

**OPW**Oifig na
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Office of Public Works

NCRR: DCC Local Area Councillors Update

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1. Works on Site

The OPW has issued the initial scope and specification for emergency repair and cleaning/clearing works which will facilitate safe access to the site and prevent further deterioration of the buildings. The work will be undertaken by PJ Hegartys under the OPW Measured Term Maintenance Contract. The works will include:

- Emergency repairs to roof including closing up broken rooflights, patching up and repair/replacement of broken slates, and limited inspection where feasible.
- Provision of high level access to the roof, to all elevations.
- Production of a report on the general condition of the roof and recommendations for same.
- Clearing out and inspection of cast iron gutters and downpipes, re-fixing broken or disjointed downpipes, installing temporary substitutes where necessary.
- Clearance of existing blocked drains and survey of the existing condition of the site drainage network.
- Clearance of pigeon guano and biocide treatment to affected areas.
- Builders Works, clearance of vegetation, providing access, etc.
- Signage with information on the works and project will be erected.

These works will not affect the occupation of the western range of the convent buildings by the Crinian Youth Project. Existing fire escape routes will be maintained at all times. Sections of the carpark may need to be closed off temporarily to facilitate access to the roof of the church.

A protocol for the assessment and cataloguing of the artefacts remaining on site, is being created by the National Museum, building upon the work undertaken by DCC. The protocol will determine what is to be preserved and what can be disposed of. Issues of storage, access and conservation of the remaining artefacts will be explored with NMI.

DCC have issued a licence for works to the OPW. Works on site will commence in early November.

2. Geomatic Survey of Existing Site and Structures

The OPW have prepared a tender to carry out survey works on the site and buildings. The tender will be advertised on E-Tenders.

The survey will include:

- a full survey of all buildings and immediate context;
- a full survey, including elevation of the boundary walls/ remaining Laundry structures;
- provision of elevation and plan drawings of each internal space;
- a REVIT model of the buildings;
- A topographical survey of the existing site.

The Tender Period for this survey will run in tandem with the initial emergency repair works and cleaning out works, so that major areas of the site will be ready for the surveyors when they are appointed.