

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

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Report of the Chief Executive



Monthly Management Report – July 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 July 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.

Corporate Services, Transformation & 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: 22nd June 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. Over 438,000 journeys were made on Bleeper bikes in 2021. 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 trial Bleeper cycling hub in Crumlin village was launched on the 3rd June. 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 which allow for remote lock opening. Both operators have become members of Mobility Partnership Ireland which was launched in May and represents several private sustainable transport companies.

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 over 20 e-cargobikes have been delivered to successful participants, and 34 businesses have made applications. As part of Bike Week 2022, a public webinar was held on May 16th to showcase the project to date.

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 5th June 2022 that week's revenue was €371,237.32. The usage of coin in parking meters for week ending 5th June 2022 was €123,479.80 and card payments were €111,338.53 for week ending 5th June 2022.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

The following Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme have a change of hours that came into operation during 08/06/2022

Name of Rd	Days	Times
Mountain View Road, D6	Mon- Sun	7-12

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.

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.

Our consultants completed an industry stakeholder engagement piece late last year and the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy was launched at a photocall in DLR with Lord Mayors in attendance. The report is now available on the DCC website and the DMA steering 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 and 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 in Q3).

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

Energy Management

DCC's energy consumption can be broadly split between Electricity (55%), Thermal/Gas (32%) and Transport (12%). DCC has two key targets for 2030:

- i) An improvement in energy efficiency of 50% from a 2006-2008 baseline, and
- ii) An absolute reduction in tCO₂e (tonnes of Carbon Dioxide equivalents) of 51% from a 2016-2018 average.

Modelling work is underway to translate these targets into quantifiable reductions required and to begin developing project pipelines to achieve same. Early indications are that a significant ramp up in terms of the number and scale of projects will be required to meet these tough targets.

In 2021, DCC consumed a total of 166 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this level of consumption produced 31,200 tonnes of CO₂e emissions, with an associated energy cost of €12.4 million. Energy prices are rising rapidly. In addition to the carbon tax (currently at €41 per tonne and rising to €100 per tonne by 2030), volatility on the world markets has seen the price of oil rising from \$67 a barrel in May 2021 to \$115 a barrel as of 18 May 2022 (a 72% increase). Similarly, the price of natural gas increased by 176% (BTUs) over the same period. DCC, through its OGP sourced contracts has been somewhat sheltered from these global shifts in price, although retail price increases will result in a significant cost increase to DCC from H2 2022.

A forecasting tool has been developed which will help quantify anticipated levels of cost increase based on differing inflation rates and this should help with budgeting.

The Energy Review details how energy is consumed across the Council as well as setting out the councils targets for 2030. Whilst very good progress has been achieved to date, 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 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. As above, 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.

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 multi-million 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 is currently being developed 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 programme continues to ramp up and organise to begin developing a project pipeline. The project was launched in late September 2021 and, in addition to Codema as lead partner, the consortium includes the four Dublin Local Authorities, alongside a range of legal, procurement and financial experts such as Resourceful Futures Ltd, Philip Lee Solicitors Ltd and Sustainable Development Capital LLC. The project will also be supported by a strategic Advisory Board made up of national government departments and authorities, financial institutes and advisors, experienced European energy agencies and European experts.

Decarbonising Zones

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

Electrification of DCC Fleet

The Council's fleet continues to migrate to electric vehicles with 44 electric vehicles currently operating in the city. Further work is ongoing in respect of charger requirements for fleet across operational bases in preparation for a significant transition of fleet to EVs in 2023/24.

Sustainable Energy Communities

The SEAI's Sustainable Energy Communities scheme helps organised communities fund and prepare an Energy Master Plan to change the way communities think about energy and to help them achieve energy goals by working together. DCC, acting as lead authority, has procured a framework of specialist consultants, who will work with communities across seven Local Authorities to help them develop Energy Master Plans. Communities had been struggling with cash flow in respect of payment of consultant fees. DCC listened to these concerns and working with the SEAI have developed an MOU so that so DCC can pay the fees and reclaim from SEAI at a later date. There is close coordination with CoDEMA and best practice standards, controls and master plan templates are in place to help guide communities deliver on targets. A mentor works directly with the communities, facilitating and guiding as required. Meetings have been held with some SECs to explore possibilities for closer collaboration in

piloting innovative schemes and this is progressing, with input from Department of Transport with a view to informing national policy.

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 approximately 3,000 customer enquiries and service requests during the period January to May 2022. Additionally, during the same period approximately 2,500 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe by our direct labour crews. Furthermore, a total of 166 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. Works on these contracts are commencing on site across the city.

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

With reference to the Dublin Waste to Energy community gain projects grant scheme 2021, two of the 27 approved applicants have drawn down their grant funding. The remaining 25 have until April 2023 to complete their grant aided projects. With regard to the 2022 scheme, the Dublin Waste to Energy community gain fund committee are currently in discussions and are expected to announce their decision by the end of the Summer.

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee are scheduled to hold their fourth meeting of the year in June 2022. It is anticipated that the members will discuss the

current status of the 27 approved grant applicants in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021 and determine when the 2022 Scheme will be launched.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

216 surveys were undertaken on 194 streets across the six waste management areas in May 2022. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. 69% of streets graded received a Grade A, 21% Grade B, 10% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

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	63	79	59	13	7	
SOUTH EAST	28	30	28	2		
SOUTH CENTRAL	42	46	22	15	9	
NORTH CENTRAL	32	32	29	3		
NORTH WEST	29	29	12	12	5	
TOTALS	194	216	150	45	21	0

43 bottle banks surveys were carried out in May 2022. Overall 26% of bottle banks received a Grade A, 33% Grade B, 35% Grade C, 7% Grade D.

AREA	No. of Bottle Banks Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
SOUTH EAST	7	7	2	3	2	
SOUTH CENTRAL	8	8	2	2	4	
NORTH CENTRAL	13	13	4	5	3	1
NORTH WEST	13	15	3	4	6	2
TOTALS		43	11	14	15	3

Recycling Services

Waste Management Services continue to work with Dublin based artist collective, Creative Connections and the relevant Area Offices to animate bottle banks in highly visible and/or problematic locations. Work is currently underway at Tolka Valley Road, with Walkinstown Library to follow. Work is also ongoing on repainting a number of bottle banks in storage when weather permits with a view to replacing unsightly bottle banks in public spaces over the coming months.

School Programmes

Picker Pals is an anti-litter initiative for primary schools. The educational programme gives young people the tools and positive motivation to develop stewardship of their local environments. Picker Pals engages children through a colourful character-led world of activity books, environmental readers, songs and storytelling. The 2021/2022 programme was funded by Dublin City Council and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. A total of 106 classrooms within the Dublin City Council area participated in the programme in 2021/2022. Registration is now open for the next academic year at www.pickerpalsworld.org.

Composting for Schools is a collaborative pilot project for Dublin created by Composting Ireland, the four Dublin local authorities and Eastern-Midland Regional Waste Office. The newly developed programme delivers a complete compost solution by reviewing waste segregation, providing education on managing food/garden waste and providing the composting infrastructure. 39 schools from the DCC area are participating in this two year pilot project. Participating schools also have a dedicated composting for schools webpage where they can access a library of informative resources, ask questions, upload results and interact with other participating schools. Wormery bins were recently added to the programme to provide an interactive and engaging way to managing food waste on site. 24 wooden wormery bins were constructed and delivered to interested Dublin City schools. Dublin City Council are currently leading on the creation of video guides for both primary and secondary schools on how to establish a best practice waste management system in a school. While these guides were created to complement the composting programme, they will provide advice on managing all waste and will be freely available to all schools.

The project has been very successful and there are plans to extend it beyond Dublin to the other local authorities in the EM Region in the coming months.

Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and award programme. The student-led programme promotes long-term, whole-school action. Green-Schools continues to be delivered to primary and secondary schools by Dublin City Council staff and An Taisce. Environmental Awareness staff have visited each school seeking to renew their Green Flag Award. The 2020-2022 award ceremony was held virtually on 25 May 2022. Each new green flag awarded represents 2 years of student-led environmental awareness in each school. For further information, please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

Circular Economy Training for Business - MODOS

The Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan Office, in collaboration with the Local Enterprise Offices in Dublin City Council Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, successfully ran a MODOS Circular Economy Training Programme for microenterprises and Small to Medium Enterprises during March and April 2022. The initiative was funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Local Authority (Waste) Prevention Network or LAPN programme. Prior to 2022 the LAPN programme was confined to Environmental Sections of Local Authorities, but this year it was opened to all LA sections to reflect the spirit of the government's Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy. In all,

40 participants took part in the MODOS Circular Economy Training Programme – 32 participants were SMEs operating in the Dublin City and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown areas and the remaining 8 participants were local authority staff (EAOs and LEO staff). The participants completed 4 modules of training and took part in one online networking event. Participants also availed of a one hour mentoring session following the conclusion of the programme. A report was submitted to the EPA as part of the funding requirements. A live MODOS networking and panel discussion event was held on June 2nd at Richmond Barracks for all past participants of the MODOS Circular Economy Training Programmes and for other interested organisations in a position to promote MODOS in the future.

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. Project review and report will be available from Hubbub in Q2 2022.

Housing Waste Recycling Project

Assessments of existing bins and bin areas in housing and older person's complexes in North Central Area - Kilbarrack and North West Area – Finglas have taken place. A number of complexes in each area are ready for the introduction of brown bins (food waste), and where necessary green bins (recyclables). A report has been sent to Housing Maintenance for each complex and bins will be introduced in due course. Several complexes in each area require the construction of secure bin storage areas and the introduction of segregated bins will follow once these units have been constructed. Assessments will continue in Central Area, and the remainder of North Central and North West Areas over the summer months.

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. Applications are received in the Litter Management Office and closing date was Friday 27th May.

IPB Pride of Place – Finglas Tidy Towns received overall winner in their category – Urban Neighbourhood/Village under 3,000 and Bloomin' Crumlin/Kimmage received runner-up prize in their category Urban Neighbourhood/Village over 3,000 in Killarney on Monday 16th May 2022

IPB Pride of Place –Arrangements are in place to nominate new groups for 2022.

Team Dublin Clean-up

The Team Dublin Clean-up took place on 30th April to coincide with the National Spring Clean month. Almost 70 groups from Dublin city came together to clean-up Dublin. Equipment was supplied to the groups by Waste Management Services who also collected and disposed of the bags after the clean-up.

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 Office (PWBO)

DCC is working to deliver 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 as well as the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network. This project aims to set out the most effective plan to restore the river to a more natural state, encompassing a much-enhanced public amenity, promoting biodiversity, remediating sources of pollution and addressing potential flooding within the catchment. This project is being developed in collaboration with Fingal County Council, DCC Parks, Landscape Services & Biodiversity, as well as DCC's Active Travel unit of the Environment & Transportation Department. LAWPRO, the EPA and Inland Fisheries Ireland are 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. This project scope has been refined to prioritise and enhance five of the original nine locations identified adjacent to 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 and enhancing biodiversity opportunities in the public realm.

- Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works. The Contractor has been appointed for the works. This work will provide safer access for staff to maintain 22 screens which collect debris from watercourses and provide public safety, particularly during times of heavy rainfall.

Bathing Waters

The Bathing Waters Task Force (BWTF) has the primary objective is to protect public health, and to achieve the objectives of the EU Water Framework Directive for Dublin Bay. DCC continues to support and collaborate with taskforce stakeholders to ensure a coordinated approach to identify, remediate and remove bathing water pressures is being achieved.

The official bathing season commenced on June 1st and will run until 15th September. DCC monitoring of bathing water continues and the water quality assessment results are available at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/protection-water-bodies/beaches-and-bathing-water-quality> and on the National Bathing Water website www.beaches.ie and [cabinets adjacent to identified bathing areas](#).

Our Water Pollution Control section undertook a Public Participation campaign for the identification of new bathing waters between 9th May and 9th June 2022. One submission was received for the boat slipway at Clontarf to be considered as a designated bathing area. This location will be duly considered in accordance with the requirements Bathing Water Regulations 2008.

A six-month trial of 'smart signage' was recently installed at Sandymount & Dollymount Strand. This project will monitor and assess the potential to deliver regulatory messaging to the public in a more efficient, sustainable and cost effective manner over the duration of the trial. It will be a temporary installation and does not require connectivity to external utility services.

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 well 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.

Three new guidance documents have been introduced:

- SuDS Design and Evaluation Guide
- Green Blue Roofs Guide
- SuDS Retrofit Guide

The new Guidance documents were presented to the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC on the 25th May.

Flood Defence Camac River

- 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 complete. A computer model has been built to investigate tidal, fluvial and pluvial flood risks associated with the river. Preliminary flood extent maps have been verified. Sensitivity testing and site investigation procurement is underway.
- 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. River corridors of 10m-25m are sought in the new development plan where possible on this very constrained river.

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. Dublin City and Cork City were announced as the two successful Irish cities that are part of the 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission on April 28th, 2022. The first phase of the Mission will involve developing a Climate City Contract (CCC) that is not legally binding. The CCC will require the development of an action plan for reaching climate neutrality and an investment plan. The CCC is essential to receiving the Mission Label.

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 four bilateral meetings with DCC staff and Seoul staff discussing active travel. Plans are underway for study visits to progress pilot actions that will be implement in Dublin

and Seoul. A study visits will take place in early September to Seoul and late November to Dublin.

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.

Planning is underway for Dublin Climate Action Week 2022 in partnership with FCC, DLR, SDCC, CARO and Codema. It is set to be the week of September 12th. An important event planned for the week is on September 15th – the launch of the Climate Campaigners App. The app will present residents of the city with lifestyle challenges that they may undertake to contribute to climate action. We are in the process of developing a programme of events for the day.

Climate Action Regional Office

CARO was invited to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Environment and Climate Action on 31st May. The four regional CAROs were represented. David Dodd represented DM CARO. The submission 'Challenges and opportunities for local authorities in climate action', was given on behalf of the County and City Management Association Climate Action, Transport and Networks Committee. The meeting was productive and issues raised included

- District heating, data centre concerns, using planning for Climate Action, Active Travel, bottom up community engagement, renewable energy, resources for LAs and CAROs, Decarbonising Zones, sea level rise, public lighting and embodied carbon

CARO, the four Dublin Local Authorities and SMART Dublin are part of the EV Regional working group. CARO attended the launch of Dublin's first Electric Vehicle Strategy in DLR on 13th June. The strategy envisages 1650 charge points by 2025. The Dublin region represents 25% of Ireland's car fleet and has an important part in the decarbonisation of the country's transport system. The four DLAs are currently identifying priority areas that require the installation of residential charging solutions supported the four LAs. The DLAs are engaging with the public to help identify areas where there is local need.

On behalf of the CCMA, the Dublin CARO also prepared a submission to the National Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy that was out for consultation by the Department of Transport.

Dublin CARO, the Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG), Greenville Procurement Partners and a number of strategic partners have developed Green Procurement Training for local authorities. This training is a key action for delivery of the LA Climate Action Charter 2019 whereby local authorities have pledged to implement green public procurement strategy and procedures across all business areas.

