



Monthly Management Report – 1st February 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 February 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 February 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

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Planning & Property, Development

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Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community

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Corporate Services Department

Freedom of Information

Please see attached Quarterly Report in relation to Freedom of Information statistics.
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Human Resources Department

Please see attached report. (Page 34)

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,
1st February, 2016

Housing & Residential Services - Monthly Management Report

Policy issues:

1. Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014:

Main Parts –

Repossession Procedure for LA dwellings (Part 2) regulations commenced April 2015

- 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.
- Financial procedures and documents are still being developed. Information sessions have been held for relevant staff in relation to the new provisions.
- DCC has commenced issuing of Tenancy Warnings for arrears cases and court proceedings for repossession may follow.
- Meetings have taken place with the three other Local Authorities to discuss new procedures and to ensure consistency.
- District Court Proceedings for Recovery of Rent Arrears is currently being considered-
- **New National Rent Scheme:** New National Rent Scheme not commencing in July as per circular from Dept. New circular to follow:
- **HAP: Resources being identified pending HAP being rolled out in 2016**

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

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.

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 11 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 Steering Committee met on the 08th January 2016 and discussed the details of the Launch which will take place on January 25th.

The Strategic Plan was presented to the full Council meeting on the 11th January 2016 and was passed by the councillors.

Progress report on Capital Projects

Housing Development & Regeneration – Capital Projects Update

| Project | Status | Remarks |
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| Bluebell Road – 19 units | Complete. | Units occupied |
| Priory Hall | Refurbishment of Priory Hall ongoing. | Apartments in the Northern Blocks due for completion Q.1 2016 (60 units – 9 social). Remaining Blocks completion due Q.1. 2017. |
| Maxwell Road – 9 units | Contractors on site. | Issues arose with contamination under footpath which delayed completion programme; remediation works scheduled to be completed by end Jan 16. |
| Crampton Buildings – 28 units | Contractors on site – additional works required due to condition of timbers. | Anticipated completion end March 2016 |
| Buttercup Park – 35 units | On site | Target completion Q4 2016. |
| St Teresa's Gardens/Eugene St 50 units | Part 8 Planning Permission in place. Front blocks being refurbished for short term use pending new build increased levels of anti social targeting these blocks – increased security, access control & boundary/gates to be provided. | Tender docs being prepared for the following: (a) 3 enabling works contracts relocation of substation, demolition of 3 blocks and drainage / boundary works (b) construction of housing to follow enabling works (c) Phase 1 Park. B and C to run concurrently & after completion of enabling works contracts. Approval to demolish two blocks received from DECLG and contractor due on site in January 2016. Adjoining resident's issues with land, drains etc being addressed to ensure they don't affect construction target date. |
| 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 | Target date for tender Jan 2016. Demolition commenced on 2 blocks beginning Nov 2015. Phase 2 to go to planning Q2 2016 |

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| Dominick Street (1 block remaining which is occupied, occupants to be moved to new housing when completed) | The scheme has been redesigned and capital appraisal submitted to DOECLG for funding approval and approval to go to planning | Met with DEPR 8/12/15 and agreed approach of undertaking a Cost Effectiveness Report |
| O Devaney Gardens (128 units left of original stock – 14 still occupied) | The Infirmary Road site where it meets Montpelier Hill is included in the 2015-2017 draft housing programme. | 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. DECLG have approved in principle the construction of 30 units on the Infirmary Road site. |
| Ballymun Regeneration | Demolition contractor on site | Last blocks have been demolished. |
| Charlemont – 79 units in Block 3 and 73 in Block 4 (Block 3 is not expected to require exchequer funding). | Discussions re tender ongoing. | Public Private Partnership tender received 17 th June 2015. S. 183 approved by Council on the 6 th July 2015. Possible start on site November 2015 (delete this). Awaiting clarification on some items submitted as part of tender prior to signing contracts (delete this), Agreement provides for option to purchase additional 15 units at 10% reduction on market price and a further 58 at market price in Block 4. Block 3 comprises 79 apartments and a community centre. DCC accepted tender 3 rd September 2015. Design build and finance agreement signed with developer on 14 th Dec. Sod turning the 15 th December 2015. On site. |
| Croke Villas (7 units occupied out of 79 units in 4 blocks) | DCC have received favourable financial offer from GAA. | GAA agreement approved by City Council meeting in November. |
| Ballybough Road – 7 units (part of Croke Villas regeneration project along with Sackville Avenue) | Part 8 approved March 2015. | Tender to issue Q1 2016. DECLG reviewing Sackville Avenue scheme. Scoping study being prepared for issue to Design Team. |

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| Housing New Build Programme 2015-2017 | Funding of €40.3m announced for projects at Bunratty Rd, Cornamona, North King St and Infirmary Rd and Belcamp B & C. | Design team consultants to be appointed / Q1 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. |
| Acquisitions General & Detenancing for Regeneration | | 48 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 October 2015 (delete). | Cannot be finalised until Receiver arranges the completion of outstanding works to the scheme. Awaiting details and associated timeline for completion of these works. Due to meet receiver week beginning 18 th January 2016 |

Further to the joint Housing & Planning SPC in July 2015 a steering group has been set up to progress lands at Belcamp/Malahide Road, 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 and adapted by the members.

Two sites 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. The NDFA have to carry out due diligence in respect of these sites.

Modular Housing

A contract has been entered into to provide 22 homes on a site in Poppintree, Ballymun, Dublin 11. Expressions of interest received on 14th January 2016 and are currently being assessed to deliver a further 131 modular homes on a number of other sites including Mourne Road in Drimnagh, Belcamp Avenue in Coolock, St. Helena's Drive in Finglas and Cherry Orchard in Ballyfermot.

