

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

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Report of the Chief Executive



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Dublin City Council

Monthly Management Report – April 2021

Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 places an obligation on the Chief Executive to prepare Monthly Management Reports for Council. The monthly report for the April 2021 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

Environment & Transportation

Please see attached report.

Planning & Property Development

Please see attached report.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Please see attached report.

Human Resources

Please see attached report.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

Please see attached Report in relation to Freedom of Information statistics.

Finance

Please be advised that there are no additions or changes to the Monthly Local Fund Statement & EU/IMF Report listed on the City Council Agenda.

Housing & Community Services

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive

Dated: 31st March 2021

Environment and Transportation

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

Moby now have a fleet of 140 electric bikes available for public hire. Bleeper continue with their successful operations with over 700 bikes now available for public hire. Both operators have provided free bikes for healthcare workers throughout 2020 and this is continuing in 2021. The ongoing roll out of additional bike parking continues which will facilitate the expansion of stationless bike operations. A target has been set for the installation of 819 stands at 168 locations during 2021. Bleeper's membership increased by 125% in 2020 and stood at over 76,000 at the end of 2020. Users of Bleeper bikes cycled almost 867,000 km in 2020 burning 145 Million calories. In their first 6 months of operations Moby's members cycled the equivalent of 4 times around the earth. Stationless bike hire operations saved the equivalent of almost 200 Tonnes in Carbon emissions in 2020. Research is currently being carried out regarding integration/interoperability options with other mobility/transport services.

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking

Due to the Covid 19 Virus Isolation, the number of transactions per week in April 2020 had reduced to 10,500 from a high of 126,155 at the beginning of March. This rose to 22,097 weekly transactions for week ending 17th May. The current Covid 19 situation means that the numbers using the parking Tag has dropped very significantly in line with the reduction of parking meter usage. The weekly revenue on average of €400,000 had reduced to €25,000 for Pay and Display parking in March and April 2020. However, by week ending 21/3/21 that week's revenue was €131,596.00 (down from the w/e 6th December 2020 figure of €282,356.71). There has been a rise in the number of live accounts from 256,334 for week ending 10th Jan 2021 to 260,008 for w/e 21/3/2021.

Car Clubs

There are currently two Car Club companies (GoCar and Yuko) operating within the Dublin City Council administrative area. Both companies had requested and were approved for additional permits in order to expand their services. The total number of live Car Club permits currently issued is 376.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and the current Government restrictions which were announced on 27th March 2020 all new applications for Residential Parking Permit schemes (i.e. new schemes and extensions to hours of schemes) were delayed partly due to the workload arising from the implementation of the new COVID 19 on street measures being implemented throughout the city. However, existing applications in the system have been prepared and sent to ballot from January 2021.

Two new Pay and Display Permit Parking schemes were sent to ballot in March 2021.

Name of Rd

Closing date for Ballot

Oswald Road Dublin 4

28/04/2021

Phibsborough Avenue, Dublin 7

28/04/2021

An extension of hours for Pay and Display Parking scheme was sent to ballot in March 2021

Name of Rd

Closing date for Ballot

Annesley Park, Dublin 6

28/04/2021

Electric Vehicles

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area. This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys. In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required. When the study is completed a report will be presented to the City Council.

Claims Liaison Section

The Claims Liaison Section's primary objective is to assist Irish Public Bodies Insurance to effectively manage the investigation and defence of public liability and employee liability claims against Dublin City Council. The Section deals with claims spreading across Drainage, Roads Maintenance Division, Waste Management, Wastewater Services, Water Services, Public Lighting and Traffic management. All Employee claims from all departments against the Council are also investigated within the Section.

DCC is obliged under its contract for insurance with IPB to adhere to agreed protocols in liaising with IPB and their legal representatives. It is also in the public interest that the successful management and the best defence of claims against DCC is presented. The unit is also tasked with devising and overseeing risk strategy within the relevant sections to assist with a comprehensive programme of hazard identification and elimination. Assisting those Departments to identify the risk patterns and to devise controls and assist in putting such controls in place, supporting a proactive risk management strategy. The unit also liaises with IPB's Special Investigations Unit regarding possible fraudulent claims against DCC.

Investigation and determination of cases continues throughout the Covid Restrictions and in 2020 the Section dealt with 507 Cases against the Council. The Section is currently closely monitoring trends in relation to claims arising from to e-scooter usage.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services has finalised its Annual Works Programme for 2021. This will see an investment of €12 Million in the upgrade of 14kms of carriageway and 12kms of footpath infrastructure. This programme is presently being circulated and presented to the Councillors. Road Maintenance Services resolved over 800 customer enquiries and service

requests during the period January to February inclusive. Additionally, during the same period over 400 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe. Furthermore, a total of 41 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24-hours of being recorded. As a consequence of the restrictions in place due to COVID19, Road Maintenance Services' is currently focusing its response to critical defects and hazards on the road network and the delivery of the winter maintenance plan. There have been 37 winter maintenance callouts since the beginning of this winter season (up to 15th March 2021). This involves up to nine gritting crews spreading salt on 300km of the city's main roads between the hours of 2:30am and 6:30am.

Bridges & Other Road Structures

Bridge Maintenance have completed all of the 2019 Principal Inspection on bridges and the follow up urgent works and other routine maintenance works. Remedial works were carried out to boundary and retaining walls. Special Inspections are underway on Butt & Matt Talbot Bridges and special inspections are being planned on three other bridges. Scour inspections are being planned on all Bridges on the Liffey, Dodder and Tolka Rivers.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

With regard to the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2019, 25 of the 38 organisations/groups approved in principle have completed their projects and drawn down their grant funding to a total sum of €1.36m. The remaining 13 organisations/groups have until the 1st June 2021 to complete their projects and draw down their approved grant funding.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

275 surveys were undertaken on 258 streets across the six waste management areas in February 2021. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 77% of streets graded received a Grade A, 4% Grade B, 18% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. Streets Graded	No. Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Central	46	49	32		17	
South East	47	49	47	1	1	
South Central	32	39	28	4	7	
North Central	37	39	35	1	3	
North West	47	50	24	6	20	
City Centre	49	49	47		2	
TOTALS	258	275	213	12	50	0

On-street recycling facilities were added to the grading programme in February 2021. 91 surveys were undertaken in February 2021 at 64 individual locations. Overall 54% of on-street recycling locations received a Grade A, 24% Grade B, 20% Grade C, 2% Grade D.

AREA	No. Bottle Banks Graded	No. Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Central	1	1				1
South East	8	10	3	5	2	
South Central	14	24	11	5	8	
North Central	24	31	20	7	3	1
North West	17	25	15	5	5	
TOTALS	64	91	49	22	18	2

Recycling Services

With the arrival of Covid 19 on the world stage in early 2020 and the subsequent introduction of social restrictions and lockdown of society, there was a noticeable increase in recycling activities across the city. Waste Management Services staff were, as always, on the front line continuing to deliver essential services, dealing with overflow and illegal dumping at on-street recycling facilities, ensuring the continued operation of bring centres and providing citizens continued opportunity to recycle responsibly.

22,340 tonnes of material was recycled in Dublin City in 2020, including 12,292 tonnes of glass. 6,575 tonnes of material was recycled at our Civic Amenity sites and 4,066 tonnes at DCC staffed Bring Centres.