Strand 1 of this training is a 45-minute introduction to green public procurement webinar aimed at local authority staff across all departments and levels. This strand went live in May. Strand 2, a 3 day course comprising self-directed and on-line training commenced on 13th June. It is aimed at procurement officers, budget holders and decision makers.

Strand 3 will be available in September. It is aimed at staff involved in developing the green procurement strategy in local authorities.

Invitations to staff to complete this training will be via the training officers in the LAs and will be offered for up to 1 year.

CARO is continuing the roll out of the Local Authority Climate Action Training programme for local authority staff. 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, SDCC and DLRCC have all taken place. The Actioning Policy pillar for training specialist groups will continue across 2022 and 2023.

CARO, in collaboration with Age Friendly Ireland are progressing plans for a series of Climate Action workshops during 2022. The training model is a hybrid of in person and virtual workshops. The procurement process is ongoing. Quotations were requested from three companies. The process is now at evaluation stage.

Línte na Farraige is one of the 15 successful Creative Ireland Climate Action fund projects, Dublin CARO collaborated with Local Authorities, artists and 3rd level 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 are 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. 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. The project is progressing. A Línte promotional video is being developed and the installations are planned to be in place Q3 2022. The project launch is planned for late August.

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.

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. CARO will no longer be involved with this project due to staff resources. Maryann Harris, CARO Senior Executive – Nature Based Solutions Lead, has left CARO to take up a role in DHLGH.

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. 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. The CARO will encourage LA Climate Team to make appropriate submissions.

CARO is collaborating on a Green Roof project with UCD. The purpose of the project is to investigate how effective green roofs are in decreasing storm water runoff from developments and the extent of flooding. 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. The project was announced on World Green Roof Day 6th June.

Dublin CARO is supporting Smart Cities Climate Action Data Challenge competition to use open data to promote and support climate action. The challenge was launched 30th March 2022. The closing date for applications was extended to 10th May. Applications have been shortlisted and the competition is ongoing. Completion is planned for late Q3.

Further updates from the CARO team 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 sixth edition was published in late March and the next edition will be end of June. There are over 600 signed up to receive the newsletter. You can sign up to the CARO newsletter at www.caro.ie/#newsletter.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

The newest local air quality monitoring station was commissioned at Mountjoy Square during March and the data can be viewed online at <https://dublincityairandnoise.ie/>.

An update on the Air View Project in collaboration with Google will be presented to the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC in April.

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

Schools Mobility Programme

A **School Zone** (SZ) 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 SZ. School Zone treatments have been installed at of these 67 Schools, leaving a further 52 awaiting treatment. Schools in 30 km/h roads were initially prioritized for treatment.

At the start of 2022, the 67 completed School Zones were invited to complete an online survey of their experience of the School Zone. To date we have received a 19.5% response rate. The main areas of investigation are:

- Perceived changes in regards to parking on the footpath, other illegal parking, congestion and speeding pre and post School Zone Installation.
- Perceived changes for safety at the school gate since the School Zone installation.
- Perceived changes in the number of children walking, cycling or scooting to school and additional supports required to promote this.
- Experience of engaging with local residents concerning the School Zone installation and feedback from this.
- Any awareness raising or messaging carried out by the school with their school community on the SZ and to identify any damage or repairs needed. The School Mobility Officer is contacting the outstanding schools by phone to increase response rate to this survey.

The Roads & Traffic - Road Safety Education & Training/School Warden Service are auditing the condition of the completed School Zones from the design drawings as part of their current audit on the needs for current and future School Warden crossings.

Collaboration is continuing with School Warden Service, Parking Enforcement and Green-Schools Travel Officers, local area offices and community Gardaí on the development of information for schools in promoting the effective use of their SZ in terms of promoting legal, respectful and sensible parking and driving in an around schools. The School Zone brand will need to be associated strongly with the expectation on parents not to drive into the SZ area. Parents dropping off children directly at their school can be perceived as a timely, convenient and safe route to school despite the resultant traffic congestion and lack of physical space at the gates. Initial discussions with the community Gardaí and DCC parking enforcement officers reveal that their ability to be present at all school times to be able to issue fines will not be a practical solution to continued problematic parking around schools. In the coming months the School Mobility Officer will work with the Green-Schools Travel Officers to promote alternative parking cycles buses and walking buses for current schools.

Following the results of the survey and audit of School Zones aligned to Warden Services we will identify some pilot sites for a joint communication campaign with schools.

We are maintaining contact with all schools in regards to the status of their SZ 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 who has not applied under either the School Zone or SRTS schemes, cannot be prioritized for intervention prior to those who 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.

A Tender to engage professional services for the design of additional measures to completed School Zones, awaiting School Zones and Safe Routes to School is now live.

We are continuing to develop resources to schools to set up **Park and Stride** initiatives.

Bicycle Heroes Project

The Bicycle Heroes Project facilitates pupils to create local solutions to barriers to cycling and become cycling advocates. Children have a unique perspective on their surroundings yet often go unheard. That's why a coalition of organisations are enabling young people to tackle urban challenges head on with a project shared between Dublin, Lisbon and Rome, that gives city building tools to children. Throughout 2022 young people will compete to create solutions to local cycling barriers, before working with city authorities to progress the best ones. Bicycle Heroes: Youth Voices for Active Mobility and is supported by EIT Urban Mobility, an initiative from the European Institute of Innovation & Technology, a body of the European Union. The programme has been piloted by coordinating organisation BYCS over the last five years in the Netherlands. BYCS is an Amsterdam-based global NGO supporting community-led urban change through cycling. Nearly ten thousand children have taken part in the initial awareness and problem-solving phase of the program, leading to the selection of approximately 150 Bicycle Heroes. The 2022 project builds on these successes.

Dublin City Council are rolling out the Bicycle Heroes Project in Dublin in partnership with Trinity College Dublin and European Partners. Local co-ordinator is Dublin Bicycle Mayor, Donna Cooney. The Project kicked off in March 2022 with a pilot workshop for transition year students in Trinity College. Students were tasked with designing active travel solutions for the route from Heuston Station to Trinity College Dublin. Following this, Dublin City Council invited three schools to participate in the Bicycle Heroes Project. The three schools were chosen due to their participation in the Trinity Access Programme and their commitment to sustainable travel to school – as highlighted by their application under either the School Zones and/or Safe Routes to School programmes. Bicycle Heroes complements the SZ and SRTS programmes by providing additional engagement with the pupils and will look beyond the school gate to the route to school, and also the route to Trinity College in the City Centre. Over the month of May, and specifically during Bike Week, workshops were held with pupils where they were facilitated to reimagine their streets to create safer active routes to school and to Trinity College. Pupils will be given the opportunity to present their visions for better routes to engineers, planners and decision makers to influence infrastructure in their own communities. An exhibition of the proposals and designs will be celebrated at venues associated with Dublin City Council and Trinity College Dublin in Autumn 2022.

Learnings from the Bicycle Heroes Workshops are being used to engage with schools with an installed School Zone (SZ). The aim of this is to empower the children to audit their SZ and consider if it is being used appropriately. Feedback from these workshops will inform future communications for Schools, Pupils and Parents.

Handshake Immersive Symposium

Dublin City Council is participating in the EU-funded CIVITAS Handshake project. 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 took part in an immersive symposium in Dublin from the 22nd - 25th of March.

Nine experts travelled to Dublin for the symposium with a 10th joining remotely. Ten sessions were delivered during the week plus a recreational city cycle for staff and delegates. Participant numbers were approximately 300 for the week and included DCC staff and Councillors and representatives from the NTA, HSE, Green-Schools, PPN, TUDublin, Businesses, and Dublin Cycling Campaign etc. Sessions included the History of Cycle Policy in Amsterdam, Cycling and the Media, Cycling and Business and a dedicated session for Councillors on Engaging the City. Participation in the Symposium was high with many opportunities for interaction and networking.

