



Monthly Management Report – October 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 October 2021 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

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.

Environment & Transportation

Please see attached report.

Housing & Community Services

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

Planning & Property Development

Please see attached report.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Please see attached report.

Human Resources

Please see attached report including Smart Cities/Smart Dublin update.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

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

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Chief Executive

Dated: 22nd September 2021

Environment and Transportation Department

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 800 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. Membership currently stands at over 100,000. 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 progressing regarding integration/interoperability options with other mobility/transport services. A review of operations is currently being undertaken.

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 earlier in 2020. The number of weekly transactions for week ending 12th September 2021 has risen to 95,532. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 situation, the numbers using the Parking Tag had 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, the numbers using the Parking Tag have increased and by week ending 12/09/21 that week's revenue was €297,792.22; up from the sum of €278,229.78 on W/E 20/06/21 – and higher than the week ending 6th December 2020 figure of €282,356.71.

Car Clubs

In addition to the existing Car Club companies GoCar and Yuko operating within the Dublin City Council administrative area, a third company Enterprise Rent A Car has been licenced to operate in Dublin City from September 2021. This brings to three the number of car club companies operating in Dublin city and the total number of live Car Club permits currently issued is 392.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

The following Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes are due to come into operation during October 2021.

<u>Name of Rd</u>	<u>Days and Times</u>	<u>Date for Operational times</u>
Clarence Mangan Road, D8	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Rialto Street, Cottages and Court, D8	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

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. It has been agreed that this strategy will be published shortly for public consultation to help inform the approach taken by the Dublin Local Authorities in this fast moving area.

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. .

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services resolved almost 8,000 customer enquiries and service requests during the period January to August inclusive. Additionally, during the same period approximately 2,400 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe by our direct labour crews. Furthermore, a total of 149 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24 hours of being recorded. Road Maintenance Services will deliver a €12-Million Annual Works Programme in 2021. This will see the resurfacing of 14kms of carriageway and the reconstruction of 12kms of footpaths. Resurfacing works and footpath reconstruction works are progressing on-site to deliver this programme this year. Works will continue through to December of this year.

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. Scour repairs commenced at the beginning of August 2021 on the O'Donovan Rossa Bridge, the Fr. Matthew

Bridge and the Liam Mellow Bridge. Part of Victoria Quay will be used as the compound for these works and the works are scheduled to last for two months.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021 is open for applications from the **27th September 2021 to the 31st October 2021**. The amount of grant funding available for disbursement is based on an annual contribution by Dublin Waste to Energy Limited which itself is determined by the amount of waste accepted for thermal treatment at the facility. On this occasion a **total amount of €500K** will be available for disbursement to eligible projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.

The purpose of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme is to provide financial assistance to a diverse range of local community groups, voluntary organisations, environmental, arts and educational groups, sports clubs, individuals and businesses for the development of environmental, community, educational and recreational and local heritage projects and works which will be of benefit to the communities in the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.

Since the Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme was established in 2016 Dublin Waste to Energy Limited has contributed circa €11m to over 100 projects that benefit the local communities in the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment areas. Full details, catchment area map and application forms are available online at www.dublincity.ie/dwte or by e-mail at cglc@dublincity.ie.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

Ongoing staffing issues continue to affect our ability to carry out a full program of street grading surveys. No surveys of the city centre or on-street recycling facilities took place in August 2021. New staff will be assigned to the Street Grading program towards the end of September.

190 surveys were undertaken on 185 streets across the six waste management areas in June 2021. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. 62% of streets graded received a Grade A, 5% Grade B, 33% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No of Streets Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Central	45	48	26	3	19	
South East	24	25	18	2	5	
South Central	38	38	23	3	12	
North Central	29	29	23		6	
North West	49	50	27	2	21	
Totals	185	190	117	10	63	0

Recycling Services

Polystyrene recycling is now available free of charge to patrons at Ringsend Civic Amenity site. Commercial SME Waste Matters have supplied a polystyrene recycling machine that compacts polystyrene to 1/90th of the original volume. Patrons deposit polystyrene in bins and

CA site staff feed the polystyrene into the machine, where it is shredded, compacted and reformed as compact briquettes. The output is then collected by Waste Matters and made available commercially for re-use.

A trial Ink Jet Cartridge recycling scheme is underway in Windmill Road Bring Centre since mid-September, and will be rolled out to remaining bring centres in October.

Waste Management Services have designed a guide to leaf mould to encourage citizens to collect and compost leaves this autumn. This guide was disseminated via social media during Dublin Climate Action Week and a display area, featuring large weather proof "how to" posters in Irish and English and two home-made wire mesh leaf collectors was installed at Oscar Traynor Road Bring Centre.

The Bring Centre at Kylemore Park North remains closed due to a fire at an adjoining site. Refurbishment works are now completed and handover is due to take place imminently.

Green Schools Programme

The Relove Fashion Competition 2021, a sustainable fashion competition for secondary schools has been launched. Students are encouraged to take a deeper look at how their clothing is made and entries should include creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending. Entries should be submitted by 26th November 2021. More information can be found on www.relovetofashion.ie

The Picker Pals Programme, which is an anti-litter initiative for primary schools has also been launched for the 2021/22 school year. Schools have been invited to register their interest in taking part.

For further information on these initiatives or the Green Schools programme please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

Community Environment Action Fund

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications have extended the completion deadline for projects funded under the 2019/20 scheme until the end of December 2021. It is anticipated that a new scheme will be announced in early 2022. For more information about the CEAF, please contact ceaf@dublincity.ie.

Commercial Waste Campaign

The three Regional Waste Management Plan Offices (RWMPOs) have recently launched a suite of materials to help businesses and workplaces to improve waste management and waste segregation. This project is funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. The impetus for the project arose from a waste characterisation study produced by the EPA. This study concluded that while most people segregate well at home, waste segregation in businesses and work places was not working as well. The study found that 70% of material in non-household general waste bins could (and should) have been either recycled or composted. In addition, where recycling and/or food waste bins were provided, these displayed significant contamination.

