

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 16th July 2019

Item No: 4

Finglas Area Office Report

Finglas Area Office refurbishment

Background:

Limited privacy for customers at the reception desks has been a long-standing problem. In tackling this problem the opportunity is being taken to deal with other design challenges. The alterations will result in a redesign of the reception area, back office, sanitary facilities and associated works on the ground floor. The works are to provide for improved natural light, alterations to the public counter areas, acoustic measures and alterations to sanitary facilities.

Contract period:

- Tender documents have been issued to Contractors.
- Anticipated commencement date on site is September.
- The designers (Kenneth Hennessy Architects) envisages that the works will take between 8- 12 weeks on site. While customers will continue to be served in the office for most of the construction period it is highly likely – depending on the construction management plan of the successful contractor – that the office may have to be closed to the public for some weeks. If this need arises a notice will be published in the Northside People and Councillors will be informed. During any such disruption business will be transacted by phone or, in certain limited cases, special arrangements will be organised for one to one meetings.

LUAS Extension -National Transport Authority update

The National Transport Authority has provided the following clarification on the timescale for the proposed LUAS extension to Finglas:

The National Development Plan 2018-2027 states the following in relation to further Luas extensions: -

“In line with the National Transport Authority’s Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035, undertake appraisal, planning and design of Luas network expansion to Bray, Finglas, Lucan, Poolbeg and a light rail corridor for Cork in the later stages of the period of the Cork Transport Strategy which is being finalised.”

Accordingly, it is intended to undertake the planning and design of an extension of Luas to Finglas during the period of the current National Development Plan, which runs up to 2027. A decision on the implementation of that scheme will then be a matter for the subsequent National Development Plan.

Finglas Planning

The inaugural meeting with public representatives on the draft document was held on the 28th March. It is intended to have another briefing in September.

Community & Social Development

Finglas Summer Projects

There are six voluntary and one non-voluntary summer projects taking place in Finglas this year. The projects take place in July/August and cater for upwards of 600 children. Dublin City Council will once again provide grant assistance to the projects, including Zoo passes, funding for coach hire and insurance cost for projects.

Magic of the Musicals

Dublin City Council presented “Magic of the Musicals” in St. Canice’s Church of Ireland on Tuesday 25th June. The night was a great success with the artists performing a selection of well-known songs from the musicals. Over 120 members of the local community attended the event on this special night.



Finglas Family Fun day

The Finglas Family Fun Day will take place on Friday 23rd August (12pm- 3pm) in Farnham Park, Finglas. This is a free event for families to attend. The event organisers include Dublin City Council, Barnardos, Finglas Centre, Better Finglas, HSE, Túsla, Dublin North West Area Partnership, local community organisations and representatives. Dublin City Council is one of the main funders of this event.

Finglas Positive Ageing Events

This year's events will include the following:

- a) Over 55 Annual Table Quiz will be held on Monday 30th September in WFTRA Community Centre at 2pm.
- b) Finglas Senior Ball will take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 in Erin's Isle GAA Club.

Further details of these events will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Enhance the Space / Cruinniú na nÓg

Finglas Community Section in conjunction with Barnardos, the DCC Arts Office and local children celebrated Cruinniú na nÓg on Friday 14th June in Kildonan Park, Finglas West. We worked with students from the two local schools on our "Enhance the Space" Project, this involved consultations with the children from the start about their ideas on developing an unused space, from this we created an area for them to use and call their own. We celebrated the Cruinniú na nÓg festival by holding the opening of the children's space. The children took part in interactive games, made a gratitude stone, planted up the area and they created permanent artwork for their space encouraging them to take ownership and pride in the space.



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