Delegates attending the CIVITAS Handshake Immersive Symposium requested ongoing collaboration and receipt of updated information on School Zones design development and associated community engagement and behaviour change initiatives. A site visit to participate in a cycle bus was arranged at the request of delegates to gather information and contacts for a case study on School Zones.

Councillor Study Visit to Amsterdam

As a result of conversations which took place in the lead up and during the Handshake Symposium, a Study Tour in Amsterdam was organised. The Lord Mayor and a group of 9 Councillors and 4 Officials travelled to Amsterdam for 2 days at the end of May to learn more about the City's cycle policy and experience the infrastructure in person.

Bike Week 2022

Bike Week was launched by the Lord Mayor in Eamonn Ceannt Park, Crumlin. The Bike Hub Crumlin is a new service coming soon to Eamonn Ceannt Park that will provide accessible cycling to people with disabilities and older citizens, along with bike workshop training for young people, upcycling of second hand-bikes for DEIS schools and Direct Provision Centres, and cycling training for women and other groups. Activities for Bike Week took place from 14th – 22nd May and were carried out by the Environment & Transport Department, DCC's Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, as well as a number of schools and community groups through DCC's Community Grant Scheme to support groups to organise cycling promotional activities in their local area. Bike Week activities included cycle training, bike maintenance workshops, community cycles, cycle to school / work promotions, cycle safety sessions, webinars and more. DCC's flagship Bike Week event was a family-friendly bike festival which took place in Fairview Park on Sunday 22nd May and included cycling obstacle course for children, bike demonstrations, bike maintenance, bike parade, trishaw tours, children's workshops including story-telling, yoga, pedal-powered activities.

Our flagship event Pedalpalooza, a family-friendly cycling for all festival, took place on Sunday 22nd May in Fairview Park. The event was very well attended with approximately 2,500 participants engaging throughout the 4-hour event.

In addition, Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, delivered a number of activities in schools and communities throughout the week and funded communities around the city to host their own bicycle focused events.

The Active Travel (AcT) Programme

The Active Travel Programme Office continues to increase staff resources with the addition of two new Senior Executive Engineers, two Executive Engineers & an additional Assistant Engineer. Interviews are scheduled for Resident Engineering staff in the coming weeks.

The Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC) Cycle and Bus Priority Project commenced works on the 28th of March and works are ongoing along three sections, Amiens Street, Fairview and a section of Clontarf Road to Alfie Byrne Road. In relation to weekend work, the streets and roads along the route are residential, so a careful balance needs to be maintained with the extent and timing of the works and local residents. The Contractor has worked a number of weekends, and as the Project progresses more weekend works are planned. For reference,

the Contractor's normal working hours are Monday to Friday between 08.00 hours and 19.00 hours and Saturday between 08.00 and 16.30 hours.

Interim Schemes: The design of measures for Interim Schemes are progressing on a number of routes across the City.

Tenders for the works for the Royal Canal (Phase 3) have been received and are currently being assessed to identify the preferred tenderer.

Construction is due to start late June on the South Grand Canal Improvement Scheme

The Active Travel Office has met with the Council Groups to get Members views on the emerging Cycling and Walking Network to be delivered during the lifetime of the new development plan. Final details will be brought to the July area committees.

Water Bottle Filling stations

To support the move to reduce single use plastics DCC are developing a programme to install water bottle filling stations at key locations around the city. The first of these filling stations has been installed as part of the Clarendon Row Public Realm scheme and is now operational. Further outdoor filling stations will be rolled out around the city as part of future area improvement schemes. Bottle filling stations are also currently being fitted at Libraries in Ballyfermot, Walkinstown, Coolock, Cabra. Raheny and Pembroke.

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 city's 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 2022, the main Forward Planning focus continues to be 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 in consultation with all of the relevant divisions across Environment & Transportation Department. Transportation Planning also has responsibility for the preparation of relevant maps and graphics.

The Draft Development Plan is now entering into the final 6 months of preparation, with the final Plan due to be approved at the end of November 2022, and effective from 24th December 2022.

Following the end of public consultation for the Draft Plan in February 2022, a Chief Executive (CE) Report was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on the 29th April 2022. Over 500 motions from the Elected Members were received by the 27th May 2022 and Transportation Planning, together with the Planning Department, are currently reviewing these motions and preparing responses to same. This report will be completed by the end of June 2022 and presented to the Elected Members during a series of Special Council Meetings in July 2022.

Subject to any amendments arising from the motions adopted during these Special Council Meetings, a further period of public consultation (Material Amendments) will commence on July 27th to 1st September 2022. A further CE Report will be prepared in September following the public consultation, October will see a period for consideration of said report by the Elected Members and further Special Council Meetings will occur in late October/early November.

Following the making of the Development Plan in November, December will also see extensive work being required to be carried out by Transportation Planning Division (and the Planning Department) in the preparation of all documents and associated mapping to ensure that a fully complete Written Statement and Maps are available for publication before Christmas 2022.

Q1 2023 will see the Planning Department reviewing all the policies and objectives in the new Plan that require action. These will be assigned to the relevant division/department in DCC to be designated as projects for commencement/completion within the lifetime of the Plan. It should be noted that there are a number of objectives that will fall within the remit of the Environment and Transportation Department. Transportation Planning Division will also be consulting with the Planning Department in any forthcoming Area Plans or studies that arise from the new Development Plan.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green Dame St Project	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 proposal for the College Green area. A Strategic Assessment is currently being undertaken to develop the rationale for the project, and to identify the key objectives. The revised proposal is intended to include the section of Dame St up to the junction with South Great Georges St.
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. Consultations have been held with local residents, businesses and vulnerable user groups. Feedback from this latest consultant will now be used to refine the design.
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	Invitation to Tender will be issued at the beginning of June 2022.
11.	Castle St /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. New Environmental data on public display from 19 th May to 30 th June in DCC and SDCC.
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 finalised. 50 boreholes being procured in DCC and SDCC.
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 finalised. Initial flood options being considered.
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.

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. Awaiting internal reports.
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.
22.	Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension	DCC/ IW	JBB	This will see the current storm water overflow being channelled from the confined Grand Canal Dock and discharged into the River Liffey. This will improve water quality in the Grand Canal Dock and enhance the amenity & recreational value of the area. Planning application including EIAR to be submitted to ABP on 7 th June 2022.

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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	Programmed completion Q4 2022. New Contractor Appointed March 2022. Piling contractor on-site 19 th May 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. Consulting major stakeholders.
3	Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	Dec 2022	Works are progressing on the realignment of Sillogue Avenue The diversion of utilities is now complete. Roadworks are continuing at the eastern end of the site. The laying of kerbs and construction of footways is ongoing. Works are continuing on the new surface and foul drainage and public lighting networks within Sillogue Gardens, which will be followed by upgrades of the footpaths and carriageways.
4	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	Dec 2021	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.
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.
7.	Fitzwilliam Quay	DCC	Cunningham Civil & Marine	Nov 2021	Feb 2022	Reduction of seepage through sea wall and painting completed.
8.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	Cairn Construction	Jan 2022	July 2022	The main construction works are complete apart from the carriageway resurfacing, which will be carried out in June under a temporary road closure. The Dublin Bike stand is now operational along with the new water bottle filling station. Two new birch trees have been planted on the eastern footpath.
9	River Road Wall	DCC	John Cradock Ltd	Nov 2021	Feb 2022	Construction of the second section, 290 metres long, of these wall and embankment repairs is underway. The last section of these works 285 metres long will commence after that.