	Packaging	Green Waste	Glass	Textiles	WEEE
Oscar Traynor Road	659.14	251.74	233.01	66.29	24.12
Collins Ave	162.32	78.60	71.97	11.74	3.52
Grangegorman	292.28	70.92	99.07	5.92	4.11
Kylemore Park North	155.26	N/A	39.71	5.1	0.18
Windmill Road	338.94	192.74	120.06	28.85	8.89
Eamonn Ceannt Park	33.36	N/A	18.95	5.35	0.25
Herzog Park	73.16	N/A	47.32	2.2	1.86
Gullistan Terrace	243.08	163.93	187.85	15.73	5.47

Additional small WEEE cages have been installed at Oscar Traynor Road BC to cater to growing demand for the service. 12 tonnes of small WEEE was recycled at Bring Centres in February 2021. The overall WEEE total including larger items and white goods deposited at CA sites for February was 39.5 tonnes.

The Bring Centre at Kylemore Park North is currently closed due to a fire at an adjoining site. Required refurbishment works have been assessed and a tender process is currently underway. It is likely to take at least six months before the centre is ready to reopen. Patrons are currently being advised to use Windmill Road Bring Centre. A number of alternative sites were investigated but none were suitable.

Repainting and de-cluttering of Grangegorman Bring Centre is nearing completion. This program will roll out to all other Bring Centres in succession. Works are due to begin in Gullistan Terrace next, which will facilitate the installation of a 12 unit textile bank and more small WEEE cages.

Waste Management Services have completed a review of our Textile Recycling Service. A number of sites have been identified where ongoing and extraordinary levels of illegal dumping occur and a phased program of removal of textile banks from problematic sites is planned to begin in April 2021, following a presentation at the March Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC. A range of alternative locations and/or arrangements have been identified to ensure that sufficient capacity to recycle textiles is available relatively close by to any banks scheduled for removal. Additionally, service provider Textile Recycling Limited has begun a program of gradual replacement of single unit textile banks with double units, capable of hosting wheeled clothes bins. Introduction of wheeled bins reduces collection and service times at each location from two to three hours to approximately 20 minutes. The new units also allow for greater storage capacity. These measures will ensure a more effective service.

Green Schools Programme

The deadline for schools to renew/apply for the Green Flag has been extended until 25th June 2021. Renewal visits will take place in an online format. Support for schools involved with the programme is ongoing. For more information about the Green Schools Programme, please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

Community Environment Action Fund

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications have extended the completion date for projects funded under the Community Environment Action Fund 19/20 until 30th June 2021. The scheme for 2021 is expected to be announced in the second half of the year. For more information about the CEAF, please contact ceaf@dublincity.ie

Pre Draft Notice of Preparation of the “National Waste Management Plan for the Circular Economy”

Legislation: Waste Management Act, 1996 and Waste Management (Planning) Regulations, 1997. The 3 Regional Waste Management Planning Offices are giving notice of intention to commence preparation of the “National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy” to replace the existing Regional Waste Management Plans. This plan will be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment. Briefing information and the current plans are available on www.mywaste.ie

Written submissions in relation to the preparation of the plans can be made to info@srwmo.ie or by post to Southern Region Waste Management Office, Lissanalta House, Dooradoyle Road Limerick, V94 K6PO and/or by completing a short questionnaire on www.mywaste.ie by close of business on the 6th May 2021.

A social media information campaign will be carried out on all the www.mywaste.ie website and all the mywaste social media platforms on twitter, Instagram and Facebook..

Circle City Recycling Initiative

The Circle City recycling on the go initiative was launched on the 19th October 2020 with 25 recycling bins installed in the Grafton St and Henry St areas to facilitate recycling of plastic bottles and cans 'on the go' in the city centre. Waste audits of the installed bins are being carried out to assess the success of the initiative to date and the project is ongoing.

Housing Waste Recycling Project

The Housing Waste Project has been suspended due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

The bulky household waste collection service remains temporarily suspended due to staffing issues related to Covid 19. The service will be resumed as soon as it is possible to do so.

Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2019

Following the rejection of Phase 5 Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (Covid-19) at the Council's meeting DCC is currently assessing the best course of action before any decisions in relation to the above are made. In the meantime, DCC will continue to implement 30km/h speed limits in residential areas as per approved Phase 4 - Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2019. This process was delayed due to temporary redirecting of resources to Covid-19 related actions.

Quality of Water Bodies

DCC is working to integrate a number of projects to ensure that the opportunities to meet DCC's Water Framework Directive (WFD) obligation of achieving "good" status for all our water bodies by 2027 are maximised. Current examples are:

- Consultants have been appointed by DCC to deal with flood risk across the DCC and SDCC sections of The River Camac and this is being integrated into a desire to "de-culvert" what is now seen as an over engineered river where possible so that it can, over time, be restored to a more natural state. The project will also involve identifying and remedying urban pollution sources, where possible. This is also being done in conjunction with an existing Greenway proposal and also in tandem with Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) funded projects in the area. Environmental and topographical surveys of the catchment are nearing completion.
- The River Santry where DCC is preparing a brief to engage consultants as part of a URDF funded project to restore the river to a more natural state, and investigate and remedy sources of pollution. Again this work is being designed in conjunction with a proposed Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project. A restricted procedure to engage consultants is currently underway. On the 18th December 2020, candidates were informed of the results of the assessment of the Expressions of Interest stage. The statutory cooling off period expired on the 19th January 2021. It is envisaged that successful candidates will be invited through to Stage 2: Request for Tender early to mid Q1 2021.

Bathing Waters

A Task Force has been established including Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, the DHPLG and Irish Water to deal with the long-standing problems regarding the quality of the bathing waters in the south city area. We are also working in

close liaison with the EPA, the HSE, and experts from UCD in relation to this matter. An enhanced programme of water quality testing has identified a number of significant misconnections and areas for further investigation but field work is delayed due to Covid-19. A number of problems with the sewer network have been identified and resolved. A Combined Sewer Overflow in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area was identified as a particular problem. Irish Water have a contractor on site to remove this before the start of this year's bathing season. New flow and water quality monitoring equipment has been installed at the outlet of the Elm Park stream. Sandymount beach is now designated "Satisfactory" and is expected to retain that designation this year.

Drainage Planning

In addition to providing drainage input on planning applications, including SHDs, we are advising on LAPs, SDZs and the City's New Development Plan. We are providing drainage input on major new infrastructure projects such as Metro, Bus Connects and various cycle schemes. We are assisting Irish Water with new planning applications/ connection applications.

The SuDS Working Group is now established with multi-disciplinary representation from Drainage, WFD, Roads, Climate Change, Parks, City Architects and Planning. A consultant is drawing up SuDS Guidance Documents to cover best practice in this area with draft chapters currently being reviewed by the Working Group.

Flood Defence

It has become increasingly apparent that, as a result of climate change, rainfall patterns in Dublin have changed from the previous low intensity long duration type rain to shorter and far more intensive rainfall events. The existing drainage infrastructure was not designed to deal with this type of rainfall and, as a result, there have been a number of severe localised flood events in recent years. Arising from work initiated by the DCC Flood and WFD Division in close liaison with the DCC Climate Change Action Plan team, it has been agreed that DCC should progress a number of nature based water retention measures using a sustainable urban design approach at different locations across the City. These will have the dual effect of reducing the rate of surface water runoff into sewers, thus reducing the risk of downstream and local flooding, as well as improving the water quality of that runoff through percolating the runoff in natural media with a green infrastructure approach.

The WFD/Drainage Planning team has continued to liaise with their colleagues in Environment and TRansportation Roads, in the Parks Department and in the City Architect's Office to facilitate the implementation of this approach in particular public realm projects that are at design and construction stages. Consultants have been procured for other pilot SuDS projects on the Dodder and Santry river catchments. Coastal flood risk has increased dramatically in the City over the last 20 years with an estimated 125mm+ increase in average sea level in Dublin Bay. This also leads to increased wave heights during some storm conditions. All of these factors are being included in proposed flood alleviation measures for the City.

