultancy fees	Ryan Nugent	Press	22/03/2016	
FOI/4650/2016	Details in relation to travel expenses	Ryan Nugent	Press	22/03/2016	19/04/2016
FOI/4649/2016	Details in relation to monies spent by DCC on refreshments between 2013 and 2016	Ryan Nugent	Press	22/03/2016	20/04/2016
FOI/4648/2016	Details in relation to housing and homelessness	Mercy Law Resource Centre	Solicitor	21/03/2016	19/04/2016
FOI/4647/2016	Details in relation to age ranges of DCC staff	Jonathan Glendinning	Client	21/03/2016	18/04/2016
FOI/4645/2016	Details in relation to the cost of running the mansion house	The Sunday Times	Press	18/03/2016	18/04/2016
FOI/4644/2016	Details in relation to people fined for dog litter	David Coleman	Press	15/03/2016	16/03/2016
FOI/4643/2016	Details in relation to social housing	Vicki Sweeney	Client	15/03/2016	12/04/2016
FOI/4641/2016	Requesting planning file	S Deery	Client	14/03/2016	12/04/2016
FOI/4640/2016	Details in relation to traveller accomodation funding	Jennifer Cosgrove	Client	14/03/2016	14/04/2016
FOI/4638/2016	All details in relation to the development known as Liberty Corner, Foley Street	Cullen & Co Solrs	Solicitor	11/03/2016	
FOI/4637/2016	Details in relation to busking in Dublin City	Laura Larkin	Press	09/03/2016	08/04/2016
FOI/4636/2016	Details in relation to neighbours house	Martin Rooney	Client	07/03/2016	21/03/2016
FOI/4635/2016	Information about illegal dumping of waste	Marta Spiga	Client	08/03/2016	20/04/2016
FOI/4634/2016	Briefing notes for the new DCC cycling and walking promotion officer	The Irish Times	Press	07/03/2016	12/04/2016
FOI/4633/2016	Details in relation to modular housing	Irish Exmainer	Press	07/03/2016	
FOI/4631/2016	Details in relation to social housing, homelessness etc.	Mark Canavan	TD/Senator	04/03/2016	04/04/2016
FOI/4630/2016	Details in relation to rat infestation in the city	Irish Daily Mirror	Press	03/03/2016	04/04/2016
FOI/4629/2016	Details in relation to foreign trips undertaken by a council delegation in 2014,2015,2016	Irish Sun	Press	03/03/2016	16/03/2016
FOI/4626/2016	Details in relation to Kilmainham Civic Space	Cian Ginty	Client	02/03/2016	
FOI/4625/2016	Details on DCC's anti-public drinking campaign	Irish Daily Mail	Press	02/03/2016	04/04/2016
FOI/4624/2016	Details in relation to homeless priority	Mercy Law Resource Centre	Solicitor	02/03/2016	24/03/2016

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with **non-personal** FOI requests only, received in March 2016

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2016 is outlined below.

Carried forward from 2015	28
Total opened at end March 2016	160
	188
Total closed at end March 2016	148
Live cases	40

Human Resources Department

Workforce Numbers

The total number of employees at 31st March 2016 was 5,600 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of worksharing arrangements) was 5,280.55.

The total workforce number of 5,600 represents a reduction of 23.8 per cent since December 2008. The greatest reduction in resources has taken place in management grades where numbers have reduced by 34 per cent and in the professional technical grades (eg. engineer, planner, architect grades) where numbers have reduced by 28 per cent. Numbers in operational grades have reduced by 24.4 per cent and in firefighter operational grades by 14.6 per cent.

Throughout recent years, and on a continuing basis, managers and staff have undertaken restructuring, reassignment and prioritisation of work to continue service delivery to citizens and customers despite reduced workforce numbers. Managers and staff are continuing to review how services are delivered to optimise customer service, within constrained resources.

Labour Activation

(i) Jobbridge

Since the commencement of the Jobbridge scheme, a total of 61 Jobbridge Interns have been placed in Dublin City Council. A further 17 interns have been placed in Arts Organisations, facilitated by DCC.

As at 21st April 2016, there are 4 Jobbridge interns placed in DCC. There are currently no interns placed in the Arts Sector, facilitated through the City Arts Office.

(ii) Gateway

As at 21st April 2016, 113 people are engaged by the City Council under the Gateway Scheme.

21 Gateway Staff have been successful at interview for confined General Operative competition. They have been placed on a panel to fill vacancies in the Irish Water SLA or for backfilling of posts where a GO moves to the SLA.

