



Monthly Management Report – 11th January 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 January 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 January City Council Agenda.

Environment & Transportation Department

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Housing & Residential Services

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Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development

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Corporate Services Department

Freedom of Information

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Human Resources Department

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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,
18th December 2015

Report on Capital Projects December 2015

Road Design and Construction Division

Projects at Construction Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Contractor	Start Date	Finish date	Comment
1	Swords QBC (Cat and Cage) widening works	NTA	KN Network Services	Nov 2014	July 2015	Works completed and opened to traffic on 22 nd July 2015. Tree planting to be carried out in St Patrick College grounds as part of agreed accommodation works in Jan 2016.
2	Grafton Street Area (Wicklow St, Johnson's Court)	DCC	Actavo	April 2015	Sept. 2015	Works substantially completed. Snagging and sealing of surface to be completed
3	Kilmainham Civic Space (main contract)	DCC ,NTA (€1m)	Siac	April 2015	Jan 2016	Works substantially completed with snagging works to be completed in Jan 2016.
4	Beaver Row Footbridge	DCC	Clonmel Enterprises	April 2015	Oct. 2015	Refurbishment completed and bridge reopened on 13 th October 2015. Some additional repair works carried out in December on leaning river wall near bridge location.
5	Dubline	DCC (SCAO)	Actavo	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Foundations completed at all 12 sites and eleven signs erected.

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comment
1	Blackhorse Avenue (Section 2)	DCC	DCC	Archaeological Assessment of Poor Man's well completed. Tree felling completed in early September. Expect to invite tenders in Dec 2015. Note contract will be used to set up Framework Agreement for Road works Contracts over €0.5m
2	Forbes Street Bridge Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridge	NAMA / DCC	Consultant	Assessment of tender submissions has been completed, Flint & Neil – RPS JV have been appointed. Consultant finalising Bridge Location Report and Bridge Option Report in December 2015.
3	Thomas Street Environs Pedestrian improvement scheme	DCC	DCC	Preparation of tender drawings and contract documents for improvements to Crane Street, Sugar House Lane, Rainsford Street and School Street. Documents to be finalised by March 2016.
4	Butt Br. and Matt Talbot Memorial Br Special Inspection	DCC	Consultant	Four tender submissions received from 1) Arup, 2) Aecom, 3)Roughan & O Donovan and 4) Atkins. Tender assessment completed and insurance details of winning tender being checked prior to their appointment.
5	East Link Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities Feasibility Study	DCC	Consultant	Tender brief being prepared to appoint consultant to prepare Feasibility Study on improving Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities at East Link Bridge crossing
6	Dodder Bridge Options and Preliminary Design	NTA / DCC	Consultant	Preparation of tender brief for appointment of design consultant to be prepared
7	Crumlin Village Improvements	DCC	DCC	Preliminary Design prepared for improvements to Crumlin Village in vicinity of Garda Station

PROJECTS TRAFFIC DIVISION

Dollymount Promenade S to S section

Construction Period: 18 months

Budget: € 6.7m

Contractor KN Networks on site and work proceeding

Project Description:

- repairing and raising the existing wall
 - Supply Scheme Phase 3 - 2km of a 630mm watermain
 - 1.9km of segregated two-way cycle track, new footpaths and carriageway resurfacing
- Flood defence -
North City Water
S2S cycle scheme -

Anticipated completion: end 2016

Newcomen Bridge Widening scheme for Cycle provision commencing January 2016.

Projects at Part VIII stage

1. Removal of Point Roundabout
 - a. Part VIII in progress, public consultation complete and going to City Council in January.
2. Fairview to City Centre cycle Scheme
 - a. Part VIII in progress
3. Royal Canal Cycle Way
 - a. Part VIII now granted at December 2015 meeting, and project now moving to detailed design.
4. Newcomen Bridge
 - a. Widening for cycle and Pedestrian facilities. Part VIII already granted.
 - b. Detailed design complete and tenders for construction due back in December 2015 with works to commence in 2016.

Environmental Capital (Waste) Projects Report December 2015

Waste to Energy Project

Construction:

Construction remains on schedule for completion in Q3 2017.

There are currently approximately 390 employees on site at any point in time.

