

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

Meeting: 15th December 2020

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (Jan-Nov 2020)

Estate Management

No of Anti social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	104
No of Anti social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	40
No of other Complaints	379
Total Complaints	523

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	44
No of Other Interviews	364
Total Interviews	408

No of Requests for mediation	1
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	23
No of Section 20 referrals	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0
No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0

No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	2
No of possession application sent to Central Unit	3
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

Housing Allocations

Housing & Apartments			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	14	16	14
Medical	0	1	
Welfare	0	2	2
Homeless	11	0	
Travellers	1	0	
Transfer HAP	0	5	5
De-tenanting	0	1	
Estate Management	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	4	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	4	0	
Total	30	29	21

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	3	2	3
Medical	0	0	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	8	0	
Transfer HAP	0	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	0	
De-tenanting	0	1	
Maintenance Grounds	0	0	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	1	0	
Total	12	3	3

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (22)			
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Ballygall Parade	2 bed Maisonette	24/09/2020	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	24/08/2020	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	2 bed Maisonette	14/04/2020	Works in Progress / On offer
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	20/10/2020	Works in progress
Barnamore Grove	3 bed house	26/08/2020	Works in progress
Barry Park	3 bed house	04/08/2020	Works in progress/on offer
Carrigallen Park	5 bed house	16/07/2019	Works in progress / On offer
Casement Close	2 bed house	21/07/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Cloonlara Road	2 bed house	28/09/2020	Works in progress
Deanstown Avenue	2 bed house	09/11/2020	Works in progress
Dunsink Avenue	3 bed house	17/08/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	24/09/2020	Works in progress/on offer
Griffith Parade	3 bed house	30/06/2020	Works in progress
Griffith Parade	2 bed house	20/08/2020	Works in progress
Hazelcroft Gardens	3 bed house	17/06/2019	Works in progress
Kippure Park	4 bed house	10/03/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Kippure Park	3 bed house	27/05/2020	Works in progress/On offer
McKee Avenue	3 bed House	30/09/2020	Works in progress
St. Canices Square	1 bed Apt	12/11/2020	Works in Progress
The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
The Tolka	2 bed Apt	21/03/2019	Issue with the building
Wellmount Cres	3 bed House	15/10/2020	Works in progress

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (10)			
Address	Type of Unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Brookville Court	1 bed	06/10/2020	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	24/07/2020	Works in progress
Glasaree Court	1 bed	10/04/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Glasaree Court	1 bed	30/03/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	13/11/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	16/11/2020	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	13/05/2019	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	25/06/2019	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	1 bed	07/05/2019	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	bungalow	10/11/2020	Works in progress

Choice Based Lettings

The following properties were advertised under the Choice Based Letting scheme:

Address	No. Eligible Applicants	No. Non Eligible Applicants
63 Fairlawn Road	25	10
101 Ballygall Parade	32	2
90 Kippure Park	5	12

A number of applicants were not eligible due to various reasons i.e. not entitled to the size property, do not have Area E as a preference, do not have a housing application, etc.

Scribblestown PPP Site

70 apartments are currently under construction. The completion date is the end of January. The Finglas Office and Allocations Section have been working closely together to nominate and select tenants.

Cooperation was sought from the Gardaí in the Community Policing Section in Finglas as over 100 applicants required checking on Estate Management grounds in a short period of time.

Ratoath Avenue Site

The site at 61-63 Ratoath Avenue (6x1 bedroom units) is underway. It's anticipated this development will be ready in 4Q of 2021.

Rents Update

The Finglas Area Office continues to provide a rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Finglas Rent Assessment Update 1st Jan- 30th November 2020	
Assessments	1037
Permission to Resides	33
Refunds	22

GENERAL MATTERS

Civic Centre Carpark Upgrade

Work is almost completed on the upgrade of the public car parks in front of the Finglas Civic Centre, Mellows Road, Dublin 11 to provide for improved surface, parking layout, landscaping, and associated works. The works provide an enhanced facility for the benefit of visitors to the crèche, youth resource centre, leisure centre and Area Office.