The campaign materials were developed following intensive stakeholder engagement with both business and waste industry representatives to firstly ensure that it addressed the needs of those using it and, secondly to ensure buy-in from various sectors. The materials include internal posters and external bin stickers indicating items that can be placed in each of recycling, compost and general waste bins, extra bin stickers for other waste streams (eg.

glass, WEEE, hazardous), training animations for staff members and a guidance booklet on waste segregation and waste prevention. The campaign has recently gone live at www.mywaste.ie/business, where the materials can be download in printable form and/or ordered for delivery.

A number of pilots to trial the materials are currently being set up. One such trial will take place in the DCC Civic Office in the coming months. These pilots will help to refine and monitor the campaign as it moves forward. For more information, please see www.mywaste.ie/business.

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 Street and Henry Street 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. Phase 2 of the project is planned for October more than doubling units of recycling on the go bins and widening locations to neighbouring streets.

Housing Waste Recycling Project

The Housing Waste Project has been suspended for the majority of 2021 to date due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. Waste Management Services are due to meet with Housing Maintenance this month to discuss the resumption of the project pending availability of appropriate staff members.

Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

The bulky household waste service has be resumed since the 10th May.

Litter Dumping Infrastructure, Awareness and Initiatives

Waste Management are availing of 3 grants from DECC to support outdoor socialising, litter and dumping awareness and initiatives. 6 projects are ongoing across the 5 area lead by public domain to prevent dumping. Extra larger capacity bin infrastructure has been ordered to support outdoor socializing, locations to be announced. Waste Management is involved in "Leave no Trace" campaign. Dublin Community Clean Up 2021 ran from 11th of September to 19th of September.

Halloween Response Group

Waste Management are working with a number of stakeholders to organise and plan our Halloween response. Key goal is to remove bonfire stockpiles safely in a coordinated way. Removal of materials is already taking place, all reports managed through CRM. Extra resources and crews will be in place on the lead up to Halloween.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards 2021 /Pride of Place Competition

The City Neighbourhoods Competition will only be organised at Area level this year in accordance with Government Health Guidelines.

Dublin City Council entered Bloomin' Crumlin/Kimmage and Finglas Tidy Towns to the IPB Pride of Place 2021 competition.

Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020

In regards to Phase 4 of the Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020, DCC has completed the implementing of the 30km/h speed limit signage in residential areas as per the approved Phase 4 - Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020.

Protection 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, as far as reasonably possible. 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 in tandem with Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) funded projects in the area. Environmental and topographical surveys of the catchment are at completion. Computer modelling of options has commenced.
- 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. It is envisaged that successful candidates will be invited through to Stage 2: Request for Tender in September 2021 and Board approval to proceed to this stage has been secured. This project is in collaboration with Parks, Landscape Services & Biodiversity, as well as the Sustainable Transport and Projects Section of the Roads and Traffic Division. Fingal County Council and Inland Fisheries Ireland are very supportive of this scheme. Funding is mainly from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and, in the case of the greenway, the NTA.

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 (CSO) in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area was identified as a particular problem. Irish Water completed a sewer upgrade downstream of this site and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown/IW staff removed the CSO 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 designated "Satisfactory" for this year. A consultant collated all existing information on the Elm Park and made recommendations for further works. Irish Water, in partnership with DCC and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown has appointed a contractor to develop a predictive modelling system for Dublin Bay. This will give an advanced estimate of water quality at six beaches.

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. A new Green Blue Roofs Policy will also be prepared. The Working Group have agreed 3 appendices to the new Development Plan covering:

- Surface Water Management Plans.
- SuDS guidance
- Green Blue Roofs policy.

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 Water Framework 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 Water Framework Division/Drainage Planning team has continued to liaise with their colleagues in Environment and Transportation, 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 and are working on preliminary scenario's for other pilot SuDs projects on the Dodder and Santry river catchments. Introductory meetings on this project with many sections of DCC have taken place and initial scenarios are being formulated. Coastal flood risk has increased dramatically in the City over the last 20 years with an estimated 30mm+ 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 worked with DLR, FCC and SDCC to prepare the first Dublin Climate Action Week 2021. The initiative was led by DLR. Climate Action Week ran from September 13th to 19th. Recognising overlap with National Bike Week and Dublin Community Clean Up week, efforts were made to coordinate events, two examples of this are the Happenings Film Screening and the Lunchtime Chat: What is a Just Transition for Transport. There were numerous talks primarily online and a small number of in person events which included a Day of DIY for Climate at the Rediscovery Centre, street performances: Dancing with Eco Farmers, Climate Change and the Public Realm Walking Tour with City Architects, and a Biodiversity Walk in St. Anne's with Lorraine Bull...(www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie)

The Climate Action Team's Creative Ireland funded project "Eat the Streets!" that was focused on food and climate change, was successfully completed. Next steps for the project are being considered in terms of a future annual event and potential for a food strategy.

DCC's application for the Creative Climate Action Fund was successful and we will be working with the Arts Office to implement this project which will engage residents of Crumlin.

The Climate Action Team has been invited to present at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's Thekla Talks.

DCC's application to participate in IURC was successful and we are partnered with Seoul, South Korea. This is an 18 to 24 month programme that will involve study exchanges with key stakeholders in the city of Seoul on the topics of climate change and COVID recovery.

The Climate Action Team is involved in a stakeholder group feeding into the development Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines by the EPA and MAREI.

The Climate Action Team continues to work with the Development Plan Team on integrating climate action into the development plan. It is recognised in light of the Climate Bill Amendment passing and the release of the IPCC WGI report that this is essential.

The Climate Action Team has advised the Lord Mayor's Office with regards to signing of the Covenant of Mayors which will commit the city to reporting on its progress towards adaptation and a just transition. The preparation of the second annual progress report on the CCAP for DECC is under way.