PM Group Limited, the civil designer and construction manager have reported that design and procurement activities for the civil related aspect of the facility are now 98% complete.

The main focus of PMG and their subcontractors are:

- the installation of structural steel for the enclosure over the tipping hall area and the administration building,
- works associated with the facility cooling water system,
- concrete works associated with the district heating and product storage areas of the building footprint.

Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI), the process systems designer have reported that they are 86% complete in the efforts focused on completing Process & Instrumentation Diagram's, equipment specifications and procurement of equipment.

The main focus of HZI and their subcontractors activities are:

- erection of structural steel for both lines of the boiler and the turbine hall,
- installation of the process equipment,

Environmental Impact

Environmental monitoring and mitigation measures continued to be implemented during the Construction phase of the DWtE facility. The construction phase environmental report for quarter 3 (July to September) 2015 and the Ecological Monitoring report for winter 2014/2015 were published in September. The reports demonstrate that the project is being constructed in compliance with all environmental requirements.

Ballymun Boilerhouse Repurpose Project

Partnership Agreement and Grant Agreement have been signed. A representative from the EU arrived on the 17th and 18th November 2015 on a Monitoring Mission and reported that he was satisfied with progress and management of the project to date.

External Design Team is in place and the Works Contractor has been appointed and is due to start work on site on the 4th January 2016. The works programme has a duration of 43 weeks. A value engineering exercise is ongoing on the tendered amount and is expected to be completed by 18th December and to achieve savings in the order of €150,000

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 10 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 7 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 Strategic Plan was presented to SPC on the 30th November 2015 and will now go to full council on 11th January 2016.

Progress report on Capital Projects

Housing Development & Regeneration – Capital Projects Update

Project	Status	Remarks
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 Jan 16.

Crampton Buildings – 28 units	Contractors on site – additional works required due to condition of timbers.	Anticipated completion Feb 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 the new year. 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
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. Awaiting clarification on some items submitted as part of tender prior to signing contracts, 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.
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
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.
Acquisitions General & Detenancing for Regeneration	Acquired 142 units so far in 2015.	60 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.	Cannot be finalised until Receiver arranges the completion of outstanding works to the scheme. Awaiting details and associated timeline for completion of these works.

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

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. There are plans to deliver a further 131 modular homes during 2016 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
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
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 November RAS and leasing from private landlords had delivered 112 additional units for social housing. However in the same period 120 units were withdrawn from RAS by landlords exiting for various reasons. Dublin City Council still has 62 households under Notice to Quit from RAS Landlords which is a reduction of over 50% from the same period in 2014. This reduction was achieved through

- DCC targeted acquiring of 31 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 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

- Approximately 915 void units have been refurbished to date in 2015 with a further 115 currently being repaired. We expect to turn approximately 1030 over by the end of the year. The number of voids as a percentage of our housing stock represents just 0.68%.

Energy Improvements

- In 2015 to date, we have retrofitted 1,424 units to date with an additional 261 units in progress as detailed in the table below at a total estimated cost of €3.7m:

Year	Units Completed
2015 to date	1424
Units in Progress	261
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 have been completed in 2015 with a further 15 being progressed whilst 5 extensions have been constructed with a further 25 being progressed

Rents

Rent payments projection for 2015	€73.3 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 have been 1304 allocations in 2015 up to 4th December, with 555 of these allocated to homeless and vulnerable persons and families.

Traveller Accommodation Unit

TAP 2014-2018

The Department's 2015 capital budget for the National Traveller-specific accommodation is €4.3 million for Traveller Accommodation Capital budget. DCC received an allocation of €366,299. DCC is making fresh applications in the event of funds being reallocated.

