

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

**Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

**Item No: 9**

**PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT**

Illegal Dumping

We have seen an easing in the levels of illegal dumping in the last two weeks. Anecdotally this could be for several different reasons e.g. more people out and about, more people back in work and people voicing their anger at what had been happening over the period of Covid-19 restrictions. For June, according to CRM records, there were 489 incidents of illegal dumping. I would expect this figure to decrease significantly for July as to date CRM records indicate much lower levels.

We are still monitoring the area closely and following up on each case where we are aware of who the perpetrators are.

Requests for bin contracts in the Finglas South area commenced in early March. However, due to the restrictions imposed this was not continued. We are now actively recommencing this scheme and we hope to get as many as possible done over the summer period.

Weeding

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Dublin City Council are seeking tenders for alternatives methods for the control of weeds other than the use of glyphosate. Tenderers were invited to submit proposals to remove/ treat weeds, including innovative proposals for the removal/treatment of weeds.

The Tender assessment process is nearly complete and it is expected that this contract will be awarded in the next two weeks.

This will be administered in the North West Area by the Public Domain Team and we will be prioritising areas that need more attention than others. We have been informed that the North West Area will be the first area to be addressed this year.

We would also like to invite groups that are willing and able to get involved in the removal/clearance of weeds in their area. We will supply gloves, hoes, pickers and will have the bags removed when the work is complete.

Residents can request weed removal equipment from [nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie)

City Neighbourhoods

The City Neighbourhoods Competition is back on for 2020. The competition will be run at a local level by the Public Domain and Community Development Teams. We will be sending out application forms to all our Environmental/Residents Groups within the next week. We are currently unsure if we can hold an event/award ceremony but we can decide on this later in the year. We are currently planning to use social media to advertise the competition and to promote the good work that has been continuing in the North West Area for the last number of months.

Enforcement

From July to date 800 leaflets in relation to illegal dumping have been distributed to the following areas:

Valeview Crescent, Deanstown Area, Kilshane Area, Mellows Road and Drive, Ratoath Avenue, Wellmount Drive, Valley Park, Casement Grove, Church Terrace, The Lawn, Sycamore Road Shops and Dunsink Drive and Avenue.

24 Takeaways in the North West Area were visited to ensure ongoing compliance and were reminded of their obligations under the Bye-Laws with regard to litter emanating from the outlets and also, with regard to their presentation and storage of bins.

### Finglas Village

New large planters were installed to the front of Molloys Liquor Store and to the front of the Dick McKee Memorial. A further 2 three tier planters will be installed at the Dick McKee Memorial. This area was also recently weeded and power washed.



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