Climate Action Regional Office

The first Dublin Climate Action week took place from 13th -19th September. It was a major project for CARO, Codema and the four Dublin Local Authorities involving over 70 face to face and online events. CARO organised a range of virtual events with climate action and sustainability themes. Events included IPCC climate report webinar, Climate Change Projections webinar, "Lets Talk Climate Action" workshops (in collaboration with Age Friendly Ireland), Safe Routes to School Webinar, She's so Sustainable, All Ireland Pollinator Plan and Electric Vehicle panel discussions. A highlight event was the 'Climate Action Discussion with the four Chief Executives of Dublin's Local Authorities'. David Dodd, CARO Coordinator was the moderator. As part of Dublin Climate Action Week, Dublin CARO also sponsored a sustainability themed competition, for the Sculpture in Context exhibition being held in the National Botanic Gardens. Recordings of relevant webinars will be uploaded to www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie in due course.

A new senior executive staff member Maryann Harris (previously with DCC Parks), began working in the Dublin CARO office on August 17th. CARO engaged a post grad to work on the Dublin Climate Action Week 2021 during the summer months. She has finished her work in CARO and joined Mayo CC as their climate action graduate.

CARO is continuing the roll out of the Local Authority Climate Action Training programme for local authority staff, organised on a grade/role basis. The training programme was developed by CARO in conjunction with the Local Authority Services Training Group and other expert partners such as Climate Ireland. Further information is available on the CARO website <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/training>

Dublin CARO collaborated with Local Authorities in the closed call and artists and 3rd levels institutes for the Creative Ireland Climate Action funding call. The fund is €2m in total. Two submissions were successful. Dublin CARO is continuing to engage with all the parties the

plans for the installation of the successful collaborated project *Línte na Farraige* (CARO, TCD, MUC, UCC and LAs). The project shows sea level rise around the Irish coast using visual light installations. The installations use illuminated horizontal lines to represent future sea-level and storm surges. The other successful call is *Creative Climate Action Crumlin* (DCC, Artists, Crumlin community group CARO). It is a series of climate projects to raise awareness, enhance the environment and change life styles.

Climate Awareness Training for DCC staff is ongoing. Climate Action team training for the Dublin Local Authorities took place in June and July. Staff training will continue to years end. The 'Championing Leadership' Climate Action Training for senior management and elected representatives of DCC is planned for early 2022.

Dublin CARO and Eastern Midlands CARO together with Age Friendly Ireland have engaged EDS (Education for Sustainable Development) to give Age Friendly workshops titled 'Let's Talk Climate Action' to older persons councils. Two of these workshops were held during Dublin Climate Action Week as pilot workshops to inform the wider rollout of training across other regions.

Dublin CARO is leading on the development of Green Public Procurement training for local authorities. A number of detailed meetings have taken place. A steering group has been set up with LA, LGMA, and OGP representatives. The tender for green procurement trainers has been published. The training will be given in collaboration with LASNTG.

A key priority for September/October is working with Dublin LAs on the completion of their Climate Change Action Plan 2nd annual progress report to be submitted to Department of Environment by October 8th. CARO are also represented on a national technical advisory group to assist in preparing new national guidance to prepare 'Climate Action Plans' as per the recently agreed Climate Action Bill by government. DCC and Codema are also represented on this advisory group. Further updates and events are posted regularly on www.caro.ie and for the Dublin CARO on twitter @DublinCARO

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 to 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 began 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. 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.

Electrification of DCC Fleet

The Council's fleet continues to migrate to electric vehicles with 43 electric vehicles currently operating in the city. CARO are working on a national LA Fleet guidance document and Cathal Mc Coy (DCC Fleet) has agreed to sit on a working group for this project on behalf of Dublin LAs.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

Preliminary preparations for the installation of two new local air quality monitoring stations in Cabra and Donnybrook are currently underway. It is envisaged both will be operational before the end of 2021.

Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan

The four local authorities are continuing to work on the preparation of the air quality plan to address nitrogen dioxide levels in the Dublin region with a view to going to public consultation as soon as possible.

Air Quality Updates

The Environmental Protection Agency publish monthly bulletins at <https://www.epa.ie/air/quality/reports/>.

Extract from Environmental Protection Agency Monthly Air Quality Bulletin PM10 July 2021 for monitoring sites in Dublin City Council Area

The daily limit for PM10 is 50 ug/m³. The limit is deemed breached if more than 35 exceedances occur during the year. The table below shows the number of exceedances at stations in Dublin City Council based on available data to 31st July 2021. This data is provisional and subject to future revision following any further data validation.

Station Name	Number of values greater than 50 ug/m³ (year to date)	Data available to
Ballyfermot	0	31 st July
Davitt Road	2	31 st July
Dublin Port	9	31 st July
Finglas	0	31 st July
Marino	0	31 st July
Phoenix Park	0	31 st July
Rathmines	0	31 st July
Ringsend	3	31 st July
St. Anne's	0	31 st July
St. John's Road West	0	31 st July
Winetavern Street	0	4 th July

Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City

The Chief Executive issues regular Covid Mobility reports 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-19 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-19 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 (TPD) supports the Planning Authority in carrying out its statutory Forward Planning and Development Management functions. In 2021, the main Forward Planning focus is on the review of the 2016-2022 Dublin City Development Plan which commenced mid December 2020. The review takes up to 2 years and will conclude with the adoption of the final City Development Plan 2022-2028 towards the end of 2022.

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 was 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 online consultation process and associated tools to facilitate department wide input to the development plan review process. Initial internal consultation within the Department finished on 26th March. A review of input received is currently underway and will inform the Sustainable Movement & Transport chapter and supporting documentation. Further internal consultation will be undertaken as required. A collated report with responses to all input given will be circulated when complete within the department. It is envisaged that this bespoke consultation process and associated tools can be used as a mechanism for future department wide consultation and engagement.

In tandem with the internal consultation within the Department, the Transportation Planning Division is also involved in the preparation of the Chief Executive (CE) Reports on the public consultation for the Development Plan. In total, three phases of public display and wide ranging consultation will take place throughout the two year review process. The consultation for the Pre-Draft stage finished on the 22nd of February 2021 with over 750 submissions received. The Transportation Planning Division was responsible for reviewing and responding to over 190 submissions relating to Sustainable Movement and Transport on behalf of the

Chief Executive. The final CE Report on the Pre-Draft Consultation Stage was issued by the City Planner to the Elected Members for their consideration on the 19th April 2021.