Delivery by Approved Housing Bodies 2015

To mid December 283 units were provided by AHBs with a further 175 units under construction or being acquired:-

| Approved Housing Body | Location | Funding Programme | No of units |
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| Alone | Dublin 5 | CALF and Leasing | 1 |
| Alone | Dublin 7 | Calf and Leasing | 2 |
| Circle | Dublin 1 & 8 | CAS (Acquisitions) | 2 |
| Circle | Rathbourne (NAMA), Dublin 15 | NARPS/Lease | 36 |
| Clanmil | Dublin 4 (NAMA) | CALF and Leasing | 8 |
| Cluid | Dublin 1 | CALF & Leasing | 3 |
| Cluid | Dublin 6W | CAS (Acquisitions) | 1 |
| Cluid | Emerald Site Dublin 11 | CLSS | 19 |
| Cluid | Belmayne Final Phase (NAMA), Dublin 13 | NARPS/Lease | 46 |
| Co-operative Housing Ireland (formerly known as Nabco) | Calderwood (NAMA), Dublin 9 | NARPS/Lease | 13 |
| Dublin Simon | Francis Court, Dublin 8 | CALF & Leasing | 4 |
| Focus | Dublin 5 and 15 | CAS (Acquisitions) | 2 |
| Focus | Stanhope Green (Phase 5), Dublin 7 | Calf and Leasing | 12 |
| Focus | Stanhope Green Phase 3 and 4, Dublin 7 | CALF and Leasing | 14 |
| Fold | Ballygall Road Phase 1, Dublin 11 | Calf and Leasing | 8 |
| HAIL | Dublin 1 (Congregated Settings) | CALF and Leasing | 2 |
| HAIL | Dublin 8 | CAS (Acquisitions) | 1 |
| HAIL | Rathmines Court, Dublin 6 | CAS (Acquisitions) | 7 |
| HAIL | Clanbrassil St, Dublin 8 (NAMA) | CAS (Acquisitions) | 6 |
| Home Again | Dublin 6W | CAS (Acquisitions) | 4 |
| Peter McVerry Trust | Dun an Oir, Dublin 11 | CALF & Leasing | 12 |
| Peter McVerry Trust | Clare Lane, Dublin 2 | CALF and Leasing | 8 |
| Peter McVerry Trust | Dublin 1 (3 Units) & Dublin 7 (2 Units) | CAS (Acquisitions) | 5 |
| Peter McVerry Trust | Hogan Court | Private Finance | 10 |
| Peter McVerry Trust | Pim Street, Dublin 8 | Private Finance | 6 |

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| Sophia | Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1 | CAS (Construction) | 18 |
| Stepping Stone | Dublin 8 | CALF and Leasing | 1 |
| Stepping Stone | Viking Harbour, Dublin 8 | Calf and Leasing | 5 |
| Tuath | Hampton Wood, Dublin 11 | CALF & Leasing | 13 |
| Túath | An Riasc, Finglas, Dublin 11 | CALF & Leasing | 14 |

RAS & Private leasing

Up to the end of December RAS and leasing from private landlords had delivered 122 additional units for social housing. However in the same period 131 units were withdrawn from RAS by landlords exiting for various reasons. Dublin City Council still has 59 households under Notice to Quit from RAS Landlords by year end which is a reduction from the same period in 2014. This reduction was achieved through

- DCC targeted acquiring of 33 units to re-house households in this situation. These acquisition were funded by RAS Capital with the consent of the Department
 - Tuath housing acquired 25 units for RAS households and tenancies transferred
 - 5 units were acquired from bank appointed receivers allowing families to stay in place
 - The addition 26 of leased properties gave additional transfer options for RAS tenants
- A further 15 smaller units in Dublin 8 will become available in 2016 for RAS tenants

Maintenance and Energy Improvements

Voids Refurbishment

- 1026 void units were refurbished in 2015. 20 have been complete so far in 2016 with a further 169. currently being repaired. The current number of voids as a percentage of our housing stock represents just 0.78%.

Energy Improvements

- In 2015, we retrofitted 1624 units with an additional 61 units in progress as detailed in the table below at a total estimated cost of €3.7m:

| Year | Units Completed |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2015 | 1624 |
| Units in Progress | 61 |
| TOTAL | 1,685 |

Energy Improvements

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

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

Adaptations and Extensions

- A total of 180 adaptations were completed in 2015. There are currently 20 extensions being built and due for completion late in the 2nd quarter with a further 20 approved awaiting funding. 38 Bathroom adaptations are currently being carried out due for completion end of 1st quarter with a further 40 approved due for completion mid 2nd quarter.

Rents

Rent payments projection for 2016 €73.m

Projected Arrears: €21m

Housing Allocations 2015

New Ministerial Directive: Under Circular No. 31/2015 from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, dated the 12th August 2015, which applies from the **7 August 2015 to 31 January 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).

