



## **Update 2017 Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)**

### **Action 113** Waterway's Ireland & Dublin City Council Action:

*“Engage with and support Waterways Ireland in maintaining and developing our City canals as tourist and leisure amenities”*

#### **2017 Capital Investment Update:**

1. Charlotte Quay Marina Re-Development
2. Development of Phase 1 of 'Club Hub' Charlotte Quay
3. Sea Lock Gates Upgrade at Grand Canal Dock
4. Development of The Dock Mile
5. Development of Grand Canal Dock Floating Markets
6. Development of Grand Canal Dock Dart Exit and Boardwalk
7. Water Quality Issue at Grand Canal Dock to make this The Blue Playground of Dublin
8. Re-development of 48M Heritage Barge as Waterways Ireland Office Space
9. Spencer Dock Master Plan
10. Dublin Canals Greenway Development

#### **2017 Programming and Animation update:**

1. Dublin Canals Participation & Events Program
2. Dublin Canals Festival Series
3. Canal Adventures Program
4. Dublin Canals Ambassador Program

#### **2017 Marketing Update:**

1. Dublin Canals Marketing Campaign Tender - Dublin Canals Brand Identity, Website and PR - Campaign Launch September 2018

#### **2017 Management and Maintenance update:**

1. Grand Canal Dock Marina Permit Regularization
2. Grand Canal and Royal Canal Development Committees with Stakeholders
3. On-Going Management and Maintenance of Dublin Canals through Operational Section of Waterways Ireland
4. Volunteer Clean Up Groups established

## 2017 Tourism update:

1. Strategic Partnership formed with Fáilte Ireland - Key Projects
  - Visitor Destination Plan for Dublin's Water Quarter / Docklands
  - Visitor Destination Plan for Grand Canal Dock
  - Visitor Destination Study on Dublin Canals Greenway

### Action 117: Parks capital projects 2017: Dublin City Council, Parks Department.

*“Progress work on Parks Capital Projects.”*

#### **Weaver Square Park.**

A new park in the Liberties, Dublin 8 was officially opened by An tArdmhéara Micheál Mc Donncha on 2nd October 2017. Weaver Park is situated on the site of the former Chamber Court and Weaver’s Court flat complex at the junction of Cork Street and Ormond Street. Part of the **Liberties Greening Strategy**, this transformed 0.6 hectare vacant site is the first purpose built park in Dublin 8 for over 100 years. Facilities include a large lawn for games and activities, a playground, skatepark and pergola. The park is a wonderful amenity for residents of the area and is part of Dublin City Council’s long-term plan for Dublin’s most historic neighbourhood.

It has been a busy year for the provision of sports facilities in parks with the completion of a number of capital projects in 2017. This includes the upgrade of tennis courts and the provision of padel facilities at Bushy Park (officially opened 9th November 2017) and the completion of all weather pitches at Greendale Road Kilbarrack, St. Anne’s Park, Belmayne and Brickfields Park. Changing room pavilions were also completed at Springdale Road, Tolka Valley Park and Poppintree Park.

Works in **St. Audeon’s Park** commenced in the last quarter of 2017 as did the conservation and restoration of the Follies in St. Anne’s Park. The work includes removing graffiti, re-pointing with specialist lime pointing and generally attempting to attest further decay.

The implementation of conservation and restoration works within the **City Centre Historic Parks** continued with extensive restoration works to the railings at **Mountjoy Square** as well as significant improvements at **Merrion Square**. The implementation of the Parks Conservation plans will continue throughout 2018.

The **Parks Improvement programme** continued throughout 2017 and included improvements to footpaths, planting, playgrounds, pavilions, playing fields across the City.

A broad range of other projects were initiated in 2017 including **Temple Bar Square**, **Wolfe Tone Square**, **Christchurch Cathedral**, **Bridgefoot Street Park**, **UNESCO Discovery Centre** etc. This includes the appointment of design teams, submission and receipt of Part 8 permission for implementation in 2018 and beyond.

## **Action 303: Dublin City Council, Economic Development Office**

*“Engagement with 3<sup>rd</sup> levels on Economic research/activities”*

### **Mentoring for Scale: Start-up Commissioner & DCU Ryan Academy**

Mentoring for Scale is one of the programmes available for entrepreneurs through the Office of the Commissioner for Start-ups. This programme is designed to assist with accelerating the growth of high export potential start-ups and run in conjunction with Dublin City University’s Ryan Academy.

### **Maker-Space and DCU Alpha – Deloitte Feasibility study**

Dublin City Council, in supporting an application by DCU Alpha Innovation campus to the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) commissioned a feasibility report with Deloitte Consulting and committing funds to a capital budget. The purpose of the project was to develop a “maker-Space” on the DCU campus in Glasnevin.

### **Smart Dublin & TCD Connects Centre**

SmartDublin working with a unit of Trinity College Dublin, Connects Centre, are working jointly on developing a SmartDocklands Internet of Things (IOT) Test bed in the Dublin Docklands area of Dublin City. The test bed will allow the beta testing of technology solutions addressing a range of public issues and challenges but also assist in developing partnerships with some of the largest technology companies in the Dublin region. The test bed has the potential to become a world leader in this space.

### **Dublin Infrastructure Summit:**

The Dublin City Infrastructure Summit held in June 2017 had contributions prepared by Dublin City University, NorDubCo, Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and the Trinity College Dublin Department of Economics. A wide range of Academics contribute to the proceedings delivering valuable perspectives and information to the attendees and also contributed to the final report.

### **Post Graduate Certificate: TCD School of Innovation and Local Enterprise Office Dublin City.**

Support of applications from TCD to introduce a postgraduate certificate in Design Thinking, Innovation and Entrepreneurship accessible through SpringBoard and delivered jointly in various location around the country using Bank of Ireland Work Bench’s and promoted through the Local Enterprise Office network.