Transportation Planning is currently working with the Planning Department to review the motions submitted at pre-draft stage by the Elected Members. In total over 1000 motions were received. A report from the Chief Executive with responses to motions will be issued to the Elected Members in June.

The Planning Department will finalise the Draft Development Plan ahead of issuing it to the Chief Executive for review in August 2021. The Draft Development Plan will then be put on public display in November 2021.

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 all relevant matters are being considered in advance of the preparation of a new College Green proposal and the intended submission of a planning application as soon as possible. The revised proposal is intended to include the section of Dame Street up to South Great Georges Street.
2	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Construction tenders have been assessed and a contractor selected. Works will commence early in 2022, following completion of the private development currently underway at Chatham Street / Clarendon Row. Expected commencement date is 22 nd January 2022.
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/LIHA AF /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 Pleanála decision on 21st Sept 2020 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	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	The contract for a design consultant for this scheme has been awarded and the design work has commenced.
9.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	DCC	The Main Works (e.g. repaving, public lighting, green infrastructure etc) will commence in 2022 with completion in 2023
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 Q3 2021. The proposed public lighting is being reviewed at present
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.	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.
14.	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.
15.	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.

16.	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.
17.	Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works	DCC	Tobin Consulting Engineers (TCE)	Stage 1 Completed: Suitability Assessment and Options Report signed-off by DCC. 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. Stage 3: Tender Action, Evaluation & Award commenced on 3 rd December 2020. DCC has reviewed the Tender Documents to Procure the Construction Contractor submitted by Tobin Consulting Engineers. All documentation has now been uploaded to and published on etenders. The closing date for submission of tenders is 27 th September 2021.
18.	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme	DCC	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Consultant appointed. Landowners and major stakeholders being contacted. New Ecological, site investigation and topographical surveys completed at Howth Road and Clontarf Promenade. Preliminary design ongoing.
19.	Traffic Minor Works – Package 7 – Lot 2.	NTA / DCC	Atkins	Consultant appointed. Finalising Designs.
20.	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	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2.	ARUP DCC	OPW	August 2007	Dec 2021	Construction of new RDS wall ongoing. Programmed for completion Q4 2021. River restoration works Q3. Construction ongoing at Beech Hill road. Programmed completion Q2 2022.
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. Construction ongoing.
3	Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov'20	Aug'22	The Gateway Crescent extension is almost complete, due to open in October 2021. Works are progressing on the realignment of Sillogue Avenue with installation of new drainage network and diversion of utilities well underway.
4	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	October 2020.	Dec 2021.	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing slowly.
5.	Traffic Minor Works – Package 7 – Lot 1.	DCC	Citius	October 2021.	December 2021	The Letter of Acceptance was issued to the Contractor, on 10 th September 2021. Construction to begin in October 2021.

Planning & Property Development

1. New 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
Development Plan 2022-2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Council meeting held on 22nd June to consider 1040 Motions and submissions. • Proposed Draft Plan circulated to Councillors on 16th September. 	<p><u>8th November</u>: Special Meeting of City Council</p> <p><u>25th November</u>: Draft Plan on statutory display.</p>
Development Plan 2016-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variation no. 32: For lands at Pembroke Road, Ballsbridge approved at May City Council Meeting • Variation, 33 for Jamestown lands in Finglas approved on the 14th of June. 	Implement Variation, prepare Masterplan for Finglas lands.
Planning/Housing Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Housing land potential on Council owned flat complexes now complete and presented to Housing SPC. 	Moving into feasibility and concept design phase.
Ballymun LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M50 Lands: Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31st May 21. • Metro – liaison with NTA on-going. • New intersection with Hampton Wood completed. • Sillogue Avenue road realignment on-site; Gateway Crescent works complete. • Deport: On site as of 3rd May 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with NTA ongoing to establish land take for Metro. • Awaiting decision on HSE bid. • Workshop to be held with Councillors re plans for Shopping Centre site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Shopping centre: demolition near completion, expected end August. • Site 6: Cost rental, AHB consortium (Housing Dept) –Expressions of interest received. • 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) Design underway • Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: design underway • Site 21: O’Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. On site; due for completion Q4 2022. • Site 22/23: O’Cualann site: near completion. (27 no. of 35 no. units completed). On site, due for completion Oct 2021. • Site 25: To be given to O’Cualann (Housing dept). Pre-planning held • 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 31: Feasibility Study from consultants completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation group seeking realignment of Balbutcher Lane North as a priority infrastructure project. • To discuss Poppintree NC re GP requirements in area. • Plaza: Part 8 on public display 12th July- 27th Aug (Reg. Ref. 3131/21). • Sites 12 & 14: Part 8 expected Q3 2021 • Site 25: to discuss community element of this site. • Site 9: Empower the family to revert back to NWAC. • Site 10: Part 8 expected Q3 2021. • Site 19: land swap to be finalised with church. O’Cualann interest • Site 5: DCC senior citzts site. • Site 18: to be offered to AHB protocol for cost rental. • Site 8: to be offered to the AHB protocol for general housing. • Site 13: DCC senior citizens housing. • Carton site: DCC arch preparing analysis. O’Cualann interest.
<p>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAP adopted by City Council on 7th October 2019. • Site 1: Serviced site fund: Part 8 application being prepared for site. Pre-planning held, May 2021. • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: design ongoing, Part 8 expected Q3 2021. • Site 4 & 5: LDA to bring site to Planning Stage. • Site 6: SHD for Phase 1 expected shortly. • Cherry Orchard Park: Parks Dept to commence scoping works once level 5 restrictions lifted. Design to be completed Q1 2022. • Site 2: delivery mechanism to be agreed.
<p>Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP</p>	<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. 	<p>Design of LIHAF funded ‘Main Street’ Belmayne is currently being progressed. Revision to Belmayne Masterplan being desktop published.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • URDF application for funding submitted, 29th May 2020. Application unsuccessful. 	
Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finglas Strategy 2021 presented to Area Committee 16 December 2020. • Talks on Finglas LUAS on-going with TII • Variation No.33 for rezoning lands at Jamestown from Z6 to 14, along with a new SDRA and requirement for a Masterplan, was passed at the Council meeting on the 14th June 2021. 	Finglas Strategy 2021 – finalised as Background Paper to support Review Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028. Report ready to circulate
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Bord Pleanála refused proposed amendments to building heights in SDZ • Planned works on Campshires public realm. • Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum met 12th April • High rise SHD application on City Block 9. refused by ABP on grounds that it was debarred from issuing grant by High Court decision. 	Next meeting 6 July.
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application submitted for 638 residential units on portion of Irish Glass Bottle Site. Further Information Request issued. 	Application to be determined.
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Green The review of this project is ongoing and all relevant matters are being considered in advance of the preparation of a new College Green proposal and the intended submission of a planning application as soon as possible. The revised proposal is intended to include the section of Dame Street up to South Great Georges Street. • Clarendon Row Grafton St Quarter Construction tenders have been assessed and a contractor selected. Works will commence as soon as possible, following completion of the private development currently underway at Chatham Street / Clarendon Row. This is not now expected until early next year. • Wolfe Tone Square, Francis St – and Greening interventions are mobilising again all are back on site • Minor works to tie into private Development on Chatham St being completed • Design and preparatory work is continuing on College Green, South Anne's St Duke St, Suffolk Street, Cathal Burgha St 	Projects are impacted by Covid measures including survey work and movement analysis. Assignment of resources to temporary measures and needs are also a factor in project delivery.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is continuing to bring Temple Bar Square and Liffey St Projects to construction tender and a new framework has been established to facilitate that 	
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting of the Members Advisory Group will be held early September in advance of issuing Tender. The Market building is being used temporarily by building sites in the area so they can fulfil Covid requirements. 	Meet advisory Group. Issue tender.
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. Councillor Workshop held. Call 1 – Category B Kilmainham / Inchicore Development Strategy. 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>Public consultation to take place in September for Naas Rd/Ballymount/Park West lands. Project re-titled 'City Edge'. Dedicated website incl. public consultation established; www.cityedge.ie</p> <p>Project costing exercise being finalised.</p> <p>North Inner City and South Inner City bids successful. €173 million awarded to 23 projects. Awaiting DHLGH direction on next steps.</p>
DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)	Irish Rail working on Preferred Option.	Further work & public consultation to follow with Irish Rail.
DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)	Irish Rail commenced consultation on Emerging Preferred Option.	Inputting into submission being prepared by Environment & Traffic. Deadline 25 June.
Metrolink	Current pre-Railway Order discussions with TII. Series meetings scheduled in relation to Traffic Impact Assessment Methodology for each station.	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 meetings with TII re Preferred Option.
Gulistan Depot	Non statutory masterplan for development of former depot site in Rathmines to go on public display	Due for public display 20 th September