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

TAP Reference	No of Units	Due Date		Status 16/12/15
(8.8 C) Maintenance & Repair	10	ASAP	Remediation of Impaired Yards	In Progress
			Carryover of 4 yards to complete 2016	
(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
			Paint purchased & distributed to all tenants in halting sites * exception Grand Canal - pending clear-up	
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 wetrooms Avila & Labre	Complete
(8.4) Roads & Footpaths Improvement	N/A	Nov-15	Road Improvement Avila	In progress
			Due for completion 20/12/15	In Progress
(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	2	N/A	2 House Acquisitions for Large families who would otherwise have entered homelessness.	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
(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 due for completion 20/12/15	In Progress
(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	2	2014	Bridgeview	Complete
			2 houses refurbished under maintenance contract & tenanted.	
(8.14) Electrical Supply	30	2014	St. Margaret's Park Electrical Infrastructure upgrade	Complete
			i. Individual pay-as-you-go meters provided to each bay.ii. Accounts are in tenants' names & DCC is no longer the account holder.	
(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	15	2014	Redevelopment of St. Dominic's Park	On Hold
			Redevelopment of this site stalled due to unauthorised occupation. Some emergency H&S works scheduled for January 2016.	
(8.3) Community Facilities	1	2014	Remediation of Pyrite-damaged - Avila Park Community Centre	On Hold
			Tender report complete. Funding request re-submitted to DECLG at year end in event of reallocation of unspent funds.	
(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	Not Started
(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	Complete
(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	3	2015	Bridgeview /Northern Close/ Avila Park Rebuild of Single Houses	In progress
			Design & Costing Stage - consultant architect undertaking feasibility study.	

(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.	
(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	5	2015	Grand Canal Harbour - Refurbishment of 8 day-houses	
			Drainage works	Completed
(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	Not Started
(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	14	2016	St. Joseph's Park Day-house upgrade	Complete
	1	2015	Long-term void refurbished. 2 bays were upgraded.	
(6.4) Proposals to meet Housing Need	6	2016	Pigeon House Road - Redevelopment of de-tenanted 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.	
			Clúid have submitted a new mixed -model funding proposal for discussion with the Housing Dept prior to submission to DECLG.	
			DCC waiting on confirmation of meeting date with DECLG - advised will be early Jan	

Traveller Allocations (Band 1 Priority) to Standard Housing @ October 2015: 19

TAP 2014-2018 Target 2015: 20 (an additional 15 to come from casual vacancies)

Traveller - Specific Accommodation:

Group Housing Allocations: 3

Allocations to Bays: 12

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Dublin Region Homeless Update

1. Activity related

- **91 persons are confirmed as rough sleeping in Winter 2015, 46% decrease since Winter 2014.** The Winter count in 2014 identified **168** persons to be sleeping rough.
- **Of the 65 persons known to services, 94% (61) met on the count are engaging with on street Housing First team**
Of these, in excess of **30** individuals are persistent in their rough sleeping do not access available emergency accommodation.

If a member of the public would like to make the Housing First Service aware of a person who may be sleeping rough in the Dublin region, who is in need of assistance, please contact the confidential weblink on <http://www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper>

- **71% increase in bed capacity since November 2014**
The four Dublin local authorities in collaboration with state-funded homeless services have put in place an additional **1,569** beds over the 12 month period since November 2014.

To confirm, **3,766** beds were occupied on the night of the Winter count in 2015 (including adults and children) compared to **2,197** beds occupied on the night of the Winter count in 2014.
- **The Merchants Quay Ireland Night Café that opened in January 2015 continues in use.** On the night of the Winter count 2015, 61 persons accessed this facility. It is important to understand that the Night Café operates as an access point into emergency accommodation for persons who might otherwise be at risk of rough sleeping. It is also noted that owing to the extra capacity introduced and the fact that clients are moving from the Nite café into supported emergency accommodation, the use of the Nite Café has dropped from 59 persons on December 8th to 28 persons on December 14th.
- **739 local authority allocations of social housing tenancies for homeless households in Dublin region from January to September 2015**

This confirms a significant number of households moving into their own home, however, the exit from homelessness is operating against the backdrop of significant step- up in demand for homeless services, with a continuing requirement for emergency accommodation. The City Council in its role as the lead statutory authority is ensuring that capacity is in place to meet demand.