Planning & Property Development

New Policy/Strategic

The new draft City Development Plan 2022-28, provides for approximately 40,000 new homes over the next 6 years, with associated social and physical infrastructure. Submissions on the Draft Plan will be considered by the elected members in July, with the Plan scheduled to be made this November.

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 consultation process complete to second stage. CE Report issued on the 29 of April. • Workshops for Elected Members. • Over 500 motions received from the elected members. Report being prepared and will be issued on the 24th of June. 	<p>CE Report on Motions to be circulated to Councillors.</p> <p>Special Council Meetings scheduled for early July.</p> <p>Material amendments to go on display end of July.</p>
Ballymun LAP	<p>M50 Lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31st May 21 – awaiting decision. • Depot construction continues on site, due for completion end of 2022. • May 2022 DCC submission made on Fingal County Council Draft Development Plan seeking rezoning from HT to ME for sites 27 & 28. <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sillogue Avenue road realignment & Sillogue Gardens upgrade, continues on-site, due for completion end of year. <p>Commercial/ Main Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: May 2022 shopping centre: pilot temporary event held– Funfair. Received well locally. 	<p>Infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To seek upgrading of Balbutcher Lane North / Carton junction, to enable Bus Connects and housing site. <p>Commercial/ Main St:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Strategy for Site 1 to be progressed, to include: (i) works to site for temporary use and (ii) to

	<p>Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: lodged for planning 10 May 2022 (Ref. 3926/22). • Sites 5 & 15-18: approval in principal for PPP bundle No. 4, April 22. • Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: pre-part 8 circulated April 22. • Site 21: O’Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. DCC working on affordable housing subvention application. • Site 25: O’Cualann. Site divided into 2: planning lodged for new senior citizen housing, 17.01.22; on FI. 2nd part at design stage. • Site at Carton: offered to O’Cualann. On hold till road realignment resolved. • Site 19: O’Cualann. At design stage. • Site 6: Proposed Cost rental site. DCC liaising with AHBs. • Site 8: DCC preparing expressions of Interest. • Site 9: DCC working with Empower the Family. Site valuation done. • Sites 11 & 13: next sites to be brought forward; options being explored. 	<p>agree method for delivery of permanent facilities/ housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date. <p>Housing:</p> <p>Number of sites at design stage. Some issues to be resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 19: agreeing red line with Church. • Site 25: taking in Charge of Parkview, land ownership, parking for park. • Assessment of level of senior citizen housing & tenure mix to be carried out. • Site 6 & 8: Issue of 2-storey housing on site to be resolved. • Site 6: new location for allotments needed for site to progress. • No. of applications for Affordable Housing Subvention funding.
<p>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: pre-part 8 circulated April 22. • Site 2: Under consideration for PPP. Crèche preparing planning drawings for extension to include new land take. • Site 4 & 5: LDA have commenced engagement with DCC on these sites. • Site 6, 7 & 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, SHD lodged with An Bord Pleanála in Dec 21 for 750 no. 	<p>Site 1: Part 8 expected, summer 2022. Road issue to be resolved.</p> <p>Site 4 & 5: LDA to work up designs to Part 8.</p> <p>Site 6: awaiting decision on SHD.</p>

	<p>apartments, 750 sq.m. retail/ commercial, and a crèche.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cherry Orchard Park: DCC Parks are engaging with Implementation team on redesign for park. Site 3B: update: CDET re St. Oliver's Training Centre to remain on site. 	<p>Site 2: PPP decision to be made.</p> <p>Cherry Orchard Park: Design & local consultation.</p> <p>DES timeline for new school to be sought once SHD decision is made.</p>
Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP	<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. 	<p>LIHAF and NTA funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently on site.</p> <p>Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.</p>
Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luas: Finglas LUAS TII EIA scoping request completed, June 22. Jamestown: Variation No.33 incl. SDR for Jamestown, adopted 14th June 2021. Met with land owners, March 22 – established lands ready / not ready for redevelopment. Jamestown Masterplan Brief issued to all owners setting out DCC's requirements for the Masterplan, Jan 22. 	<p>On-going engagement with TII on Finglas Luas</p> <p>Jamestown: working with Finglas Employers Group in relation to baseline reports (Stage 1) and Masterplan (Stage 2). Hope to present Stage 1 findings to members July 22.</p> <p>Update meeting with Finglas Employers Group to be organised.</p>
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, ABP now reconsidering the heights amendment application. 	<p>Await outcome of process.</p>
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning permission granted for 638 residential units (Phase 1). 370 unit application (Phase 2). Further information requested. Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme. 	<p>Await receipt of FI.</p> <p>Decision due 18 July.</p>

<p>Public Realm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Anne's St/ Duke St/ Lemon St .- Consultations with Stakeholders PPN and Disabled Persons Organisations held. Some amendments with view to initiating Part 8 pre summer. • Wolfe Tone Square and Bridgefoot St Park complete and opened May 2022 Median at Bridgefoot Street also planted. • Francis St. progressing due to complete Q3. • Construction tender to issued for Liffey Street to new framework. 	<p>Initiate Part 8.</p> <p>Both Parks are open for use.</p> <p>Assign Construction Tender</p>
<p>Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation survey and specification complete. Methodology and specifications to go to tender for design detail and construction. The Members Advisory Group met May 27th. Next meeting July 22nd. 	<p>Tender docs being progressed.</p>
<p>O' Connell Street Special Scheme of Planning Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation 8 weeks (30 May to 25 July 2022). • All owners/occupiers notified. 	<p>Await receipt of submissions to prepare CE report.</p>
<p>Urban Regeneration and Development Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 1 – 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. 	<p>Strategic Framework noted at June Council Meeting.</p> <p>Complete.</p> <p>North Inner City and South Inner City bids successful.</p> <p>€173 million awarded to 23 projects. Preliminary business cases being prepared for DHLGH.</p>
<p>Draft NTA Strategy for GDA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation period ended. 	<p>Observations from DCC submitted to NTA.</p>
<p>Dart Upgrades</p>	<p>DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Rail consultations continue. 	<p>Meeting with Conservation to discuss the design of parapet works complete.</p>

	<p>DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Rail EIAR Photomontage viewpoints issued for comment. 	Complete.
	<p>DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-statutory consultation on Emerging Preferred Option held 24 February to 8 April 2022. 8 April DCC corporate response issued. 	Await further from Irish Rail re preferred option.
	<p>DART + Coastal SOUTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 June Irish Rail project briefing. 	Meetings by Departmental function to follow.
Metrolink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current pre-Railway Order engagement with TII. Preliminary Design drawings being reviewed. 	Review of preliminary design complete. Issued as part of DCC corporate response.
BusConnects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC 1 Clongriffin to City Centre lodged for planning consent with An Bord Pleanála. 8 weeks public consultation 28 March to 2 June. DCC corporate submission submitted. 	Await An Bord Pleanála decision.
Finglas LUAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option. Comments issued on preferred route 31st January 2022. 	Monthly preliminary/planning meetings on going. Lodgement of Railway Order Q2 2023.
Gulistan Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public display of non-statutory masterplan for development of former depot site in Rathmines has taken place. 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.

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<p>Strategic Acquisitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021 • CPO made on 17/06/21 and submitted to ABP for approval. • Proposed CPOs at Werburgh Street and Exchange Street proceeding • Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street CPO 2019 	<p>Three objections were received by ABP within the prescribed period. Awaiting decision of ABP</p> <p>Arrangements being made to take possession of the site.</p>										
<p>City Valuers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. • Building search for Stanley Street/Civil Defence Depot. • OPW approached re acquisition of disused toilet block at St. Stephen's Green West/top of Grafton Street. • Instructions/maps etc, received for Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects route – DCC properties affected. • Engagement with Receiver for Richmond Road Artist's Studios building. • Engagement with LDA re disposal of site at Belmayne. 											