<p>Compulsory Purchase Orders</p>	<p>Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021</p> <p>CPO made on 17/06/21 and submitted to ABP for approval.</p> <p>Proposed CPOs at Werburgh Street and Exchange Street proceeding</p> <p>Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street CPO 2019</p>	<p>Three objections were received by ABP within the prescribed. Awaiting decision of ABP</p> <p>Arrangements being made to take possession of the site</p>
<p>City Valuers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with developers on Pembroke Quarter lands commenced. Cost proposal sought from Developers. Meetings with DOH and NAMA have taken place also. No update • Proposed CPOs at Ryders Row, Werburgh Street, Exchange Street and for new Abbey Theatre project at Eden Quay proceeding. Ryders Row- Agreement reached with one claimant and negotiations ongoing with other parties. • 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. Further iterations to Gulistan proposal agreed with HSE. HSE disposal approved by City Council vote. No further update • Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Markiewicz Pool re-location Letter received from TII, funding of site search/design aspects by TII confirmed. • TII have submitted an expression of interest in Port Tunnel site at junction of Swords Road and Collins Avenue for temporary relocation of football pitch for Home Farm & perhaps also Whitehall Rangers FC. • Disposal of retail site at St. Michael's Estate being considered. No further update • Consideration of future uses for School of Music building. No further update. • Terms agreed to acquire the front car park site at Werburgh Street. • Offers made for the acquisition of properties at Emmet Road for regeneration purposes. CPO will be required – legal advice sought on entitlement to make a CPO for Sporting purposes. • Building search for Stanley Street/Civil Defence Depot. Unit identified in North City Business Park. Negotiations very advanced. 	<p>Abbey Theatre Redevelopment Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021</p> <p>CPO made on 17/06/21. Three objections received within the prescribed</p>

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

Dublin City Play Strategy - A report and final draft of the Dublin City Play Strategy 'Pollinating Play' 2021 – 2025 was presented at the City Council Monthly meeting held on the 6th September 2021. Subsequently the Report No. 233/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive, Dublin City Play Strategy 2021- 2025 was considered and successfully adopted.

On Monday 20th September, DCL continued reopening the library sector. Users can now access Public PCs, study, and reading spaces in branch libraries. A new library self-service library locker has been installed in Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh and opened on 20th September in line with the lifting of Covid restrictions.

Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee livestreamed 14/09/21 via Zoom. Presentations included LEDP 2021 – 2024, EPSO progress overview, Vision for Dublin, iCapital European Award shortlisting. 2 Motions heard.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 – Plenary session held 16/9/21. The Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 is due to be launched in October.

Vision for Dublin – This work is being progressed along-side the work programme to review the current City Development Plan and to develop a new plan for 2022 – 2028.

EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 – 2027 – Progress report to EDE SPC on 14/9/21 – Office established -7 core priorities, timeframe to year end developments.

Departmental Priority

Details of all initiatives below on www.dublincitylibraries.ie

Work Matters Start Your Own Business workshops will run in October, featuring financial supports, idea generation, market research, planning, marketing and taxation.

The Citywide Read for Children 2021 choice is Animal Crackers by Sarah Webb and Alan Nolan (Oct-Nov) events for primary school classes, an online family quiz. Events are free.

