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Dublin City Council

**REPORT TO ARTS, CULTURE LEISURE AND  
RECREATION SPC**

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## **SPORTS AND RECREATION SECTION**

Sport and Recreation is a key component of service provision by Dublin City Council. Traditionally the provision of this service was “sport” orientated and included facilities such as sport halls and swimming pools alongside the many grass pitches in our parks. Some years ago the emphasis moved towards increasing participation, in all age categories, male and female, in a greater range of activities. “Sports and Fitness” centres were built with the assistance of Sports Capital grants, where the facilities included swimming pools, sports halls, gyms, training studio’s, all weather pitches. We now see sports and physical activities as a means through which Dublin City Council engages with people. Sport and active recreation can enhance the quality of life of people living, working and visiting Dublin City. Sports and Recreation brings people together and helps build communities.

The facilities include 30 centres, from large multi sports and recreational facilities with swimming pools and gyms to smaller sport and community centres

The delivery of services at all these facilities – which had more than 3 million visits in 2019 - is carried out by the City Council’s Sports staff.

We are really passionate about maintaining our services and improving them to higher standards. We want to provide as many opportunities as possible to people to participate in sport and activity through our facilities and infrastructure and services, our programmes and events. Our centres are accessible to all and affordable through offering really competitive prices and a number of payment options.

### **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020 - 2022**

#### **1. Development of Dalymount Park**

The plan for the redevelopment of Dalymount Park is to build a four-sided enclosed UEFA Category 3 stadium with a capacity of 6,000. This will include a new public library for Phibsborough, flexible community space and meeting rooms. An architect integrated design team will be in place for 2020. Tolka Park, requires maintenance and refurbishment in 2020 to ensure the ground is fit for purpose. Both Shelbourne FC and Bohemian FC will play their home games in Tolka Park during the redevelopment of Dalymount Park.

## **2. Ballyfermot Sports and Fitness Centre**

Due to the high customer levels in the existing gym it is proposed to finalise plans during 2019 to extend the existing gym and carry out the necessary works in 2020.

## **3. Irishtown Stadium facility upgrade**

It is proposed to reconfigure / refurbish the reception area including the installation of turnstiles and new doors and carry out other refurbishment works in conjunction with the proposed extension to the building. Plans are being prepared with the works due to commence in 2020.

## **4. Energy Management Programme**

In line with Dublin City Council's commitment to reduce energy usage there is provision to continue the energy management programme by way of ongoing necessary upgrade / refurbishment works across the facilities under the remit of the Sports and Recreation Services. By 2020 ten of the centres which have the largest energy usage will have their energy use managed and maintained through Energy Performance Contracts (EPC1 and EPC2).

## **5. Extension to Aughrim Street Sports Hall**

Plans are completed and tender documents prepared for the extension to Aughrim Street sports hall in 2020. This extension will provide adequate room and facilities to enable Smithfield Boxing club to expand its usage of the facility to meet growing demand. The use of the facility will be managed by way of licence. The main Sports hall will continue to be available for use by other groups and clubs.

## **6. Glin Road Sports hall**

Plans are completed and tender documents prepared for the extension to Glin Road Sports hall in 2020. It is proposed to build a new facility adjoining Glin Road Sports hall to accommodate the Glin Boxing club and other potential users. The main Sports hall will continue to be available for use by other groups and clubs.

## **7. Coolock Swimming Pool**

During 2020 it is proposed to reconfigure and upgrade the current changing area and reception area at Coolock swimming pool.

## **8. Extension to Municipal Rowing Centre**

It is proposed to extend the facility to allow for the development of a "Sporting Hub" to facilitate additional uses, both based in and operating from this centre.

## **9. Clontarf All Weather Pitch**

The 11 aside all-weather pitch at the Clontarf complex requires to be resurfaced. It is intended to carry out this work in 2020.

## List of Buildings Under Sports & Recreation Remit

<p><u>Jamie Dowling</u></p> <p>Irishtown Stadium</p>	<p><u>Trevor Higgins</u></p> <p>Dominick Street Recreation Centre  Donore Avenue Recreation Centre  East Wall Recreation Centre  George's Place Recreation Centre  Hardwicke Street Recreation Centre  Sheriff Street Youth &amp; Community Centre  Pearse Street Recreation Centre  Ventry Park Recreation Centre  St Paul's Recreation Centre  Bluebell Youth &amp; Community Centre  Darndale Recreation Centre  Kilmore West Recreation Centre  Aughrim Street Sports Hall  Glin Road Sports Hall</p>
<p><u>Martin McDonagh</u></p> <p>Ballyfermot Sports &amp; Fitness Centre  Municipal Rowing Centre</p>	<p><u>Emma Byrne</u></p> <p>Ballymun Sports &amp; Fitness Centre  Poppintree Sports &amp; Recreation Centre</p>
<p><u>Stephen Kealy</u></p> <p>Finglas Sports &amp; Fitness Centre  Cabra/John Paul Park Sports &amp; Community Centre</p>	<p><u>Aaron Callaghan</u></p> <p>Ballybough Youth &amp; Community Centre  Clogher Road Sports Hall (CDETБ)  Inchicore Sports Hall (CDETБ)</p>
<p><u>Gerard Carty</u></p> <p>Sean McDermott Street Pool  Crumlin Pool  Coolock Pool</p>	

### BELOW BUILDINGS IN OWNERSHIP OF DCC BUT NOT DIRECTLY MANAGED BY DCC STAFF

Gloucester Street Sports Hall

Dalymount Park

Tolka Park

Swan Leisure Centre