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team has recently launched the Creative Ireland funded project "Eat the Streets!" that is focused on food and climate change. The project will run until June 20th. Project team is currently in the process of finalising the festival in June which will mark the end of the project.

The Press Office and the Climate Action Team are working on a communication strategy for Dublin's European Green Capital 2023 bid. In February it was confirmed that Dublin is one of 16 cities running for EGCA 2023. Finalists will be announced in April.

The Climate Action team presented at a number of events in March.

- The Charter Institute of Water and Environmental Management's panel discussion
- The implementation of the Climate Action Plan for Ireland
- TUDublin School of Planning's Green Week.

The Climate Action Team is reviewing actions in the CCAP with respective teams to account for changes in staff, and progress in actions. New actions have been added to better reflect the work of the Council. Further reporting on progress now aligns with requirements from department, prior to the release of the Climate Amendment Bill.

Dublin City Council is working with Codema, the other three Dublin Local Authorities, Smart Dublin and the Dublin CARO to develop the Dublin Energy Transition Roadmap, which aims to motivate a range of stakeholders such as citizens, businesses, transport groups, academia and public bodies to commit to action and work together towards the same goal of developing Dublin as a sustainable, healthy, leading carbon-neutral region by 2050. The Dublin Transition Energy Roadmap is being developed with the support of the EU Horizon 2020 funded 'TOMORROW' project. To date, Codema has carried out the following activities to advance the roadmap on behalf of Dublin City Council and the wider transition team:

- Actor analysis of stakeholders in Dublin who need to be engaged in Dublin's energy transition
- Development of an extensive Work Plan for the development of the roadmap
- Development of a Marketing Strategy, setting out a clear plan of action to engage and mobilise stakeholders for implementation in 2021
- Regular participation in TOMORROW workshops and partner meetings to discuss plans and progress and learn from pilot and lighthouse cities across the EU

As citizen and stakeholder engagement will be at the heart of the roadmap development, Dublin City Council will work with the rest of the Transition Team to roll out an extensive programme in 2021 to get input from the public and key stakeholders in the best pathways forward for Dublin's energy transition. An invitation to stakeholders to support the roadmap has been signed by the 4 Dublin LA Chief Executives.

Climate Action Regional Office

The CARO website www.caro.ie was launched on 16th March 2021. This is a resource for Ireland's 31 local authorities which will provide up-to-date climate change research, case studies, training, events and relevant news for the sector. Links to relevant national policy, sectoral plans, funding information and national organisations, such as Climate Ireland, are also available, making this new website an essential resource for local authorities. A restricted area, accessible only to local authority staff, will provide practical tools and resources, including reporting templates and ideas-sharing.

The CARO has developed the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme in response to Action 150 of the Climate Action Plan 2019. The Programme is based on tailored training for all staff members and elected members and includes provision for specialised training for climate action officers and planners. In addition to CARO, a range of training partners and contributors have been involved both in the preparation of content and the delivery of training. This includes the Local Authority Services Training Group who will be in contact with all staff through Council training officers. The training of all 27,000 staff and 949 elected members across 31 local authorities will empower staff to be advocates for

climate action both within their organisations and the wider communities in which they serve. Training for Dublin City Council staff will continue throughout 2021 and into Q2 of 2022. Further information is available on the CARO website <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/training>

Energy Management

By end 2019, DCC had improved its energy performance by 36.5%, compared to the baseline years 2006-2008, surpassing its 2020 efficiency goal of 33% one year ahead of target. In 2019, DCC consumed a total of 172 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this is the equivalent of 32,247 tonnes of CO₂ with an associated energy cost of €11.8 million. This represents an absolute reduction of 75 GWh in primary energy when compared to the baseline, (17,315t CO₂). The 2019 Energy Review detailed how energy is consumed across the Council as well as setting out the councils targets for 2030. While this is a very encouraging achievement, it should not be seen as “job done” with even more challenging 2030 targets. Energy savings are not guaranteed from year to year, and effort must be maintained to improve upon these savings through ongoing monitoring and analysis. This will require continued and increased focus across all departments on the energy performance of DCC’s buildings and operations over the coming decade.

The progress highlighted by the energy review is due the efforts of each significant energy user within the council of which are represented on the councils Energy Oversight Committee (EOC). The EOC was set up in 2017 by Céline Reilly, who was the Executive Manager within DCC’s Environment and Transportation Department and was the Council’s appointed Energy Performance Officer (EPO) (and is now replaced by Liam Bergin). The Committee members continued to meet in 2020 to help progress energy efficiency initiatives in DCC and put a huge amount of time and effort into drafting DCC’s Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The EOC will continue to work to identify further potential energy efficiency and carbon saving projects, based on the findings of the Energy Review process and the actions outlined in DCC’s CCAP. Significant focus is currently being placed on the development of an internationally-accredited energy management system throughout the whole of DCC as part of this process. DCC is aiming to be certified with the ISO 50001 standard in 2021.

Building Upgrades

Dublin City Council is part of a €1.2M project led by Codema to test and develop a one-stop-shop project implementation unit for energy-efficient and renewable energy projects in Dublin, which will include over €5.5 million worth of upgrades to Dublin City Council buildings. The project was approved for support funding from the EU Horizon 2020 programme in January 2021. The ‘DeliveREE’ project will support the retrofit of a range of council facilities such as leisure centres, fire stations, libraries, offices and community buildings. This pilot pipeline of projects will be completed over the next four years, and is expected to reduce carbon emissions in Dublin by almost 1,700 tonnes.

A key part of the project will involve creating an innovative, standardised finance and delivery system for rolling out energy-efficiency and renewable energy projects at mass scale in Dublin. This will work by processing and assessing potential projects quickly and efficiently, in order to identify the most suitable buildings to upgrade. Once identified, these buildings of various types and sizes will be bundled together to gain large-scale impact on the efficiency of Dublin’s building stock. The retrofit work will then be carried out using energy performance-based contracts, which will ensure long-term, guaranteed energy savings and will make the project more financially attractive to the client, the contractor and to private investors.

The DeliveREE project will officially begin in June 2021 and, in addition to Codema as lead partner, the consortium includes the four Dublin Local Authorities, alongside a range of legal, procurement and financial experts such as Resourceful Futures Ltd, Philip Lee Solicitors Ltd and Sustainable Development Capital LLC. The project will also be supported by a strategic Advisory Board made up of national government departments and authorities, financial institutes and advisors, experienced European energy agencies and European experts.

Decarbonising Zones

In response to the All of Government Climate Action Plan 2019 Action No.165 and the recent circular issued by DHLGH in February on Decarbonising Zones, the Council are in the process of identifying potential Decarbonising Zones (DZs) across the city area, which have to be submitted by 30th April 2021. The Council are being assisted by Codema and the Dublin CARO, who are providing the evidence base of local level emissions, energy use and low-carbon resources, overlaid with other location based data which will help in decision making such as locations of housing retrofit programmes, sustainable energy communities, public buildings etc. The four Dublin Local Authorities are developing a regional based approach to defining DZs, and a regional meeting is set for the 26th of March.

Electrification of DCC Fleet

The Council's fleet continues to migrate to electric vehicles with 43 electric vehicles currently operating in the city.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Air Quality Management Plan

The four local authorities in the Dublin region have begun the process to produce a Regional Air Quality Plan which must be submitted to the European Commission by end 2021.