Be Long: Bí Ann, An invitation to your local library (Oct/Nov) is a new Libraries and well-being project IN partnership with Axis, and DCCCC featuring podcasts, animations, cultural events and more.

Children's Book Festival (Oct) Online and in branch events, activities and story times.

Dublin City Council Playground Framework is now updated and letters are due to be sent out to preferred contractors in the coming weeks. The new framework will become active by end of September 2021. The selection criteria involved requests for tenders for the following playground's which are due for significant upgrading commencing in November 2021.

- St Michans: Central District
- Grattan Crescent: South Central District
- Belgrave Square: South East District
- Griffith Park: North West
- Darndale Park: North Central

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) scheme 2021 received 245 applications, and approved 559 (incl. carry over applications from 2020). Value TOV approved in 2021 is €1,3M. Of the 1,272 TOV applications received to date, 998 have been paid total €2,2M

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals in 2021: 41 approved grants to value €831,470 supporting creation of 81 jobs in 2021. Additional funding of €300,000 has been approved by Enterprise Ireland.

Training –3,729 participants attended 101 training programme on line from 1st Jan – 31st August 2021, increase of 348 participants year on year.

Mentoring –1,806 hours of mentoring were completed 1st January – 31st August 2021 – including 3 hour, 6 hour and Brexit mentoring. Target of 1,000 hours for the year exceeded.

Start Your Own Business: 393 participants attended 13 courses & 1 Bootcamp, 1st January – 31st August 2021. Increase of 51 participant's year on year.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Annual Arts Grants & Bursaries Awards 2022	Now advertised	Competition Closing November 2021 www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Dublin City Public Art Programme City wide	Evaluations taking place. Strand 2 commissions (36 x applications): and Dublin Docklands Light Commission: City wide and Docklands	October 2021 Ongoing www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Creative Climate Action	DCC received €166k from Creative Ireland to support a climate action partnership with Clean up Crumlin. This will begin with a climate education and consultation programme.	Crumlin October – June 2022 www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Creative Places Award	Darndale awarded €150K per year through the Sphere 17 Youth Service and the City Arts office to build a programme of Arts Practice Participation and Audience Development that develops Darndale's local Arts ability and builds new Capacity.	Darndale October 2021 Ongoing www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Street Art – Painting the Town City Recovery Commissions	In collaboration with the City Recovery Team, the Painting the Town Initiative obtained 5 sites in the city for commissions for 5 emerging and established street artists.	5 locations October 2021 www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Look for Local Campaign	A thank you campaign was completed 9/9/21 with projection onto Palace Street of LEO client.	National Local Enterprise advertising campaign.
Green For Micro	Launched by Tánaiste 1/3/21 www.localenterprise.ie/Green	11 Applications completed. 7 applications completed.
Your Dublin Your Voice	4th YDYV survey will focus on the Dublin City Economic Development Strategy- publication 28/9/21	4 th YDYV survey results to be circulated in October
Dublin Economic Monitor (DEM)	Q3 DEM and video were published on 9 th Sept. Full details www.dublineconomy.ie	Q4 DEM to be published Dec www.dublineconomy.ie

MODOS	The MODOS Innovation Awardees were showcased during MODOS Circular Tourism MODOS event as part of Dublin Climate Action Week on 16 th Sept.	MODOS programme Tourism and Hospitality to run 8 th Oct – 17 th Nov.
OECD/EC RRR Project –	OECD Conference scheduled for 13-16 Sept. Peer City Partner workshop took place in Sept.	The project will conclude in late Dec.
Social Enterprise Awards	Held 22 nd Sept. Full details at https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dublin-city-social-enterprise-awards-2021-tickets-166904733551	DCSEA 2022 launch March 2022.
Dublin Place Brand	Engaging a place brand Consultant.	Stage 1 proposals submitted. Stage 2 mid – Sept.
	Commissioned photography and video to support Dublin City recovery.	Complete photography and b-roll video footage.
Inchicore Library Refurbishment	Selected Contractor has withdrawn DT recommendation to follow.	Re-tendering prep. Temp services at Richmond Barracks re-opened on 8 th September:
Finglas Library Development	Final design work & tender prep. DAC application submitted and fire cert. application imminent.	Sep 2021 Commence Construction: Nov 2021 Complete Construction: Mar 2022 Library Fit out
Sports P'ship "Let's Get Back"	Initiative to resume Indoor Sport Programmes safely and in line with Central Government advice	Guidelines to be circulated by Sport Ireland
DCSWP Virtual Hub/Social Media supports	Supportive/blended approach for ongoing delivery of DCSWP programmes and to provide resources for increased participation/reach in long-term	Virtual Hub: dcwsphub.ie Twitter: @dccsportsrec Facebook: DublinCitySportandWellbeing Instagram: @dublincitysportandwellbeing
Orienteering	DCSWP to roll out programmes in 2021 in partnership with Orienteering Ireland. Programmes to be all-inclusive.	Leadership training programmes for youth leaders and teachers continues
Sport Inclusion & Integration	Disability in Sport Training and Education programmes continue in partnership with CARA	Programme highlights for the next period include the ongoing Learn 2 Cycle initiative, Football programmes in partnership with FAI and Alzheimer's Ireland, GAA Inclusivity programmes, Hockey For All and school programmes
Ongoing events/initiatives	Cycling without Age GAGA – Get All Girls Active School Programmes: Athletics, Boxing (Startbox), Cricket, Rugby & Get Going Get Rowing.	All programmes supported/delivered by DCSWP and Co-funded Officers
Hugh Lane Gallery	Our visitor numbers to the gallery rose by 46% from July to August 2021. Gallery re-opened on 11 th May 2021. Visitor Numbers for May: 3786, June: 4417	Continue to provide a safe and rich visitor experience
Refurbishment of 1930s wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.	Construction to begin Q3 2023
Collection displays / Exhibitions	Cecil King: <i>Present in Time Future</i> Joseph Beuys: <i>From the Secret Block to Rosc</i> <i>The Art of Negotiation: John Lavery's Anglo-Irish Treaty Portraits, Embassy of Ireland, London; with a parallel seminar at the National Gallery, London</i>	Exhibitions Open In Preparation

