

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 313/2022
Report of the Chief Executive



Monthly Management Report – December 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 December 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: 23rd November 2022

Environment and Transportation Department

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

Moby now have a fleet of 190 electric bikes available for public hire with more due to come on stream in the coming months. Bleeper continue with their successful operations with over 800 bikes now available for public hire. Bleeper's Crumlin suburban hub pilot continues to operate well since its launch in June. 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. 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 allows 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 13/11/2022, that week's revenue was €400,666.50. For week ending 13th November 2022, the usage of coin in parking meters was €132,895.76 and card payments were €128,947.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

The following pay and display and permit parking schemes have been balloted for a new scheme:

Botanic Avenue, Dublin 9

Richmond Road, Dublin 3

The following pay and display and permit parking schemes will begin on 28th November 2022.

Purser Gardens, Dublin 6. Monday- Saturday 7 am-7pm.
Phibsborough Avenue, Dublin 7. Monday- Saturday 7am-7pm
Seville Terrace, Dublin 1. Monday – Saturday 7am-7pm

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

Electric Vehicle Charge Points

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now complete. The executive Summary and the full report is available for download through the Council website.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/electric-vehicle-charging-information>

This research piece will enable each Local Authority in the Dublin Metropolitan Area to develop related but distinct implementation plans, based on local needs and related policies. Where commonality of approach allows, the DMA working group will collaborate to improve efficiency (for example in the area of procurement, planning for which has now commenced).

The DCC implementation plan will include the identification of Council and community facilities that may allow scope for facilitating the siting of EV charge points.

In due course, DCC understands that the Department of Transport's recently launched ZEV office, which sets out potential new sources of funding and capacity building measures to enable the transition, will allow DCC to facilitate the installation of chargers.

Furthermore, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge point enabled.

Dublin City Council will work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to enable and facilitate an increase in the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments will be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Additionally, Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the SEAI/ZEV (the recently launched Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland Office) regarding the available schemes of funding and a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

The new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study, to deliver an EV charging solution for the Dublin Metropolitan Area.

A pilot off-street small-scale Community Mobility Charging Hub in Finglas is now complete and was recently launched by the Lord Mayor, Caroline Conroy and Minister Eamon Ryan. There are two chargers; AC (nominally 22KW with 2 charging spaces) and DC 75KW (with 2 charging spaces). A dedicated Car Share Club EV charging space (one of the AC spaces), to be rotated between all 3 licenced operators in Dublin City across the pilot duration and a dedicated eBike commuter hub with 8 eBikes under the brand HubX (an offshoot of ESB), in association with Bleeper Bikes complete the Hub. Data from usage will help inform future plans. The project begins to breathe life into our strategy/policy of mitigating risk to DCC whilst enabling and facilitating in this space and modelling the recommended approach for EV charging as per strategy and crucially within the context of our wider mobility strategies and policies.

In addition, a mapping tool is now available on our web site (see link above) to allow the public suggest where they think there is a requirement for charging. Whilst this will not guarantee that a charge point will be provided at that location, it will allow the Council build a picture of demand and will help inform the process of rolling out the strategy.

In addition, there will also be a dedicated charging facility for a DCC staff EV for use on Finglas Area Office business.

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 continuing to translate these targets into quantifiable reductions required and to begin developing project pipelines to achieve same. 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 161 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this level of consumption produced 30,600 tonnes of CO₂e emissions, with an associated energy cost of €12.4 million. Energy prices are rising rapidly, in addition to and independently of, the carbon tax (currently at €41 per tonne and rising to €100 per tonne by 2030). DCC, through its OGP sourced contracts has been somewhat sheltered from these global shifts in price, although very significant retail price increases (in the order of 160 – 260%) 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 for each significant energy user (SEU) across the Council. The Council is also in communication with the OGP regarding a forecasting prognosis for DCC energy budgets 2023.

The Energy Review for 2021 is currently being finalized, the pandemic complicating the usual timelines. The Review will detail 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 efforts 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 council's 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 with approximately 40 DCC buildings that are significant Energy Users currently identified for further consideration for more in-depth technical audits. 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. Work on the project is continuing and a workshop with key stakeholders in October is helping to progress the project.

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. A scoping out of work in line with the guidance provided in Annex D of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines is currently being prepared.

Electrification of DCC Fleet

The Council's fleet continues to migrate to electric vehicles with 46 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. A number of SECs are now in the process of developing their Energy Master Plans under this scheme with the Connecting Cabra SEC launching their plan at an awareness raising event recently. 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 6,500 customer enquiries and service requests during the period January to October 2022. Additionally, during the same period over 5,000 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe by our direct labour crews. Furthermore, a total of 345 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 are currently progressing on site.

Bridges & Other Road Structures

Bridge Maintenance will commence preparation of tender documents for Principal Inspections in 2023.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

With reference to the Dublin Waste to Energy community gain projects grant scheme 2021, twelve of the 28 approved applicants have drawn down their grant funding to a total value of circa €160K. The total funding awarded was circa €500K, and therefore the balance for drawdown is €340K. The remaining 20 beneficiaries have until April 2023 to complete their grant aided projects.

At their last meeting in September 2022, the DWtE Community Gain Fund Committee agreed that the next Dublin Waste to Energy community gain projects grant scheme would be launched in Q1/Q2 2023.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

233 surveys were undertaken on 210 streets across the six waste management areas in October 2022. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 64% of streets graded received a Grade A, 25% Grade B, 11% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No of Streets Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
CENTRAL	44	46	29	12	4	
SOUTH EAST	37	37	35	1	1	
SOUTH CENTRAL	47	49	34	10	5	
NORTH CENTRAL	26	26	21	5		
NORTH WEST	16	34	11	16	7	
CITY CENTRE	40	41	18	14	8	1
TOTALS	210	233	148	58	25	1

23 bottle bank surveys were carried out in October 2022. Overall 52% of bottle banks received a Grade A, 17% Grade B, 30% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. of Bottle Banks Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
SOUTH EAST	2	2	2			
SOUTH CENTRAL	14	14	10	1	3	
NORTH CENTRAL	2	2		1	1	
NORTH WEST	5	5		2	3	
TOTALS		23	12	4	7	0

Recycling Services

Work is ongoing on repainting Waste Management Services stock of bottle banks in storage when weather permits with a view to replacing unsightly bottle banks in public spaces.