Enabling works for the installation of electric vehicles charging points have been included as part of the project and three charging points will be available from early 2021.

Kildonan Park Sculpture

The project is now at the public engagement stage. Sculpture Dublin had an advertisement in the Local News North Edition on Friday 4th December with information about the Kildonan Park commission and local public engagement activity. An information leaflet has also been circulated to 3,000 local houses, and posters installed on the railings of the park.

5-Arm Junction

The appointment of the consultant is being finalised. They should be in a position to commence in January 2021. The E&T Department will arrange a briefing session for councillors before the end of March 2021, prior to a detailed design of the scheme being commenced.

Finglas West Family Resource Centre

The Centre will be based on the grounds of St. Kevin's BNS, Barry Road, Finglas.

Summary of progress to date:

- Planning Permission received (November 2020).
- Fire Certs received.
- E-tendering process is underway.
- Works expected to commence in Spring 2021 with the removal of the existing building, followed by construction of the new facility.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Community Quilt Project 2020/21

The Finglas Area Office Community & Social Development staff (CSDS) engaged with local community groups and individuals to create a number of community quilts. The project involves community members knitting a series of squares. When Covid-19 restrictions allow, groups and individuals will be brought together to complete the project.

The project aims to tackle isolation, especially among older people, but is open to all ages.

Dublin City Council is providing wool, knitting needles and the pattern for the project. The project has received great support.

Walking Challenge 2020

Let's get Active 2020 is a walking challenge which commenced on December 1st and will run for 4 to 6 weeks depending on how "active" the participant is feeling. Participants who register for the challenge will receive a diary and pedometer to record their progress. The challenge is for participants to walk 2km each day or whatever they feel they can do.

The purpose of the challenge is to encourage people; especially those who are feeling isolated or have a mental health concern to exercise in their neighbourhood during the current pandemic. Physical exercise can relieve the stresses and strains of everyday life, which is vitally important for our target group.

Those who participate in the challenge will be entered into a draw for "one for all vouchers". All participants are encouraged to observe current Covid-19 guidelines while out walking. Response to the challenge by the target group is very positive with approximately 80 people signing up to participate.

Shoe Box Appeal

During the current pandemic CSDS staff became aware of a number of people that have suffered disproportionately due to Covid-19 restrictions. This group mainly consists of people living on their own and /or have mental health issues.

CSDS staff have linked up with St. Michael's Secondary School to put together approximately 50 shoebox-sized parcels for people who would benefit from a little Christmas cheer. The parcels will contain practical items as well as some treats and a Christmas message. CSDS staff will deliver the parcels during Christmas week.

Sports Capital Programme

The Sports Capital Programme managed by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media provides grants to assist in the development or refurbishment of sports facilities and the provision of sports equipment. The Sports Capital Programme is part funded from the proceeds of the National Lottery.

The 2020 Round of the Programme will be open for applications from 9am on Friday 11th December 2020 until 5pm on Friday 12th February 2021. The deadline for registration is 5pm on Monday 1st February 2021.

First time applications - Clubs / organisations need to register at. :

<https://www.gov.ie/en/service/d13385-sports-capital-programme/>

Previous Applicants can apply at the following address www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie

Cold Winter Strategy 20/21

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Hazel Chu, launched Dublin City Council and ALONE's cold weather campaign outside the Mansion House on 4th December. CSDS, in association with ALONE, the Gardaí, and Dublin Fire Brigade are urging members of the public to check in on older people in their community this winter.

ALONE can be contacted on 0818 222 024 if you have concerns about a vulnerable older person in the community. For more information, including advice and tips for older people in cold weather conditions, visit www.alone.ie.

This campaign is part of Dublin City Council's commitment to an Age-Friendly City.

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