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

The European Environment Agency alerted Member EU States that elevated levels of particulate pollution were anticipated over much of western Europe during the period 3-4 March due to a combination of naturally occurring dust storms and prevailing meteorological conditions. This plume was tracked by satellite by European agencies and while levels moderately above the norm were recorded over a period of hours at Dublin city monitoring stations these were all well below mandatory levels.

Air Quality Updates

At a meeting of the Air Quality Sub Committee of the Energy, Climate Action Environment and Energy SPC, the members requested that a summary of air quality for Dublin be provided each month. The Environmental Protection Agency publish such monthly bulletins at <https://www.epa.ie/air/quality/reports/>. The summary of the latest report they provide for Dublin city is enclosed as supplementary to this report.

Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City

The Chief Executive issues regular Covid Mobility report to all Councillors. All reports to date (since June 18, 2020) are available on the [Covid Mobility page](#) on the website. In addition details of schemes and consultation around the schemes are now being undertaken via the DCC consultation hub.

Sustainable City Centre Strategy

The Covid Crisis and the changes that it has brought to the city and its likely knock on consequences on the cities transport needs and the overall mobility movements in the city require that the existing City Centre Transport Strategy document be updated. This will require us to both look at the pattern of mobility in the city pre Covid and what is now needed for the next number of years.

In addition projects such as Metro link, Bus Connects, Dart +, Luas extension to Finglas and the increase in cycling funding allocation will require a coordinated view of how these projects will work together and what is required over the next 5- 6 years. The Council is also working with the three other Dublin Authorities, SMART Dublin and the CARO to publish an overarching electric vehicle charge point deployment strategy within the context of our sustainable urban mobility strategy and the Government's vehicle electrification targets.

Environment & Transportation Department Input to the Development Plan Review

Transportation Planning Division supports the Planning Authority in carrying out its statutory Forward Planning and Development Management functions. In 2021, the main Forward Planning focus will be on the review of the 2016-2022 Dublin City Development Plan which commenced mid December 2020. Transportation Planning Division has direct responsibility for writing the Sustainable Movement & Transport chapter and supporting appendices, guidance documents and standards. This will be done in consultation with all of the relevant divisions across Environment & Transportation Department.

As the largest department within the Council, it is considered important to streamline the consultation process in order to ensure that information gathering and sharing is collated and managed in an effective manner. Transportation Planning Division has developed a bespoke consultation process and associated tools to facilitate department wide input to the development plan review process. All directorates within the Department will be involved in a 3 week internal consultation period commencing in January where they will be invited to review the current Development Plan and set out any changes they wish to put forward for the next Plan. Access to a shared folder will be provided with a consultation form and supporting resource material to help guide and inform their feedback.

Following receipt of feedback and input from the various divisions during the consultation period, the relevant parts of the draft development plan will be drafted. Following a review of the draft chapters by the A/Assistant Chief Executive, he will issue the relevant draft chapters to the Planning Department in April 2021. The Planning Department will finalise the Draft Development Plan ahead of issuing it for public consultation in November 2021. It is envisaged that this bespoke consultation process and associated tools can be used as a mechanism for future department wide consultation and engagement.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green	NTA/DCC	DCC	The review of this project is ongoing and discussions are continuing with the NTA regarding relevant transport issues, including Bus Connects and the recently published Bus Network Redesign. This will inform the preparation of a new College Green proposal and the intended re-submission of an appropriate planning application as soon as possible. As part of the preparation of a revised proposal, consideration is being given to the possible inclusion, within the project, of the section of Dame Street up to South Great Georges Street. A non – statutory public consultation process on this proposal was recently completed and the submissions received will inform our deliberations. A report on the submissions received will be brought to the next Traffic and Transport SPC Meeting.
2	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Detailed design works are complete and following a tender process, it is planned to be in a position to commence works after completion of the major private development currently under construction and affecting Clarendon Row. This is expected in Q3 2021.
3	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	Preliminary design works are continuing. Following internal and external consultations, a Part 8 Planning Application will be submitted as soon as possible.
4.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk Street	DCC	DCC	Preliminary design works are continuing. Following internal and external consultations, a Part 8 Planning Application will be submitted as soon as possible.
5.	Cathal Brugha Street/Findlater Place	DCC	DCC	Consultation with local stakeholders has commenced for the upgrading of the public realm in this area. Depending on the scope of the work a Part 8 may be required.

6.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAAF/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan	The planning application for this project will now be lodged as part of the NTA BusConnects project. Preliminary design is complete and the draft EIAR is being amalgamated into that of BusConnects. Land acquisitions and Land Owner agreements are still being progressed by DCC.
7.	Blood Stoney Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	Received An Bord Pleanala decision on 21st Sept'20 not to approve the amendment to the SDZ to relocate the bridge to Blood Stoney Road. Awaiting a NTA report on the future plans for the DART Underground project. Project team will liaise with Planning Dept. to decide how to proceed.
8.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	New Competition	The Tender Assessment is now complete and the contract for a design consultant for this scheme will be awarded shortly.
9.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	DCC	The Main Works (e.g. repaving, public lighting, green infrastructure etc) will commence in August 2021 (after Euro 2021 event) with completion in May 2022.
10.	Cathedral Street / Sackville Place	DCC	DCC	The Joint Working Group of the Public Participation Network Disability Linkage Group and Dublin City Council have concluded the examination of design options for the Cathedral Street / Sackville Place scheme and a design option has been chosen to progress to Part 8 Planning.
11.	Liffey Street Public Realm Improvements	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	Detailed design complete and tender documents being reviewed for issue Q2 2021.

12.	Castle Street /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme	DCC	DCC	Due to a significant increase in the estimated costs for this project the project has been suspended pending review. Road Design have reviewed the cost and the extent of the proposed works and have made a submission to the CPSO.
13.	Belmayne Main Street and Belmayne Ave	DCC/NTA/LIHAF	DBFL Consulting Engineers	The tender assessment is complete and the contract will be awarded once funding approval is in place from LIHAF, NTA and Irish Water. Transfer of the required lands is also being finalised.
14.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DCC/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 th June. 25 submissions received by An Bord Pleanala, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 th October. Awaiting ABP response.
15.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECOM	Environmental and topographical surveys substantially completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment ongoing. Website www.camacfas.ie Environmental surveys have revealed more significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded.
16.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OPW	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's ongoing. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home . Culvert surveys completed. Some difficulties with topographical surveys due to COVID restrictions.
17.	Mary's Street Pedestrianisation	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	Integrated Design Team appointed, preliminary design options being developed. Internal consultation continuing. External consultation to resume following lifting of restrictions.

