

**The Chairman and Members of  
North West Area Committee.**

**Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Item No: 3**

**Finglas Area Office Report**

**Housing (Jan - Aug)**

Estate Management

No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	23
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	17
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	159
No. Racial Harassment Complaints	2

No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	11
No. Other Interviews	105
No. Requests for Mediation	0
No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action	7

No. Section 20 Possessions	0
No. Excluding Orders	0
• Applied for by tenant	0
• Applied for by DCC	0
• Granted in court	0
• Refused/failed in court	0
• Withdrawn	0
No. Surrender of Tenancy due to Anti-Social Behaviour	2

No. Tenancy Warnings served	
No. Abandonment notice served	4
No. Possession Orders requested	1
No Court Orders Granted	0
No. Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)	0
No. of refusal / deferral to let due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0

Allocations

<b>Housing &amp; Apartments</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	5	4	4
Medical	3	1	1
Welfare	1	0	
Homeless	0	N/A	
Travellers	0	N/A	
Homeless HAP	N/A	5	3
De-tenanting	N/A	1	
Estate Management	N/A	2	
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	3	
Surrendering Larger	N/A	0	
Succession		1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>Senior Citizens</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	5	0	2
Medical	1	0	

Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	3	0	
Homeless HAP	0	1	
Travellers	N/A	0	
Estate Management	N/A	0	
De-tenanting	N/A	0	
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	0	
Surrendering Larger	N/A	1	
Financial Contribution			
Succession	0	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

### Voids Report

<b>Vacant Housing Units (33)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Abbotstown Avenue	2 bed house	23/12/2021	Work in progress
Abbotstown Drive	2 bed house	29/11/2021	Works in progress
Abbotstown Drive	3 bed house	27/06/2022	Works in progress
Abbotstown Road	2 bed house	15/03/2022	Works in progress
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	22/07/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	20/08/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	11/02/2022	Works in progress

Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	05/05/2022	Works in progress
Barry Drive	3 bed house	01/09/2021	Works in progress
Barry Drive	3 bed house	27/06/2022	Works in progress
Barry Park	3 bed house	25/07/2022	Works in progress
Berryfield Drive	3 Bed house	04/07/2022	Works in progress
Cappagh Drive	2 bed house	31/01/2022	Works in progress
Casement Green	3 bed house	14/07/2022	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	22/07/2021	Works in progress
Deanstown Park	4 bed house	27/06/2022	Works in progress
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	09/06/2022	Works in progress
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	05/05/2022	Works in progress
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	14/10/2021	Works in progress
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	16/12/2021	Works in progress
Finglas Park	3 bed house	23/08/2022	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	19/07/2022	Works in progress
Griffith Parade	2 bed house	20/12/2021	Works in progress
Griffith Parade	2 bed house	21/02/2022	Works in progress
Kilshane Road	3 bed house	21/06/2022	Works in progress
Kippure Park	3 bed house	14/12/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	4 bed house	30/11/2021	Works in progress
Ratoath Drive	3 bed house	31/01/2022	Works in progress
Ratoath Road	3 bed house	23/06/2022	Works in progress
Rathvilly Park	4 bed house	15/06/2022	Works in progress
St Canice's Court	2 bed house	25/05/2022	Works in progress
The Iona	2 bed apt	21/10/2021	Works in progress

Westpark Drive	3 bed house	17/02/2022	Works in progress / On offer
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<b>Vacant Senior Citizens Units (14)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of Unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Deanstown Court	1 Bed	24/05/2022	Works in progress / On offer
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	08/08/2022	Works in progress / On offer
Glasanaon Court	1 Bed	13/05/2022	Works in progress
Kildonan Court	1 Bed	21/03/2022	Works in progress
Kilshane Court	2 Bed	19/05/2022	Works in progress / On offer
Kilshane Court	2 Bed	24/08/2022	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	24/09/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	01/07/2022	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	1 Bed	11/07/2022	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	1 Bed	09/11/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	26/08/2022	Works in progress
Merville Court	1 Bed	04/8/2022	Works in progress
Merville Court	1 Bed	14/03/2022	Works in progress / On offer
Merville Court	2 Bed	31/05/2022	Works in progress

### Choice Based Lettings

- The following dwellings were advertised through the above scheme.