There were 1402 allocations in 2015 (1277 when Mortgage to rent and de-tenanting are excluded) with 610 of these allocated to homeless and vulnerable persons and families

Traveller Accommodation Unit

TAP 2014-2018

The Review of Traveller Accommodation in accordance with Circular 8/15 has commenced.

| TAP Reference | No of Units | Due Date | | Status 19/12/16 |
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| (8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair | 10 | ASAP | Remediation of Impaired Yards | 7/8 complete |
| (8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair | 10 | ASAP | Miscellaneous: Kitchen Replacement | Complete |
| | | | Replacement of most impaired kitchens over 2015/6. 4 replaced. | |
| (8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair | 1 | N/A | Speed Ramp- Kylemore | Review in 2016 |
| | | | Engineer recommended a ramp at the entrance to Labre only - KG not a priority. Already a ramp at entrance to Labre. | |
| (8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair | | Jul-15 | Repainting of Bays | Complete* |
| 8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair | | | Attic Insulation of all Traveller-specific Group Housing | Complete |
| 8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair | | | Distribution of Fire Blankets to all tenants | Complete |
| 8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair | 2 | | Bathroom Special Needs Adaptations 2 wet rooms Avila & Labre | Complete |
| (8.4) Roads & Footpaths Improvement | N/A | Nov-15 | Road Improvement Avila | In progress |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 2 | 2014 | 2 House Acquisitions - Finglas | Complete |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 3 | 2014 | Labre Park: Rebuilding of 3 Fire Damaged houses in Kylemore Grove (Phase 1) | In Progress |
| | | | Delay due to unauthorised occupation. Caravan moved off the construction site 19/01/16, Contracts to be signed once site cleared. Funding in place. | |
| (8.12) Emergency Facilities | 8 | 2014 | Labre Park Emergency Facilities for families living on the site without sanitary facilities: | Complete |
| (8.12) Emergency Facilities | 20 | 2015/6 | Refurbishment of Sanitary Facilities 9 units in Labre complete Tender for Cara Park units by end Q1 | In Progress |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 2 | 2014 | Bridgeview | Complete |

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| | | | 2 houses refurbished & tenanted. | |
| (8.14) Electrical Supply | 30 | 2014 | St. Margaret's Park Electrical Infrastructure upgrade | Complete |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 15 | 2014 | Redevelopment of St. Dominic's Park | In Progress |
| | | | Site occupied without authorisation by c. 20 families. Emergency works to make the site safer. Feasibility for services by end Q1. | |
| (8.3) Community Facilities | 1 | 2014 | Remediation of Pyrite-damaged - Avila Park Community Centre | On Hold |
| | | | Pending submission by local representative. | |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 2 | 2015 | Cara Park: Special Needs Adaptations | In Progress |
| | | | Works in progress at both sites. Completion dates January and February respectively. | |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 2 | 2015 | Cara Park: Overcrowding extensions | On Hold - No funding Approval |
| | | | Drawings completed & submitted to DECLG. No funding approval in place for this scheme. | |
| (8.14) Electrical Supply | 15 | 2015 | Electrical Upgrade - St. Oliver's Park | In Progress |
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| (8.14) Electrical Supply | 14 | 2015 | Electrical Upgrade - St. Joseph's Park | Not Started |
| (8.3) Community Facilities | 1 | 2015 | St. Joseph's Park - Community Centre refurbishment | Not Started |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 5 | 2015 | Grove Lane - Refurbishment of 5 derelict houses & redevelop the site | Not Started |
| | | | Application for funding submitted to DECLG | |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 1 | N/A | Special Needs Adaptation - Avila Park Funding approval in place | Complete |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 3 | 2015 | Bridgeview /Northern Close/ Avila Park Rebuild of Single Houses | In progress |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 30 | 2015 | St. Margaret's Park Day-house upgrade | On hold |
| | | | Pilot Scheme to trial 2 units | |
| | | | Funding application submitted to DECLG for approval. Resubmit for TAP 2016 allocation | |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 5 | 2015 | Grand Canal Harbour – Drainage works | Completed |

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| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 15 | 2016 | St. Oliver's Park Day-house upgrade | Not Started |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 10 | 2016 | Tara Lawns - Redevelopment of the site | In Progress |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 14 | 2016 | St. Joseph's Park Day-house upgrade | Complete |
| | 3 | 2015 | Long-term void refurbished. 2 bays were upgraded. | |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 6 | 2016 | Pigeon House Road - Redevelopment of site | Not Started |
| (6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need | 24 | 2018 | Labre Park: Re-development (Phase 2) | In Progress |
| | | | Clúid completed a feasibility study for the re-development of the existing site. Submission of plan to DECLG for consideration. | |
| Fire Safety Review: | | | DCC waiting on confirmation of meeting date with DECLG - advised will be Jan Emergency funding sought to relieve overcrowding in Labre Park. Indicative approval received from DECLG | In Progress |

Traveller Allocations:

- All Traveller Priority cases will be reviewed in Q1
- Review of waiting lists in each area to ensure targets are met.

Dublin Region Homeless Update

1. Tenancies achieved in the Dublin region in relation to homeless households exiting from homelessness.

Table 1: Total number adult individuals moving out of emergency accommodation to tenancies in 2015 in the Dublin Region

| | Number of individuals moved from emergency accommodation to tenancy |
|-------------------|--|
| Q1 2015 | 236 |
| Q2 2015 | 243 |
| Q3 2015 | 260 |
| Q4 2015 | 320 |
| 2015 TOTAL | 1,059 |

Table 2: Total number of adults departing emergency accommodation to tenancy by tenancy type in 2015 in the Dublin Region

| Type of Tenancy | Total number of adult individuals moved to tenancy in 2015 | | |
|---|--|-----|----------------|
| Local Authority Lettings | 485 | 825 | Social Housing |
| Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) Lettings | 229 | | |
| LTS (long-term supported accommodation) | 111 | | |
| Private Rented | 137 | 234 | Private Rented |
| Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) | 97 | | |
| Total | 1059 | | |

2. Capacity report re emergency accommodation for Christmas / New Year period

- The number of adults and children being accommodated in the Dublin region increased from 2,395 on the last day of 2014 to 3,617 on December 31st, 2015. This is an increase of 1,222 beds introduced in the region (or an additional 51%) compared with last year.
- While much of the additional capacity was for families, prior to the Christmas period there were a number of new beds introduced to target adults without children and those engaged in rough sleeping.
- Over the Christmas and New Year period there was sufficient capacity to accommodate all individuals who needed access to emergency accommodation.
- There was little excess capacity was evident after January 4th 2016.
- The number of families accessing emergency accommodation fell during the Christmas period but has increased in line with seasonal trends in January 2016.
- Despite the dramatic increase in beds introduced in the region, levels of engagement with the Free-phone were maintained at last year's level by ensuring regularised access to emergency accommodation for the majority of service users.

