

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

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Report of the Chief Executive



Monthly Management Report – April 2022

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 2022 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.

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive

Dated: 24th March 2022

Environment and Transportation Department

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

Moby 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 2020/2021 and this is continuing in 2022. The ongoing roll out of additional bike parking continues which will facilitate the expansion of stationless bike operations. Stands to accommodate an extra 554 bikes were installed during 2021. Bleeper's membership increased from 76,000 at the end of 2020 to currently stand at over 110,000. Q3 usage was over 119,000 individual journeys. Bleeperbike users cycled over 950,000km in 2021 saving the equivalent of 137 tonnes of carbon and were cycled for over 275,000 hours in 2021. Research is ongoing regarding integration/interoperability options with other mobility/transport services. A review of operations is currently being undertaken and it is anticipated that the maximum number of bike permits available to each operator will be increased to 1,500 each. Bleeper recently launched a trial 24/7 service to facilitate demand from late night and shift workers and have also launched a new more user friendly App.

E-Cargobikes for Business Pilot

Dublin City Council and bike sharing operator Bleeper are progressing well on the e-cargobike for business pilot project. The project gives businesses access to e-cargobikes at a discounted rate, enabling them to replace trips which would otherwise have been taken by car or by van. The pedal-assist electric cargobikes are available to businesses at a discounted rate of €100 per month. The bikes have a cargo carrying capacity of 60kg, with a battery which can last for up to 160km and can be fully recharged in 6 hours. The project has been so successful that an extension of the project has been agreed. The timeframe has been increased to allow for a further 10 opportunities to be provided to qualifying businesses. To date 17 e-cargobikes have been delivered to successful participants, and 34 businesses have made applications.

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 14th November 2021 has risen to 102,535. 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 13th March 2022 that week's revenue was €338,954.20

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 licensed 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 419. As of 2022, management of the Car Clubs has been transferred to the Micromobility Unit.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

Charleville Road- Operational hours extended to Monday- Saturday 7am-7pm. The start date for this extension is 11/04/2022.

Electric Vehicles

This is an area of active consideration for the Council and we remain 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 and to be more aware of the wider spectrum of mobility options now available and being planned for.

The commissioned EV charging strategy study will help inform the four Dublin local authorities of the type and number of chargers required across each council area as well as cost and resource requirements. 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. The consultants have now completed a stakeholder engagement piece to help inform the implementation recommendations of the strategy and it is envisaged that this will in turn help feed into a wider engagement piece with updates to the SPC and Council.

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now practically complete and the working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project, which will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport.

The SEAI scheme is currently being repurposed to take account of rapidly changing technologies and the realities of the business case and electrical infrastructure costs of public charging provision and the Council has fed into the new SEAI scheme for the provisioning of EV charge points in Multi Unit Dwellings (to be launched shortly).

A pilot off-street small scale public charging mobility hub is at works phase and it is planned to include charging for private EVs, car share clubs and eBikes beside a transport node. Charging at speeds of 22kw and 75kw will be available and data from usage will help inform future plans.

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 2021 the Section dealt with 537 new public liability cases 51 new employers liability claims.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services resolved almost 1,400 customer enquiries and service requests during January. Additionally, during the same period 997 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe by our direct labour crews. Furthermore, a total of 69 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24 hours of being recorded. Road Maintenance Services has prepared its Annual Works Programme for 2022. The programme provides for the investment of €12 Million to upgrade 10km of road carriageways and 12.5km of footpaths. These works will be carried out from May through to November. Tender documents for the appointment of contractors are currently being prepared.

Bridges & Other Road Structures

Bridge Maintenance will commence preparation of tender documents for Principal Inspections in 2023. Special Inspections are underway on Butt Bridge and Matt Talbot Bridge and special inspections are being planned on three other bridges. Scour risk assessments are required on 10 other bridges. Bridge refurbishments and vegetation control are being planned.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

In respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021, the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee have held two grant application assessment meetings to date. At these meetings, the 45 grant applications were divided into three categories as follows:

1. Grant applications requesting grant funding amounting to less than €20K, of which there were 20 in total.
2. Grant applications requesting grant funding amounting to between €20 and €100K ,of which there were 23 in total.
3. Grant applications requesting grant funding in excess of €100K, of which there were 2 in total.

Each grant application was given full consideration, reviewed in detailed, discussed and assessed. They were very successful and productive assessment meetings with some provisional decisions being reached. However, due to the high calibre of applications, the number of worthy projects and the amount of grant funding requested (circa €1.7m) in comparison to the total (€500K) available on this occasion, the Committee agreed to hold a third grant application assessment meeting on the 21st March 2022. The Committee intend to use this next meeting to examine and evaluate each grant application once more and decide on those projects to be supported that are viable, sustainable and will maximise local community benefit. It is anticipated that the successful grant applicants will be announced by April 2022.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

209 surveys were undertaken on 199 streets across the six waste management areas in February 2022. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. 80% of streets graded received a Grade A, 9% Grade B, 11% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

As the street grading program is now working in synchronisation with the online cleaning schedule, streets can no longer be regraded the following week should a grade C or D be awarded. From 21st February a new policy is in place whereby should any streets be awarded a grade C or D, a CRM request will be issued to the relevant area supervisor to address the issue that resulted in the poor grade.

AREA	No of Streets Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
CENTRAL	56	61	55		6	
SOUTH EAST	34	34	33	1		
SOUTH CENTRAL	30	32	19	10	3	
NORTH CENTRAL	31	31	23	3	5	
NORTH WEST	23	23	14	2	7	
CITY CENTRE	25	28	24	3	1	
TOTALS	199	209	168	19	22	0

Recycling Services

Parks & Landscaping Services have now issued a request for tender for the proposed refurbishment of the Eamon Ceannt Park depot and adjoining Bring Centre. Tender replies are due in mid-March and works are due to begin in May following appointment of the successful contractor. The works will take approximately six months and the Bring Centre will be closed for the duration. Bottle and textile banks will be temporarily placed on the path outside the bring centre for the duration of works.

School Programmes

RELOVE Fashion is a sustainable fashion competition for secondary schools proudly supported by Dublin City Council in collaboration with the Rediscovery Centre and neighbouring local authorities. Students are encouraged to take a deeper look at how clothing is made and consider creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs and alterations. The final was held at the Rediscovery Centre on 10 March 2022, with the five finalists from the Dublin City Area in attendance. A student from Maryfield College won the best casual award. More information can be found on www.relovetofashion.ie.

The Picker Pals Programme is an anti-litter initiative for primary schools from VOICE Ireland. The programme is funded by Dublin City Council and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. There are 82 classes within the Dublin City Council area taking part in this academic year. For more information, please visit www.pickerpalsworld.org.

The Composting for Schools Programme is a collaborative pilot project for the Dublin area from the four Dublin local authorities and the Eastern-Midland Regional Waste Office. 39 schools from the DCC area are participating. Teachers and other school staff took part in a series of training workshops to learn about composting. An expert from Composting Ireland is now visiting participating schools to help establish a composting system at the school.

The Green-Schools Programme continues to be delivered to schools throughout Dublin City Council. The Green-Schools assessment period takes place from February to April. For further information on these initiatives or the Green-schools programme please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie.

Community Environment Action Fund

The completion deadline for projects funded under the previous 2019/2020 grant scheme was the 31st of December 2021. It is anticipated that a new scheme will be announced by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in early 2022. For more information about the CEAF, please contact ceaf@dublincity.ie.

Global Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 event to be held in Dublin.

We are delighted to announce that the Eastern & Midlands Regional Waste Management Planning Office (EMRWMP) in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre, Dublin City Council and Circuleire, was successful in winning a bid to host the Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 event in Dublin.

Now in its fifth year, the Circular Economy Hotspot has become a global flagship event on the circular economy calendar and has been previously hosted by the Netherlands, Scotland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Catalonia. In 2023, for the first time, Dublin will host the Hotspot alongside two other global regions: Lagos, Nigeria and Chile.