- **Of the 91 persons sleeping rough:**
 - 73 were male, 16 were female and 2 were unknown
 - 71 were Irish, 6 were non-Irish and 34 were unknown
 - 13 were aged 18-30 years, 33 were aged 31-40, 17 were aged 41-50, 5 were aged 51-60, 4 were aged 61+ and 19 were unknown

2. Homeless Prevention

- **PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS FOR SINGLE PERSONS/COUPLES AND FAMILIES**

Tenancy Protection Service

A Tenancy Protection Service provided by Threshold, on behalf of the four Dublin local authorities, is in place to assist individuals and families, who are renting in the Greater Dublin Area and who feel that they are at risk of losing their tenancy.

Callers will receive the following prompt interventions, if they are at risk of losing their home:

- **Immediate guidance about rights** as tenants and landlord obligations
- **Negotiation between tenant and landlord** to resolve problems and take further action if needed, including the referral of a clear dispute to the Private Residential Tenancies Board
- **For rent supplement customers, an application for an uplift in payment¹** can be made to the Department of Social Protection for families/couples or individuals, who are facing a rent increase and who are at risk of becoming homeless
- **Referral to Tenancy Sustainment Services** provided by Focus Ireland and the Dublin Simon Community if required at early point of contact.

The TPS contact number is FREEPHONE 1800 454 454 between 9am to 9pm

¹The uplift in payment is based on a Tenancy Sustainment Protocol arrangement between the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, four Dublin local authorities, Threshold and the Department of Social Protection. The protocol is in place to protect existing tenancies, when the household is a rent supplement client and is at risk of losing home as a result of the landlord intention to increase the rent payable.

**Planning, Property, Enterprise
& Economic Development Department**

Report

December 2015

(for inclusion on January City Co. Meeting)

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
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 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"> Phibsborough LAP circulated to the Area Councillors at the end of May. Public display of draft plan commenced 17th August to 28th September. Evening meetings were held with public 5th, 10th & 15th September Chief executives Report on motions circulated to councillors 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. 	Phibsborough LAP options to be considered at January 2016 Council Meeting.
	<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. 	Findings report to Area Committee in December.
Architectural Conservation Areas(ACAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phibsborough Centre and Great Western Way & Environs 	Approved by City Council implementation .
O'Connell Street Area of Special Planning Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referencing owners/occupiers completed The City Council at its October meeting approved the initiation of the public consultation process. Display of Draft Scheme commenced October, 20th 2015 for 8 weeks finished 16th December. 	Chief Executive's report to be prepared for January meeting of the City Council
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.

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 	Report to January City Council Meeting.
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 	Vacant land levy included in Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 - ongoing
Docklands SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme published October 2014 • Boland's Mills granted planning permission. • Block 14-Hanover Quay/Sir John Rogerson's Quay granted planning permission • 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. • Ongoing pre-app consultations on a number city blocks.
South Georgian Core Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First stage Report Complete: Consultants currently engaged in testing Design solutions 	Q 1 , 2016
Dublne	<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 Dublne Route. 	Replacement of existing maps with bilingual maps to be completed by June 2016..
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 end of Dec</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>
holesale 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. 	<p>Complete</p> <p>Procurement process will continue in tandem with design elements being</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Detail for Redevelopment of Markets building being done in house with elements to be procured. • Annual Mass Fri 20th November, was well attended by locals traders and the local school. 	undertaken by DCC. Ongoing maintenance programme.
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 of 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. 	Master Plan being finalised and last round of consultations will carry through to January.
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 abandon bikes are being investigated. • The group will meet every month to six weeks for now. • Next meeting January. 	Actions ongoing throughout the year.
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. 	New scheme to be in place 1 st January, 2016
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>8 applications received to date</p> <p>1 Certificate of completion received. It is intended to hold a workshop on the initiatives in the new year and report to the SPC.</p>

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



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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).

A mid-term review of the SICAP Programme was carried out and the Programme Implementer's from the 5 Lots were met individually to identify any issues in relation to the targets they have to reach by year end.

Their end of year review is due mid January together with their 2016 Plan.

The Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The draft plan was sent to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly for consideration at their meeting on 13th November 2015, where it was approved. Following this it was approved by the City Council at the meeting on 7th December.

The plan is currently being prepared for printing and will be available early January 2016.

Public Participation Network

There were six interim seats on five SPCs which required to be filled by PPN representatives. The Dublin City PPN devised and ran elections receiving twenty-five nominations for six seats.