**Planning & Property,
Development Department
Monthly Management Report
February 2016**



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

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 |
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| 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 |
| 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 1,500 submissions (approx) received Chief Executive's Report on submissions being prepared. | <p>Chief Executive's report on public consultation will be circulated to Councillors by 11th March, 2016.</p> <p>Information sessions to be held during March 2016 for Councillors.</p> <p>Report on motions circulated to Councillors mid-May and special Council meeting end of May/ early June.</p> |
| Local Area Plans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Meeting of City Council held on 23rd November. Resolution deferred to Council Meeting of 7th December, 2015. LAP not approved, Special Meeting on LAP held on 17th December 2015. LAP further considered at City Council Meeting on 11th January 2016. | <p>Phibsborough LAP options considered at January 2016 Council Meeting.</p> <p>Draft to be used as basis of Local Environmental Improvement Plan and guidance as Draft Development Plan</p> |
| | <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 to be presented to March Area Committee Meeting. |
| Architectural Conservation Areas(ACAs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phibsborough Centre and Great Western Way & Environs | Approved by City Council. Implementation ongoing. |
| O'Connell Street Area of Special Planning Control | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display of Draft Scheme commenced October, 20th 2015 for 8 weeks finished 16th December. Assistant Chief Executive's report prepared for January meeting of the City Council. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheme approved and adopted at Meeting of City Council on 11th January 2016. |
| Record Protected Structures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of buildings added under review Review of NIAH recommendations also taking place | Ongoing |
| Unfinished Housing Development Initiative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence with DoECLG, Stakeholders and NAMA regarding possible remedial works, pilot projects or the initiation of good practice examples on Dublin's designated unfinished development sites. | Ongoing. |

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| 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) On land immediately available for housing and ii) Discussion on the potential of infrastructure constraints • Joint Housing co-ordination Strategy Brief agreed. Consultants appointed in September • Schedule of Active sites prepared for each LA Key Developers in process of being contacted. | <p>Work ongoing . Compile 4th Quarter data by end of January .</p> <p>Housing Strategy , consultants to complete work within three months.</p> <p>Survey of residential prices in 4 local authorities to be carried out.</p> |
| 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 | <p>Report to January City Council Meeting: Oscar Traynor agreed with amendments. Further reports on O'Devany Gardens, St. Michael's Estate, Belcamp to be prepared.</p> |
| Vacant lands Study | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant land study completed was presented to SPC in March, 2015 • 2 separate working groups have been established: Housing Land Initiative re: Vacant Land & Revolving Fund re: Vacant Buildings | <p>Vacant land levy included in Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 - ongoing</p> <p>Regeneration Areas to be included in the Draft Development Plan.</p> |
| Docklands SDZ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme published October 2014 • Planning permission granted for Blocks 7, 14, 17 and part of Blocks 2,8, 10 and 15. • Ongoing pre-app consultations on a number city blocks. • Planning applications lodged on a number of sites. • Planning applications submitted for 180,000 m² commercial and 572 residential units to date. • Public Realm Plan being drawn up. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport study, including E-Link Bridge, being developed • Landscape scheme prepared for Chocolate Park. • Permission granted on Blocks 5, 10 and 15. • Planning applications lodged on Blocks 8 and 11. |
| South Georgian Core Study | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First stage Report Complete: Consultants currently engaged in testing Design solutions | <p>Q 1 , 2016</p> |
| Dubline | <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> |
| Dublin Wayfinding Scheme | <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 being finalised for manufacture/supply of wayfinding structures. To be advertised on etenders January 2016. |
| Coca Cola Zero dublinbikes | <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.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> |

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| Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment 1– painting and electrical complete. • Procurement for Car Park and Multi Use Games Area (M.U.G.A.) tender for design has issued. • Design Detail for Redevelopment of Markets building being done in house with elements to be procured. | <p>Complete</p> <p>Procurement process will continue in tandem with design elements being undertaken by DCC. Ongoing maintenance programme.</p> |
| Public Realm Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Centre Master Plan analysis complete draft study presentation to Planning & International Relations SPC and Sub Group of o f Transport and Traffic SPC. • Study identifies projects and policy to be implemented over short, medium and long term timeframe currently being proofed against capital projects programme. • These recommendations once agreed will form the Dublin City Public Realm Plan 2015. • The Group continued to review projects and input into corporate submissions on major infrastructure projects and City proposals. | <p>Master Plan being finalised and last round of consultations will carry through to January.</p> |
| North East Inner City Action Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief and Initial Actions agreed • Initiative for Start ups targeted with support of LEO unfortunately not sufficient take up to proceed. • Dual approach with Green Schools Officer and community section working closely with schools on environmental initiatives. • Contracts have been initiated with Business Groups, Gardai and Agencies working in the project area to inform actions, improve public realm and thereby safety in the area. • Operation spire is successful and ongoing, a number of sites which were facilitating antisocial behaviour have been cleared, actions re greening, lighting levels and removal of abandoned bikes are being investigated. • The group will meet every month to six weeks for now. | <p>Actions ongoing throughout the year.</p> |
| Section 48 Financial Contributions - Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of existing scheme completed & Draft new scheme prepared for 2016-2020 • Public display held on submissions considered and report made to December City Council meeting. • Elected members adopted the scheme at December City Council meeting. • Dept of the Environment , Community and Local Government Section 48 Contribution Rebate Scheme announced December, 2015. | <p>New scheme in place 1st January, 2016</p> <p>Development Contribution Rebate Scheme now in place 1/1/16 to 31/12/ 17</p> |
| Living City Initiative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Tax incentive scheme launched 5th May, 2015. • 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. | <p>Ongoing for the next five years. Consultants to advise of “Tax incentive packages”</p> <p>14 applications received to date</p> <p>1 Certificate of completion received. It is intended to hold a workshop on the initiatives at the end of January, 2016 and report to the SPC.</p> |