Hosting the European Circular Economy Hotspot in 2023 will bring international visibility to circular economic initiatives here in Ireland, and will create international opportunities for Dublin and the greater Dublin region. It will also provide a platform for Irish organizations keen to make the circular transition, creating a circular legacy for Irish citizens and businesses. Furthermore, through a programme of citizen engagement, Circular Economy Hotspot Dublin will aim to bring the circular economy to life, making it relevant to the day to day life of Dubliners.

The successful bid was led by the Rediscovery Centre and supported by 30 organizations from Government, Public-Sector, Industry, 3rd Level Education and Social Enterprise, including The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development, the Department of Agriculture, the East-Midlands Regional Assembly and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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 launched in November 2021 more than doubling units of recycling on the go bins and widening locations to neighbouring streets. An increased public awareness campaign will take place throughout March and April.

Housing Waste Recycling Project

The Housing Waste Project was suspended for the majority of 2021 due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. The project restarted in late November and inspections of housing and older persons' complexes in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh were conducted by Waste Management Services in tandem with Housing Maintenance and the relevant South Central Area Housing personnel. Inspections in this area are now completed and the introduction of brown and green bins to older persons' complexes and housing complexes where feasible will begin in Q2 2022. Assessments of existing bins and bin areas in older person's complexes in Central, North Central and North West Areas will begin in Q2 2022.

Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

Dublin City Councils online bulky waste ordering system is now fully digital and customers can now request and pay for a service collection 24/7 as the entire process is fully automated through the Citizen Hub Platform. Customers can now complete the ordering process from beginning to end including making secure payment without the need to go through our customer services department.

There is no material change to the actual service itself, how it operates or cost. It has simply been improved and enhanced by allowing customers to access the service at any time of the day or night. <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie> Customers can also access the form through our website [Bulky Household Waste Collection Services | Dublin City Council](#)

Our customer services centre will remain available between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday to assist customers who want information about the service or who wish to place an order.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards 2022 /IPB Pride of Place Competition

The City Neighbourhoods Awards 2022 will take place on the 6th October 2022 in Croke Park. Arrangements are in place for an area wide competition and groups have already shown their excitement by cleaning and planting their neighbourhoods.

IPB Pride of Place have confirmed that the 2021 awards will take place on 16th May in Killarney. Entries were Bloomin' Crumlin/Kimmage and Finglas Tidy Towns.

Team Dublin Clean-up

The Team Dublin Clean will take place on 30th April to coincide with the National Spring Clean month. This is the day where 80 to 100 groups from all over Dublin come together to clean-up Dublin. Arrangements are in place to distribute equipment and supplies to the groups and Waste Management Services will collect and dispose of the bags after the clean-up.

Plans are also in place this year to include the Liffey Sweeper, which is managed by the Irish Nautical Trust, and local rowing clubs to come together to clean the river Liffey.

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:

- The Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project is a cross-agency, multi-disciplinary project to produce a Masterplan, based on an options assessment, for the River Santry catchment in order to achieve the objectives set out in the Water Framework Directive, Floods Directive, Birds & habitats Directive and the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network. DCC is preparing a brief on the Santry River 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. A restricted procedure to engage consultants is currently underway. Tender submissions were received by the 7th February 2022 and are currently being assessed. We anticipate having a design consultant appointed by April 2022. 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 National Transport Authority.

- The Protection of Water Bodies Office is progressing a pilot surface water management project using Green Infrastructure principles. We have appointed a Consultant to design (and bring to implementation stage) a number of nature based water retention measures using a sustainable urban design approach at nine different locations in the Dodder and Santry river catchments. These Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are expected to have the dual effect of reducing the rate of surface water runoff into sewers/watercourses, thus reducing the risk of downstream and local flooding. Equally important is the expected outcome of improving the water quality through percolating the surface water runoff through this green infrastructure approach prior to entering the nearby watercourses. Conducive with our goals for Climate Action, this pilot project will greatly enhance biodiversity opportunities in the public realm. Our office continues to liaise with our colleagues in Environment and Transportation, in the Parks Department and in the City Architect's Office to facilitate the implementation of this approach in public realm projects.
- The Protection of Water Bodies Office has taken the role of Project Manager for the Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works. The Successful Contractor has been identified from the tender process and it is anticipated this contract and the delivery of the construction stage of the project will take effect in quarter 2 of 2022.
- The Protection of Water Bodies Office presented the current Public Consultation on the Draft River Basin Management Plan to the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC on December 1st. This Public Consultation process is open until the 31st of March 2022 and is being managed by the Local Authority's Water Programme (LAWPRO) on behalf of the Minister. That presentation is now available to view from the DCC webcast online library and further details are available on www.catchments.ie and pertinent documents may be viewed on the website of the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

Bathing Waters

A Bathing Waters Task Force (BWTF) was established in 2019 and includes Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, the DHPLG and Irish Water. The BWTF's remit is to identify potential sources of pollutants affecting bathing water quality in Dublin Bay and eliminate, or remediate, the source of the pollutants. The primary objective being to protect public health, including that of sea swimmers. An enhanced programme of water quality testing has identified a number of significant misconnections and areas for further investigation. Misconnection inspections were disrupted by Covid-19 restrictions however, the surveys are scheduled to re-commence fully in Q2 of 2022 following government and HSE advice. DCC continues to support and collaborate with taskforce stakeholders to ensure a coordinated approach to remove bathing water pressures is achieved.

The Protection of Water Bodies Office made a submission on behalf Dublin City Council to the ongoing public consultation on 'Bathing Water Quality – Review of EU Rules' (EU Bathing Water Directive 2006). That consultation process is open to all members of the public. A copy of the DCC submission was circulated to members of the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC.

The Water Pollution Control Section have been invited to present the 2021 Bathing Water Report at the next SPC meeting on 30th March 2022. The report was published in November 2021 to provide the public and elected members with a broad overview of bathing water performance and pressures in Dublin City.

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.

The Working Group agreed 3 new appendices to the new Development Plan which support policies in that plan. These cover:

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

Two new guidance documents have been introduced:

- SuDS Design and Evaluation Guide
- Green Blue Roofs Guide

A third document covering retrofit of SuDS is due to be introduced in February or March. We are encouraging the use of these documents on all DCC projects.

Flood Defence

- Consultants have been appointed by DCC to investigate the reduction of flood risk across the DCC and SDCC sections of the River Camac. Environmental and topographical surveys are now completed. A computer model has been built to investigate tidal, fluvial and pluvial flood risks associated with the river. Preliminary flood extent maps are being verified.
- This study as with all other flood alleviation projects is being integrated into a desire to "de-culvert" and widen 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. The new City Edge project gives opportunities to achieve some of this.

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team submitted an Expression of Interest for the EU Mission 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities on January 31st. The EU Mission has confirmed that Dublin City meets the eligibility criteria and our submission is being considered for participation in the Mission. The outcome of the selection process is to be announced in late April/early May. There were 377 submissions from cities across Europe.

The Climate Action Team is currently exploring the potential of participating in EU funding calls led by academia. Consideration is being given to projects that will further climate action. The Climate Action Team with EMRWMPPO was involved in a bid for Dublin to be the 2023 Circular Hotspot. The application was led by the Rediscovery Centre and was successful.

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. The Climate Action Team invited the public to complete the Edible Dublin: Food Strategy survey. The survey closed on February 14th with 362 responses. The next step is to analyse the responses and identify focus groups to explore ideas emerging from the survey responses.

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.

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. There have been three bilateral meetings with DCC staff and Seoul staff discussing active travel. Plans are underway for study visits to progress pilot actions that will be implemented in Dublin and Seoul.

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 is developing a plan for engaging communities on local climate action that will involve the area offices. It is envisaged that there will be workshops where councillors will be invited to attend to ensure meaningful engagement and collaboration with residents.

Climate Action Regional Office

CARO, the four Dublin Local Authorities and SMART Dublin are part of an EV Regional group. The group has an agreed strategy. The stakeholder engagement part of this strategy has been completed and discussions with the Dept. of Transport regarding funding and procurement support have taken place. An EV Charge Point study trip to London was organised by Fingal CC and attended by SDCC, DLRCC, Smart Dublin, CARO, Dept. of Transport and TII on Feb 28th and March 1st.