18.	Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works	DCC	Tobin Consulting Engineers (TCE)	<p>Stage 1 Completed: Suitability Assessment and Options Report signed-off by DCC.</p> <p>Stage 2 Detailed design at 17 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed. 4 sites are on the Finglas River, 3 on the Santry River, 3 on the Poddle River, 2 on the Claremont Stream, 2 on the Gallblack Stream, one each on the Naniken River, Elm Park Stream and a tributary of the Wad River.</p> <p>Stage 3: Tender Action, Evaluation & Award commenced on 3rd December 2020. Tobin Consulting Engineers are finalising for DCC's review the Tender Documents to Procure the Construction Contractor.</p>
19.	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme	DCC	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Consultant appointed. Landowners and major stakeholders being contacted. New Ecological, site investigation and topographical surveys ongoing at Howth Road and Clontarf Promenade.
20.	Traffic Minor Works – Package 7.	NTA / DCC	Atkins	Consultant appointed. Finalising Designs.
21	Traffic Minor Works – Package 8.	NTA	TBC	Consultant to be appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contract or	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2.	ARUP DCC	OPW	August 2007	Dec 2020	Construction of new RDS wall ongoing. Programmed for completion Q2 2021. River restoration works Q3. Construction ongoing at Beech Hill road. Programmed completion Q4 2021.
2	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECOM	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	October 2014	Nov 2019	Scheme is operational and all outstanding minor elements completed in 2019. Contractor for sealed manholes onsite.
3.	Balbutcher Lane Junction reconfiguration	DCC	Clonmel Enterprises Ltd	January 2020	Q1 2021	Construction works are now complete apart from minor landscaping and snagging. The junction was opened up to traffic on 8 th March 2021. The junction is one of two in the city to include a flashing amber left turn arrow to alert drivers that they must yield to cyclists on their left. An additional stretch of on-road cycle lane has been introduced between the Hampton Wood Drive and the Jamestown Road Roundabout
4	Silloogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	O'Connor Sutton	Nov'20	Aug'22	All parties are waiting to see if Construction can restart after 5 th April 2021.
5	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	DBFL	October 2020.	December 2021.	All parties are waiting to see if Construction can restart after 5 th April 2021.
6.	Sandymount Green	DCC	Actavo (Ireland) Ltd.	November 2020	Q1 2021.	Works are complete.

Planning and Property Development

Policy/Strategic

The National Planning Framework 2040 provides for 265,000 additional population and associated infrastructure in the Dublin Area.

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy which includes a Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) was approved by the Regional Assembly in May 2019.

The Cherry Orchard LAP was approved by the City Council in October 2019 meeting and an Implementation Group has been set up. The implementation of the Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP is being progressed, including a proposed masterplan for the Belmayne lands.

The City Council has embarked on a major review of Z6 industrial land banks, following a presentation to the Planning SPC and the City Council in March 2019. A first tranche of 20 smaller individual sites was considered for rezoning at the March meeting of the City Council, 16 of which were rezoned for Residential/mixed use.

Urban Regeneration Development Fund bids were submitted to the DHPLG based on the North Inner City, South Inner City, Clongriffin/Belmayne and Cherry Orchard; two of which have been allocated funding in this round – North Inner City and South Inner City.

Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Development Plan 2022-2028</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review commenced on the 15th December 2020; public notices issued. Closing date was 22nd February; 750 submissions received which are currently being assessed. • All documents plus two background papers (i) Retail and (ii) height, up on website with two videos (a) on Dev Plan and (b) how to make a submission. • 5 thematic webinars completed on the 25th and 26th of Jan, now viewable after on the website- attendance and activity high for all, average over 200 attendance. • Major push on social and traditional media resulted in 750 submissions received. • SPCs have now received a presentation on the review. • Work on RPS recommendations for pre-Draft stage and Draft stage continuing. 	<p>List of RPS additions being prepared to process in advance of the Draft.</p> <p>Preparation work on Chief Executives Report and assessment of submissions, Chief Executives Report on submissions due for circulation 19th April, followed by Workshops with Councillors.</p>

<p>Development Plan 2016-2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed variation for lands at Pembroke Road, Ballsbridge went on public display March 15th 2021 (Proposed Variation no. 32) Proposed variation for Jamestown lands in Finglas went on public display 18th March 2021 (Proposed variation no. 33). 	<p>SEA & AA screening to be finalised.</p> <p>Closing date for public submissions on Ballsbridge variation is 15th April, and Jamestown lands 16th April 2021, followed by preparation of CE Report for June City Council Meeting.</p>
<p>Planning/Housing Studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of Housing land potential on Council owned flat complexes now complete and presented to Housing SPC. 	<p>Moving into feasibility and concept design phase.</p>
<p>Ballymun LAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCDP Variation No. 30: lands at Carton rezoned from Z9 to Z1, Sept 2020. Metro – liaison with NTA on-going. New intersection with Hampton Wood near completion. Sillogue Avenue road realignment on-site. Site 1: Shopping centre: demolition near completion. c. 6 weeks of work remaining once site reopens. Site 3: Lidl shop open & student accommodation completed. Site 6: Cost rental, AHB consortium (Housing Dept) Site 9: “Empowering the Family” presented to NWAC on 16/02/21 and Pre-planning held 26/02/21. Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: for senior citizens (Housing Dept) meeting between design team & planning took place Feb 21. Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: design team appointed for part 8. Site 21: O’Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. Site 22/23: O’Cualann site: near completion. (27 no. of 35 no. units completed) Site 25: To be given to O’Cualann (Housing dept). 	<p>Meetings with NTA ongoing to establish land take for Metro.</p> <p>Sites 12 & 14: Part 8 expected Q3 2021</p> <p>Housing Dept. preparing a report to DHPLG re: funding for sites 5, 15, 16, 17, 18 (bundled together, Main Street – Balcurris Park); Site 8 (Coultry Park), Sites 11 & 13 (Sillogue Ave / Road); plus new site at Carton (variation no. 30).</p> <p>Site 19 (St. Josephs’ Church): City Architects to extend feasibility study.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 27 (part of): Decathlon opened, June 2020 • Sites currently on-hold: Site 2 (Disposal not approved); Site 4 Main Street; Site 7 Boiler House (Bennets); Site 20 (Poppintree NC); Site 24 (Belclare Way); Site 26 (industrial site); • Sites 27-31: M50 lands 	Masterplan for Site 31 to be finalised
Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAP adopted at City Council meeting 7th October 2019. • URDF application for funding submitted, 29th May 2020. Application unsuccessful. • LAP update & LDA presentation to Cllrs 25/03/21. • Site 1: Serviced site fund: Part 8 application being prepared for site. • Site 6, 7 & 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, SHD pre-planning held with ABP, 17/02/21. • Cherry Orchard Park: redesign scheduled for delivery 2021 • Equine centre to extend boundary: works to be carried out by DCC. • Site 3B: talks underway with CDETB re St. Oliver's Training Centre. 	<p>Site 1: design ongoing, Part 8 expected Q3 2021. Site 4 & 5: LDA to Secure agreement with DCC regarding planning, design for next stage Site 6: SHD for Phase 1 expected shortly.</p> <p>Cherry Orchard Park: Parks Dept to commence scoping works once level 5 restrictions lifted. Design to be completed Q1 2022.</p> <p>Site 2: delivery mechanism to be agreed.</p>
Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belmayne Masterplan approved by Area Committee • Life of LAP extended to 2022 • Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019. • DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library. • URDF application for funding submitted, 29th May 2020. Application unsuccessful. 	Design of LIHAF funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently being progressed. URDF application made for LAP/masterplan implementation
Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finglas Strategy 2021 presented to Area Committee 16 December 2020. • Finglas Strategy 2021 deferred until Jamestown variation is progressed. • Talks on Finglas LUAS on-going with TII 	Proposed variation no. 33 for lands at Jamestown on public display 18/03/21 to 16/04/21.
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report submitted to An Bord Pleanála in December 2019 in 	Refused by ABP

