

**The Chairperson and Members,
Dublin South Central JPC**

Report on Halloween 2017 in the South Central Area

The South Central Area Office provided a coordinated approach across a number of different units in the lead up to and during the Halloween period. In the week leading up to Halloween, Area staff from Housing and Public Domain Unit actively built up intelligence and information concerning the stockpiling of material across the area. Drone footage was also used to locate bonfire materials being stored covertly. As materials were discovered, they were removed. Over one hundred separate discoveries were made consisting of pallets, tyres, household waste and large items of furniture including couches.

Over the Bank Holiday weekend (Saturday, 28th to Monday 30th) , Area Housing Managers, Project Estate Officers, and Area Office staff kept in regular contact with each other in order to identify areas of concern and to facilitate the removal of bonfire materials. They also liaised closely with staff from Housing, Waste Management, Parks as well as An Garda Síochána.

Private waste contractors along with staff from Housing, Parks and Waste Management assisted in the removal of bonfire materials which amounted to over one hundred tonnes.

The costs associated with the Halloween operations across the Area are outlined in the table below.

Item	Cost
Disposal of Bonfire Material	€5,847
Truck and Staff Hire	18,022
Drone Surveillance	€1,845
Fencing	€1,513
Overtime	€13,800
Total	€41,027

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Area Manager