Green procurement training with Greenville Procurement Partners Ltd., as the contractor is in the development stage. CARO is working with the contractor tailoring the training to suit local authority needs. Local authority case studies will be included. This training is following on from the Climate Action Charter 2019 whereby local authorities have pledged to implement green public procurement strategy and procedures across all business areas. Training in this area for local authority staff will commence in early April. A half-hour introductory session for staff is planned for early April. The invitations will come through the local authority training officers.

CARO is continuing the roll out of the Local Authority Climate Action Training programme for local authority staff. It is organised into six training pillars 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>

The 'Championing Leadership' Climate Action Training for senior management and elected representatives of DCC, FCC and SDCC has taken place. The DLRCC session takes place on March 25th. The Dublin CARO Coordinator gave an opening presentation at the training sessions. There is a catch up opportunity to attend the 'Championing Leadership' pillar on 1st April for those who missed their earlier session. The Actioning Policy pillar for training specialist groups e.g. planners in DCC will continue across 2022 and 2023.

CARO, in collaboration with Age Friendly Ireland is planning a series of Climate Action' workshops to take place during 2022. A hybrid model of in person and virtual workshops, beginning in May, is being considered

Línte na Farrage is one of the 15 successful Creative Ireland Climate Action fund projects, Dublin CARO collaborated with Local Authorities, artists and 3rd levels institutes and other partners on this project. Two CARO staff are part of the project team. The potential sites have been selected in Fingal CC, Wexford CC, Galway CC and DLRCC. The sites, subject to approval by the local authorities and ministerial consent as they are national heritage and archaeological monuments, and subject to adequate funding. The illumination may be in place for up to six months. The proposed Línte installations will use illuminated LED horizontal lines to represent future sea-level and storm surges. Installation is planned for Q3 2022. An interactive website and community engagement activities will be part of the installation. Trialling the use of climate games in local schools to promote climate action and awareness is proposed as part of the Línte project.

Creative Climate Action Crumlin is a series of climate projects to raise awareness, enhance the environment and change life styles. CARO's role in this project is setting out and verifying climate targets and synergies with the Climate Action Plan 2021 and CCAP. A project manager has been appointed through public procurement by the Dublin City Arts Office, who are responsible for the project overall. CARO attend the fortnightly working group meetings with DCC and other partners. The project budget has been agreed. The evaluation of behavioural change in the community will begin in 2022 with input of the Economic and Social Research Unit (ESRI). The project is ongoing.

The Dublin Gazette are running a Making Dublin Greener competition for primary schools over 8 weeks. The free gazette is available across the Dublin Metropolitan region. CARO have sponsored competition prizes for the spring Dublin Gazette 'Making Dublin Greener' competition for Dublin primary schools. <https://dublingazette.com/news/digital-gazette/dublin-gazette-digital-edition-march-10-2022-2/>

CARO are represented on a national technical advisory group to assist LAs in preparing new national guidance to prepare 'Climate Action Plans 'as per the requirement in the Low Carbon and Climate Action (Amendment) Act 2021. DCC and Codema are also represented on this advisory group. This Draft Guidance is currently with DECC for agreement and wider circulation to the LA sector.

Dublin CARO prepared a response on behalf of the four CAROs nationally as a key stakeholder on the revised National Adaptation Framework (NAF). A full public consultation on the NAF is planned for April 2022 and the CARO will encourage LA Climate Team to make appropriate submissions.

CARO is collaborating on a Green Roof project with UCD. Progress on this project has been delayed by COVID. It is proposed that Baseline data will be collated on public and private sector roofs over a period of one year with data being used to calculate water attenuation from a flood prevention perspective.

Dublin CARO is supporting Smart Cities Climate Action Data Challenge competition to use open data to promote and support climate action. The challenge launch is planned for late February.

Further updates and events are posted regularly on www.caro.ie and for the Dublin CARO on twitter @DublinCARO. Dublin CARO leads in publishing the quarterly CARO newsletter. The fifth edition will be published in late March. There are over 400 signed up to receive the newsletter. It covers a broad range of climate change issues and has an item focusing on one local authority per edition. You can sign up to the CARO newsletter at www.caro.ie/#newsletter.

Energy Management

By end 2020, DCC had improved its energy performance by 41.9%, compared to the baseline years 2006-2008, clearly surpassing its 2020 efficiency goal of 33%. In 2020, DCC consumed a total of 160 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this is the equivalent of 28,143 tonnes of CO₂ with an associated energy cost of €11.2 million. This represents an absolute reduction of 75 GWh in primary energy when compared to the baseline, (17,315t CO₂). The 2020 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 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, Executive Manager). 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. Targets for 2030 have now been clearly defined for Local Authorities and an evaluation of DCC’s ‘gap to target’ is underway. This will allow for a planned response in terms of number and scale of projects, with a particular focus on thermal and transport, to achieve objectives. It will also highlight resource requirements. The DeliveREE project, a collaboration across the 4DLAs together with coordination by Codema, is looking to aggregate and scale projects of significance and to use performance contracting to help us achieve our 2030 targets. Another project nearing service phase is the upgrade of heating and lighting in the O’Brien Institute, the Fire Brigades training centre.

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 was launched in late September 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 set up by the CAROs for this project on behalf of Dublin LAs.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

The new air quality station at Donnybrook Fire Station is now operating and the data can be viewed online at <https://dublincityairandnoise.ie/> .

The newest local air quality monitoring station will be established at Mountjoy Square and works on this will be completed by the end of March.

Launch of public consultation on draft Clean Air Strategy for Ireland

On 8 March 2022 The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan TD, launched a public consultation on the draft Clean Air Strategy for Ireland.

This consultation will build on existing work that has been carried out by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in this space over recent years. The strategy will take account of recent developments, including the Climate Action Plan 2021, which was launched last November.

The consultation will be open for approximately 8 weeks and can be accessed at : <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/0a7cf-consultation-on-the-clean-air-strategy-for-ireland/>.

The closing date for submissions is Tuesday, 3rd May, 2022. It is envisaged that Dublin City Council will prepare a submission.

Regional Noise Mapping and Environmental Action Plan

Dublin City Council issued the tender to appoint consultants on 18th February 2022 to carry out for the next iteration of regional noise mapping under the EU Environmental Noise Directive. These noise maps will form the knowledge base for the next Environmental Noise Action Plan which is scheduled for completion in 2023.

Rapid Deployment Active Travel Measures

Following consultation with the Glasnevin Educate Together School and the Parents and Teachers Committee it is proposed to facilitate the setting up of a Park and Stride arrangement for the school to help alleviate congestion at the school gate. It is proposed to extend the protected cycle lane along the Southside of Griffith Avenue Ext as far as Ballygall Road East starting the week Monday 28th of March.

Cycle protection has been installed on Rathfarnham Road and South Circular Road.

Designs for the proposed 2 way cycle lane linking the Alfie Byrne Road and East Road were published on our consultation hub on the 24th of February. Invitation to tender for the project were issued on 4th of March with tenders due by 25th of March.

Designs are being developed to protect the cycle lanes on the Navan Road between Kempton Avenue and Ratoath Road.

Schools Mobility Programme

A School Zone is an initiative designed to give priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school (and provide space for social distancing during the pandemic), and prioritise active travel to and from school. Dublin City Council received 119 eligible applications for a School Zone. School Zone treatments have been installed at of these 68 Schools, leaving a further 51 awaiting treatment. Schools in 30 km/h roads were initially prioritized for treatment.

The breakdown of the School Zones completed per administrative area of Dublin City are 14 for the South East Area, 16 for the South Central Area, 14 for the Central Area, 9 for the North Central Area and 15 for the North West Area. The breakdown of School Zones awaiting treatment per administrative area of Dublin City are 14 for the South East Area, 2 for the South Central Area , 13 for the Central Area, 17 for the North Central Area and 5 for North West Area.

At the start of 2022, the 68 completed School Zones were invited to complete an online survey of their experience of the School Zone. With the help of the School Warden Service we are conducting an audit of all completed School Zones to assess if all the elements were installed

and if they are aligned to the current needs of School Wardens. We are maintaining contact with all schools in regards to the status of their School Zone and responding to all requests for updates

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme, which was launched by the Government in March 2021, aims to create safer walking and cycling routes within communities, alleviate congestion at the school gates and increase the number of students who walk or cycle to school by providing walking and cycling facilities. The SRTS programme expands its remit past the school gates and encompasses physical measures along the route to school. Precise details of the works to be undertaken in and around the individual schools will be determined after a detailed assessment has been carried out by the relevant local authority.

