

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

**Report on Community Benefit Clause for Dolphin House, Dublin 8.**

Purcell Construction currently has a total of 5 number personnel employed under the Community Benefit Clause for Dolphin House in various aspects of the construction works. A further one candidate is due to commence works later this week. One candidate has commenced employment as an Apprentice. The current total is 5 candidates under the Community Benefit Clause which represents 11% of the total workforce onsite at present.

This 11% represents a great achievement for the Local Community and all of the various stakeholders involved in this programme given the difficult task of finding suitable skilled and qualified candidates for the works involved in this development.

**Current site works include:**

**Trades ongoing on site at the moment.**

1. Groundworks – M&N Groundworks – 4 personnel
2. Demolition – Bretmaster – 8 personnel
3. Shuttering & Concrete works – Rossglen – 8 personnel
4. Sars – Security – 2 Personnel
5. Scaffolders – 3
6. Blocklayers -6
7. Structural steel erectors – 2
8. Electrical – 6
9. Plumbing -2
10. Drylining -4

**Candidates employed under the Community Benefit Clause on site at present.**

**Security Personnel** – 1 employee working with Sars Security.

**Cleaning position** – 1 local employee in a cleaning position.

**Demolition** – 1 local employee from Dolphin House working with Bretmaster as GO on demolition works.

**Concrete works** – 1 employee working as GO on concrete works.

**Electrical** – 1 employee commenced as Apprentice Electrician

**Blockwork** – 1 local employee has commenced as GO with Rapid developments.

Purcell has confirmed that a total of 1900 hours work were undertaken onsite last week and that 10% of total hours completed were by candidates employed under the Community Benefit Clause.

Purcell has identified the following areas whereby they have indicated that there may exist opportunities for some more suitability skilled candidates to seek employment under this scheme on the development.

**Positions currently available:**

1. Scaffolder with an advanced scaffold ticket.
2. Apprentice Plumber.
3. Experienced shuttering carpenter.
4. Drylining Apprentice
5. Qualified Electrician & Plumber.

**Upcoming new trades:**

1. Window installation commencing in mid May.

Dublin City Council in conjunction with other stakeholders is continuing to monitor and evaluate the benefits derived from the use of this initiative for the Community,

Purcell in conjunction with Dublin City Council will continue to engage with all Local Stakeholders in helping to achieve the maximum available employment opportunities envisaged under the Community Benefit Clause for Dolphin House.

It is unfortunate that Purcell's have received a number of applications for various employment opportunities which when received and reviewed do not have the necessary skills and or qualifications for the respective positions. It should be noted going forward that in order to achieve the maximum potential for employment that candidates should receive the necessary training and or skills before the developer/builder commences works onsite. Every effort will be undertaken by Purcell's to match suitable candidates with any available employment opportunity under the Community Benefit Clause.

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