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Record Protected Structures</p>	<p>On the 25th November 2021, 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, including 101 proposed additions, 55 clarifications and 3 deletions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>27 submissions were received in relation to proposed amendments to the Record of Protected Structures.</p> <p>Reports in relation to motions on the proposed addition of structures on Moore Street and Henry Place, Dublin 1 were presented to the April meeting of the Central Area Committee. The committee noted the proposed addition of 6 structures to proceed for initiation.</p>	<p>Draft Chief Executive's report on submissions is currently with the elected members of Dublin City Council for consideration. Report on Motions to be circulated by 24th June 2022.</p>
<p>Built Heritage investment Scheme (BHIS) 2021</p>	<p>DCC Conservation section received an allocation of €492,800 from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under this year's BHIS Scheme.</p> <p>A total of 56 BHIS applications were received by the closing date of 14th January, Following an assessment process, 56 projects were recommended to the Department for funding – 3 of which are under the minor repairs grant scheme.</p>	<p>The Minister approved grant funding for all 56 projects. The applicants have been notified by letter of their provisional grant offer of funding.</p> <p>Inspections will be carried out on</p>

Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021

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.

On 7th April 2022 the Conservation Section received notification from the Department of the allocation of a total of **€350,000** for 5 HSF projects listed in the table below:

20 Dominick Street, Dublin 7	€100,000
37 Thomas Court, Dublin 8	€100,000
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.

all 56 successful projects.

The next BHIS return to the Department is due on 30th June 2022

Projects to be allocated to inspectors and inspections to be carried out during June 2022.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027 (LECP) will be developed via a six stage process and regular updates will be provided.

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Next meeting to be held on 06/09/22, preparatory work underway.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 Many of the actions in this plan will be led or supported by DCC individually or in collaboration with other stakeholders. 2 of the 20 actions are progressing well – Enterprise Hub Provision & Brand Vision for Dublin

<https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/Publications/Publication-files/Dublin-Regional-Enterprise-Plan-to-2024.pdf>

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.

Dublin Belfast Circular Economy Capital Expenditure Feasibility Shared Island Funding Dublin City Council and Belfast City Council working together on developing an application for funding.

DCSWP Virtual Hub is now live and can be accessed by clicking on the link below. The Hub was designed to provide an invaluable one-stop resource for everyone in communities across the city to get involved in sport and physical activity and support a blended approach to the delivery of programmes. The launch date was chosen to coincide with the announcement of Kellie Harrington & Ellen Keane as official Sports Ambassadors for DCC and coverage of this in the media will be seen over the next couple few weeks. . The Hub also provides information on the new DCC Active Cities Project. <https://www.dcswpclub.ie/>

Dublin Sportsfest 2022 DCSWP is currently planning the fifth year of our citywide flagship event. Sportsfest is a week-long celebration of sport and physical activity in our city and as with previous years, the event is being planned to coincide with European Week of Sport from 23rd – 30th September.

A new strategy to shape our public library service is being developed and Libraries Ireland want to hear the public's views and ideas on public library services. The closing date for submissions is midnight on 9 July, 2022. You can [complete the survey online at www.librariesireland.ie](https://www.librariesireland.ie) or alternatively, visit your local library to complete it in person.

Dublin City Libraries welcomes the completion of the '**Review of Prison Libraries in Ireland**', commissioned by the LGMA, which outlines the key principles and recommendations to support developments in prison library services. The review will be launched in the coming weeks.

Departmental Priority

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2022: The scheme has approved 102 applications and the current value of TOV approvals in 2022 is €216,155.

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals in 2022: To date 20 grants approved to the value of €456,000 supporting the creation of 39 jobs in the Dublin city economy this year.

Training: 2112 participants attended 106 training courses from 1st Jan – 31st May 2022. Annual target 3,000 participants.

Mentoring: 469 hours of mentoring were completed from 1st Jan – 31st May 2022. Annual target 1,000 hours.

Start Your Own Business: 177 participants attended 6 courses & 1 boot camp from 1st Jan – 31st May. Annual target 227 participants & 13 courses.

Filming Update: There have been 93 film production applications completed by the 13th of June 2022. Applications from the following have been submitted: Blast from the Past, Atanua Films Limited, Design for Life, Indiepics, The Tenth Man, One Productions, Dublin Business School, Alma TV, Arte Film Productions Ltd, Uplands TV Ltd, Motherland, Kiss the Future LLC, The Reelists and Wonky Chair Media.

Dublin City Libraries will present a **Summer Programme for Children**, a fun packed series of events and activities including storytelling, music and drama performance, puppet shows, creative writing, climate change, STEM workshops and much more that will appeal to children of all ages.

Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in public libraries and online each summer. This year's programme is running from 13th June - 31st August 2022. Designed to encourage young people to celebrate the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer, children can pick up a reading card at their local branch, with lots of special storytime events and competitions throughout the branch network.

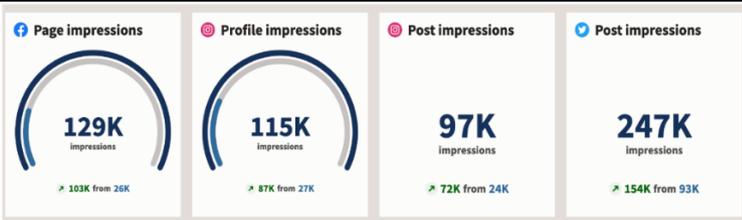
Dublin City Libraries offers a **free mobile app**. It can be used to search the library catalogue, manage your library account, reserve and renew items, view upcoming library events, download eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, eComics and eGraphic novels and much more. The app is available from both the [Google Play store](#) and the [iTunes App store](#).

A **Ukrainian Information evening** took place at Walkinstown Library in June with 65 Ukrainian people in attendance for 8 presentations about all aspects of life in Ireland. The full presentation will be uploaded to our YouTube channel and all of our branch libraries will continue to provide information and support to Ukrainian people in the city.

