

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

Meeting: 19th May 2020

Item No: 11

PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Public Domain Team NWA has applied for €30,000 under the 2020 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

In April this year there were 468 dumping incidents reported across the NWA. This is a huge increase on April last year when there were 228 reports of dumping.

In the Finglas area, incidents of illegal dumping are occurring where it has not occurred previously. This is similar with what is happening around the country currently. The Public Domain Team is working with Waste Management on ways to manage enforcement of the Bye Laws in the future. We are now aware that there is a larger number (than previously thought) of households with no current Bin Contracts in the city. Funding has also been applied for under the ADI by Waste Management to follow up on all cases of non-compliance.

The funding applied for from the NWA will be used (if approved) for a number of different projects over the next few months;

- Hire of contractors to remove the increased level of dumping through the Covid 19 period where Local Authority crews cannot access or have the appropriate plant to complete the work.
- 10 small scale enhancements as per previous years/pocket parks/areas of biodiversity. This will be completed in conjunction with Tidy Towns/Better Ballymun and other local environmental groups.
- 2 Amnesty Days for Household Junk. 1 in Finglas East and 1 in Ballymun.

Amnesty Day in Ballymun in 2019 removed 83 Tonnes of large scale items and the levels of large scale items dumped in the months after decreased. The amount of household items left out at Halloween time also decreased which the Public Domain Team believe was a direct result of the Amnesty Day.

Planters

Six new planters have been installed in the area over the past few weeks. Four have been installed at the roundabout on Glasnevin Avenue and two at the front of the Church on Ballygall Road East.

Twenty Five 3-Tier Planters will be installed on the June Bank Holiday weekend. Eighteen were installed on Main Street Ballymun, one to the front of Ballymun Library, and six on Cardiffsbridge Road to the front of Dunnes Stores.

Hanging Baskets for Finglas Village should in in place around the same dates.



Environmental Groups

We have informed all our Environmental Groups and Tidy Towns groups with regard to our restrictions on working with them at this current time. We are not giving out bags, gloves or pickers to any of our groups currently. However, we are keeping in touch with the groups and are hopeful that when restrictions ease they will be able to engage in more structured organised clean ups.

We will be working with our colleagues in Community to arrange for plants to be distributed to all the groups again this year.

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