	<p>relation to amendments to building heights in SDZ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC undertook Judicial Review of Bord Pleanála's grant of permission under the SHD process for development at City-Block 2 • Planned works on Campshires public realm. • Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum to resume • Reports completed on large scale planning applications in City Block 9 • DCCs Height Review submitted to ABP in May 2019, refused. 	<p>Await final judgement</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Next meeting on April 12th</p> <p>Decisions due 25th March</p>
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-application meeting held for Irish Glass Bottle Site. • Material for SDRA chapter of Dev Plan to be updated. 	<p>Further pre-app meetings to follow end March.</p> <p>In progress.</p>
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolfe Tone Square, Francis St – and Greening interventions hope to be back on site in April • College Green – Design approach being developed with ref to previous Bord Pleanala decision, Bus Connects infrastructure project and the local needs of businesses with a view to lodging a new planning application. A non – statutory public consultation was held with a view to the inclusion of a section of Dame Street up to South Great Georges Street. • Work is continuing to bring Temple Bar Square and Liffey St Projects to construction tender. • Suffolk St and South Anne St /Duke St Area Preliminary design works are continuing. Following internal and external consultations, a Part 8 Planning Application will be submitted as soon as possible. 	<p>Projects are impacted by Covid measures since survey work and movement analysis are not practical and construction remains closed. There will need to be a balance between works and economic reopening of the city. The Public Realm structure in DCC has been reviewed with the objective of advancing projects in an accelerated timeline through multi-disciplinary working.</p>
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Markets Project received some funding in the recently announced URDF. On foot of this it is intended to revise the approach to tender. 	<p>Meet advisory Group.</p> <p>Issue tender.</p>

	This will be brought to the Members Advisory Group. The Market building is being used temporarily by building sites in the area.	
Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 1 – Awarded • Naas Road / Ballymount / Park West / Cherry Orchard Masterplan – Joint DCC / SDCC project. • Kilmainham / Inchicore Development Strategy. 16 October 2020 - Stage 2 Stakeholder consultation commenced • Call 2 – Bid 4 bids submitted 29th May 2020, in collaboration with Departments across DCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. North Inner City ii. South Inner City iii. Park – West Cherry Orchard iv. Clongriffin- Belmayne 	<p>Stage 1 Baseline Study due Q4 2020. Landowner briefings completed. Stage 2 Strategic Framework – Commence Q1 2021. Draft Baseline Report received and being reviewed</p> <p>Stage 2 Report – being finalised. Report to be presented to South Central Area Committee in February 2021.</p> <p>North Inner City and South Inner City bids successful</p>
DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)	Further to Emerging Preferred Options, meeting held 19th March in relation to preferred option.	Comments on preferred option to be considered before public consultation commences at mid/end April.
DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)	Irish Rail briefings on Emerging Preferred Options held in late 2020.	Briefing to take place mid-April in relation to forthcoming Public consultation.
Metrolink	Current pre-Railway Order discussions with TII.	Ongoing planning input.
BusConnects	Stage 3 Public consultation phase 4 November to 15 December 2020. Preparing Planning Policy response for Steering Group.	DCC Bus Connects Steering Group notified of strategic issues.
Finglas LUAS	Public consultation on preferred route. DCC submission made 17 th sept 2020.	Ongoing consultations with TII.

<p>City Valuers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with developers on Pembroke Quarter lands commenced. • Proposed CPOs at Ryders Row, Werburgh Street, Exchange Street and for new Abbey Theatre project at Eden Quay proceeding. • Transactions involving the HSE at The Church of the Annunciation and Fergal's Field Finglas, St. Michael's Estate, Cherry Orchard and Gulistan Terrace agreed with HSE and reported for receipt of approvals • Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Markievicz Pool relocation coming back into focus. • Heightened focus on Long Term Leasing of residential properties and hospitality sector for temporary Homeless accommodation. • Settlement with O'Callaghan hotels re: exchange proposal for St. Andrews Court. Not proceeding. JV proposal also rejected. Possibility of DCC acquiring O'Callaghan lands. • TII preparing revised expression of interest in Port Tunnel site at junction of Swords Road and Collins Avenue for temporary relocation of football pitch for Whitehall Rangers FC. Interaction commenced with James Nolan on PPP bundle aspects. Possibility of agreement to mutual benefit between DCC and TII. • Disposal of retail site at St. Michael's Estate being considered. • Consideration of future uses for School of Music building. • Offer made for the acquisition of 119/119A Emmet Road for regeneration purposes. • Strong growth in fee income from other Dublin Authorities. • Terms agreed for the acquisition of a key site at Ship Street in the soon to be published Werburgh Street CPO. Discussions with another plot owner to proceed. • Building search for Stanley Street relocation running into difficulties. Meeting with DFB to consider way forward. • Rent review for Irish Times building agreed. • Consideration of the future use of the Civil Defence Depot. 	<p>Ryders Row CPO. Notices for Possession served.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major acquisition of 1-3 Nelson Street for use as Homeless accommodation by Peter McVery Trust completed. • Family dispute slowing acquisition of Sean O'Casey house at NCR. 	
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Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Record Protected Structures</p> <p>Built Heritage investment Scheme 2021</p> <p>Historic Structures Fund 2021</p>	<p>The following reports (for proposed additions to the RPS) were published for public consultation on 14th January 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nos. 6, 7, & 8, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8 • No. 31 Old Kilmainham, Dublin 8 • No. 139-149 North King Street, Dublin 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2021 Dublin City Council received an allocation of €369,600 under this year's BHIS Scheme. A total of 112 BHIS applications were received by the closing date of 24th February, Following an assessment process, 88 proposed projects have been recommended for funding to the Department and an additional 24 projects are recommended to be placed on a waiting list. • Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021. A total of 17 applications were received by the closing date of 24th of February. Following an assessment process, 5 proposed projects have been recommended for funding to the Department. 	<p>Three submissions were received by the closing date and will be forwarded to the Minister for comment by 26th March.</p> <p>Await approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage</p>

Culture, Recreation and Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

The launch of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) took place on 24th March. It is a collaboration between 8 Local Authorities, DCU and University of Ulster, to drive economic development and co-operation in the region. It included the publication of “The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor: Current Profile, Potential in Recovery and Opportunities for Cooperation” report, a research collaboration between DCU and University of Ulster identifying key economic opportunities available. EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 - 2027 will be presented to the remaining 3 SPCs during April and May.

Departmental Priority

Dublin City branch libraries continue to offer a home delivery service for older people and those who are long-term isolating, with the support of the Dublin Volunteer Centre. A total of 1,186 home deliveries had been made by the middle of March 2021, which amounts to over 7,000 individual items. The National Programme Spring Into Storytime commences for the month of April. Library staff will deliver storytimes and activities to children online and to classes in schools and childcare centres. As part of the programme book bags will be delivered to all learning centres and libraries across the city. The 2021 City Hall Lecture series will commence in April, online around the theme of Death and Disease in Dublin. Dr Ida Milne will be speaking about the Spanish Flu in Dublin and Professor Brendan Kelly will explore the history of psychiatric hospitals in Dublin. For more details and how to book, see the library events page [here](#)

As part of the DCC Decade of Commemorations Programme, Donaghmede Library and Raheny Library present a new online lecture series on Ireland in 1921 with Dublin City Council Historian in Residence, Cormac Moore. Beginning on 23rd March and running for 6 Tuesdays, the events are free to attend. Registration via Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3t1eWQd> Talks for April are The Partition of Ireland (6th), The Truce (13th) The Treaty (20th) The 1921 Irish Soccer Split and Sport in a Divided Island (27th)

The month of April sees the celebration of One Dublin One Book, featuring Leonard and Hungry Paul by Ronan Hession. The book is available in all formats during April, with particular focus on free availability through the digital BorrowBox Libraries app. Events will take place online throughout the month. For more details see onedublinonebook.ie Following the unveiling of the 2021 shortlist on March 25th, the Dublin Literary Award will focus on showcasing the six finalists throughout April and until May 20th when the winner will be announced during the International Literature Festival Dublin. More information on dublinliteraryaward.ie

Pollinator Friendly Wilding of Open Spaces and Roads Environs - As part of our commitment to biodiversity enhancement and the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, further initiatives to improve areas for pollinators are being progressed by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services across the city. Changes to mowing regimes particularly along roads and in an increasing number of open spaces will become evident this spring which will complement more pollinator-friendly planting schemes. New signage with a friendly Bee in Dublin colours with the tag line ‘Leave Them Bee’ will be posted at these locations together with a public awareness campaign. Please note that several site works continue to be delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) scheme (2020 to date) received 1,564 applications of which 1,400 have been approved to date. Value of the TOV approved to date is €3,292,021.