The following representatives were elected:

Strategic Policy Committee	PPN Representative
Arts, Culture, Recreation & Community	Ciaran Reid (Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership)
Finance & Emergency Services	Joanna Piechota (Irish Polish Society)
Planning & International Relations	Odran Reid (Northside Partnership)
Transportation	James Leahy (An Taisce)
Environment	Robert Moss (An Taisce Green Communities programme)
Environment	William Brennan (Community Gardens)

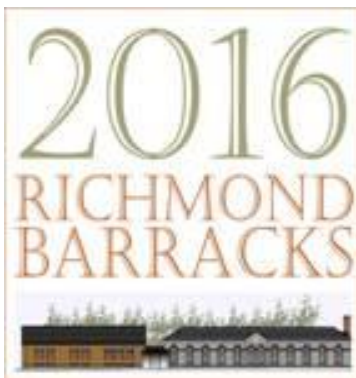
Linkage groups were set up for each SPC on the night of the elections and meetings are being scheduled with the representatives to take place in January and February.

Linkage groups are integral to the effectiveness of the PPN and key to encouraging participation with policy makers. Representatives will meet with each group, receive input and give them feedback from the committees.

South Dublin Volunteer Centre has been engaged to deliver a CRM system, Salesforce, which will have on line forms, automatic issuing of PPN registration numbers, automatic registration e-mail acknowledgements, newsletter and dashboard facilities. A Service level Agreement has been put in place and it is envisaged that the new system will be fully operational by February 2016.

Training packs and information sessions are being devised for each of the five areas in the city to raise the profile and explain the relevance of the PPN.

Capital Projects



Richmond Barracks

The construction phase of the Richmond barracks project commenced on 4th November 2015 and it is anticipated that the work will take 20 weeks.

An t-Ardmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh, and Children from Our Lady of Lourdes Goldenbridge National School were present at the “Sod Turning” event in Inchicore on 3rd November 2015.



An t-Ardmhéara and Children from Our Lady of Lourdes Goldenbridge National School.

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.

Digital Storytelling – Dublin: a great place to start

The PSCQ Digital Storytelling project ‘Dublin: a great place to start’ was launched on 22nd October at Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane. Stories are available to view on the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter website www.parnellsquare.ie

Finance Report

Project Budget to Planning

Funding Source	Amount
Philanthropy – Kennedy Wilson seed budget	€2.5 million
DCC Capital Budget 2015-2017	€ 1.8 million

Kennedy Wilson has committed €2.5 million (seed capital) towards the project to bring it to planning. Costs directly related to the project are paid out of the seed capital budget which is managed directly by PSQ Developments. Cost categories covered by the seed budget include design team fees, commissioned reports, surveys and consultations website design and development and the development of project promotional material. An accounts payable procedure with named authorised signatories has been agreed between the City Council and the Parnell Square Foundation for all seed capital expenditure.

Dublin City Council has committed a budget of €1.8 million over the next three years (2015 – 2017) towards the project. DCC is covering the costs for the in-house project manager and other costs not covered by the categories outlined above. Expenditure drawn on the DCC Capital Budget is subject to the City Council’s approval limits, regulations and Accounts Payable Procedures.

Monthly reports are run on the budget and it is monitored closely with a financial report being presented periodically to the Internal steering group who assess and approve project expenditure.

DCC project costs to date amount to: €128,852.00. The majority of this expenditure relates to professional salaries (€71,472), with additional costs related to project promotion, web hosting, remedial works and preliminary reports.

A future cost for the DCC budget will be security and maintenance for the Colaiste Mhuire buildings when there are transferred to DCC.