Waste Management Services are currently designing a suite of new and uniform signage for all bring centres. Designs have been finalised and signs have now been ordered. It is anticipated that the new signs will be rolled out to all bring centres by the end of the year. Following on from this work will begin on designing new signage for all on-street bring bank locations. As part of this project QR codes will be included on new signage to facilitate real time reporting of overflowing banks, illegal dumping or other issues.

Compost Demonstration Site

Waste Management Services are working with Parks and Biodiversity to create a composting demonstration site within St. Anne's Park. The demonstration site aims to encourage residents to try home composting and showcase the various types of units available. The site is due to be installed in October. Signage has been created with a QR code that links to a dedicated composting webpage (please find the link [here](#)).

Seasonal Leaf Fall Collection

Waste Management Services have been engaged in the seasonal work of removing leaves from road channels, cycle ways and footpath surfaces, right across the city. In addition, the waste management department have collected a considerable quantity of leaves from community groups and up until now some 604 tonne of leaves have been collected and disposed of for composting. During the week end of the 18th/19th November some 4500 bags of leaves were collected from community groups in the North of the city. The Waste Management staff are still facilitating community clean ups as we approach the end of the leaf fall season, and will continue to do so, until all community leaf collection bags are collected. So far in 2022 collection weights are up 50% on the same period of time in 2021, primarily driven by weather effects.

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 programme has commenced for the 2022/23 school year. 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 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. Installation of the wormery bins will be completed by the end of December 2022 and training will be provided to participating schools.

The programme has recently been awarded a Pakman Award in the category of Environmental Education and Awareness Initiative.

The Relove Fashion Competition 2022-23 has launched. Secondary school students are invited to take a deeper look at how their clothing is made and use creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending. Information packs have been sent to secondary schools and registration is now open for entries. Entrants will have until January 2023 to make their submissions. The grand final of the competition is expected to take place in March 2023 at the Rediscovery Centre. Please visit www.relofefashion.ie for more information

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 Waste Management Services staff and An Taisce. Schools were invited to attend an online information seminar on Tuesday 18th October, which was very well attended, particularly by schools becoming involved with the programme for the first time. For further information, please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

Rubbish Film Festival

Dublin City Council will pilot the Rubbish Film Festival for the 2022/23 academic year. DCC will partner with Createschool and 5 other Local Authorities in the region on this project. 15 DCC secondary schools will be invited to submit a short 'One minute Film' focussing on litter prevention and responsible consumption. Schools will receive onsite learning and support to help students produce their entries.

Halloween Response Group

Waste Management were pleased with the response of all stakeholders in the removal of bonfire material across the city in Halloween 2022. Initial figures of material removed in advance of Halloween from waste management and area offices totalled 441 tonnes. That figure is down on 2021, when 515 tonnes was collected. The corresponding figure for 2020 was 550 tonnes.

Dublin City Council's Halloween Response Group was led by the Waste Management Services section and included Parks, Housing, Area Offices and Dublin Fire Brigade. The Group worked

closely with An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council began collecting material as early as late August and ramped up collections in the 10 days leading up to Halloween, when on-call out of hours crews were available North and Southside.

Dublin City Council is satisfied that its efforts in collecting bonfire material and organising more than 60 events across the city on the night itself, helped to make Halloween 2022 a success. A debrief and review of activity will take place in the coming weeks with all stakeholders.

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 and 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.

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. Construction of secure bin storage units is now underway following delays due to the replacement of key personnel in Housing Maintenance.

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.

Collections of Bulky Household waste was paused for the Halloween period to limit risk of additional bonfire material presented in public streets.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards 2022 /IPB Pride of Place Competition

City Neighbourhoods Awards 2022 Schools Awards

The final stage of the City Neighbourhoods Awards, the schools category takes place in the Mansion House on the 2nd December 2022.

The finalists are:

Central Area: St. Vincent's GNS

North Central: Scoil Bríde Junior N.S.

North West: Trinity Comprehensive

South Central: St. Francis C.B.S.

South East: St. Declan's Special School

IPB Pride of Place 2022

4 groups were entered for the competition this year.

- Ballymun Health & Fitness,
- Dublin 7 Community Alliance,
- Inchicore Environmental Group
- Raheny Tidy Village Group

Judging took place on the 22nd and 23rd August 2022.

IPB Pride of Place Awards 2023 – Dublin City Council will host the 2023 awards in the Clayton Conference Centre, Burlington Road.

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. Consultants were appointed to the project on the 4th July 2022. Data collection and analysis, as well as stakeholder consultation, has commenced recently. Required surveys are currently being scoped and will commence in the coming months.

- 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. The Protection of Water Bodies Office is currently reviewing draft designs for two of the sites. Draft designs for the remaining sites are scheduled to be submitted to the Protection of Water Bodies Office throughout October to December.
- 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. On site work is expected to commence this month.

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 ran 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 trial of 'smart signage' was recently installed at Sandymount & Dollymount Strand and is ongoing. 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.

A bathing water summary report will be prepared following the close of the 2022 Bathing Season. The report will provide an overview of results, warnings and communications received during the season. The report will be published on the Dublin City Council website once finalised.

Drainage Planning

In addition to providing drainage input on planning applications, including LRDs, we are advising on LAPs, SDZs and capital schemes. 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

These new policies are now live as is a requirement for Surface Water Management Plans and for Basement Impact Assessments where applicable. The focus now shifts to ensuring the widespread use of the guidance documents and implementing the new policies.

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 completed. Flood alleviation options such as storage, walls, embankments and de-culverting are currently being computer modelled. A further public consultation is planned in January 2023 following the successful ones in June.
- 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. Liaison with large stakeholders is ongoing on possible flood storage areas in DCC and SDCC.
- Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website www.camacfas.ie

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 attended the Let's Go! Net Zero Cities Launch in Brussels on June 13th. The organisers provided opportunities for city representatives to engage with each other and the Net Zero Cities team to understand the challenges facing cities and to identify opportunities. A meeting was arranged with our appointed city advisor and this was attended by the Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive.