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants in 2021, 11 approved grants to date to value € 244,000 supporting creation of 24 jobs. 1,065 participants attended 29 training programme from 1st Jan – 28th Feb 2021. 360 hours of mentoring were completed 1^s January – 28th February 2021 – group, individual & Brexit specific. Start Your Own Business: 119 participants in 4 courses 1^s January – 28th February 2021. Local Enterprise Week 2021: 17 virtual events with 1,381 participants, an increase in participation of 65%.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
St. Anne's Park	WC, Pavilions and Car Park extension. Internal DCC consultation completed	Part 8 planning consultation to commence
Public Sculpture	Contracts with sculptors signed for Ballyfermot and the Plinth at City Hall	Agree contracts with sculptors for other sites
Stoneybatter Greening	Strategy in place. Phased works in planning.	Report to Area Committee on next phase of work.
Fairview Park Tearooms	Part 8 lodged	Report on outcome of Part 8 planning consultation
Sean Moore Park.	Sandymount Container Café and public toilets. Initial design stage by Architect	Report to Area Committee.
Merrion Square	Historic Lamp standards to be installed. Lamp standards refurbished	Installation in Q2
Eamonn Ceannt Depot Improvements	Part 8 approved	Prepare Tender package
St. James Linear Park	Contractor appointed	Works due to commence Q2 subject to restrictions
DCSWP Virtual Hub	Developed to support ongoing delivery of programmes during Covid-19 restrictions and to provide resource for increased participation/reach in long-term. Change For Life identified as pilot programme for initial rollout.	Advertisement via all internal and external communication channels.
Change For Life 2021	8-week flagship DCSWP programme in its 9th year	Timeline of programme extended due to Covid-19.
Keep Well Campaign	National initiative to support communities. Funding secured from Healthy Ireland to support 3 DCSWP multi-sport initiatives. Online Older Adult multi-sport classes delivered three times per week. 90 older adults across city communities registered.	Remaining initiatives to be launched following easing of Covid-19 restrictions
Lord Mayor's 5 Alive (Virtual) Challenge 2021	Continues in 2021. DCSWP/LM Office has linked in with adapted virtual race challenges. 400 approx. participants registered to date.	Communication on remaining races to be circulated to participants.
Orienteering	DCSWP to roll out programmes in 2021 in partnership with Orienteering Ireland. Programmes to be all-inclusive. Planning process continues. Mapping of Dublin parks complete.	Ongoing consultation on progress via Orienteering Ireland/DCSWP sub-group.
Sport Inclusion & Integration	Cara Xcessible Bronze Award submission. DCSWP invited to apply.	Application ongoing
Co-Funded Programmes	Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Rugby programmes in schools and communities across city delivered by 27 Co-funded Officers.	Officers currently re-engaging with schools following return to education. Online supports continue.

Public Art	New Public Art Programme to be launched	April 2021
Arts Grants 2022+	The Arts Office are focusing on meeting residents in North Central and North West Areas to increase applications for annual Arts Grants	Discussions to take place over the next couple of months
Green For Micro	A new initiative to prepare small businesses for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. www.localenterprise.ie/Green	Back end process development to efficiently channel applicants to successful match to a green consultant.
Dublin Reset Summit	The Dublin Reset Summit outcomes report was completed in March identifying key findings & calls to action from the Summit.	Findings and outcomes report will be presented to the SPC on 20 th April.
Your Dublin Your Voice – Citizen engagement	Results of the February (Q1) YDYV survey, focusing on City Development Plan, were collated in March. Q1 survey was part of the public consultation process for the City Development Plan co-ordinated by the Planning Dept.	Q2 Survey will be circulated in April on the Dublin place brand; a collaboration with Dublin.ie.
Dublin Economic Monitor (DEM)	The Q1 DEM Publication focusing on Dublin Economy Waiting For Take Off was discussed with a panel including DCC; Grant Thornton, CBRE and Indeed. Q1 DEM is available at www.dublineconomy.ie	The Q2 Dublin Economic Monitor will be developed and published in June.
MODOS	The MODOS Innovation Award pilot was launched for external applications on 4 th March during a MODOS event on Sustainable Packaging as part of the LEW 2021; with deadline of applications on 18 th March. Full details at www.modos.ie	The pilot will run in Q2 in collaboration with the Regional Waste Office. Modos D8 Programme will be delivered in Q2.
ESER 2021	The European Social Enterprise Region 2021 programme kicked off with the Building Social Enterprise Engagement event on 3 rd March as part of LEW, and contribution to the DCU Hack4Change (12 th – 19 th Mar). A Social Enterprise & Circular Economy event will be held in June.	The Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards in Sept will close the programme.
Dublin Place Brand	Framework for creating a new strategy for the Dublin Place Brand in place.	Work is being finalised on the online content, digital, campaigns and stakeholder engagement
Sir Hugh Lane Bequest Agreement	A new partnership agreement on the Sir Hugh Lane Bequest of 39 paintings has been successfully concluded between the Hugh Lane Gallery and the National Gallery, London. For the first time the Hugh Lane Gallery will be included in all credit lines on the paintings acknowledging the provenance of these paintings, and their role in the identity of the Hugh Lane Gallery established in 1908.	
Social Media Reach	Social Media reach figures continue to rise.	Maintain current online audiences. Continue to provide programmes and podcasts
Refurbishment of 1930s wing	Main Contractor Tender return date: 26.03.2021 Reserved Specialist Tender return date: 14.05.2021 Start on site: 12.07.2021 CIF Builders Holidays scheduled for 19.07. - 02.08. Hence	Start date on site 03.08.2021 Completion date: 03.08.2022 (Subject to contractor's programme)
Collection displays	<i>Present in Time Future</i> a centenary exhibition celebrating the life of Cecil King.	Planned when Covid 19 Restrictions allow

Online programme of art education	In April 2021: 14 x online art education programmes and virtual resources for a variety of audiences continue. Special talks exploring the gallery's collection of sculpture are taking place as part of International Sculpture Day on 24 April in tandem with Sculpture Dublin.	Continue to create online art education and learning programmes. http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures
Zoom@hughlane gallery	Phase III online: Planning and delivery of online Zoom@Hugh Lane Gallery city-wide programme to Primary schools in Dublin. http://www.hughlane.ie/outreach-projects/current/2330-zoom	Programme has resumed with return of children to primary schools
20 & 21 Parnell Square Development of Hugh Lane Gallery	Safety works in 20 & 21 Parnell Sq North complete.	Feasibility study to be carried out in 2021 on the buildings which will form part of the development plan for Hugh Lane Gallery
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions continues 24/7.	Ongoing
New website	Phase 3 of new website development underway.	eMuseum installed
Branding	Upgrade gallery branding.	Due to be completed end of 1 st quarter 2021
Wi-Fi installation	Cabling is complete. Points to be installed delayed due to Covid.	Due to be completed by April depending on restrictions
City Library and Parnell Square Cultural Quarter	The project has been selected for funding under the current round of URDF funding announced in March	Planning for remobilisation of project teams
Finglas Library Development	Public consultation on Part 8 underway with closing date of 3 rd March. Community engagement managed by library management. Complete detailed design following consideration of submissions	Return to Area Committee prior to full Council in May.
Terenure Library	Since 2019, DCC have sought to acquire the freehold title for the library site Due to slow progress through legal channels, and other demands on funding the project is not currently on the capital programme.	Court hearing expected in October 2021, after which the status of the project will be reviewed.
Libraries Programme of Works	Roof repairs completed at Walkinstown Library. Window/roof light replacement works tendered for Central Library and Raheny	Roof repairs to commence at Kevin Street and Terenure when Covid restrictions allow.

DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

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Event	Location	Date & Time
Creative Ireland Fund Dublin City Council have an Open Call for ideas this year seeking new ideas in the areas in Innovation, Arts and Heritage, Community Development, Climate Action, Diversity.	www.dublincityartsoffice.ie	Assessment of applications April 2021
MusicTown 2021 Free online music events	From various locations across the city	15 th -25 th April 2021 www.musictown.ie
An extensive schools and public online programme will continue <i>The Record Keepers</i> , a visual arts exhibition for children by Barbara Knežević	The 3 x Creative Hubs - Coolock, Ballyfermot and Cabra. Libraries	3 x Month Educational Programme February – April 2021 www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Business Advice Clinics & a variety of training courses	https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/	Range of dates
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Further details: https://councilmeetings.dublincity.ie/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=150	20 th April 2022

Human Resources Department – March 2021

The total number of employees at 31st December was 5933 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work-sharing arrangements) was 5618.3.

The Human Resources Department continued implementation of the programme of recruitment and promotion over the month of March. Positions advertised included, Senior Executive Professional for the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office, Assistant Project Manager for the PPP Social Housing Bundle 3, Beach and Pool life Guard. The HR Department continues to engage with successful candidates on the recently formed Senior Executive Engineer panel, through the PAS. It is also engaging with the successful candidates on the Executive and Assistant Engineer panels. The interview process for the Graduate programme is being facilitated by City Council on behalf of the 4 Dublin Authorities and will be finalised by early April.

The Public Appointment Service, on behalf of DCC has finalised the recruitment process for the posts of Assistant Chief Executive, Director of Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and the Law Agent and Senior Executive ITS Officer. PAS is progressing the selection process for the posts of Executive Manager.

Law Department
Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/8224/2021	seeks records in relation to the report on construction cost of specified developments.	Client	01/02/2021	26/02/2021
FOI/8225/2021	seeks records re: copies of any internal audit reports completed in the period 2019 to 2020	Press	01/02/2021	26/02/2021
FOI/8226/2021	Seeks records re development of Parnell Square	Press	01/02/2021	01/03/2021
FOI/8227/2021	Records relating to total number of people who have deregistered from electoral area	Client	01/02/2021	25/02/2021
FOI/8228/2021	seeks records re: complaints re enforcement issued by DCC	Business	01/02/2021	17/02/2021
FOI/8229/2021	Records regarding Mgt of Healthcare related Waste	Client	02/02/2021	02/03/2021
FOI/8231/2021	seeks records re: All records associated with or relating to my media query sent to Dublin City Council with the subject line 'Dublin Fire Brigade Covid-19'	Client	03/02/2021	
FOI/8232/2021	Records to and from Owen Keegan regarding white water rafting at Georges Dock	Press	03/02/2021	03/03/2021
FOI/8233/2021	Records regarding cladding	Client	04/02/2021	02/03/2021
FOI/8235/2021	Seeks inspection reports of homeless accommodation	Press	05/02/2021	11/02/2021
FOI/8236/2021	Records regarding rehabilitation works on Lower Dodder and greenway plans	Client	05/02/2021	08/02/2021
FOI/8237/2021	Records regarding residents association and National School in Rathfarnham 1993 1994 1995	Client	08/02/2021	10/02/2021
FOI/8238/2021	Records regarding Ashton Pound	Press	08/02/2021	04/03/2021
FOI/8239/2021	Seeks records re property at Terenure Road	Client	09/02/2021	08/03/2021
FOI/8240/2021	seeks records re: seek a copy of DCCs cycling guidelines.	Client	10/02/2021	
FOI/8242/2021	seeks records re: documents relating to erection of gates at rear of property on Connaught Street, D7	Client	11/02/2021	
FOI/8244/2021	Records re Chinese New Year celebrations	Press	11/02/2021	
FOI/8247/2021	seek records re: financial expenditure in relation College Green Plaza contracts and internal council work.	Client	15/02/2021	
FOI/8248/2021	Records regarding Parks and zoning	Client	15/02/2021	09/03/2021
FOI/8250/2021	seeks records re: planning permission for drainage to rear of group of 5 houses on South Circular Road	Client	16/02/2021	

FOI/8252/2021	Request for vintage car registration details	Client	16/02/2021	
FOI/8253/2021	Records regarding mother and baby homes	Press	16/02/2021	15/03/2021
FOI/8254/2021	seeks records re: relating to the selection of the book for the 2021 One Dublin One Book initiative	Press	17/02/2021	
FOI/8257/2021	Records regarding housing acquisitions in North West Area and North Central Area	Client	18/02/2021	
FOI/8258/2021	Requesting records re Somerville Exchange Eir Building	Client	18/02/2021	09/03/2021
FOI/8260/2021	Requests DCC Purchase Orders	Press	19/02/2021	05/03/2021
FOI/8262/2021	Records re Digital Transformation Strategy	Client	19/02/2021	22/03/2021
FOI/8263/2021	Records regarding Parking Strategy /policy	Client	19/02/2021	16/03/2021
FOI/8264/2021	Records regarding Fire Certification in Emergency Accommodation	Press	19/02/2021	22/03/2021
FOI/8267/2021	Records regarding Part V costs paid	Client	23/02/2021	24/02/2021
FOI/8269/2021	seeks records re: refusal to EU/EEA national by DRHE 2018-20	Client	24/02/2021	18/03/2021
FOI/8270/2021	Seeks records re development contributions	Press	24/02/2021	24/03/2021
FOI/8271/2021	Seeks copy of vacant site survey	Client	24/02/2021	
FOI/8273/2021	seeks records re: sequencing of lights on jct of Dardistown Cemetery/Airport Road 29.11.19	Solicitor	24/02/2021	
FOI/8274/2021	Request records regarding BIDS	Client	24/02/2021	18/03/2021
FOI/8275/2021	Seeks records re contracts, leases and agreements above €25,000.	Client	25/02/2021	15/03/2021
FOI/8276/2021	seeks records re: cyclist accidents & injuries relating to hazardous roads and surfaces in the Dublin City Council areas	Client	25/02/2021	
FOI/8277/2021	Correspondence between DCC and Dott re launch of electric scooter services in Dublin	Client	25/02/2021	
FOI/8278/2021	Records regarding Public Right of Way - Shamrock Villas Harolds Cross	Client	26/02/2021	
FOI/8279/2021	Records re partnership between DCC and the Hugh Lane Gallery	Press	26/02/2021	
FOI/8280/2021	Records regarding Covid	Client	26/02/2021	

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with **non-personal FOI requests only**, received in February 2021

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2021 is outlined below.

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2021 - 28/02/2021	135
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2021 - 28/02/2021	107