Planning Enforcement

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | % Change Q1-Q4, 2014 |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|----------------------|
| No. of new complaints opened | 245 | 233 | 279 | 218 | 975 | +4% |
| No. of S152 Warning Letters issued | 242 | 221 | 249 | 192 | 904 | -2% |
| No. of S154 Enforcement Notices issued | 23 | 32 | 51 | 26 | 132 | -7% |
| No. of S157 referrals to District Court | 12 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 22 | -12% |
| No. of files closed/resolved | 189 | 199 | 270 | 180 | 838 | +15% |

| | |
|---|------|
| Total number active planning enforcement files at 31/12/2015 | 2039 |
| % Change on 2014 (at 31/12/2014) | -8% |

Building Control

| | Q1 2015 | Q2 2015 | Q3 2015 | Q4 2015 | % Change Q1-Q4, 2014 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority (National Service Indicator P5) | 43% | 37% | 20% | 72% | +25% |

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | % Change Q1-Q4, 2014 |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----------------------|
| No. multiple dwellings commenced | 103 | 249 | 405 | 51 | +210% |
| No. single dwellings commenced | 11 | 33 | 36 | 26 | -36% |
| Total dwellings commenced | 114 | 282 | 441 | 77 | +114% |

Disability Access Certs

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Valid Applications | 68 | 96 | 120 | 87 | 371 |
| Certificates issued within 2 months | 63 | 60 | 81 | 90 | 294 |
| Info requested | 22 | 27 | 47 | 23 | 119 |

Derelict Sites Section

Statutory Notices Served

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | % Change Q1-Q4 2014 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Section 10 (warning letters) | 63 | 51 | 62 | 69 | +4 |
| Section 8 (2) Notices (Intention to enter on Register) | 6 | 14 | 4 | 5 | -27% |
| Section 8 (7) Notices (Entry on Register) | 2 | 14 | 5 | - | -28% |
| Section 11 Notices (List of required works) | 2 | 5 | - | - | -42% |
| Sites removed from Register | 11 | 1 | 4 | 3 | +58% |
| Number of sites inspected | 232 | 242 | 133 | 137 | +11% |

Derelict Sites Register Activity

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Number of sites on Derelict Sites Register- 31/12/2015 | 54 |
| Number of charges registered to date – 31/12/2015 | 36 |

Property Management

Revenue & Receipts

| Revenue Raised | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Jan - Mar | Apr - June | July - Sept | Oct - Dec | Total |
| Year 2015 | €1,583,448.42 | €1,277,327.13 | €1,669,226.89 | €1,313,455.45 | €5,843,457.89 |
| Year 2014 | €1,592,840.72 | €1,165,090.30 | 1,599,101.06 | €1,252,170.47 | €5,609,202.55 |

| Income Received | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Jan - Mar | Apr - Jun | July - Sept | Oct - Dec | Total |
| Year 2015 | €1,214,036.49 | €3,063,205.33 | €1,315,043.12 | €1,732,985.48 | €7,325,270.42 |
| Year 2014 | €1,211,585.86 | €1,327,821.44 | €1,255,839.59 | €992,005.55 | €4,787,252.44 |

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

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| No. of New invoices issued from Jan '15 | 124 | 145 | 142 | 101 | 512 |
| Total value of invoices issued | €5,486,040.11 | €6,456,780.17 | €7,547,636.99 | €3,646,275.74 | €23,136,733.01 |
| No. of payments made | 365 | 375 | 320 | 284 | 1344 |
| Total payments received | €3,445,536.37 | €5,016,482.90 | €3,383,622.40 | €6,689,553.63 | €18,535,295.30 |

Collection of outstanding

Development Contributions (utilising enforcement tools)

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|---|----|----|----|----|-------|
| No. of Inspections | 96 | 32 | 41 | 0 | 169 |
| No. of Section 152 Warning letters issued | 25 | 17 | 11 | 0 | 53 |
| No of Section 154 Enforcement Notices issued | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. of Section 157 referrals to District Court | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Planning Application Fees

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | % Change Q1-Q4, 2014 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| Total income from fees | €463,211.08 | €774,428.09 | €784,471.50 | €761,835.44 | €2,783,946.11 | 89.98% |
| Total refunds issued | €87,027.65 | €50,791.90 | €88,119.89 | €52,707.86 | €278,647.30 | 48.08% |
| Net fee income | €376,183.43 | €723,636.19 | €696,351.61 | €709,127.58 | €2,505,298.81 | 96.04% |



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DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

There are currently 574 groups registered with the Public Participation Network (PPN)

The provision of community representatives onto Local Authority committees is one of the key functions of the PPN. The first phase, providing representatives to the SPCs, has been completed with six representatives elected to five SPCs.

The PPN is now running elections to provide elected representatives on to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). Six representatives are required: three from the Community and Voluntary pillar; two from the Social Inclusion pillar; and one from the Environmental pillar. The election took place on Monday 25th January in the Wood Quay Venue.