The Climate Action Team participated in the Limerick Symposium organised by Limerick City Council to initiate a dialogue on the National Network and how the Mission can benefit Irish cities and Ireland in achieving National Climate Objectives. A meeting was held with Thomas Osdoba to discuss the Mission and how Net Zero Cities will support Dublin City Council. Climate Action Team is developing the work plan for developing our Climate City Contract.

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 EMRWMPD 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. Work is ongoing on the food strategy and input is being sought from experts

DCC's Application to the Public Sector Innovation Fund – Climate Resilient Housing has been funded. In partnership with City Architects, the project will be investigating how we use digital twins to inform retrofit decisions.

The project is nearing completion and a final report is being prepared for PER which will include a plan for future activities, such as a launch of the report.

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 implemented in Dublin and Seoul. The study visit in September saw Brendan O'Brien- Head of Technical Services, Les Moore - Head of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services, and Christopher Manzira - Deputy Director for Active Travel Programme represent Dublin in Seoul. The visit was productive and the development of urban cooperation action is underway. Representatives from Seoul will visit Dublin at the end of January, due to the tragedy in Seoul the visit was postponed. Planning is underway for this event with support from the European Project Support Office.

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 guidelines have been released.

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.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2022 happened in partnership with FCC, DLR, SDCC, CARO and Codema in the week of September 12th. An important event during the week occurred on September 15th – the launch of the Climate Campaigners App. The app presents residents of the city with lifestyle challenges that they may undertake to contribute to climate action. We are currently engaging people to download the app and start their Climate Challenges. We encourage, as a demonstration of support, for councillors and city staff to download the app and share via social media the challenges they are undertaking to reduce their emissions.

The Climate Action Team participated in panel discussions on the Circular Economy for Economic Developments' SoCircular Event and Furthr Festival. The opportunities were used to draw attention to the upcoming Circular Hotspot 2023.

The Climate Action Team and the Economic Development team successfully secured €250,000 in funding from the Shared Island Fund to undertake a feasibility study with Belfast City Council on 'A Connected Circular Economy'. The project is expected to take 12 months to complete and will endeavour to identify opportunities that have yet to be explored in the circular economy and to identify physical infrastructure needs to support a robust circular economy between Dublin city and Belfast city.

Climate Action Regional Office

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 which is aimed at staff involved in developing the green procurement strategy in local authorities commenced in late September.

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. The training programme was developed by CARO in conjunction with the LASNTG and other expert partners such as Climate Ireland. Two days of training for local authority climate teams to assist in developing the Climate Action Plan were held in Mullingar on Nov 22nd and Thurles on 29th with over 100 LA staff from around the country attending. Further events will be planned in 2023 to assist the sector. Further information is available on the CARO website <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/training>

The Actioning Policy pillar for training specialist groups will continue across 2022 and 2023.

The Dublin CARO alongside the DLAs and Codema ran a successful 2nd Dublin Climate Action week DCAW22 from September 12th to 17th. More info at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie
The Dublin Climate Action Week was shortlisted in the 2022 LA Awards and CARO representatives along with Dublin LA climate team members attended the awards event in Santry on November 24th.

The Línite na Farrage Project was formally launched in Galway on 29th September. Dublin CARO collaborated with Local Authorities, artists and 3rd level institutes and other partners on this project which is one of 15 Creative Ireland Climate Action funded projects. It consists of illuminations of LED horizontal lines to represent future sea-level and storm surges. The lights were placed at the Spanish Arch, Ard Bia at Nimmos and along the Claddagh Basin. The installation is powered by PV panels that are situated on the roof of the Spanish Arch building. The project was covered extensively in the media (www.rte.ie/news/regional/2022/0929/1326108-galway-lights-storms/).

A second installation was launched in Wexford town on 28th October with another installation is planned for Dublin early in 2023. The CARO is working to progress communications and engagement activities related to the project and sea level rise which are due to commence in early 2023.

The templates for completion of the third annual Climate Change Action Plans progress report were issued to the four DLAs. The Dublin CARO compiled CARO actions for this report and reviewed the final document prior to submission to DECC.

The Dublin CARO team is working with CARO colleagues across the country to complete the 2022 Annual Report. This will be published in late December.

The CARO has also been working with all 4 Dublin climate teams to assist in the recoupment of salary and project costs from DECC in relation to work on the Local Authority Climate Action Plans. DECC will agree a Service Level Agreement and payment with LAs before year end.

CARO are part of a steering group member to the GAA Green Clubs programme which is finishing its pilot Phase 1 at present with 45 clubs across the island of Ireland. A successful meeting was held with DECC regarding further support and funding for the programme under the National Sustainable Development Goals Implementation plan. A steering group meeting was held at the end of October with a formal launch of Phase 2 planned for December 3rd in Croke Park.

CARO continue their work in supporting research on climate change. A representative from CARO attended quarterly meetings of the Climate Research Coordination Group meeting chaired by the Environmental Protection Agency throughout 2022. The latest meeting was on 17th November.

The CARO coordinator chaired a session of the Talx end of project Worksop in Radisson St Helens on Nov 24th. The project was a transboundary climate adaptation project with organisations across Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England sharing adaptation experience.

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 seventh edition was published in late September and the next edition will be end of 2022. There are over 700 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 Kylemore Park during June and the data can be viewed online at <https://dublincityairandnoise.ie/>

An introduction for the Air View Project in collaboration with Google is being written. Details of the project can be accessed here <https://medium.com/google-earth/using-hyperlocal-air-quality-data-to-improve-dubliners-lives-and-health-45a1db0404>

The project will go fully live to the public in Q1 2023.

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. 10 of those awaiting are at a final design stage. Schools in 30 km/h roads were initially prioritized for treatment.

In 2021 the nationwide **Safe Routes To School Programme (SRTS)** was launched. For this programme the designs go beyond the school gate to school routes and proposed elements include front of school improvements, improved crossings, road signage, green infrastructure, road surfacing, and provision of cycle parking infrastructure. Dublin City Council are working in partnership with Green-Schools to deliver and support this project. There are 2 rounds in the delivery of SRTS. 27 Schools in Dublin City are in Round 1 and 23 in subsequent rounds.