COMMEMORATIONS

DCC 1916 Rising centenary programme

The Dublin City Council 1916 Commemorations Programme will be launched by the Lord Mayor on 13th January 2016 in Dublin City Library and Archive, along with the specially commissioned exhibition 'Citizens in Conflict: Dublin 1916'. A video introducing the programme can be viewed on <http://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 - 5,116,980
- Reserves placed and satisfied – 159,527
- Registrations – 39,250 new patrons

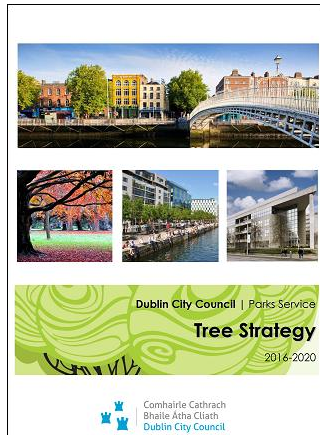
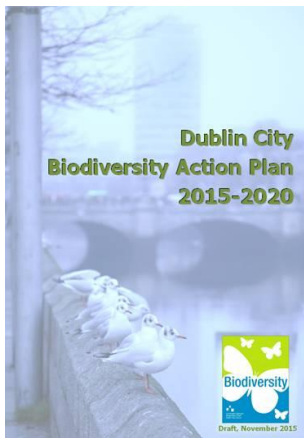
Phase 2 of the project will begin in January 2016 with a further eleven library services joining the system by the end of June 2016.

DUBLIN UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE

The 2016 Citywide READING campaign for children, which encourages children to read for pleasure will be launched on 13th January 2016. It will focus on *The Book of Learning* by E.R. Murray. Author visits to public libraries, city-centre based events and participation in the St. Patrick's Festival Big Day Out in Merrion Square will encourage children to read the book which features many well known Dublin landmarks. The Citywide READING campaign which is organised by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature and Dublin City Council Public Libraries, in partnership with Mercier Press, runs from January to March 2016.

PARKS AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

Action Plans, Studies and Strategies



Significant work was undertaken in 2014/2015 on the drafting of Conservation Studies, Action Plans and Strategies, that will inform and guide the management of and planning for parks, biodiversity, trees and open spaces in the city in the future. Works have already commenced on the implementation of recommendations contained in the Conservation Studies for parks such as Merrion Square and Palmerston Park with further works planned for this year in a number of our historic parks. The consultation phase on our draft Biodiversity Action Plan and Tree Strategy is nearing completion and final versions of these documents will be available in 2016, with implementation of recommendations therein to commence in 2016. Our Parks and Open Spaces Strategy will go for public consultation in early 2016. These policy document and action plans will also inform and guide all stakeholders and the public in the protection and appreciation of all aspects of greening the city.

Workforce Planning

Engagement with unions/staff under the PSA procedures for the restructuring of Parks Depot operations, following the proposed workforce review, is at the final stages of completion and it is expected that the implementation phase will commence early in 2016.

Parks Signage and Interpretation System



Design consultation has commenced on the provision of a suite of parks signage that will provide engaging, comprehensive and consistent wayfinding, information and interpretation for city parks. The purpose of the provision of this signage system is to complement the existing wayfinding system in the city, by adding an additional layer of information that will enable and encourage people to explore our city parks and utilise the facilities provided.

Partnerships

Partnerships and community engagement are important in the provision and management of parks and open spaces and in particular in relation to our work to protect and promote the UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere. Consultation and engagement with the expert group assembled to support the drafting and delivery of a Work Plan for the Biosphere will continue in 2016. Guidance from the Dublin Mountains Partnership will assist us in establishing a volunteer community to promote and enhance the experience of visiting the Biosphere. We will continue to strengthen our links with NGOs who work actively on conservation management and ecological research. Our engagement with business, residents groups, educational institutions and event organisers will increase awareness of the Biosphere and its objectives and the animation of the Bay.

Play Development



With an allocation of capital funding for 2016, the focus will be on the renewal of current playgrounds. Works will also be completed on a new playground at Willie Pearse Park, a new skate park and play space in Le Fanu Park and in our new park, Weaver Park in 2016.

Support for Housing and Residential Services was provided in 2015 with the completion and launch of two exciting projects in the Outside the Box initiative at York Street and Bishop Street.

Training, mentoring and support for Play

The Play Development Officer is engaged in Playwork Training and Mentoring at international level in making application for EU Erasmus Plus funding for a playwork training programme and facilitation of an International 2016 Playwork Study Tour.

In association with Focus Ireland, City of Dublin Training and Education Board ‘Foundations Project and Play Development, a ‘Play Pack’ initiative to address the play needs of homeless children and young people, provided approximately 70 “shelter play packs” in 2015. Phase 2 of this programme will commence in 2016.