Following the election a linkage group will be formed for the LCDC, and the role of this group is to ensure that those elected on behalf of the PPN represent all the members' views and not just their organisations'. The secretariat are also exploring how best to run these linkage groups with a view to attracting more members from the PPN. They are also working on a new PPN logo for Dublin City which is due to be completed by the end of February.

The Secretariat is currently drawing up a plan for events with a view to providing information sessions and training opportunities for all groups.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Richmond Barracks – Construction of the Richmond Barracks Project which will house exhibition, educational, heritage and community spaces is currently underway and it is anticipated that the programme will take approximately 20 weeks to complete. Anticipated hand over is the 15th April 2016.

The 77 women held there during 1916 will be commemorated on March 8th 2016 International Women's Day. This event is scheduled to take place in the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Kilmainham.

The official opening is scheduled for May 2nd 2016, the centenary of the Courts Martial held there in 1916.

Work is being progressed to look at innovative ways in which the project might be managed in a sustainable way into the future.

DUBLIN CITY LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

The LCDC met regularly during 2015 and worked primarily on the Social Inclusion Activation Programme (SICAP) and developing. The Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan. (LECP)

SOCIAL INCLUSION ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)

The end of year review together with the Plans for 2016 are due to be presented to The Committee at its meeting on 28th January 2016.

The SICAP budget for 2016 is €5,367,155 divided over the Lots as follows:

| Lot | Lot Name | Budget 2016 |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 2-1 | Ballyfermot & Chapelizod | € 538,815 |
| 2-2 | Ballymun, Whitehall & Tolka | €1,530,109 |
| 2-3 | Northside Canal | €1,119,336 |
| 2-4 | Rathmines and Pembroke | €1,331,543 |
| 2-5 | Inner City | € 847,352 |

DUBLIN CITY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)

The 6 year Plan together with an Action Plan for 2016 was approved by the City Council at the meeting on 7th December.

The plan is currently being prepared for printing and will be available shortly.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Integration

The new Dublin City Integration Strategy is being finalised and will be ready for publication in early February. Many new initiatives are being planned as part of the 5 year action plan, sharing resources with other internal and external partners.

Work is ongoing on three new Dublin City Integration initiatives, which are fully funded as part of the EU Welcome Policies Integration Project, while tying in with many of the objectives of the new Strategy for the city.

Social Inclusion

Plans are well underway for the first Dublin City Good Citizen Awards, with calls for nominations, under 9 categories, opening in early February. The awards ceremony will place during Social Inclusion Week, on 17th May, in the Mansion House.

Children's Services

The first meeting of the new Comhairle na nÓg took place on 4th January. The topic for work this year is "Education", however, much of the work of 2016 will be in partnership with our Parks (Biodiversity) and Smart Cities Sections.

Age Friendly Strategy

10,000 copies of the Dublin Age Friendly City 2016 Calendar were printed and circulated around the city. They were developed to raise awareness of the programme and to portray a more positive image of older people in the city.

An end of year report was prepared and circulated around the organisation. This documented the Age Friendly related work carried out across all DCC Departments during 2015.

The first meeting of the Age Friendly City Alliance since a new independent chair took over was held on 13th January. Opportunities for multi-agency collaboration work in relation to services for older people were discussed, with new partnerships and initiatives to follow.

DUBLIN CITY SPORT AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

On Monday 11 January 2016 the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership had its second board meeting. Work has begun on the Partnership Statement of Strategy which will include internal and external consultation and is scheduled to be completed later in year.

PARKS AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES



Biodiversity Action Plan

The City Biodiversity Action Plan (2015-2020) consultation was completed in December 2015 and the final plan was agreed at the January meeting of the SPC and is now in print. An official launch of the Plan will take place in Q1.

Invasive Alien Species Action Plan

The Draft City Invasive Alien Species Action Plan was completed in Q4, 2015 and is now out for public consultation having been noted at the January meeting of the SPC.

Play Development



The annual play development programme is currently being developed by the Play Development Officer. The focus for 2016 is the delivery of events and projects that will strengthen alignment of the Dublin City Play Plan with national and international strategies including - Better Outcomes Brighter Futures (2014 – 2020), UNCRC Article 31; the child's right to play and UNCRC General Comment

17. An evaluation of all outcomes from the programme will be carried out in order to inform the review of the current Play Plan, due to commence in 2017.

DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE

Proposed New City Library, Parnell Square

Project Stage 2(a) Sketch Design

Presentation of the Stage 2(a) Sketch Design Report is expected by the end of January.

Project Stage 2(a) Investigation and Survey

A contract for investigative works has been tendered. Laser scans of the buildings are currently underway.

COMMEMORATIONS

DCC 1916 Rising Centenary Programme

Ardmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh launched the Dublin City Council 1916/2016 Centenary Programme in Dublin City Library and Archive on 13th January 2016 with Minister Aodhán Ó Riordáin and John Concannon (Director, Ireland 2016) in attendance. The specially commissioned, multi-media and bi-lingual exhibition 'Citizens in Conflict: Dublin 1916' was launched at the same time and will be on view in Dublin City Library and Archive until 27th June 2016.

The 1916/2016 Centenary Programme contains over **300** events and activities to commemorate the 1916 Rising, taking place in Dublin City Council public libraries, the Arts Office, Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane and the Heritage Office. Printed copies of the programme are now available in city libraries, area offices, tourist offices and other locations around the city.

A PDF version can be downloaded at www.dublincity.ie/decadeofcommemorations

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 since system going live on 23rd June:

- Transactions - 5,969,556
 - Loans – 2,274,403
 - Returns – 2,258,359
 - Renewals – 1,231,049
- Reserves placed and satisfied – 205,386
- Registrations – 44,627 new patrons

Phase 2 of the project is now underway and a further eleven library services joining the system by the end of June 2016.