Twenty-seven schools in the Dublin City Council area were placed in Round 1 of the SRTS roll out. Thirteen of these have already received a School Zone. A further 23 schools were placed in subsequent rounds. Any SRTS application on a 50km/h road who also applied for a School Zone will be prioritised in the first instance.

We are supporting An Taisce Green-Schools to obtain all the required information from these Schools for the SRTS analysis, including parent surveys of where and how they make their School journey. To fast-track the implementation of both School Zones and SRTS infrastructure, we are preparing a Request to Tender document to engaging professional services for the design of these schemes.

Any school which has not applied under either the School Zone or SRTS schemes, cannot be prioritized for intervention prior to those which have. However, we are noting the requests and assisting customers to make an appropriate referral to either Traffic Advisory Group, School Warden Service, Parking Enforcement or alternative Sustainable Transport Projects that may be planned for the area.

The School Mobility Outreach Officer continues to do school gate observations at drop off or collect times on an ongoing basis. We are working with Parking Enforcement, Road Safety, School Warden Service, Local Area Offices and An Garda Síochána Community Gardaí to understand and address continued dangerous and illegal driver behavior. We have engaged the Behavioral Research Unit of the Economic & Social Research Institute for input and advice on effective communication messages and initiatives to promote more considerate driver behaviour at school gates.

Handshake Immersive Symposium

Dublin City Council is participating in an EU project called Handshake. The project involves thirteen cities collaborating on over 60 measures across 23 different types of solutions, which are designed to make cycling a more attractive everyday mode of transport. As part of this project, Dublin is being mentored by Amsterdam and the 2 cities are taking part in an immersive symposium in Dublin from the 23rd to the 25th of March. Once the agenda is finalised, invitations to relevant sessions will be issued directly to all Councillors.

The Active Travel (AcT) Programme

The Active Travel Programme Office has been set up with effect from 14th February 2022 with Andy G. Walsh as the appointed Director for the Active Travel (AcT) Programme.

Several staff have been transferred from the Traffic Division to work on delivering the cycling and walking network. Additional staff are currently also being recruited to the new Office to ensure full resourcing.

One Senior Transportation Officer and two Senior Engineers have added to the Active Travel Team and a further number of engineers will shortly be appointed following recent interviews.

Construction works commenced on March 26 on the Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC) Project. This project essentially will provide 8 km of walking facilities, 6 km of cycling facilities and 5.4 km of bus lanes. In addition, it will renew over 6km of old watermains as a collaboration with Irish Water. It will also provide additional greening and sustainable drainage systems along the corridor.

This NTA funded Project which will be complete in Q1 2024 and will help Dublin City in its endeavour to reduce our carbon emissions while also improving road safety for all users.

Information leaflet No.2 for this Project is currently being distributed.

The Dodder Greenway (Herbert Park to Donnybrook). The Contractor appointment for the main construction contract for the remaining leg within Herbert Park will be awarded in early April 2022. This project will be delivered during Q1 2023. The Contractors will be mobilising for the main works by May 2022.

The tender for the works for the Royal Canal (Phase 3) has been published.

The amending Part VIII for the Royal Canal (Phase 4) will be put back on public display during April 2022.

Additional details and information will be available for next month's edition of this report.

This Active Travel Programme office (AcTPO) will issue its first comprehensive Quarterly report at the July Full Council Meeting.

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 DCC 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 worked closely 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 issued to the Elected Members in June. The Planning Department finalised the Draft Development Plan ahead of issuing it to the Chief Executive for review in August 2021.

The Draft Development Plan was subsequently circulated to the Elected Members in September after which over 350 motions were received and responded to by the Chief Executive. The motions were debated at length during three Special Council meetings in early November, after which amendments were made to the Draft Plan on foot of the agreed motions.

The Draft Development Plan will now be put on formal public display for 10 weeks on Thursday 25th November 2021 until mid-February 2022. Further stages of consultation, amendments to Plan and preparation of CE Reports will be carried out in Q2 and Q3 2022, with the Transportation Planning Division continuing their role in assisting the Planning Department in the Plan making process.

The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is being updated as part of the New Development Plan.

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 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. A non-statutory public consultation is running from 30 th Jan to 20 th February, which will be used to inform the scheme design. Further consultation will be held with businesses and other stakeholders prior to submitting the Part 8.
3.	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.
4.	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. A Consultant Landscape Architect has been procured for this project.
5.	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 are being progressed by DCC but NTA will also lodge for CPOs.
6.	Blood Stoney Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	It was decided at a recent steering group meeting that DCC will not pursue a further planning application at the Blood Stoney Location. Options are now being reviewed with regards options for progressing a bridge at the original Forbes St location
7.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	Concept design options are being finalised.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
8.	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
9.	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.
10.	Liffey Street Public Realm Improvements	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	Detailed design complete and tender documents being reviewed for issue Q1 2022. The proposed public lighting is being reviewed at present.
11.	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.
12.	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 Pleanála, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 th October. Awaiting ABP response.
13.	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. Preliminary flood extent maps from computer model being investigated.
14.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OPW	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's completed. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home . Culvert surveys completed. Preliminary flood extent maps from computer model being investigated.
15.	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.

16.	Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works	DCC	Tobin Consulting Engineers (TCE)	Detailed design at 17 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed. This project has recently transferred the PWB Office to manage to the Construction stage, expected in Q2 2022. Preferred Contractor identified.
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Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
17.	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. . Wayleave agreements being progressed. Preparing environmental submission to An Bord Pleanála.
18.	Traffic Works – Package 7 – Lot 2.	NTA / DCC	Atkins	Consultant appointed. Finalising Designs.
19.	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.
20.	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	Design work has recommenced on this project with a review of the previous Part 8 design underway.
21.	Green Infrastructure Pilot Project	DCC	McCloy's	Consultants are appointed to prepare a detailed design for 9 pilot sites adjacent to the Dodder and Santry Rivers. The purpose is to introduce effective surface water management infrastructure to support biodiversity and meeting our EU Water Framework Directive objectives. Design work has commenced on this project.

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	Aug 2007	Dec 2021	Construction ongoing at Beech Hill road. Programmed completion Q4 2022. New Contractor Appointed March 2022.
2	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECOM	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	Oct 2014	Nov 2019	Scheme is operational and all outstanding minor elements completed in 2019. Contractor for sealed manholes investigating options for sealing 13m gap in flood defences on Sir John Rogerson's Quay.
3	Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	Aug 2022	Works are progressing on the realignment of Sillogue Avenue The diversion of utilities is almost complete. The laying of kerbs and construction of footways is ongoing. A 6 week road closure commenced on 19 th January to allow the safe construction of the new carriageway at the Sillogue Rd end. A diversionary route is in place to allow vehicular access to Sillogue Gardens.
4	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	Dec 2021	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing. The contractor has increased resources on site.
5.	Traffic Works Package 7 – Lot 1.	DCC	Citius	Oct 2021	Dec 2021	At Construction Stage
6.	Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue	DCC	Coffey Construction Ltd.	Oct 2021	Dec 2022	Coffey's have commenced works in Phase 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, which has included; site clearance, planning of existing carriageway, and earthworks. ESB 38KV ducting works are 85% complete.
7.	Fitzwilliam Quay	DCC	Cunningham Civil & Marine	Nov 2021	Feb 2022	Reduction of seepage through sea wall. Construction and sealing substantially completed. Painting of sheet piles underway for next 6 weeks.
8.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	Cairn Construction	Jan 2022	July 2022	Works commenced on site on 17 th January. The new watermain and fibre ducting have been installed and works are continuing with new drainage connections. The works will be carried out in tandem with the remaining adjacent private development currently underway at Clarendon Row.