The Library Van will be at the **Rose Festival** in St. Anne's Park, Raheny, on 16th and 17th July, offering a range of activities for all ages.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Digital Start Voucher	New scheme providing supports to obtain digital strategy, technical and/or advisory services https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Financial-Supports/Digital-Start/	Implementation – process planning & finalising procurement process
Your Dublin Your Voice	The Q2 Survey 2022 was conducted in April in conjunction with DCC Mobility, 948 responses were received. Analysis complete.	Dissemination of Q2 survey. Questions have been sent to SEO/AO as a guide for their drafting of the Q3 LECP survey with draft required by mid-June.
Dublin Economic Monitor (DEM)	The Q2 DEM is being developed. Invitations have been issued for the annual launch on June 17 th which the Lord Mayor will attend.	Production on the Q2 DEM
MODOS	Two MODOS courses held – 37 participants registered. Further details www.modos.ie	Wrap up networking event was held on 02/06/22 in Richmond Barracks
Dublin Place Brand	Place Brand Strategy Development with OCO Global – First stage completion June 2022	Stakeholder workshops to present strategy development, gain insights, create steering committee & develop shared vision for City.
	The Dublin Postgraduate Scholarship Competition - International Marketing Campaign for EU Students in partnership with Education in Ireland and Dublin HEIS	PR campaign planned with winner of scholarship competition.
	Upcoming Event support including: Dublin Fringe Festival (10 th – 25 th September)	Continuing support of city events through Dublin.ie What's On section.
Delivery of DCSWP Programmes	Delivery of multi-sport programmes aimed at core target groups across communities. Initiatives continue to support communities both physically and virtually.	Ongoing.
Local Club Support	Sport For Young People Small Grant Scheme	To be advertised in June/July. Aimed at supporting clubs in youth programmes in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of equipment • Administrative costs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and coaching courses
DCSWP Calendar of Events	Developed to align delivery of DCSWP programmes and events with major national and international initiatives to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HER'S Outdoors Week 9th – 12th August (supporting female participation in outdoor activities) • International Youth Day – 12th August • European Week Of Sport/Dublin Sportsfest (as reported on above)
Training 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Safeguarding 1, 2 & 3 ➤ PHECC Training ➤ Sports Leadership Programmes 	Ongoing
DCSWP Social Media supports	Supportive/blended approach for ongoing delivery of DCSWP programmes	DCC, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram Information re Virtual Hub outlined above.
Hugh Lane Gallery	Visitors Numbers in May were 12,545 which is 95% of pre Covid figures.	Maintain a rich visitor experience
Social Media	 <p>The image displays four social media performance metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page impressions: 129K (Target: 103K from 26K) Profile impressions: 115K (Target: 87K from 27K) Post impressions: 97K (Target: 72K from 24K) Post impressions: 247K (Target: 154K from 93K) 	Continue to build our social media presence
Refurbishment of 1930s wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.	Construction date TBC
Collection displays/Exhibitions	Patrick Graham Transfiguration <i>Eva Gonzales is what Dublin needs</i> in collaboration with National Gallery, London	Closing 10 th July 1 st June -18 th Sept
Programme of art education	There were 108 programmes in May with 1,505 participants. Summer camps for children and teens; Study Mornings; HL-Foundations Project <i>Bright Lights and Flights of Fancy</i> display; <i>Art and the Outdoors</i> community celebration; <i>What I love about the Great Outdoors!</i> Children's art exhibition. Art talks, classes and more: http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures	Ongoing development of innovative art education programming

Gallery Develop 1 Nth Fredrick Lane	Property acquired by DCC for HLG Conservation	Securing facility Q2 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 22
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions and security continues 24/7. Recruitment of Art Technicians	Recruitment for art technicians June 2022
New website	Content Development for new HLG website	Testing phase Q2 2022
Events	The Hugh Lane Gallery is honoured to host a centenary concert celebrating the love poems of James Joyce, one the greatest literary figures of the 20 th century. Together with Friends of the James Joyce Tower & Museum, and the James Joyce Centre, the gallery will host an evening of music and merriment this Wednesday 15 th June, on "Bloomseve"	Planning monthly evening events to begin in Q2
Branding	New HLG Brand implementation	Implementation in Q2 2022
City Library, Parnell Sq.	URDF funding secured	Review of scope and cost
Finglas Library	Tender Assessment is complete.	Letter of intent to issue shortly

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
Funtropolis	Merrion Square https://dublin.ie/whats-on/listings/funtropolis/	10/07/2022
Opera in the Open	Civic Offices Amphitheatre http://www.dublincityartsoffice.ie/supporting-the-arts-in-the-city/festivals/opera-in-the-open	4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th August
Funtropolis	Merrion Square https://dublin.ie/whats-on/listings/funtropolis/	21 st August
American College Football	Aviva/City Centre https://collegefootballireland.com/	26 th & 27 th August

Corporate Services, Transformation & Human Resources

1 Corporate Services & Transformation

Smart City/Smart Dublin

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

Artificial Intelligence: What's in it for the Public Sector?

The Conference hosted from the 7-9th of June by the European Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the EU Commission's Directorate-General for Informatics aimed to "address the challenges and seize the opportunities that AI brings to advance the digital transformation of public administrations in the EU, the JRC and DIGIT propose a multidisciplinary conference in which academia, civil society, governments and private sector can come together and jointly help defining the way forward under the umbrella of the goals of the Digital Decade"

The Conference included a series of online webinars, the Smart City team presented in Webinar 4: Bringing AI closer to citizens – smart communities. Link to the webinar: https://ai-watch.ec.europa.eu/ai-whats-it-public-sector/webinar-4-bringing-ai-closer-citizens-smart-communities_en

EU Impacts Event

The EU Annual Impact Conference was held in Dublin City Council on June 8-10, 2022. The theme for the event this year was "Climate resilient cities – challenges for urban mobility and transport". IMPACTS is a network of European capital and major metropolitan cities and aims at exchanging their experiences of providing urban mobility and transport policies that affects the citizen.

The Smart City Team presented at the conference highlighting the Google Airview project and the need and advantages of mobile air quality monitoring in the city, and the team also presented the EU SENATOR project which aims to address challenges around digital kerbside mapping and management. There was also a live demo from Luna scooters, world's first AI powered E-Scooter , a Smart DCU initiative. More about EU Impacts can be found here: <https://impacts.org/>

Accelerating the potential of drones for Local Government' Showcase:

On June 14th the Smart Cities Unit held a Drones event at the Wood Quay Venue, with 110 people registered from across national and local government, industry and academia, as part of the project 'Accelerating the potential of drones for Local Government' co-funded by DPER PSIF.

Presentations on the day included Smart Dublin's 'Drones International Best and Emerging Practices' report by [Philip Butterworth-Hayes](#), an Aerospace Consultant expert, and [Professor Tim McCarthy](#), Principal Investigator on the [U-Flyte](#) SFI funded project. Manna Aero also presented on how they are operating drone deliveries in Balbriggan and the Smart Dublin Team shared the National Public Sentiment Survey results on Emerging Technologies.

The event included an exhibition with nine stands showcasing drone applications in the Irish public sector. There were also two drone demonstrations, one carried out by Maynooth University, [GeoAerospace](#) on different sensors and data collection and another by [Fotokite](#), Swiss tethered drone for emergency services. All project outputs can be accessed [here](#).
Press Coverage:

Irish Times: <https://www.irishtimes.com/technology/2022/06/14/drone-technology-has-potential-but-concerns-need-to-be-addressed/>

Silicon Republic: <https://www.siliconrepublic.com/machines/dublin-drone-public-service-project-dcc>

Ring Buoys Project Webinar: Information Session

On June 15th, Smart Dublin Team organized a webinar for the local authorities across Ireland to give them information on the problem of missing ring buoys and manual monitoring, proposed digital solution and the procurement process. This webinar was to make local authorities aware of new innovative procurement process and how they can make use of it. The meeting was joined by 10 Local Authorities who showed interest in the solution.

Dublin Tech Summit - RDS

Smart Dublin in partnership with Dublin City Council's Economic Development Unit participated in the Dublin Tech Summit (DTS) in the RDS from the 15th-16th of June. Smart Dublin had a stand sharing information with attendees about Smart Dublin and showcasing two of the initiatives being trialled in Smart DCU including an autonomous delivery robot from Hosted Kitchen (<https://smartdublin.ie/smart-dcu-delivery-robots/>) and Luna E-Scooters (<https://smartdublin.ie/e-scooters-worlds-first-computer-vision-pilot-at-smart-dcu/>)

Polish/Irish Green Tech Forum

The Polish/Irish Green Tech Forum was an opportunity for Dublin City Council's Smart City team to work with Enterprise Ireland's Warsaw team and collaborate with You Tube channel Miasto Miasto run by Sebastian Grabowski, expert in smart cities to tell the story of Smart Dublin and showcase Irish examples of technology being used to improve local government services in Dublin. Watch the interview here: [Dublin - Smart Dublin - YouTube](#)

World WiFi Day

Dublin City Council was represented in Brussels for World Wifi Day on the 20th of June by the Smart City Team. The [Wireless Broadband Alliance](#) (WBA) and the City of Dublin announced a successful proof-of-concept trial of [OpenRoaming™](#) in Dublin, Ireland. Initially deployed at Bernardo Square, Dame Street and the City Council's Amphitheatre, WBA OpenRoaming enables residents and visitors to log in only once and then maintain seamless connectivity as their smartphones, tablets and other Wi-Fi devices automatically switch between different public Wi-Fi hotspots. The success of the trial will pave the way for a larger city-wide deployment.