DUBLIN UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE

The programme for Dublin: One City One Book will be launched by an t-Ard Mheara on the morning of Wednesday 9th March. As part of the 2016 Commemorations Programme it will be Two Cities One Book in a partnership with Belfast as readers in both cities engage with *Fallen* by Lia Mills. Over 70 events will animate both cities in the month of April.

Full details on www.dublinonecityonebook.ie after 9th March.

RECREATION CENTRES REPORT

Management Change

There has been a change in management in the Recreation Service this month. Trevor Higgins will be appointed into the role of Manager of the Recreation Centres.

Strategy

The aim is to continue to provide a high quality, good value service.

A number of new financial and expenditure controls will be put in place by end of February.

Beginning mid February, steps to be put in place to identify issues such as energy use, e.g. by costing the replacement of older light fitting with new and more efficient light fitting such as L.E.D. fittings where possible.

Ongoing activities

Over the December period and including Christmas, the 13 centres in the Recreation Service have been extremely busy with activities, both in and out of the centres and were involved in numerous events and activities.

Below is brief sample of the activities across the centres



Visits from Santa



Santa in the Pearse Area Recreation Centre



Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner in Donore



Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner in East Wall

ARTS OFFICE

As part of the continuing implementation of the Arts Plan (2013-2018) The Arts Office have identified the following areas of priority in 2016

Arts in Local Areas.

Guided by the vision that quality arts experiences should extend to all City areas and neighbourhoods, the Arts Office is consulting with all Area Offices to begin to develop larger scale projects that leave legacy and develop the reputation of neighbourhoods as cultural destinations.

The Arts Office will be guided in this work by the Local Area Cultural Audits proposed under the new Cultural Strategy.

The newly developed Docklands Arts Fund developed by Business to Arts, The Docklands Authority and the City Arts Office is a clear demonstration of this strategic approach.

PARTNERSHIP WITH ARTS ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES

Partnership with Arts Organisations is a key component of the delivery of the Arts Plan. Dublin City Arts Office seeks to maintain, develop and grow short, medium and long term partnerships, provided that they add value, grow new resources and are opportunities for learning and shared experience.

The City Arts Office is joining with all other Arts Offices in the newly proposed partnership between the Arts Council and Local Authority Arts Offices.

The Arts Office also sees the importance of international collaboration particularly with Europe and the necessity of these partnerships in the eligibility criteria for European Funding.

ARTS EDUCATION AND LEARNING

All actions of the Arts Office have within them opportunities for education and learning.

The City Arts Office with the support of the SPC set forward proposals for the development of an Arts in Education Policy. A major stakeholder meeting was convened at the Lab of those interested in the development of policy in this important area of arts development and attendees from the Department of Education and Science met with Arts Organisations and Educators at Third Level to discuss the main components of a new policy for consideration by Dublin City Council.

The draft for consideration by City Council is scheduled before June 2016.

Supporting Artists through Advocacy and increased resources.

The City Arts Office continues to support artists in the delivery of quality arts experience that contributes to Dublin's cultural life and its reputation as a modern vibrant city rich in art and heritage. These supports occur across all parts of the Arts Office Plan and include direct funding, bursaries, advice clinics, vacant space provision, rehearsal space and the Lab Gallery at Foley Street, and Festivals among many other initiatives.

The Arts Office acknowledges that even in times of economic success that artists earnings were below average even for those of acknowledged ability and reputation.

This has highlighted the Arts Office role as an advocate for the artists but also as a an advocate for the relevancy of the Arts to the quality of City life.

Finally it is only by developing the ability to increase and secure resources that the Arts in general will thrive and become part of all other parts of City development whether economic social or personal. The City Arts Office has committed itself to increasing the resources available to the Arts in Dublin and to investigate new areas of support internationally and through corporate donation and sponsorship mindful that public monies can often be matched by private. The research required to highlight the unique role of Culture in Dublin's Artistic reputation in the economic tourism and community life of the City outlined in the City's new Cultural Strategy is particularly welcome in this regard.

PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND DESIGN PROGRAMME 2016



New Park Infrastructure

| Location | Description | Status |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Croppies Acre | New Public Park | Opening in February |
| Herbert Park | New tearoom; Bowling Clubhouse; Tennis courts | Opening in February |
| Weaver Park | New Public Park | Construction to commence Q2 |
| Peace Garden, Christchurch | Park re-design, | Construction to commence Q4 |
| '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. |
| Bull Island | Phase 1 of car parking a 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 February |
| Willie Pearse Park | Changing Rooms/Boxing Club pavilion; playground | Official Opening February |
| Le Fanu Park | Skatepark/playground | Planning in progress with IAF. |
| Poppintree Park | New Changing Rooms Pavilion | 2016 |
| Glendale, Kilbarrack | New All-weather pitch | 2016 |
| Springdale, Edenmore. | New Changing Rooms Pavilion | 2016 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|------|
| Tolka Valley, Finglas. | New Changing Rooms Pavilion | 2016 |
| Trinity Leisure Centre, Belmayne | New All-weather pitch | 2016 |
| St Annes Park | New All-weather pitch | 2016 |
| Rockfield Park, | Re-surfacing of tennis courts/training area | 2016 |
| Outdoor Gyms | | 2016 |
| Sports field drainage | | 2016 |

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 January |
| St Annes Park | Conservation works on follies; on-going re-development of Red Stables and Sealawn Lodge; design of new toilets at playground | 2016 |
| 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 Patricks Park | Prepare Conservation Plan | Consultants in place. |

PLAYGROUND RENEWAL

| Location | Description | |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Willie Pearse Park | New Playground | |
| Cherry Orchard | Replace surface of playground | |
| Herbert Park | Enhance playgrounds at depot and Pembroke cottages. | |
| Mount Bernard Park | Additional Play Equipment | |
| Darndale | Additional Play Equipment | |
| Ring St, Inchicore | Up-grade | |
| Bluebell | Additional Play Equipment | |
| Ranelagh Gardens | New Playground | |

Status updates will be provided in future reports for all projects as they commence and progress.