Seomra tae



2014/2015 saw the successful delivery of 3 seomra tae in Harold’s Cross Park, St. Anne’s Park and St. Patrick’s Park. Our 4th facility will open in Herbert Park in the first quarter of 2016. This initiative has been most successful with individual providers bringing their own unique flavour and feel to each seomra tae. The facilities have also provided indoor space for events/gatherings to take place.

Capital Projects Parks



Project	Description	Status
Willie Pearse Park	Upgrade and extension of changing rooms and boxing club	Official Opening 2016
Herbert Park	New tearooms, upgrade of bowling clubhouse and new summer pavilion.	Official Opening 2016
Bushy Park	Upgrade of tennis facilities and provision of new Padel courts	Works in progress
Chocolate Park, Docklands	New Park	Part 8 commenced Q4 2015
St Anne’s Park	Implementation of Management plan	Works programme presented to Area Committee.
Weaver Park	New Park	Construction work to commence Q 2 2016
Merrion Square Park	Implementation of Conservation plan. Tearooms	Ongoing improvements Part 8 Q1 2016.

Le Fanu Park	Skatepark/playground planning to be carried out in cooperation with Irish Architecture Foundation.	Phase 2 of design selection in process. Part 8 2016
Mountjoy Square	Implementation of Conservation plan	Railings conservation to commence in Q1 2016. Part 8 in preparation for refurbishment of the Park
High St, Christchurch	Public Realm, Dublin Project	Postponed pending NTA consideration
Peace Garden, Christchurch	Park re-design, Dublin Project	Design in progress.
St Audeons Park/Church Grounds	Dubline Project	Consultant in place. Design in progress.
Bull Island Interpretive Centre	Feasibility study	Draft report to be published in Q1
Poppintree Park Pavilion	New Changing Rooms	Go to tender early 2016
Bushy Park	Tearooms	Design team to be appointed Q4



Following successful application to the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism, capital funding has been provided for a range of projects that will be managed to completion during 2016- 2017. Projects include:

All Weather Pitches - provision of all weather pitches in 5 parks

Pavillions - Improvements/provision of Changing room pavillions in 5 parks

Tennis Courts - Upgrading of Tennis Courts – 4 locations

Outdoor Gyms – 13 locations

New Skatepark – Le Fanu Park

Pitch Improvements/drainage - 14 locations

More detailed information on the above programme for 2016 will be available in future reports.

Community and Recreation Capital Projects

Project	Description	Status
East Wall Astro Turf	Resurfacing of All Weather Pitch (small)	Scheduled completion – January 2016
Bluebell Astro Turf	Installation of new Astrofurf	Received €150k from Dept of Sport towards installation

Sports Capital

Capital funding has been provided for a range of projects that will be managed to completion during 2016- 2017. Projects include provision and improvements to pitches, tennis courts and sports pavilions, outdoor gyms, athletic facilities, recreation centres and skatepark provision.

Sports Capital Projects

Project	Description	Status
Finglas Sports and Fitness Centre	Upgrade of 6 Astro Turf Pitches	Works commenced November 2015. Due for completion December 2015.
Sport and Fitness, Markievicz	Refurbishment of changing facilities.	Tender closing date 24 th August 2015. Works commenced 5 th October. Completion date end of December 2015.
Ballybough Youth and Community Centre	Extension for new gym	Works commenced July 2015. Completion date November 2015. New gym equipment installed – open to the public in January 2016.