Press Release: <https://techbuzzireland.com/2022/06/20/wba-openroaming-enables-dublins-smart-city-vision-with-seamless-secure-high-performance-wi-fi-worldwifiday/>

Digital Services

During the past month, the Digital Services Team has:

- Developed and introduced new online system to support Blended Working applications from staff and created the new Blended Working Hub - a digital one-stop-shop for staff and their applications and all engagement.
- Developed and launched new internal meeting room booking system
- Met Elected Members to scope out their requirements with regards new councillor representation system
- Further enhanced CitiDesk, our new intranet communication portal.

Customer Services

Calls dealt with through Customer Service are back to pre-Covid levels, with average answer delays since the start of June at less than a minute.

The use of email as a customer contact channel continues to grow. This month's emails principally related inter alia to Housing matters, noise from concerts in St Anne's Park and Fairview Park and also to weeding and edging on roads within areas.

Customer Services have taken on the calls normally routed to the Crumlin Office, until next Monday, 27th June, 2022.

Scheduled appointments and drop-in services are being provided for customers for Parking Permits and the Cash Office, and for all other services provided by Customer Services

Improving Customer Experience and Digital Transformation Initiatives

- Work is continuing on the development of a new Parking Permit System to facilitate online applications
- Preparatory work is underway to commence processing parking permits for Havelock Square in September 2022
- Engagement is ongoing with the Office of the Ombudsman with regards trialling the complaints module of the Citizen Hub portal, subject to a number of conditions
- Customer Services have provided training to Housing Allocations, Housing Maintenance, Mainstream HAP and HR in the last month.

Citizen Hub

Citizen Hub is live with 11 service requests now available to use by citizens and for staff to log on behalf of customers.

1 service (Housing Allocations) only for registered users on 'Self.'

In the past month:

- 2 new Fix Your Street requests live
- Number of new registered users 31st May to 22nd June: 716
- Total number of registered users: 7,823 (7,760 have registered on the 'Self' site and 63 people have registered through 'Service' with a Customer Services Agent)

Proposed next services to Go Live: Graffiti, Community clean up, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, clean your street and short term lettings.

Facilities Management

During the past month, the Facilities Management Team have:

- Managed the safe return to the workplace on a 5 day basis for all staff in Civic Offices
- Commenced procurement of an integrated design team for the refurbishment of the childcare facility in the civic offices

2. Human Resources

The total number of employees at 31st March 2022 was 5,637 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5,322.

Recruitment Programme 2022

	2021 (full year)	2022 (to date)
Recruitment campaigns complete	61	49

Interviews held/concluded during June 2022:

Active Cities Officer	General Operative Driver (CE Licence).
Apprentice Stonecutter	Assistant Resident Engineer
Data Analyst	Resident Engineer
Divisonal Librarian	Senior Resident Engineer
Executive Manager (Engineering) (temp)	Senior Residential Engineer Parnell Sq Cultural Quarter (Temp)
Executive Parks and Landscape Officer	

Campaigns advertised June 2022:

Graduate Engineer (Electrical)	Area Supervisor Waste Management Services
Graduate Engineer (Civil)	Senior District Parks Officer
Graduate Engineer (Mechanical)	Staff Officer

The Public Appointments Service have ongoing recruitment campaigns for Senior Engineers, Senior Executive Engineers and Senior Executive Planners.

Blended Working

The City Council Blended Working Policy has been finalised and the application process for staff will open during June 2022. The blended working policy sets out how the organisation can implement blended working while maintaining our commitment to the delivery and improvement of the highest standard of public services directly to citizens, businesses, visitors and local communities. A range of support and information is being provided for staff, teams and managers to assist in the implementation of this new way of working.

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Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/9127/2022	Records regarding use of bike sheds in DCC properties	Press	03/05/2022	26/05/2022
FOI/9128/2022	Requests records between Amazon and CE office/Planning regarding data centres	Press	03/05/2022	
FOI/9129/2022	Records regarding traffic report on Kincora Road	Client	03/05/2022	27/05/2022
FOI/9130/2022	Request record on hotels constructed in DCC area	Press	03/05/2022	
FOI/9132/2022	seeks records re: complaints made to the DRHE	Press	04/05/2022	31/05/2022
FOI/9134/2022	seeks records re: Planning File	Client	04/05/2022	30/05/2022
FOI/9135/2022	Requests copy of 2014 report on NAS and DFB	Client	05/05/2022	31/05/2022
FOI/9136/2022	Request records regarding tenders for cost neutral public toilets	Client	05/05/2022	31/05/2022
FOI/9137/2022	Requests records - redevelopment of Dalymount Park	Press	05/05/2022	31/05/2022
FOI/9138/2022	Records regarding cleaning of Jim Mitchell Park	Client	09/05/2022	03/06/2022
FOI/9139/2022	seeks records re: how to calculate or apply clawback charge.	Press	09/05/2022	
FOI/9140/2022	Records between Owen Keegan/Richard Shakespeare and St. Patricks Day company	Press	10/05/2022	
FOI/9141/2022	Request records regarding exhumations and reinternments of residents of High Park Convent	Client	10/05/2022	07/06/2022
FOI/9142/2022	Seeks copy of DFB annual report	Client	10/05/2022	25/05/2022
FOI/9143/2022	Seeks records re housing allocations	Client	11/05/2022	24/05/2022
FOI/9144/2022	seeks records re: copy of the latest housing allocations report for Dublin 2022	Client	11/05/2022	23/05/2022
FOI/9145/2022	Seeks records re cost of boarding up vacant/derelict properties	Client	11/05/2022	24/05/2022
FOI/9146/2022	Requests records of maintenance logs for 2021 and 2022 for Basin Street flats, Seagull House and Blessington Street Complex	Press	12/05/2022	
FOI/9149/2022	Seeks records re pothole damage claims	Client	13/05/2022	03/06/2022
FOI/9150/2022	seek records re: contracts between DCC and An Garda Siochana re training exercises.	Press	16/05/2022	
FOI/9151/2022	seeks records re: internal audit report on on-street parking meters.	Client	16/05/2022	07/06/2022
FOI/9152/2022	Seeks records re assaults on council staff	Press	16/05/2022	

FOI/9153/2022	Seeks records re planning enforcement file.	Business	17/05/2022	03/06/2022
FOI/9156/2022	seek records re: mediation process concerning Dublin Fire Brigade EMS.	Client	19/05/2022	
FOI/9157/2022	Copy of Chief Executive diary for January 2022 - to present	Press	20/05/2022	
FOI/9158/2022	seeks records re: named planning application	Client	23/05/2022	
FOI/9159/2022	seek records re: complaints, observations, submissions on named property	Client	23/05/2022	
FOI/9161/2022	seeks records re: information in relation to the market held in St Anne's Park, Raheny, D5	Client	23/05/2022	
FOI/9162/2022	Request records from Chief Executives regarding Report No. 119 2022 dated 29 April	Client	24/05/2022	
FOI/9164/2022	Requests planning records	Client	26/05/2022	
FOI/9165/2022	Seeks records re report into vacancy	Press	26/05/2022	
FOI/9166/2022	seeks records re: DFB calls in 2021.	Press	30/05/2022	
FOI/9167/2022	seek records re: assaults, or incidents of abuse or harassment of staff	Press	30/05/2022	
FOI/9169/2022	seeks records re: private emergency accommodation.	Press	30/05/2022	

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2022 -31/05/2022	264
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2022 - 31/05/2022	248