Sports Capital Projects

| Project | Description | Status |
|--|---|--|
| Finglas Sports and Fitness Centre | Upgrade of 6 Astro Turf Pitches | Works completed and pitches re-opened. |
| Sport and Fitness, Markievicz | Refurbishment of changing facilities. | Works are ongoing. |
| Ballybough Community Youth and Sport Centre | Extension for new gym | Works completed and new gym open to the public. |
| East Wall Recreation centre | Upgrade hard surface play area to astro turf all weather. | Works due to start 25 th January 2016 |
| St. Catherines Community Sports centre, Marrowbone Lane. | Upgrade gym and gym equipment. | Works complete and new equipment installed. |

Sports and Recreation Centres

| Project | Description | Status |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| East Wall Astro Turf Russell Avenue Play Centre | Resurfacing of All Weather Pitch (Small) | Scheduled completion – End of January |

RECORD OF DISPOSALS WHICH ARE SOLD BY TEMPLE BAR CULTURAL TRUST

Please advise that there are no disposals listed for the month of January 2016.

| Ref No | Request Details | Name(s) | Requester Type | Date Opened | Date Closed |
|---------------|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| FOI/4504/2015 | seeks records on allocation of dwellings | Ian Kelly | Client | 22/12/2015 | |
| FOI/4501/2015 | Correspondence re. lighting up of Spire for Disney Star Wars Movie | Colin Coyle | Press | 22/12/2015 | |
| FOI/4500/2015 | Reports re. renting or purchasing of private developments (City Architects Division) | Lois Kapila | Press | 22/12/2015 | 12/01/2016 |
| FOI/4499/2015 | Illumination of Spire for Star Wars movie premiere | Sean McCarthaigh | Press | 21/12/2015 | |
| FOI/4498/2015 | seeks records on trip to UK regarding Lord Mayor's show | Ken Foxe | Press | 18/12/2015 | |
| FOI/4497/2015 | Correspondence re. Conor McGregor | Colin Coyle | Press | 16/12/2015 | |
| FOI/4496/2015 | All correspondence re. VEC sports grounds from CDETB to DCC | Gregory Craig | Client | 15/12/2015 | 18/01/2016 |
| FOI/4495/2015 | Possible bid for Tall Ships for 2019 | Martin Grant | Press | 15/12/2015 | |
| FOI/4494/2015 | Erection of Satellite Dish | Sinead Reilly | Client | 15/12/2015 | 16/12/2015 |
| FOI/4493/2015 | Complaints Trinity Hall | James Kenny | Client | 15/12/2015 | 21/12/2015 |
| FOI/4491/2015 | Crosscare unpublished report | Joe O'Brien | Client | 15/12/2015 | |
| FOI/4490/2015 | Planning submission Smurfit Kappa Building | Laura Finn | Client | 15/12/2015 | 12/01/2016 |
| FOI/4488/2015 | boundaries for Social Housing | Sam Tranum | Client | 14/12/2015 | 06/01/2016 |
| FOI/4487/2015 | Quotations for landscap works | Joe Moran | Client | 14/12/2015 | 14/12/2015 |
| FOI/4486/2015 | Grass Verge Maintenance 2013-2016 | Gregg Fanning | Client | 08/12/2015 | 16/12/2015 |
| FOI/4485/2015 | landscape maintenance contracts 2013-2016 | Gregg Fanning | Client | 08/12/2015 | 16/12/2015 |
| FOI/4484/2015 | Damaged parking metres since jan 2013 | Laura Larkin | Press | 08/12/2015 | 23/12/2015 |
| FOI/4482/2015 | seeks records re grants/awards made by council | Jason Lee | Client | 03/12/2015 | |
| FOI/4480/2015 | Records on Fill Materials at Testing Sites | Maples and Calder | Solicitor | 02/12/2015 | 06/01/2016 |
| FOI/4478/2015 | Report of recent site visit to rear of 74 Eglinton Road | Marcella Hannon | Client | 01/12/2015 | 16/12/2015 |
| FOI/4477/2015 | Tenant Purchase Scheme queries | Lois Kapila | Press | 01/12/2015 | 11/12/2015 |

This table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests received in December 2015.

The overall position from 01/01/2015 is outlined below.

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Carried forward from 2014 | 16 |
| Total opened at 31/12/2015 | 472 |
| | 488 |
| Total Opened in December | 29 |
| Total Closed to 31/12/2015 | 458 |
| Total Closed in December | 60 |
| Live cases | 30 |

Human Resources Department

Workforce Numbers

The total number of employees at 31st December 2015 was 5624 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of worksharing arrangements) was 5,308.

The total workforce number of 5,624 represents a reduction of 23.4 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 27.5 per cent. Numbers in operational grades have reduced by 23.7 per cent and in firefighter operational grades by 14.0 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 60 Jobbridge Interns have been placed in Dublin City Council. A further 17 interns have been placed in Arts Organisations, facilitated by DCC.

As at 18th January 2016, there are 3 Job Bridge interns placed in DCC, and a further 3 interns are placed in the Arts Sector, facilitated through the City Arts Office.

(ii) Gateway

As at 18th January 2016, 114 people are engaged by the City Council under the Gateway Scheme.

Five participants will commence placement with the Council on 25th January 2016.

A DCC/DSP Group Information Session followed by interviews for interested candidates will be held on 21st January 2016.