On October 17th 2022 Minister Eamon Ryan announced an acceleration in the delivery of the Safe Routes To School (Item 23 Scheme [*Pathfinder – 35 new schemes to boost public transport, cycling walking.*](#)) This is the current priority for the School Mobility Programme. Under this accelerated SRTS DCC have identified 10 locations where for front of school gate treatment for 13 SRTS schools and 3 adjacent schools. The City Transport Projects Team are currently working with National Transport Authority Cycling Design Office on the designs. Once draft designs are finalised in the coming months they will be available for Schools to share with their community and for public viewing on Citizen Space. Designs have been developed for 4 locations covering 8 schools and will be presented to schools and communities and local area offices in early December. The designs for the remaining 6 locations will be completed over December.

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.

We are maintaining contact with all schools in regards to the status of their SZ and responding to all requests for updates

E-bike Loan Scheme for Staff

The Environment & Transport Department are trialling an e-bike loan scheme for staff to encourage more staff to cycle to work. While electric bikes make cycling accessible to a broader group of people they are expensive to buy. This scheme gives participants the opportunity to take an e-bike home and try using it for various journeys for a month to see what it's like to own one. For participants interested in buying an e-bike at the end of the scheme, they are available through the Cycle to Work Scheme.

The Active Travel (AcT) Programme – Walk-Wheel-Cycle Network

The Active Travel Programme Office is facing challenges to increase staff resources. Notwithstanding this, recruitment is currently underway for Cycling and Walking Officers. Additional site supervision staff to manage projects going to construction joined in November 2022. The office continues to engage with our Human Resources section on the recruitment of additional personnel.

Work activities along the network are gathering momentum, in terms of construction, public consultation and design. Thirteen interim walking and cycling schemes are currently underway in various stage of progression and significant works will appear on the ground early in 2022.

Interim Walking & Cycling Schemes

Interim Walking & Cycling schemes are proposed to be implemented along a number of routes within the Active Travel Network. These schemes will be implemented over the next two to three years and will remain in place until the permanent ones are delivered. Constraints assessments will be carried out on all the routes to assess which ones are suitable for interim measures. Some interim schemes will encompass the entire length of the proposed route, whilst others will only comprise of sections due to site constraints.

The schemes will provide different interim measures, possibly including new road markings and protection using kerbs and/or bollards. There may be changes to traffic layout and improvements for pedestrians with new signalised crossings and narrowing of side roads to facilitate safer crossing of junctions.

Public Consultation of Interim Walking & Cycling schemes

Suir Road to Thomas Street

The scheme was on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub in Oct/ Nov and has received 43 submissions to date. A Public Information day took place on 24th November in the F2 Fatima Centre 3 Reuben Plaza, Rialto. Members of the community were invited to drop in to view the project proposals and meet the design team. Members of the public can make submissions until 2nd Dec, 2022. A full report on the Public Consultation submissions and Public Information Day will be prepared and uploaded to the Hub. Installation of the scheme is planned to commence in early 2023.

Merrion Street Upper, Merrion Square West, Merrion Street Lower

The scheme was on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub in Oct and received over 30 submissions by the closing date of 17th October, 2022. The feedback on the Consultation is currently being reviewed and considered. A full report on the Public Consultation is being prepared and will be uploaded to the Hub.

Public engagement in relation to four other schemes are expected to commence later in 2022 with designs drawings posted on the Dublin City Public Consultation Hub and Information leaflets distributed in the local areas.

- **North Circular Road (from Dorset St Lwr to Amiens St) & Hanlon's Corner**
Note: A Public Information Session is to be held for Hanlon's Corner junction in December. The time and venue, once confirmed will be communicated to the Area Office and local community groups.

- Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd
Note: A permanent walking and cycling scheme for a 1km section of Ratoath Road between Westwood Road and Ratoath Avenue is to be advanced ahead of the full permanent scheme for Ratoath Road.
- Howth Rd, from Station Rd to James Larkin Rd
- Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Rd.

Design and Procurement of Interim Walking & Cycling Schemes

Liffey Cycle Route

Contractors Cairn Construction have been appointed to undertake the interim cycling improvement measures along Eden Quay (0.25km section) from O'Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge/Beresford Place. Installation works are proposed to commence in January 2023.

Preliminary designs have been prepared for interim cycling improvements measures along George's, Burgh, Aston & Crampton Quays (0.8km) from Talbot Memorial Bridge to the Ha'penny Bridge. Public engagement in relation to this section of the Liffey Cycle Route is proposed to commence Q1 2023.

Concept designs are currently underway and Public engagement is anticipated in Q1 2023 for the following schemes:

- Parnell Street to College Green
- Gracefield Road/ Brookwood Avenue
- Clonskeagh Road, Sandford Road, Ranelagh Road
- Grand Canal to Lincoln Place
- Trinity to Ballsbridge
- Kimmage Rd West to Clogher Rd
The scheme scope and extents are currently under review. Phase 1 will be progressed initially which is from Sundrive Road through Eamonn Ceannt Park to Rutland Avenue. Public engagement in relation to Phase 1 scheme is expected to commence in Q1 2023.
- Dodder Greenway Interim Scheme
The Interim Dodder Greenway Project traverses Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and South Dublin City Council linking Ringsend with Dodder Road Lower. Designs are being advanced along 5 sections where interim interventions are achievable, and coordination with internal stakeholders is ongoing. These locations are Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road, Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park, Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road, Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road and Orwell Road to Dodder Road Lower. The interim scheme has a prospective timeline of two years.

Construction

Construction works started on the **Dodder Greenway – Herbert Park to Donnybrook** in October, bringing the total number of projects in construction to three. Significant progress was also made in preparation for the award of a fourth construction contract.