9	River Road Wall	DCC	John Cradock Ltd	Nov 2021	Feb 2022	Construction of a new retaining wall using concrete crib and reconstruction of the parapet wall with a reinforced concrete coping was prepared. The design also includes for new surface water gullies on River Road and ducting and foundation sleeves for future public lighting.
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Planning & Property Development

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"> • Draft Plan went on statutory display on the 25th November. Closing date 14th February. • Public Consultation sessions held on for 24th Jan, 26th Jan and 3rd Feb. 	<p>Approximately 4,000 submissions received. Currently being assessed. CE Report on submissions to be circulated to Cllrs end of April.</p>
Development Plan 2016-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variation, 33 for Jamestown lands in Finglas approved on the 14th of June. Work now commencing on masterplan. Meetings held with main landowners. • Ongoing implementation of existing Development Plan; no variations in train 	<p>Landowners to advance masterplan with DCC and State organisations. Present update to Area Cllrs.</p>
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. • Sillogue Avenue road realignment on-site. • Site 1: Shopping centre. • Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting decision on HSE bid. • Meetings with NTA ongoing re Metro. • Feasibility of upgrades to Balbutcher Lane North underway; liaising with Bus Connects. • Development Strategy for Site 1 went to March NWAC for noting and will be issued to April Council meeting. • To explore meanwhile/temporary uses for front part of Site 1 and Market soundings for rear part of site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: for senior citizens. Design underway. • Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: design underway • Site 21: O’Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. Closing documents issued. • Site 22/23: O’Cualann site: near completion. • Site 25: Site transferred to O’Cualann. Site divided into 2: planning lodged for new senior citizen housing, 26.10.21, invalidated, to resubmit. • Site at Carton: offered to O’Cualann. On-hold till road realignment resolved. • Site 19: offered to O’Cualann. • Sites 5 & 18: proposed for PPP bundle No. 4. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 10: Pre-Part 8 expected Q1 2022. • Sites 12 & 14: Part 8 expected Q 1 2022. • Site 21: Due on site March 2022. • Site 22: Substantially complete. • Site 25: Phase 1: Planning application on senior citizens to be re-submitted 2022... Phase 2: Land boundary issues to be resolved. Pre-planning meeting 24.01.22. • Site at Carton: on hold pending road design. • Site 19: red line boundary under review. Design being progressed with O’Cualann architects. • Site 5, 15, 16, 17 & 18: with Dept. for consideration under PPP 4. • Site 8: to be offered to the AHB protocol for general housing. • Site 13: DCC senior citizens housing: design team to be appointed. • Site 6 & 8: Issue of 2-storey housing on site to be resolved.
<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. Design on-going. • Site 4 & 5: LDA to bring site to Planning Stage • Site 6, 7 & 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, SHD pre-planning held with ABP, 17/02/21; reasonable basis for SHD decision issued 01/03/21. • Cherry Orchard Park: redesign scheduled for delivery 2021-2022 • Equine centre to extend boundary: works to be carried out by DCC. • Site 3B: talks underway with CDET B re St. Oliver’s Training Centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Part 8 expected March 2022. • Site 4 & 5: LDA have appointed a design team to commence work in a 3 phase approach • Site 6: SHD for Phase 1 lodged Dec 2021. • Cherry Orchard Park: Design to be completed 2022. • Site 2: delivery mechanism to be agreed. • Cherry Orchard crèche seeking expansion into DCC lands- site 2; expected in 2022.
<p>Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belmayne Masterplan approved by Area Committee • Life of LAP extended to 2022 	<p>LIHAF and NTA funded ‘Main Street’ Belmayne is currently on site.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.
Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finglas Strategy 2021 – complete. Many of proposed re-zonings did not make it to the Draft Development plan stage. • Luas: Talks on Finglas LUAS on-going with TII • Jamestown: Variation No.33 incl. SDRA for Jamestown, adopted 14th June 2021. Letters issued to landowners in the area inviting them to meeting: to set out parameters for the Masterplan. 	<p>Luas: public consultation on preferred route; submissions due 20th Jan 2021. Meetings with TII on-going.</p> <p>Jamestown: 4 March meeting with landowners in Ballymun Civic Centre. 11 March - Project Brief issued to landowners. Meeting with Project Manager to be organised. Work with landowners and State Bodies Masterplan to be drafted.</p>
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDZ Height review amendments; High Court Judgement made on 7th January has quashed ABPs decision. • 5 current live applications – mainly for amendments /additions to previously approved developments. 	Decision that ABP now reconsider the heights amendment application, starting the process as of March 2021.
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Information Request issued in relation to planning application for 638 residential units. • Current application for retention of tree removal and provision of compensation habitat 	Response lodged. 14 February presentation given to SEAC meeting re this application. 14 March report deadline.
Public Realm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Anne's St.- Preliminary design works are continuing. A non-statutory public consultation is complete and will inform the approach • Wolfe Tone Square, Ballyfermot Park and Bridgefoot St all at advanced stage and will reopen after planting season. • Francis St progressing due to complete Q3 Eastern side is nearly complete with tree planting to be carried out this week . • Work is continuing to bring Temple Bar Square to construction tender and Liffey St Projects to construction. Temple Bar Square -The Main Works (e.g. repaving, public lighting, green infrastructure etc.) 	

	<p>will commence in 2022 with completion in 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	Tender documents are at review stage. Some additional conservation survey work is being carried out to inform DCC position. The Members Advisory Group will meet prior to issue.	Issue tender after Advisory Group Meeting
O' Connell Street Special Scheme of Planning Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work commencing on review of 2016 scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey complete. SEA/AA screening commenced. Reports to be finalised and issued to Environmental Authorities. Book of Reference – work commenced by Law Department.
Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call 1 – Awarded City Edge (Naas Road / Ballymount / Park West Masterplan) – Joint DCC / SDCC project. 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>Strategic Framework being finalised. April 2022 presentation and sign off by Steering Group. May presentation and sign off to Council.</p> <p>Complete.</p> <p>North Inner City and South Inner City bids successful. €173 million awarded to 23 projects. Preliminary business cases being prepared for DHLGH</p>
Draft NTA Strategy for GDA	Public consultation period ended.	Observations from DCC submitted to NTA.
DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)	Irish Rail consultations continue.	Meeting being organised with Conservation to discuss the design of parapet works.
DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)	Irish Rail EIAR Photomontage viewpoints issued for comment.	14 March deadline for response.

DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line)	Non-statutory consultation on Emerging Preferred Option. Public consultation 24 February to 8 April 2022.	9 March briefed by Irish Rail on Public Consultation No 2. 8 April deadline DCC corporate response.
DART + Coastal SOUTH	Irish Rail data requested in December 2021.	Project meetings to follow.
Metrolink	Current pre-Railway Order engagement with TII. Preliminary Design drawings being reviewed.	Review preliminary drawings
BusConnects	NTA pre-planning with An Bord Pleanála completed.	28 March NTA proposing lodge application for Clongriffin to City Centre Corridor. 8 weeks public consultation 28 March to 2 June.
Finglas LUAS	Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option. Comments issued on preferred route 31 st January 2022.	Monthly preliminary/planning meetings on going. Lodgement of Railway Order Q2 2023.
Gulistan Depot	Non statutory masterplan for development of former depot site in Rathmines has gone on public display. Chief Executives Report on submission presented to December South Central Area Committee. 14 March South East Area Committee briefed/updated.	Feedback from public consultation being incorporated into finalised Masterplan.

Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Active Land Management Derelict Sites Register	<p>21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3. The site vested in the Council on 22/05/21. Housing Department to prepare a feasibility study for future use of site.</p> <p>Compulsory Acquisitions Notices of intention to acquire the following derelict sites compulsorily were served on owners on 9/12/2021. The period for making objections to the proposed acquisitions ends 21/01/2022.</p> <p>11 Annamoe Terrace, Cabra, D7 1 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20 2 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20</p>	<p>68B St. Brendan's Park, Coolock, D5.</p> <p>An Bord Pleanála has granted consent without modification to the compulsory acquisition of the site on 17/01/2022. The owner has eight weeks within which to apply for a Judicial Review of the Board's decision.</p>

<p>Vacant Sites Register</p>	<p>5 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20 6 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20 7 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20 10 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20 11 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20 6 Terrace Place (rear of 23 Rutland St), D1 7 & 8 Terrace Place(rear of 24/25 Rutland St), D1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to 206 sites. • Notices of Entry have issued in relation to 134 sites. • 162 submissions have been received to date. • 42 sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register as of (21/03/2022). 16 of which are in City Council ownership. <table border="1" data-bbox="595 808 1150 1003"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">2018 Demands</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paid</td> <td>€649,350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancelled</td> <td>€1,460,550</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refunded</td> <td>-€66,450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding</td> <td>€892,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €2,935,650</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="595 1032 1150 1193"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">2019 Demands</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paid</td> <td>€527,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancelled</td> <td>€1,335,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding</td> <td>€4,275,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €6,138,300</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="595 1263 1150 1424"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">2020 Demands</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paid</td> <td>€366,450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancelled</td> <td>€368,550</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding</td> <td>€10,093,300</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €10,828,300</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="595 1480 1150 1641"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">2021 Demands</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paid</td> <td>€16,450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancelled</td> <td>€0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding</td> <td>€4,455,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €4,471,950</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	2018 Demands		Paid	€649,350	Cancelled	€1,460,550	Refunded	-€66,450	Outstanding	€892,200	Total Demanded: €2,935,650		2019 Demands		Paid	€527,100	Cancelled	€1,335,600	Outstanding	€4,275,600	Total Demanded: €6,138,300		2020 Demands		Paid	€366,450	Cancelled	€368,550	Outstanding	€10,093,300	Total Demanded: €10,828,300		2021 Demands		Paid	€16,450	Cancelled	€0	Outstanding	€4,455,500	Total Demanded: €4,471,950		<p>No objections received to the acquisition of the following derelict sites ; 11 Annamoe Tce. D7 6 Terrace Place, D1 7 & 8 Terrace Place, D1</p> <p>They will vest in the Council on 1st April 2022</p> <p>1 Submission received since last report issued</p> <p>DCC Site VS-0092 on Cork Street and Chamber Street was removed from VSR since last report issued</p> <p>VS-0092 - 2020 levy for €140,000 cancelled as site under construction since 25.02.2020.</p> <p>VS-1080 – 2020 levy for €189,000 cancelled as site sold in 2021. In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Act the levy to be charged for the year of sale and preceding year shall be zero.</p> <p>Further demands are due to issue in respect of 3 sites for which Revised Market Valuations apply to for 2021. The demands shall issue 28 days after the serving of Notices of Revised Market Valuation provided that valuations are not appealed to the Valuation Tribunal.</p>
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<p>Compulsory Purchase Orders</p>	<p>Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase</p>	<p>Three objections were received by ABP within the prescribed period. Awaiting decision of ABP</p>																																										

	<p>(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>Arrangements being made to take possession of the site</p>
City Valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed CPOs at Ryders Row, Werburgh Street, Exchange Street and for new Abbey Theatre project at Eden Quay proceeding. Ryders Row. ABP decision on Abbey Theatre CPO now due 11th March. Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Markievicz Pool re-location meeting held with CRES. Disposal of 3 retail units at Dominick Street Large ground floor unit on Market for disposal on commercial terms. Area Office, the Actice Travel Office and the new AHB Regulatory Authority have expressed interest in taking parts of the large commercial unit. Review of all offers and options to take place with CE and ACE, at the end of the month. Werburgh Street CPO, Project Steering Group formed with OPW. Red line to be finalised. DCC development site at Chapelizod Village offered to the Department of Education for purchase, under consideration by Dept. Kilcarbery Grange development lands – assessment of monies due to DCC from SDCC forwarded to SDCC. Expected to be resolved by end of March. Building search for Stanley Street/Civil Defence Depot. Unit identified in North City Business Park. Negotiations continuing. Negotiations commenced with Civic Trust to acquire upper floors of no 18 Upr. Ormond Quay. 	

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Record Protected Structures	<p>On the 25th November, under Section 12(3) of the Planning and Development Act , 2000(as amended), Dublin City Council proposed to amend the Record of Protected Structures in the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.</p>	

Built Heritage investment Scheme (BHIS) 2021

Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021

The amendments comprised:

- 101 proposed additions,
- 55 proposed clarifications
- 3 proposed deletions

Following legal searches and research over 1,000 letters and information leaflets were sent to owners and occupiers informing them of the proposed amendments, explaining the process and outlining how to make an observation.

27 submissions were received in relation to proposed amendments to the Record of Protected Structures

A further 83 submissions were received in relation to Chapter 11 - Built Heritage and Archaeology of the Draft Development Plan

DCC Conservation section received an allocation of **€492,800** from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under this year’s BHIS Scheme. A total of 56 BHIS applications were received by the closing date of 14th January, Following an assessment process, 56 projects were recommended by the Conservation Section to the Department for funding – 3 of which are under the minor repairs grant scheme.

56 letters of offer of BHIS funding were sent to the successful applicants on 16th March 2022

An additional 11 applications were received after the deadline and have been placed on a waiting list.

A total of 6 applications were received by the closing date of 14th January. Following an assessment process, 5 proposed projects have been recommended to the Department for funding by the Conservation Section:

20 Dominick Street, Dublin 7	€200,000
37 Thomas Court, Dublin 8	€200,000
134 Thomas Street, Dublin 8	€50,000
34 Main Street, Chapelizod, Dublin 20	€50,000
29 Ormond Quay Lower, Dublin 1	€50,000

55 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 - **€50,000** has been carried over from the 2021 scheme with the approval of the Department.

Draft Chief Executive’s report on submissions

The Minister approved grant funding for all 56 projects. The applicants have been notified by letter of their provisional grant offer of funding. Inspections will be carried out on all 56 successful projects. The next BHIS return to the Department is due on 30th June 2022

Notification from Department expected by end-March 2022

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Expressions of interest for membership of the LECP Advisory Group were sought from LCDC and EDE SPC. LECP Advisory Steering Group has been formed and first meeting of the Group to take place on 15/3/22, commencing work on assisting in the development of a new Dublin City LECP by 2023.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 The Department of ET&E have not yet provided a date to launch the Dublin Regional Enterprise Action Plan 2022 – 2024. Many of the actions in this plan will be led or supported by DCC individually or in collaboration with other stakeholders.

Night Time Economy Strategy Preparatory work has been completed on the development of A Night Time Economy Strategy. The EDE SPC Summit Series 2022 will focus on the Night Time Economy.

Libraries returned to **pre-Covid opening hours** on 21st March.

On Tuesday 29 March, Dublin City Libraries (and libraries nationally), introduced a **new online system** with many features to help us provide a better service to members. More information [here](#).

The **Reading Room** in Dublin City Library and Archive has reopened. Appointments are available on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10.00 - 12.30 and from 14.00 - 16.30 You are required to order the items you want to look at in advance of your visit, by emailing dublinstudies@dublincity.ie or cityarchives@dublinstudies.ie

A comprehensive review of DCC sports and recreation infrastructure has commenced, this will inform strategic sports infrastructural planning into the future.

In parallel with the development of the infrastructural strategy a review of the Dublin City Sports & Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) and the development of a new strategy will be undertaken in 2022.

Work ongoing around strengthening the DCSWP Advisory Board through the development and implementation of revised Governance Code.

Departmental Priority

Local Enterprise Week: LEO Dublin city opened LEW with a spotlight event on Digitisation as one of 15 events being delivered on line and in person from the 7th to 12th March.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2022: The scheme has approved 61 applications and the current value of TOV approvals in 2022 is €131,119 .

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals in 2022: To date 6 grants approved to the value of €111,000 supporting the creation of 11 jobs in 2022.

Training: 419 participants attended 22 training courses from 1st Jan – 28th Feb 2022. Target of 3,000 participants to year end.

Mentoring: 198 hours of mentoring were completed from 1st Jan – 28th Feb 2022. Target of 1,000 hours to year end.

Start Your Own Business: 81 participants attended 3 courses from 1st Jan – 28th Feb 2022. Target of 227 participants & 13 courses to year end.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library continues in April, Dublin City Libraries will host a blend of in-person and online events focusing on positive wellbeing, physical health and keeping active, eating well, switching off and being creative.