<b>Type of Dwelling</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>No of applicants eligible</b>	<b>No of applicants not eligible</b>
2 Bedroom House	Abbotstown Area	22.7.2022	146	17
3 Bedroom House	Abbotstown Area	22.7.2022	150	17
3 Bedroom House	Abbotstown Area	22.7.2022	150	17
3 Bedroom House	Ratoath Road	05.8.2022	83	29
3 Bedroom House	Fairlawn Road	02.9.2022	In progress	In progress
3 Bedroom House	Glenties Road	02.9.2022	In progress	In progress

### Rents Update

The Finglas Area Office continues to offer rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Assessments	1036
Applications for Permission to Reside	34
Refunds	31

### **Community & Social Development**

#### Pop up Fun Days

Dublin City Council, Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) in conjunction with Better Finglas, Finglas West Family Resource Centre and local resident groups arranged a series of Pop Up Fun Days for the month of August. These took place in four areas in Finglas: Ballygall Place, Plunkett Green/Barry Avenue, Scribblestown Rise and Valley Park. Arts & crafts, giant games, storytelling, kite making, face painting, a magic show, goodie bags and medals were all provided. The four fun days were a great success and enjoyed immensely by all the children and their families.



### Schools Sports Programme

Finglas CSDS started this as a pilot run programme with two Finglas West primary schools. The main aim was to involve all children in some form of sport/exercise. The difference in the participation and skill levels of all pupils was clearly evident after a number of sessions and the teachers reported the following:

- Increase in attendance particularly on Sports Day.
- Pupils more attentive in class having completed a session.
- Better appetite – lunches were now fully eaten
- Attitudes and interpersonal skills much better amongst pupils.
- Both attention spans and learning capacities were increased.
- Follow on drills completed within the programme are now being practised in the schools on a daily basis.

Due to the success of the programme, Finglas CSDS in conjunction with DCYPSC/Tusla, DCC Dublin Sports Partnership and Finglas Cabra Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force will fund and support the School Sports Programme to run again. The programme will commence in September in four Finglas schools and will run weekly until May 2023.

- St. Josephs GNS
- St. Kevin's BNS
- St. Malachys SNS
- St. Oliver Plunket's NS

The programme is all inclusive for boys and girls from four primary schools in Finglas West/South. All schools consist of children from minority groups, ethnic migrants, members of the travelling community and the programme is designed to involve children who have never previously taken part in structured organised sporting activities. It also caters for children with both physical and mental special needs which means no child will be excluded from the programme.

### Finglas Older Person's Dance

Formerly known as the Senior Citizens Ball this popular event will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of September from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. in Erin's Isle G.A.A. Club. The tickets cost €5 each with the proceeds going to support the local Rising Voices, Dementia Choir. The Garda Band will provide the music and entertainment on the night and a hot meal will be served. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Caroline Conroy will be in attendance. There has been a high demand for tickets particularly as the annual event is returning after three years of Covid Restrictions.

### Finglas Youth Theatre Pilot

DCC are working with the Axis Arts & Community Resource Centre in Ballymun to develop a Youth Theatre for the Finglas area. The Community Section in Finglas and the Arts Office within DCC are offering resources in the form of seed funding and expertise in governance, safeguarding and programme format. Axis are also providing seed funding for the project as well as invaluable expertise and networking in youth theatre setup. It is proposed that a budget will be raised to cover an Artistic facilitator, part-time administrator and small programme budget for a pilot year 2022-2023. The Youth Theatre will be exclusive to Finglas and both DCC and Axis will partner with Finglas Youth Resource Centre (FYRC) for year one. FYRC have already expressed a keen interest in supporting the Youth Theatre with space and possible governance assistance once all other resources are in place. The proposed programme will begin in local secondary schools where a facilitator will introduce the students to the concept of youth theatre in order to inform the young people of the pilot year and give tasters of the experience that can be gained taking part.

### Social Inclusion Month



As part of the social inclusion celebrations CSDS have a five week programme of chair aerobics and tai chi which commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. This programme has proven to be very popular with full attendance at all classes. Classes will finish on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September.



### Summer Projects

This summer saw the return of Finglas summer projects. Projects were run in the following locations.

- St. Chairains Special Needs Summer Project
- Fuse Summer Project
- The Den Summer Project
- Sunshiney Day Summer Project
- Rivermount Summer Project
- St. Josephs and St. Kevins Summer Project

CSDS provided the summer projects with funding. Each project received Zoo Passes for their group, activity packs and medals. Additional support was given to help organise group sessions for the children which were held in the Ballyfermot Adventure Centre. The children and teens took part in water sports, bmx'ing sessions, orienteering and team games. DCC would like to give a special word of thanks to our local volunteers for organising and running these very successful projects.







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