The construction of the **Clontarf to City Centre Project** is progressing very well. The Contractor now averages 70 operatives across 19 crews working along Amiens Street through to Alfie Byrne Road. The traffic diversion in place has enabled the Contractor to progress works on multiple work fronts over nearly the full length of the scheme, and the Contractor has moved to the outbound side of the junction with Alfie Byrne Road. In order to carry a number of road crossings and road reconstruction, week end and night time works have been carried out, regular notifications of these works were sent out via DCC's social media accounts, and to the C2CC Consultative Forum which includes local Councillors, and representatives from residents and businesses. Other works carried out during the month include resetting antique kerbing and new granite kerbing installations, construction works at three bus stops including installation of three bus shelters, the bus stops at Clontarf Road (at the bottle bank) and Amiens Street near the five lamps are now in use. Approximately 30% of the new retaining wall to the front of James Larkin House is at road level. Pavement flags are being installed on the inbound side of Amiens Street aiming to open to the public soon. Four trees pits have been installed along Amiens Street. Watermain and ducting installation works are also progressing well.

Substantially completed works include the pedestrian walkway in Fairview Park from Howth Road through to the Tolka River which is now open for public use. The footway and cycle way at Clontarf Promenade is now also open to the public.

The works on the **Grand Canal Scheme** (from Suir Road to Leeson Street) are also progressing well. The Herberton Road junction with Dolphin Road will be completed by the end of January 2023. The remainder of the works along Dolphin Road will be completed early 2023. Dolphins Barn to Leeson Street will commence in the New Year, and is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2023.

A contractor was appointed for the construction of the **Dodder Greenway (Herbert Park to Donnybrook Road) Project** in September 2022 and works commenced in October 2022. A communication plan for the project preceding construction was implemented. This included a leaflet drop to local residents and businesses. The project involves the construction of a 4m wide shared greenway which will run along the bank on the west side of the River Dodder, ensuring full connectivity from Eglinton Terrace and Anglesey Bridge. The main works to date have involved the construction of a haul road from the entrance at Eglinton Terrace to facilitate access through the site. Works have been completed in the river involving the placing of stone along a short stretch of the river bank to facilitate construction of the piling mat.

The National Transport Authority Board and Dublin City Council's Corporate Projects Governance Board have approved **Royal Canal Phase 3** to proceed to construction. The preferred tenderer is selected, and currently we are finalising necessary contractual documents, to enable us to appoint the preferred tenderer before end 2022. The Central Area Committee received a presentation on the project from the project team on 12th October 2022. Project information leaflets are being prepared, and will be distributed throughout the local area.

Design and Procurement of Permanent Schemes

A number of permanent schemes are at various stages of planning and design. A detailed update on these is provided in the quarterly report, Report No. 245/2022. The headline activities on these projects during November are as follows;

In line with the Public Spending Code requirements, a Strategic Assessment Report for the Liffey Corridor was completed and submitted to the NTA and Dublin City Council's Corporate Projects Governance Board for approval in November 2022. The project will next progress to the options selection stage pending approval of the Strategic Assessment Report.

The Preliminary Business Case for the Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre Walking and Cycle scheme was approved by the NTA Board on 21st October 2022. It has now been submitted to the DCC Corporate Projects Governance Board. It is intended to proceed to non-statutory public consultation on the project in Q1 2023; in advance of the consultation the loading strategy is being formulated.

The route option selection and design work commenced for the Santry Greenway in July 2022 and is expected to be completed within a 24 month period. A series of public engagement events were held with the local communities and elected representatives in September 2022 and October 2022.

The Fitzwilliam Cycle Route project is expected to go to tender in December 2022. Construction is expected to commence in Q2 2023 and will take twelve months to complete.

The detailed design of Royal Canal Phase 4 to Ashtown has been finalised. An amending Part 8 is required in relation to some modifications to the scheme. Construction is planned to commence in Q4 2023 pending Part 8 approval.

The multi-disciplinary design team is now mobilised for the Sir John Rogerson Quay project, and the design is being progressed taking into consideration constraints for the site. The first non-statutory public consultation was completed in November 2022. It is expected that a Part 8 Planning application will be submitted in mid-2023.

The design proposal for S2S Clontarf Baths was presented to Elected Members from the Clontarf Ward on 17th October. However, progress has been paused to allow further investigation on land ownership.

On the Rathmines to Milltown project, design options are being progressed, and it is expected that public consultation will commence in Q1 2023.

The Chesterfield Avenue Project involves the upgrade of walking and cycle facilities in the Phoenix Park between Castleknock and Conyngham Road/Parkgate Street in a manner that is in keeping with the vision for the park into the future. Active travel are currently liaising with the OPW on the preparation of Tender Documents for the engagement of a multi-disciplinary Consultant. This request for tender is envisaged to be issued in Q4 2022.

The North Circular Road Project aims to provide high-quality segregated cycling facilities along a 5.5km route from Infirmary Road at the junction with Conyngham Road and Parkgate Street to Seville Place at the junction with Guild Street. The project will be delivered in zones, and options are currently being developed for Zone 1-Seville Place (Guild Street to Amien Street). Public Consultation on the options is envisaged to progress in Dec 2022.

The option selection process has been completed on the Finglas Village Improvement Scheme. Public consultation is expected to commence late in Q1 2023

On the Finglas Area Roundabouts Scheme, the Preliminary Design has been completed on the Jamestown Road Roundabout with detailed design commencing. The tender documents have been prepared for the McKee Avenue/St Margarets Road/Lidl with approval to proceed awaited from the funding body.

Water Bottle Filling stations

As part of the initial pilot scheme three water bottle refill stations were purchased. One unit has been installed in Clarendon Row with another unit to be included as part of the public realm improvement scheme on Adelaide Road and the final unit will be included in the Temple Bar Square Area Improvement Scheme. The feedback and learning from this pilot scheme will inform any wider rollout.

Dublin City Council are looking to install more internal water fillers at library locations, to extend the initial three units that were installed in Ballyfermot, Walkinstown and Raheny which are available for the public to use. We are also looking into the possibility of including external wall mounted water stations on suitable DCC buildings.

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 has now reached its final stage. During a series of Council Meetings on 2nd and 3rd November 2022, the Elected Members agreed to make the City Development Plan 2022-2028. The Plan will come into effect on the 14th December 2022.

At present, extensive work is being 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 online by the 14th December 2022, with desktop published hard copies to follow at a later date.