Freedom of Information - January 2016

Ref No	Request Details	Name(s)	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/4476/2015	Maintenance records carried out/proposed for 4 darndale belcamp, Village Centre, d. 17	Elizabeth Carroll	Client	30/11/2015	
FOI/4474/2015	christmas Tree expenses	Aaron Rogan	Press	30/11/2015	
FOI/4473/2015	Plans re. Dalymount Park	Lois Kapila	Press	30/11/2015	
FOI/4472/2015	Conditions on Traveller Sites	Lois Kapila	Press	30/11/2015	
FOI/4471/2015	Modular Homes - all correspondence	Laura Larkin	Press	30/11/2015	
FOI/4470/2015	Clontarf Sea Wall, S-S Cycleway, Footway Interim Works	Laura Larkin	Press	30/11/2015	
FOI/4469/2015	Complaints re Homeless accommodation in 2015	Laura Larkin	Press	30/11/2015	
FOI/4468/2015	housing query re. property : 45 Dunsink Ave	Damian Tyrrell	Client	30/11/2015	
FOI/4467/2015	Info re. Trees in Davids Wood, Malahide.	Deirdre Christian	Client	30/11/2015	
FOI/4466/2015	Actins taken by Mgt. re Busker Complaints	Elaine Edwards	Press	30/11/2015	
FOI/4465/2015	Fire Brigade calls from Townsend St 2015 to date.	Michael Brennan	Client	24/11/2015	
FOI/4463/2015	requesting all info relating to Dublin's 2020 European Capital of Culture designation	Paul Farrell	Client	18/11/2015	
FOI/4462/2015	requesting all info re. Non compliance of Longboat Quay	Ruth Coppins	Client	17/11/2015	
FOI/4461/2015	request for foi re Dublin Bikes (also in addition to seperate AIE request).	Cian Ginty	Press	16/11/2015	
FOI/4458/2015	Information in relation to funding for the swim "great dublin swim"	Nuala Moore	Client	13/11/2015	04/12/2015
FOI/4454/2015	Records in relation to social housing	Jane O'Faherty	Press	12/11/2015	08/12/2015
FOI/4453/2015	Request for list of emergency accommodation for Homeless people during jan 14 - oct 31.	Samantha Libreri	Press	10/11/2015	
FOI/4452/2015	Request for budgets for Christmas Tree Lighting	Helena Nzanga	Client	10/11/2015	09/12/2015
FOI/4451/2015	requesting details of UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) from Jan - Oct 2015 inc.	Ciara Treacy	Press	10/11/2015	01/12/2015
FOI/4449/2015	DCC's private detective hire over last 5 years.	Mark O'Regan	Client	10/11/2015	01/12/2015
FOI/4448/2015	Homeless Stats for 2014	Laoise Neylon	Client	10/11/2015	
FOI/4447/2015	seeks records re lottery licencing	CAPEN PARTNERS	Business	09/11/2015	10/11/2015
FOI/4444/2015	seeks records re expenditure on bottled water and water coolers	Irish Independent	Press	09/11/2015	07/12/2015
FOI/4443/2015	seeks housing stats for allocations	Justin Long	Client	09/11/2015	04/12/2015
FOI/4440/2015	Records in relation to DCC Leisure Centres	John Farrell	Client	03/11/2015	
FOI/4439/2015	Records in relation to licencing any committee meeting management software	Colin Uckley	Client	02/11/2015	
FOI/4438/2015	FOI request correspondence between CEO DCC and Minister for Environment re. Social Housing between Jan 14-Oct 15	Paul Healy	Press	02/11/2015	30/11/2015
FOI/4437/2015	FOI request Staff redundancies 2013-to date	Paul Healy	Press	02/11/2015	01/12/2015
FOI/4436/2015	FOI request for selection process re. Modular Homes	Paul Melia	Press	02/11/2015	

This table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests received in November 2015.	
The overall position from 01/01/2015 is outlined below.	
Carried forward from 2014	16
Total opened at 30/11/2015	443
	459
Total Opened in November	41
Total Closed to 30/11/2015	381
Total Closed in November	37
Live cases	62

Human Resources Department

Workforce Numbers

The total number of employees at 30th November 2015 was 5629 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of worksharing arrangements) was 5,312.10.

The total workforce number of 5,629 represents a reduction of 23.9 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 27.8 per cent. Numbers in operational grades have reduced by 23.4 per cent and in firefighter operational grades by 13.8 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 16th December 2015, there are 3 Jobbridge interns placed in DCC, and 4 further interns are placed in the Arts Sector, facilitated through the City Arts Office.

(ii) Gateway

As at 16th December 2015, 115 people are engaged by the City Council under the Gateway Scheme.

It is anticipated that 20 participants will commence placement with the Council on 25th January 2016.

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