

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

Meeting: 16th July 2019

Item No: 17

PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

Weeding

The Roadside Weed Spraying Contract will not go ahead for 2019 and, therefore, there will be no weed spraying programme as per previous years. The Public Domain Team have identified areas that need attention and have forwarded priorities to Waste Management who will endeavour to work on manual removal of weeds where necessary. We will also be encouraging residents and environmental groups to engage with this process as an alternative to spraying.

Finglas Tidy Towns

Finglas's Tidy Towns celebrated the launch by Lord Mayor Paul McAuliffe of their Fairy Garden on Thursday 4th July. This was fully supported by the Public Domain Team and the Finglas Area Office. Congratulations to them on this wonderful installation in the Village. The Public Domain Team also arranged for the painting of all the hanging basket poles to further enhance the village.

IBAL Report

On foot of the IBAL report the Public Domain Officer compiled a comprehensive report and met with the Assistant Chief Executive with responsibility for Waste Management. Recommendations made in the report were agreed. There will be two new hand carts in Ballymun with routes which will include all of the estates over a weekly roster. When the area has been cleaned to a Grade A standard we will be replacing one of the handcarts with a hand vac. All the parking bays will be targeted by the Hand Cart Operatives and we hope that having a constant presence in the town will help to change behaviour with regard to Litter etc.

Amnesty Days

Amnesty/Household Junk Collection Days took place in the Finglas West Area on the 29th and 30th June. There was a lot of positive feedback in the area on each day. On both days there were large amounts of junk already deposited on the green spaces. In the main most people did adhere to the list of allowed items. There was, however, some who left paint/electrical and domestic waste on the day. Approximately 34 loads of junk was collected over the 2 days. This was a great example of staff from different departments bringing together their expertise to ensure the smooth running and success of these events. Planning has started for a similar event for Ballymun on 21st July (exact times and dates will be sent out on 18th July).



Amnesty Days will be held Finglas South and Finglas East in September (dates TBC).

Ballymun Tidy Towns

With reference to the IBAL report the Public Domain Team have had a focussed meeting with the Tidy Towns group. There will be a public meeting held later on in July with a facilitator to note and report back on the findings of the meeting and a mission to set a strategy for the group. The Public Domain Team has arranged for Aoife Munn (Environmentalist) to work alongside the Tidy Towns group. The Public Domain Team is also arranging signage for the area to let residents know when and where the Tidy Towns group is out working and to try to further promote the good work that they do.

Graffiti

A total of 3,363 sq.m. of graffiti has been removed from the North West Area between January and May.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The work for our Anti-Dumping Initiative has commenced and will be ongoing until the end of September. Apart from the areas nominated in Initiative we are also enhancing other spaces in the North West Area through the Discretionary Fund allocation.

Church Avenue, Finglas Village Before and After:





Illegal Collection Notifications

There have been numerous illegal collections advertised in the last number of weeks. Please inform our Team of all notifications received and they will be referred to our Waste Enforcement Department. Please also inform any residents that make contact with regard to the illegal collections that these collections are not being made by DCC and they (the residents) could be fined if they leave junk out for collection by unauthorised operators.

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