	<i>Studio & State: The Laverys and the Anglo-Irish Treaty</i> , Collins Barrack, in collaboration with the National Museum of Ireland; <i>Do you remember what you are burning?</i> exhibition by Iraqi-Kurdish artist Hiwa K	Open 7 th October 2021
Online programme of art education	Planning for a blended programme of online and the return of in-person programmes from 22 October. http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures . Zoom@Hugh Lane Gallery city-wide primary school programme Phase IV (September-June 2022) Q2 Participants in Programmes was 2576	Ongoing development of innovative art education programming
Development 1 Nth Fredrick Lane	Property acquired by DCC for HLG Conservation and has been included in DCC HLG Insurance Cover.	Property acquired Feasibility Study to be initiated

DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

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Event	Location	Date & Time
Dublin Live! - The Local Live Performance Scheme is being funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture the Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. Dublin Alive! Includes various genres of music, theatre for adult and young audiences, aerial circus and street arts, comedy and dance	located both in city centre and community settings	September/October 2021 www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Water: More or Less by Marie Hanlon	The LAB Gallery www.dublincityartsoffice.ie	Opening 28 th October 2021
The Living Canvas: IPUT developers have applied for a temporary licence for a digital screen at	Wilton Park in Dublin 2. www.dublincityartsoffice.ie	Expected launch October 2021
Practice of Looking –VTS course for educators, artists and community workers	www.dublincityartsoffice.ie	Starts 29 th September 2021 6 x weeks online
2 nd Erasmus+ project from Arts Office along with 4 x European partners Looking to Understand Inclusion	Alicante, Spain	Starts 15 th November 2021
Business Advice Clinics & Variety training courses	https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/	Range of dates
Diversity in Tech Awards	https://diversityintechawards.online/	7 th October
Responsible Innovation Summit	https://responsibleinnovation-summit.com/	19-22 October
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	https://dublincity.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast/interactive/593109	9 th November

Statistics Q2 2021

Arts Office		
Cruinniú na nÓg	19,593 x views for over x 34 online events	www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
The Record Keepers talk with Tadhg Crowley, Sheena Barrett and Barbara Knezevic	58 attended and 622 watched the talk on Instagram	
Zine Make A long with Michelle Doyle	170 watched online	
VTS Look Club sessions with DCC Arts Office and VTS America	90 attended online	
Parks & Landscape Services		
No. of emails received (Parks Admin & Events)	7003	Includes 1482 relating to Parks Events
No. of emails received from City Councillors	176	
No. of Service Requests on CRM	520	Trees (307), Litter & Illegal Dumping (100), Grass (103), Other(10)
No. of phone calls received	947	
No. of Council Questions & Motions	368	
Libraries		
Number of Items issued (including e-resources)	115,624 checkouts + 246,933 e-resources	
Reserves satisfied	18,943	
Visits to libraries	115,511	
Online visits (DCL websites)	113,316	
Social Media engagements, photo and video views	146,350	
Programmed Events* – held	100	
Attendance at programmed events	5711	
Regular branch events held	91	
Attendance at Regular Branch events	4993	
Children's Video content posted on Facebook	146	
Internet sessions & Wi-Fi	Internet 0 (Unavailable during Covid) Wi-Fi 27,125	
Printing & reprography (pages)	16,731	
Sports		
No. Attendees in Sport in the Community Programmes	20114	
No. of Individual Programmes	460	

Human Resources

Human Resources Department – August/ September 2021

The total number of employees at 30th June was 5946 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5624

Working arrangements continue to be a blend of office and home working with all staff attending the office a number of days each week.

The Human Resources Department continued implementation of the programme of recruitment and promotion during the month of August. The following competitions recently concluded and appointments commenced – Senior Systems officer, Systems officer and Assistant Systems officer. The Administrative Officer competition interviews have concluded and appointments will commence shortly.

The posts of General Services Manager, Executive Scientist, Assistant Scientist, Clerk of Works/ Building Inspector, Library Assistant, Senior Accountant and Accountant are currently advertised. The interviews are currently ongoing for the posts of Senior Social Worker and Social Worker. 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 Engineer panel.

Dublin City Councils campaign to recruit graduate engineers is progressing and interviews will be arranged in the coming weeks.

PAS recruitment campaigns for Senior Engineer and Senior Executive Planner have commenced. Departmental sanction for an additional 29 posts for the Active Travel Programme was requested. These posts range from Senior Executive Engineer, Executive Engineer, Planners, Architects and other technical and administrative posts. Departmental sanction is also being sought to fill the posts of Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Assistant Law Agent, Senior Architect, Senior Executive Architect, Senior Executive Officer, Station Officer and a number of Engineering posts.

Smart City/Smart Dublin Update September 2021

For more information about Smart City / Smart Dublin projects see [website](#) and [Trello Board](#).

Dublin shortlisted for EU Capital of Innovation (iCapital) Awards

Dublin has been shortlisted as a semi-finalist for the European Capital of Innovation (iCapital) Awards, an annual recognition prize awarded to the European cities that best promote innovation in their communities. The top prize is €1million, with €100,000 for two runner-ups. This is the first time Dublin City Council has entered the competition. Dublin has been shortlisted as one of eight other semi-finalist cities for the 2021 awards. The other semi-finalists in Dublin's category are: Ankara (Turkey), Bruxelles (Belgium), Dortmund (Germany), Istanbul (Turkey), Izmir (Turkey), Malaga (Spain) and Vilnius (Lithuania).

Dublin's application "Dublin: A Champion of Change" focused on number of innovative initiatives happening across the city including the Smart Dublin programme, Dublin's Universities and Research Centres, start-up hubs such as Dogpatch Labs and the Digital Hub, and innovative procurement approaches including Enterprise Ireland' Small Business Innovation Research. In particular, Dublin's application focused on community engagement initiatives that empower citizens to become active stakeholders in Dublin's "innovation ecosystem".