The **One Dublin One Book 2022** selection is *Nora* by Nuala O'Connor. The programme, running throughout April, will celebrate this contemporary writer who drew inspiration from James Joyce in the centenary year of the publication of *Ulysses*.

History and Heritage A new series of the Dublin Festival of History Podcast is available, featuring recordings from the 2021 festival. The first two episodes are available to [stream](#) now, with new episodes published every Tuesday and Thursday for the next six weeks.

Raheny library remains temporarily closed for essential refurbishment work, with re-opening scheduled for late April 2022.

Recruitment of relief staff for leisure centres will begin following public advertisement in late March 2022.

Active Cities – Work is ongoing in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

A new Sports Ambassador programme will be announced in April 2022.

7 Sports Capital Grants were secured to a total of €377,844.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Your Dublin Your Voice	The Q1 YDYV survey on the Irish Language closed on 18 th February and analysis on the results has commenced. Results will be disseminated during Seachtain na Gaeilge.	Planning for YDYV 2022 Q2 survey on mobility is almost complete.
Dublin Economic Monitor (DEM)	Q4 Dublin PMI was published on 20 th January and the Q4 Spending Pulse on the 28 th January. The Q1 2022 DEM was published on 3 rd March and was covered in the media by RTE and 98FM.	Theme/article and annual event planning for Q2 DEM has started.
MODOS	Two MODOS Sustainable Business Training Programmes with a focus on the Circular Economy for SME's, is being delivered in collaboration with Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and with EPA funding. The Programme provides training, mentoring and networking to prepare businesses to play an active role in the green and circular economy. Further details www.modos.ie	19 participants – Course 1 commenced 02/03/22. 17 participants – Course 2 commenced 09/03/22.
Dublin Place Brand	Place Brand Strategy Development with OCO Global. Perception research of Dublin stakeholders and respondents underway	. Identifying best practise and benchmarking Dublin against 20 other cities.
	International Marketing Campaign for Postgrad European Students in partnership with Education in Ireland and Dublin HEIs	Host competition to win a Dublin scholarship on Dublin.ie. Develop digital marketing campaign to run

		in France, Germany, Italy, and Spain.
	DCU Student Innovation Project in partnership with Fáilte Ireland	DCU students studying Innovation to develop ideas to encourage people to visit Dublin.
	Dublin Tech Summit partnership – Live Event to be held in the RDS on 15 th & 16 th June where we will showcase our Dublin Place Brand, Enterprise Support and Smart Cities initiatives	Organising outdoor and social marketing campaign; content and exhibition stand at Dublin Tech Summit
City Library, Parnell Sq.	URDF funding secured	Review of scope and cost
Finglas Library Development	Tender Deadline: extended by 2 weeks, until 14 th March	Tender Assessment
Refurbishment of 1930s wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.	Construction date TBC
Collection displays/Exhibitions	Joseph Beuys: <i>From the Secret Block to Rosc</i> Tableaux Vivants, co-curated with artist Niamh McCann & Logan Sisley Patrick Graham Transfiguration	JB Exhibition Open. TV Exhibition Open till 24 th April. Runs until 9 th July.
Offsite storage	Temporary offsite storage facility in place.	Installation complete
Programme of art education	Blended programme of online and in-person in April see: http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures Zoom@Hugh Lane Gallery city-wide primary school programme Phase IV (September-June 2022) OUTing The Past International Festival of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Trans History 1 & 2 April VTS and Literacy discussions of artworks as part of Dublin A Learning City Festival in April. <i>Studio and State</i> : Conference 21, 22 and 23 April: HLG & NMI Photography and Place Youthreach, Foundations Project and secondary schools workshops International Sculpture Day Talk Friday 29 April, 1pm Iván Argote	Ongoing development of innovative art education programming
Gallery Development 1 Nth Fredrick Lane	Property acquired by DCC for HLG Conservation	Feasibility Study to be initiated Q1 2022
20 & 21 Parnell Square	Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG	Feasibility Study to be initiated Q3 2022
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions and security continues 24/7. Recruitment of Art Technicians	Recruitment for art technicians April 2022
Workforce Planning	Phase 1 of Plan submitted to HR.	Critical vacancies recruitment schedule for 2022

New website	Content Development for new HLG website underway	Testing phase Q2 2022
Branding	New HLG Brand implementation	Implementation in Q1 2022
Dublin City Public Art Programme –	Stage 2 submissions received. Final selection in Docklands Light Commission: Preferred artist Resolution of technical issues.	Ongoing
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
Creative Places Award -	Darndale appointment of Muirne Bloomer as Artistic Coordinator and Muireann O’Sullivan in Project Management Support of Creative Places	3 year plan approved by Steering group and approx. 15 projects in the area. www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Artane Place Artist Workspaces	13 units in total have been negotiated with Xestra Management. 2 Units are currently in co design process with artists.	11 Units will be advertised in March and will be allocated by June 2022
North Central Area	Turley and Thrive have begun research into the Arts provisions in the North Central area. An online survey went live in March to conduct initial data collection on the arts in the area.	Survey will close in April and will inform focus group session in the area.
Research Project	The study will seek to explore how artists and arts organisations interact with the local community, identify any existing barriers to participation in the arts, and generate new ideas to improve arts infrastructure here in the future.	Stakeholders are invited to complete a survey online, by visiting www.dublinnorthcentral.ie Closes on 3 April 2022.
Local Live Performance Scheme 3	Open for applications for events in May/June. There are two programme strands. General performance (covering general music, theatre, spectacle circus) in May/June 2 Traditional performance (Smithfield June 18/19)	Located both in city centre and community settings www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
No 33 Synge St Roof works	There is a construction contract in place with essential roof renewal works being carried out.	These works due to complete onsite shortly
Renovation Works The property at no.33 Synge St	A protected structure, is to be converted from its previous use as a museum, to an ‘artist-in-residence’ dwelling. Through further assessment of the existing condition, the works package has been sensitively developed and adapted to accommodate two writers if required, and to minimise impact on original fabric. The presentation of this Victorian residence will be maintained.	It is anticipated that this main body of works to renovate the property will be undertaken in Q2/Q3 of 2022
Aughrim Street Sports Centre - Improvements	Part 8 Lodged	Issue Tender Package Q3/4 22
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender documents being prepared	Issue Construction Tender Package
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Part 8 application submitted	Part 8 to Area Committee April 2022 for approval.
Donore Community Centre	Tender documents being finalised for design team	Design Team Tender to issue April 2022
North side Swimming Pool	Structural Survey Team appointed	Complete Survey & agree scope of works
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Design team appointed	Arrange opening up works

St. Catherine's Sports Centre Improvements	Project costs being finalised	Review cost/budget & issue tender package
DCSWP Programmes	Return to programme delivery	Ongoing:
Club Support - Small Grants 22	Return to Sport & Physical Activity Club Grant Scheme-Exchequer funding secured.	Closing date 21st March website: https://www.dublin-city.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure/dublin-city-sport-wellbeing-partnership
Events Calendar	To align delivery of programmes/ with national & international initiatives.	Active Schools Week 2022 (26 th – 30 th April) Workplace Wellbeing Day (29 th April) Workplace Wellbeing Day (29 th April)

DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

See details of all library online and in-person events [here](#) Or for regular updates on library events, activities and developments subscribe to the Library newsletter [Here](#)

Event	Location	Date & Time
Creative Hubs spring programme	Coolock Library Cabra Library Ballyfermot library Early years settings	February – May 2022
MusicTown Festival The 2022 Theme is "Together Again"	Various Locations www.musictown.ie	Friday 6th May - Sunday 15th May
International Literature Festival Dublin	Merrion Square and environs www.ilfdublin.com	19 -29 May

Statistics Q4 2021:

Libraries:	
No. items issued (+ e-resources)	Issues 174,345 eResources 216,779
Reserves satisfied	29,420
Visits to libraries	236,499
Online visits (DCL websites)	146,460
Social Media, photo and video views	181,959
Programmed Events* – held	86 (virtual)
Attendance at programmed events	3,176
Regular branch events held	174
Attendance at Regular Branch events	11,035
FB Children's video content posted	47
Dublin Festival of History	108 Events, 18,167 attended,7019 views
Internet sessions & Wi-Fi	Internet 6,474
Printing & reprography (pages)	61,466

Sports	
No. Attendees in Sport in the Community Programmes	27,779
No. of Individual Programmes	629

Human Resources

The total number of employees at 31st December 2021 was 5652 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5346

In the Human Resources Department working arrangements continue to be a blend of office and home working with all staff attending the office a minimum of 3 days per week from 14th March. These changes are in line with recent Government advice and continue to be monitored.