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.

The Environment Department has a policy for river corridors 10-15m wide on all rivers within the city where reasonably possible and 10-25m width on the Camac River where reasonably possible. This has benefits to improve the river environment, reduce flood risk, improve water quality and improve amenity values.

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 implementation of the NTA's Bus Connects Network Redesign has commenced, resolving key transportation concerns and opening up new opportunities for an enhanced project at this this location. A Strategic Assessment has been completed and approval has been given to develop a preliminary design for the expanded project, which will stretch from Trinity College to the junction of South Great Georges St. Work is on-going in preparing the tender documents to procure a Multi-disciplinary design team, who will use the work carried out as part of the original design proposals as a basis for the revised design.
2.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	The preliminary design has been completed and the Part 8 application is under preparation. The project was presented at the November SEAC meeting, with the intention to lodge the Part 8 before the end of the year noted.
3.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk Street	DCC	DCC	This project has not progressed while waiting to resolve cycling and outdoor dining issues.
4.	Cathal Brugha Street/Findlater Place	DCC	DCC	A Landscape Contractor has nearly completed the site investigations to determine the location of the existing tree roots.
5.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAAF/N TA	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	The design team have been asked to prepare a technical report to identify the feasibility/design constraints associated with

				developing a bridge at the original Forbes St location. This will then be brought to Irish Rail and the NTA for review with respect to the future DART Underground plans.
7.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	Following on from a meeting with the NTA, the design team are preparing a position paper outlining where the project is and where it goes next.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
8.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	DCC	The Invitation to Tender for the Main Works was issued on Friday 18 th November 2022. The Main Works (e.g. repaving, public lighting, green infrastructure etc) will commence in 2023 with completion in 2024.
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	The main contract has been awarded to Via Mercanti Ltd, trading as Cairn Construction and works are expected to start on site in January 2023. A framework of 7 contractors has been established for construction works between €1 million and € 5 million.
11.	Castle Street /Cork Hill	DCC	DCC	This project was not included in the Capital Programme 2022-24.

	Improvement Scheme			
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 2020. 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. New Environmental data on public display from 19 th May to 30 th June 2022 in DCC and SDCC. A response from ABP is due within the next few weeks.
13.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECOM	<p>Environmental and topographical surveys substantially completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment scenarios ongoing. Website www.camacfas.ie Environmental surveys have revealed more significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded.</p> <p>Preliminary flood extent maps from computer model finalised. Preliminary flood alleviation options scenario's being computer modelled. 50 boreholes and 10 trial pits being procured in DCC and SDCC. Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation in Q1 2023.</p>
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 and costed. Liaison with LA stakeholders on preliminary options ongoing. Further public consultation planned in January 2023.
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)	<p>Detailed design at 17 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed.</p> <p>This project has recently transferred the PWB Office to manage to the Construction stage. Construction has commenced.</p>

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. Environmental submissions sent to An Bord Pleanála one submission received regarding Archaeological monitoring and mitigating environmental measures. DCC responded on 22 nd November 2022.
18.	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.
19.	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	Design work on the replacement of the roundabout with a signalised junction is well advanced. It is proposed to implement the signalisation of the junction in 2023.
20.	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.
21.	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. A planning application including EIAR was submitted to ABP in June 2022. A decision is expected at the end of November. The consultant's appointment may be extended, subject to agreement on fees, to cover detailed design and procurement of a contractor.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2.	ARUP DCC	OPW	Aug 2007	Dec 2022	Programmed completion Q4 2022. Flood defence operational.
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. Investigating options for sealing 13m gap in flood defences on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. Consulting major stakeholders. Proposal sent to OPW for approval in July 2022. OPW approved proposal. Procurement of flood defences and contractor ongoing.
3	Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	Apr 2023	Works are continuing on the new surface and foul drainage and public lighting networks within Sillogue Gardens. The internal footpaths and parking areas have also now commenced.
4	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	March 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.
5.	Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue	DCC	Coffey Construction Ltd.	Oct 2021	March 2023	Construction of the civil works scheme is well advanced. Surfacing works will commence in November and the landscaping scheme will go to tender.
6.	Fitzwilliam Quay	DCC	Cunningham Civil & Marine	Nov 2021	Feb 2022	Reduction of seepage through sea wall and painting completed. Snagging ongoing. Investigating sacrificial anodes to further protect sheet piles.
7.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	Cairn Construction	Jan 2022	July 2022	Two new granite benches have been ordered for the scheme, and will be installed before the end of the year. The Developer of the Chatham Court building has received planning permission to alter their entrances on Chatham St, which requires the

						footpath to be reconstructed locally at Chatham St and Clarendon Row. This work will be carried out by the Developer at their own expense and is expected to be carried out in January 2023.
8.	River Road Wall	DCC	John Cradock Ltd	Nov 2021	Oct 2022	Construction works have been completed and the road was reopened to traffic on 18 th October 2022
9.	Traffic Works – Package 7 Lot 2	DCC	Actavo	Dec 2022	March 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.

Planning & Property Development

1. New Policy/Strategic

The new City Development Plan 2022-28, was approved by the City Council on 2nd November, following a 2 year intensive consultation process. The new plan must provide for a population increase from approx. 550,000 in 2016 up to 640,000 by 2028. The core strategy provides for approximately 40,000 new homes over the next 6 years, with associated employment, together with social and physical infrastructure.

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"> • CE Report on Cllr motions circulated to members on the 25th of October. • Special Council meetings took place on the 1st and 2nd of November, and plan was adopted. • Notification in accordance with Section 31(AM) (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) issued to the Office of the Planning Regulator. 	Plan will take effect 14 th December.
Ballymun LAP	<p>LAP extension CE report on the extension of the LAP agreed at October Council meeting</p> <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. FCC CE report recommends rezoning in line with changes sought. <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sillogue Avenue link road opened. Work on Sillogue Gardens upgrade, continues on-site, due for completion end of year. • Agreed with City Engineer to progress design of Carton Terrace/ Balbutcher Lane realignment to enable Bus Connects and housing site. 	<p>Infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring option to deliver Carton Terrace road as part of PPP.