Semi-final hearing will take place in October with the winner announced in November.

https://eisma.ec.europa.eu/news/european-capital-innovation-awards-icapital-2021-discover-years-semi-finalists-2021-09-02_en

Dublin shortlisted for EU Capital of Smart Tourism Awards

Dublin has been shortlisted for the European Capital of Smart Tourism awards, an initiative that recognises outstanding achievements by European cities as tourism destinations in four categories: sustainability, accessibility, digitalisation as well as cultural heritage and creativity. The shortlist comprises of Dublin and 6 other European cities (Bordeaux, Copenhagen, Florence, Ljubljana, Palma and Valencia) which showcase outstanding, innovative and sustainable tourism practices.

Dublin's Smart Tourism initiative is a Dublin City Council and Failte Ireland programme, made in partnership with Smart Dublin and Dublin City Council Culture Company, The programme aims to make the city a smart tourism destination, capitalising on the opportunity to blend the city's expertise in technology and tourism.

https://smart-tourism-capital.ec.europa.eu/index_en

Dublin Climate Action Week

As part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2021, the Smart City/Smart Dublin team delivered to public webinar events:

Smart Mobility Hub Phase 2 Launch Webinar

Opened by the Lord Mayor, this event launched phase 2 of the Smart Mobility Hub pilot, an innovative service that provides DCC staff with free access to e-cars, e-bikes, push bikes and cargo bikes on site, with the aim of reducing staff reliance on private vehicles. Phase 2 of the pilot will see the service expanded beyond just the Civic Offices to new DCC locations across the city.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZOJnSAaIHY&t=42s>

Smart Logistics Webinar

This webinar detailed some of the latest innovations in urban logistics and deliveries, including project examples from Smart Dublin, local authorities and commercial operators. The event discussed the role that these projects can play in transitioning to more sustainable transport and driving down emissions particularly in urban areas.

Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4xW65qRII0>

DPD Air Quality Monitoring Partnership with DCC

DPD Ireland has launched an Air Quality Monitoring programme, which uses smart sensors on buildings and delivery vans to track Dublin's air quality in real-time. The information will be shared for free with Dublin City Council, universities, the Asthma Society of Ireland, and the public, as part of a new sustainability initiative to support awareness around Dublin's air quality.

Dublin City Council, working with DPD, have installed sensors in libraries, DPD depots, leading universities, schools and a fire station.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/business/2021/0919/1247720-dpd-launches-air-quality-monitoring-initiative/>

Academy of the Near Future Website Launch

Academy of the Near Future is an exciting new Smart City Education initiative, developed and delivered in partnership by Dublin City Council and the Connect Research Centre at Trinity College Dublin. With funding from Science Foundation Ireland, the programme will initially target secondary school students and local authority staff, to upskill participants on what a 'smart city' means, what kinds of technology are being deployed with a particular focus on IoT, and understanding future city challenges. The programme website has just been launched, allowing schools across Ireland to sign up to take part, with the target of reaching 1000 secondary students this academic year.

<https://nearfuture.ie/>

Law Department
Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/8610/2021	Records re seagulls	Press	03/08/2021	26/08/2021
FOI/8612/2021	Records re - funding of traveller accommodation	Press	03/08/2021	
FOI/8613/2021	Requests DFB records	Client	03/08/2021	
FOI/8616/2021	seeks records re: site at Bannow Road	Client	04/08/2021	
FOI/8617/2021	seeks records re: Strand Road cycle route	Client	04/08/2021	
FOI/8619/2021	Records re scouting ireland	Client	05/08/2021	01/09/2021
FOI/8620/2021	seeks records re: Ashford Garden	Client	05/08/2021	
FOI/8621/2021	Request re seagulls	Press	06/08/2021	26/08/2021
FOI/8625/2021	seeks records re: documents relating to enforcement file	Business	09/08/2021	31/08/2021
FOI/8627/2021	Seeks records regarding named business group	Client	10/08/2021	06/09/2021
FOI/8628/2021	Seeks records re bicycle parking	Client	10/08/2021	
FOI/8630/2021	Seeks records re Euro 2020	Press	12/08/2021	
FOI/8631/2021	seeks records re: property acquired by DCC on Eden Quay	Client	16/08/2021	01/09/2021
FOI/8632/2021	Requests records re rates	Client	16/08/2021	
FOI/8633/2021	Requests records re removal of tents	Press	17/08/2021	
FOI/8634/2021	Records re parking charges	Client	17/08/2021	
FOI/8635/2021	Seeks records re Section 10 notices	Other	17/08/2021	
FOI/8636/2021	Seeks records re audit of city streets for public realm issues.	Press	17/08/2021	

FOI/8637/2021	Seeks records re felling of trees on Griffith Avenue	Press	18/08/2021	
FOI/8643/2021	Records re illegal dumping	Client	23/08/2021	03/09/2021
FOI/8644/2021	Records re waste electrical and electronic equipment	Client	24/08/2021	
FOI/8645/2021	Request records from DFB	Other	24/08/2021	
FOI/8646/2021	Request records re named address	Solicitor	24/08/2021	
FOI/8647/2021	Records regarding car parking charges	Business	24/08/2021	
FOI/8649/2021	Requests records re Bull Island	Press	26/08/2021	
FOI/8650/2021	Record re libraries	Client	26/08/2021	
FOI/8651/2021	Records regarding e Scooters	Client	26/08/2021	
FOI/8652/2021	Records re library	Client	26/08/2021	
FOI/8653/2021	Records regarding complaints regarding accommodation	Press	27/08/2021	
FOI/8654/2021	Request staffing records from DCC	Client	27/08/2021	
FOI/8656/2021	Requests records re Ombudsman Complaint	Client	30/08/2021	
FOI/8658/2021	seeks records re: Multi-Unit Developments	Client	31/08/2021	
FOI/8659/2021	seeks records re: internal audit reports	Press	31/08/2021	
FOI/8660/2021	Records re LED street lights	Press	31/08/2021	

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

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

Total requests opened in the period
01/01/2021 - 31/08/2021 514

Total requests closed in the period
01/01/2021 - 31/08/2021 454