The Human Resources Department continued implementation of the programme of recruitment and promotion during the month of March. Interviews for the following posts were held/concluded during March 2022 – Sub Officer Dublin Fire Brigade, Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineer, District Parks Officer, Craft Gardener, Fitter Ballymore Eustace, Local Development Officer/Sláintecare Healthy Community programme. Interviews for the next class of Fire Fighters will be held in March.

The following posts were advertised in March 2022 – Beach Lifeguard, Pool Lifeguard/ Gym Instructor, Executive ITS officer, Executive Manager- Engineering, Executive Planner, Executive Architect, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Mechanical Fitter Dublin Fire Brigade.

PAS have recently commenced a campaign for Senior Executive Engineers.

The following sanction requests have issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage - Senior Resident Engineer, Senior Executive Officer, Head of Research DRHE, Depot Manager North City Operations Depot.

The Department have recently issued sanctions for the posts of Senior Executive Officer (PPP Social Housing project manager) and Senior Executive Solicitor.

Smart City/Smart Dublin Update

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

Smart Dublin's Regional [programme highlights](#) for the year of 2022

Despite many challenges in 2021, Smart Dublin has experienced a number of successes across the Dublin Region. A review has been put together showing the main programme highlights for the year. The document captures the variety of projects across our four local authorities, five districts, and Smart Tourism programme. The Smart Dublin team would like to thank everybody who contributed to the programme during 2021 and look forward to continue working on the activities outlined in the report and to start on new initiatives planned for 2022. The Document is available to download at this link:

[Smart Dublin Programme Highlights 2021](#).

Smart Dún Laoghaire District Official Launch

Smart Dublin officially launched its newest smart district, Smart Dún Laoghaire supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council on the 10th March. The Programme will focus on delivering smart projects that meet the needs of the local community, including the areas of sustainable mobility, urban resilience and innovation-promotion. Read more about the launch [here](#).

Civic Dollars, Double Dollar Week update

Civic Dollars ran a double dollar week from the 14th to the 20th of March to encourage additional participation. In March Dublin City Council have enabled the reporting feature on the app to allow users to report littering or damages in the parks. Civic dollars has seen 303 visits to parks in Dublin 8 parks in the first 3 weeks of March and has 1185 users registered on the app. Since its launch in November 2021, the app has seen 1509 hours of activity in the park. Interestingly, 435 of the dollars earned have been donated to local community groups rather than for individual rewards. The pilot will run until the end of April 2022 and a feedback survey will be issued at the start of April which will form part of a final review. Read more about Civic Dollars [here](#).

Academy of the Near Future Design your Future City Week

Academy of the Near Future are holding a week of workshops for Transition Year students (21-24th March) to learn about technology, innovation, smart cities and careers in STEM. The 'Design Your Future City' TY Week is a collaboration between CONNECT at Trinity College Dublin and Dublin City Council, the Academy of the Near Future has partnered with Virgin Media to deliver this week-long programme for Transition Year students. Students will explore the future of cities through collaborative and interdisciplinary workshops and discussion, sparking creativity and critical thinking. You can read more about the Academy of the Near Future [here](#).

Open Data Climate Action Challenge

Smart Dublin are running their latest Open Data challenge seeking data based solutions, which support climate action. The challenge will have 5 pillars which include energy & buildings, nature-based solutions, transport, resource management and flood resilience. Applications for the challenge will open on Wednesday 30th of March and more information will be made available on www.smartdublin.ie next week.

New citizen science initiative launched to gather flooding and rainfall data for Dublin

Flooding will become more severe and more frequent as the impact of global warming continues, the International Panel on Climate Change has warned. Ireland as an island - with all of its major cities built on the coast - will be vulnerable. A UCD scientist and partner on the Smart Dublin programme is asking people in Dublin to help the city prepare for future floods by setting up weather stations. Francesco Pilla, an Associate Professor of Smart Cities and Urban Environment at the university, has funding from the EU Operandum project (of which DCC is a partner) to deploy up to 100 weather stations across Dublin and is appealing for schools, businesses and residents to use them to gather local rainfall data. As Dublin's exposure to flooding increases because of extreme weather events and rising sea levels, the data gathered may help the city to reduce its vulnerability.

More information on the project and how to get involved here: <https://www.rte.ie/news/dublin/2022/0319/1287300-weather-stations/>

Law Department
Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/8970/2022	Records re poolbeg site	Press	01/02/2022	28/02/2022
FOI/8971/2022	Records regarding digipanel	Press	01/02/2022	22/02/2022
FOI/8972/2022	Seeks records re Poolbeg	Press	01/02/2022	28/02/2022
FOI/8973/2022	Seeks records regarding Parnell Square	Press	02/02/2022	
FOI/8974/2022	seek records re: pre planning consultation meeting	Client	03/02/2022	25/02/2022
FOI/8975/2022	Records regarding Parnell Square	Press	03/02/2022	
FOI/8976/2022	seeks records re: Portobello Square	Client	03/02/2022	22/02/2022
FOI/8977/2022	Records regarding housing maintenance in 2020	Press	04/02/2022	22/02/2022
FOI/8978/2022	Records re Parnell Square Library	Press	04/02/2022	
FOI/8980/2022	Requests DFB records	Other	07/02/2022	
FOI/8981/2022	Records regarding free travel scheme	Press	07/02/2022	11/02/2022
FOI/8984/2022	Records re parking enforcement	Press	08/02/2022	01/03/2022
FOI/8985/2022	Seeks records re library complaints	Press	08/02/2022	10/02/2022
FOI/8986/2022	seeks records re: Emmet Road Regeneration Site.	Client	09/02/2022	
FOI/8987/2022	seeks records re: compensation for trips, slips and falls.	Press	09/02/2022	
FOI/8988/2022	seeks records between DFB and named management company.	Client	09/02/2022	
FOI/8990/2022	seeks records re: donation bins.	Client	10/02/2022	23/02/2022
FOI/8991/2022	seeks records re: parking tickets.	Press	10/02/2022	01/03/2022
FOI/8992/2022	seeks records re: illegal dumping.	Press	10/02/2022	02/03/2022

FOI/8993/2022	Records regarding Protected Structures	Client	11/02/2022	
FOI/8995/2022	Seeks records re paving on Castle Market Street.	Client	14/02/2022	
FOI/8996/2022	Seeks records re complaints received by DRHE	Press	16/02/2022	
FOI/8997/2022	Records regarding allotments	Client	16/02/2022	
FOI/8998/2022	Seeks records re refusals made by libraries	Press	18/02/2022	
FOI/8999/2022	Seeks records re housing list demographics	Client	18/02/2022	
FOI/9003/2022	seeks records re: Tolka Park Football Stadium	Press	21/02/2022	28/02/2022
FOI/9004/2022	seeks records re: Tolka Park	Press	21/02/2022	
FOI/9007/2022	seeks records re: Merrion Square	Press	22/02/2022	
FOI/9008/2022	Seeks list of local authority housing addresses	Client	22/02/2022	
FOI/9010/2022	Seeks records re Parnell Square	Press	22/02/2022	
FOI/9011/2022	seeks records re: death notifications to DRHE	Client	23/02/2022	
FOI/9012/2022	seeks records re: overtime in Dublin Fire Brigade	Press	23/02/2022	
FOI/9014/2022	seeks records re: DRHE redacted records	Client	24/02/2022	
FOI/9017/2022	Records regarding Parnell Square	Press	28/02/2022	
FOI/9018/2022	seeks records re: Moore Street	Client	28/02/2022	

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in February 2022.

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/02/2022 is outlined below.

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2022 – 28/02/2022	111
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2022 – 28/02/2022	107