

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

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SCULPTURE DUBLIN – Update Report

ABOUT SCULPTURE DUBLIN

Sculpture Dublin aims to raise awareness of Dublin's sculptural heritage and to commission new works in parks and public spaces city-wide. It is a Dublin City Council initiative, developed by Parks and Landscape Services and the City Arts Office and supported by the Hugh Lane Gallery and Visual Artists Ireland.

The programme objective is two-fold: to increase the visibility of existing public sculpture in Dublin, building public awareness of and interest in sculpture, and to commission exciting new works which enhance and draw attention to different locations and aspects of the city. Dublin City Council will commission a public sculpture in each of the 5 DCC administrative areas: North West, North Central, Central, South Central and South East.

SELECTION OF SITES FOR NEW COMMISSIONS

A set of criteria has been developed to assess the suitability of locations. The proposed site should:

1. Be in the public domain;
2. Be visible to a broad and diverse general public;
3. Be in the ownership of Dublin City Council;
4. Be suitable for the best display of the sculpture;
5. Give scope for artists to create a significant and noteworthy sculpture;
6. Represent a deficit in the provision of public sculpture in the city i.e. there are no existing sculptures in the immediate surrounding area.

NORTH WEST AREA

A report on Sculpture Dublin was submitted to the North West Area Committee meeting in March. Following assessment of potential sites in the area, including sites suggested by local Councillors, the proposed location for the new commission is Kildonan Park. The commission will happen as part of a proposed plan to develop the open space at Kildonan into a neighbourhood park in 2021, with enhanced recreational facilities, a new network of footpaths and tree planting.

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