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To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee

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Power Washing

A full review of the power washing schedule was carried out through July. The review highlighted issues with frequency of power washing and core streets that were not receiving enough attention, including major shopping districts, areas of cultural interest and tourist trails. In order to remediate the issues identified a new schedule was agreed between Waste Management and Contractors to increase the frequency of power washing in the core city centre. The below schedule outlines the priority streets but this is reviewed weekly by the Public Domain Officers and crews are directed to the areas identified as priority each week.

Current Schedule

<u>Twice Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Barnardos Square	Aungier Street
Camden Street	Clarendon Street
Capel Street	Coppinger Row
Castle Market	Dame Court
Clarendon Street	Dame Street
Duke St	Dawson Street
Grafton Street	Exchequer Street
Henry Street	Fade Street
O' Connell Street	Harry Street
South Anne Street	Johnson Place
Wexford Street	Lemon Street
	Liffey Street
	Mary Street
	Middle Abbey Street
	Moore Street
	North Earl Street
	Parliament Street
	Parnell Street
	Redmonds Hill
	South Great Georges Street
	South King Street
	South William Street
	Suffolk Street
	Talbot Street

Bin Surveys and Changes in Procedure

A full survey of the Big Belly Bins was undertaken and issues around Graffiti and Cleanliness were noted. The City Recovery Team are working alongside Waste Management to arrange a full upgrade of the Big Belly Bins in the City Centre to include full clean, wrapping of the bins in DCC Heritage Wrap and an upgrade of the dome on the top of the bins where necessary.

The Public Domain Officers raised issues with the manner in which standard bins in the City Centre were being power washed and noted that this was causing the paint on the bins to

chip and deteriorate. Waste Management have reviewed the bin cleaning process and are now trialling a manual cleaning of the bins. There has been positive response in the form of public feedback with regard to a change in the cleanliness of the bins.

Sign Cleaning, Sticker Removal and Anti Sticker Paint

As part of the full Public Domain Survey carried out in June/July the proliferation of stickers on public property came to the fore as a serious issue in the City Centre. The Public Domain Officers are tackling this issue through different measures.

We are currently trialling a cleaning programme to remove stickers from poles and the initial phase commenced on 22nd August. We will monitor the ongoing cleaning programme and direct crews where necessary.

From 22nd August to 6th September 242 poles were cleaned.

- 89 Locations on O'Connell Street
- 89 Locations on Aston Quay
- 64 Locations in Temple Bar

Before



After



We have also been working with the Graffiti Removal Contractor to source a specialised paint for the poles and bollards where stickers are an issue. A trial has already taken place with some poles in the Temple Bar area which would indicate that this paint should prove to prevent stickers from adhering to the poles. On foot of the evidence of this small trial we will be rolling the project out over the next few months over a larger area. 55 poles in the Temple Bar area have been identified for the pilot and this will take place before end of September.

Boardwalk

The Public Domain Officers are working with the Engineering Team with a view to piloting a small area of Boardwalk by upgrading the Hand Rail, painting the metal fencing and seating areas. Plans to be agreed and report back on progress at a later date.

Painting Programme

A painting programme has been in place over the summer months and will continue to roll over the next few months. This programme covers: Bins, bollards, lamp standards and utility boxes(under control of DCC).

Completed to date:

- O' Connell Street,
- Henry Street,
- Grafton Street,
- Wicklow Street,
- Camden Street

Upcoming plans for Parnell Square, Street and North Frederick Street.

Before



After



Smithfield

All the old wooden planters in the Smithfield area have been removed. All concrete planters have had a deep clean and have been restored to look fresh.



O'Connell Street

As part of the City Recovery Unit, Street Audits, O'Connell Street was identified as needing further attention.

Issues with, tree pits, cleansing and damaged pavements were all flagged as being in need of attention.

Actions taken to date include:

- Full Power Washing of O'Connell Street is now taking place twice weekly.
- Sticker Removal on all poles as per above
- Constant presence of Waste Management onsite(emptying bins and compact sweeper/green machine)
- Full renovation of tree pits in conjunction with Parks Dept. This work is due to commence end of September and will take a number of weeks to complete.
- Damaged pavements have been remediated by Roads Maintenance and ongoing monitoring and reporting of same to Roads when issues occur.
- All bins, bollards and Public Lighting Standards have been painted. (July 2022). As per above report bins will be hand washed in order to maintain to a high standard and painting programme will be rolled out again when necessary.
- Utility boxes all painted in August 2022.

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