	<p>Commercial/ Main Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Summer 2022 shopping centre: second pilot temporary event held—circus Received well locally. • Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date. <p>Parks/ Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter sent to City Farm re size of site sought. <p>Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: (Ref. 3926/22). Planning granted Sept 2022 (93 no. units) • 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 submitted affordable housing subvention application. • Site 25: O’Cualann. Site divided into 2: Phase 1 for (36 no.) senior citizens granted planning Aug 22. Phase 2 pre-planning discussions held. • 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>Commercial/ Main St:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Soft launch of site 1B to progress, Nov 22. • Site 26, Enterprise, to be offered to the market, Nov 22. • Plaza: On Parks capital programme for 2023/25. <p>Parks/open space</p> <p>Further engagement with City Farm required and meeting with Cllrs. Masterplanning exercise for Site 14 being carried out.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Site 10: to go to tender by year end 2022. Sites 5, 15-18: Design team to be in place by year end 2022. Sites 12 & 14: to be submitted for planning by year end 2022. Site 14 Masterplanning exercise underway (re. Farm). Site 21: expected on site 2023. Site 25: Phase 2 (44 houses & crèche) to be lodged for planning before year end 2022. Issues of taking in charge, land ownership, parking for park on-going. Site 19: FI requested in Planning Resolve land ownership with Church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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<p>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Affordable Housing Part 8 approved Oct 2022 (172 no. dwellings). • Site 2: PPP design team in place. 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 granted by An Bord Pleanála in Dec 21 for 750 no. apartments, 750 sq.m. retail / commercial, and a crèche. • Cherry Orchard Park: DCC Parks are engaging with Implementation team on redesign for park. • Site 3B: update: CDETB re St. Oliver's Training Centre to remain on site. 	<p>Site 1: Update on timing for next stage to be provided. Site 2: PPP Design ongoing, exploring option to masterplan for affordable housing. Site 4 & 5: LDA design ongoing in consultation with DCC. Site 6: Not yet on site Cherry Orchard Park: Design ongoing - local consultation to be held in Dec 2022.</p> <p>DES timeline for new school to be sought.</p>
<p>Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019. • DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library. 	<p>LIHAF and NTA funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently on site. Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.</p>
<p>Finglas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luas: Finglas LUAS TII EIA scoping request completed, June 22. • Jamestown: Variation No.33 incl. SDRA for Jamestown, adopted 14th June 2021. 10 November 2022 – Landowner briefing held 11 November 2022 – Councillor briefing held. • Jamestown Masterplan. Finalisation of Key Components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Street hierarchy. Luas Finglas interface. School Site. Open space & green infrastructure. Community facilities. 	<p>On-going engagement with TII on Finglas Luas</p> <p>DCC to collate all Masterplan information and finalise.</p> <p>Meeting to be held Nov/Dec 2022 with all landowners. Meetings ongoing with DES</p> <p>JR of ABP SHD permission for Jamestown Village sought.</p>
<p>North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, ABP now reconsidering the heights amendment application. • Further to recent DOCF meeting, separate meeting to be held in relation to developments in the wider Docklands area. 	<p>Await outcome of process.</p> <p>Date tbc</p>

<p>Poolbeg West SDZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PWDZ3406/22; 356 apartments and mixed uses (Phase 1b). request for Clarification of Further Info issued • Phase 2; Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme (PWSDZ4058/22). Further info requested <p>Phase A; Mixed use scheme fronting Sth Bank Road.</p>	<p>Await formal submission of CFI</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p>
<p>Public Realm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Anne's St/ Duke St/ Lemon St. Presented to Area Committee at November meeting. It is hoped to lodge Part 8 early December. • Francis Street is nearing completion. • Liffey St Project initiated with winning bidder. Construction to be onsite early 2023 • Temple Bar Square went to tender responses due Dec 16th with a view to onsite Q1 2023. Cathal Burgha Street investigations complete and temporary surface applied. There is ongoing engagement with largescale private development to achieve gains in public realm. 	<p>Initiate Part 8.</p> <p>To be completed Q4 or early 2023.</p> <p>Award Construction Tender</p> <p>This will advance to Part 8 in 2023 by followed by Barrow Street construction and Suffolk St, Meath Street Part 8.</p>
<p>Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender for design services to develop construction tender documents for conservation and refurbishment. A preferred bidder has been identified. 	<p>A range of meanwhile uses are agreed. The building will be open for a Living History Project in early Dec and other events are currently being evaluated like Lunar Festival and St Patricks Day Event. The next meeting of the Members Advisory Group will be November 26th.</p>
<p>O' Connell Street Special Scheme of Planning Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved scheme now available online. 	<p>Prescribed bodies and public being notified.</p>
<p>Urban Regeneration and Development Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary business cases being prepared for DHLGH. 	<p>Anticipated that preliminary business cases will be submitted to 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"> • report submitted to ABP on rail Order 	<p>Await outcome</p>

	DART +SOUTH WEST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions with Irish Rail in advance of Railway Order. 	December 2022 - Rail Order to be lodged.
	DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line) <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.
	DART + Coastal SOUTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting in June. 	Upcoming meeting 22 nd Nov in relation to changes at level crossings.
Metrolink	7 October 2022 Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. .	25 November 2022 submission deadline.
BusConnects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC 1 Clongriffin to City Centre. CBC 2 Belfield to Blackrock. CBC 3 Blanchardstown to City Centre. CBC 4 Liffey Valley to City Centre. CBC 5 Ballymun to City Centre 	<p>CBC 1 to 4 - DCC Corporate response issued to An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>30 October - Deadline for submission to An Bord Pleanála</p>
Finglas LUAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option. Comments issued on preferred route 31st January 2022. 	<p>Monthly preliminary/planning meetings on going.</p> <p>Lodgement of Railway Order Q2 2023.</p>
Gulistan Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masterplan agreed & design process commenced. 	<p>Consultation with Clúid (AHB) ongoing.</p> <p>Update Masterplan issued to Housing Department and being incorporated into the design of the Cluid residential scheme on southern part of site.</p> <p>Latest design iterations presented to the Area Committee on 12th October 2022. Proposals on display in Rathmines Library Nov 22-25th.</p>

2. Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage																						
<p>Active Land Management</p> <p>Derelict Sites Register</p>	<p>Compulsory Acquisitions 2 Ranelagh, D6 A Notice of Intention to Acquire Compulsorily the above derelict site was made on 1/6/2022. The last day for objections was 1/07/2022.</p> <p>162-165 James's Street D8 A Notice of Intention to Acquire Compulsorily the above derelict site was made on 23/08/2022.</p>	<p>Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanala.</p> <p>Keep under review. 162-165 James's St. D8 One objection was received stating that the sale and the purchaser's plans to subsequently develop the site are both at an advanced stage. In light of same the acquisition has been deferred.</p> <p>Compulsory Acquisition A further four derelict sites being considered for possible acquisition.</p>																						
<p>Vacant Sites Register</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to 206 sites. • Notices of Entry have issued in relation to 138 sites. • 161 submissions have been received to date. • 43 sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register as of (26/10/2022). 13 of which are in City Council ownership. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">2018 Demands</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paid</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€649,350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancelled</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€1,723,050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refunded</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-€66,450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€629,700</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Total Demanded: €2,935,650</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">2019 Demands</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paid</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€677,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancelled</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€1,948,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€3,512,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Total Demanded: €6,138,300</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	2018 Demands		Paid	€649,350	Cancelled	€1,723,050	Refunded	-€66,450	Outstanding	€629,700	Total Demanded: €2,935,650		2019 Demands		Paid	€677,600	Cancelled	€1,948,100	Outstanding	€3,512,600	Total Demanded: €6,138,300		<p>Residential Zoned Land Tax: The Vacant Sites Levy is being replaced with a Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) which was enacted under the Finance Act 2021. This new tax is designed to release land for the construction of housing and will impose a tax on zoned, serviced residential development lands (including mixed-use lands) that are not actively being developed. A draft map showing the lands in scope for the tax was published on the 1st November 2022 and the public and landowners can make submissions on it until 1st January 2023. The tax will be collected by the Revenue Commissioners from 2024</p>
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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. • 11- 14 Exchange Street Lower & 11 Essex Street West Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development), Order 2022. • Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street Area Compulsory (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2019. • Werburgh Street CPO Project Steering Group formed with OPW to progress the CPO. 	<p>Awaiting decision of ABP</p> <p>Exchange Street The CPO was published on 11th November, 2022.</p> <p>The Council has full possession of the site. Housing & Community Services intend developing the site.</p>																				
<p>City Valuers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Relocation of Marckiewicz Leisure Centre – Negotiations with TII. • Building search for Stanley Street/Civil Defence Depot. Negotiations with Rohan Group at North City Business Park. • 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 OPW re disposal of site at Belcamp for new Garda Station including acquisition of Coolock Garda Station. 																					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with claimant re Derelict Site at Richmond Avenue. Negotiations on move of Ballymun Kickhams to Ballymun Central. 	
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3. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage										
<p>Record Protected Structures</p>	<p>Section 12: On the 2nd November 2022, Dublin City Council adopted the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 including Volume 4 Record of Protected Structures comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 101 proposed additions, 55 proposed clarifications 3 proposed deletions <p>Section 55: On the 7th November 2022 the City Council adopted by resolution that the six structures listed below be added to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4-8 Henry Place, Dublin 1 17-18 Henry Place, Dublin 1 10 Moore Street, Dublin 1 12 Moore Street, Dublin 1 13 Moore Street, Dublin 1 20-21 Moore Street, Dublin 1 	<p>The DCDP 2022-2028, including the RPS comes into operation on 14th December 2022</p> <p>These have been added to the list of additions, deletions & clarifications on the City Council website.</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. A total of 56 BHIS projects were approved by the Department.</p> <p>DCC Conservation Section received an allocation of €350,000 for 5 HSF projects listed in the table below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">29 Ormond Quay Lower, Dublin 1</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">€50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">20 Dominick Street, Dublin 7</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">€100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">37 Thomas Court, Dublin 8</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">€100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">134 Thomas Street, Dublin 8</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">€50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">34 Main Street, Chapelizod, Dublin 20</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">€50,000</td> </tr> </table>	29 Ormond Quay Lower, Dublin 1	€50,000	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	<p>Full recoupment of grant funding from the Department was made by deadline of November 4th 2022.</p>
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<p>Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021</p>	<p>Also, 55 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 - €50,000 has been carried over from the 2021 HSF scheme with the approval of the Department.</p> <p>29 Ormond Quay & 20 Dominick Street</p> <p>37 Thomas Court - €6,200 paid and to be recouped by end November 2022.</p> <p>134 Thomas Street has been given an extension by the Department and will be recouped in late November 2022.</p> <p>34 Main Street, Chapelizod and 55 Amiens Street have been provided with an extension to 2023 due to issues with tendering and procuring a contractor experienced enough to carry out works.</p>	<p>Funding extended until 2023</p> <p>Payment made for both and recoupment by end November 2022</p> <p>Remaining €93,800 carried forward to 2023 with departmental approval</p> <p>Recoupment by end November 2022</p> <p>Ensure these two projects which have been given grant extension to 2023 will proceed.</p>
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Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

Library Promotional Campaign: During November Dublin City Libraries invited Dubliners to lose themselves in the library as part of an awareness and footfall campaign on social media and on the street. The campaign kicked off on the 3rd of November with a one day 3D art installation by artist 3DJoeandMax on Henry St and continued throughout November with competitions and promotion of the range of services available in your local library.

A new **national public library strategy** will be launched in December 2022. The new strategy will be the successor to 'Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities'.

A **Prison Library Review Steering Committee**, led by Dublin City Libraries has been established to lead on the implementation of recommendations made in the 'Review of Prison Libraries in Ireland'. Work is underway on drafting a Service Level Agreement which can be tailored for different prison sites according to local needs, and the setting up of local working groups to develop a strong partnership between prisons and local public library authorities.

My Open Library has launched at Raheny library. In an extension of the existing service, library users who register for My Open Library can now access the branch from 8 am to 10 pm, 365 days a year. Hublets have also been introduced into Raheny and Pembroke junior libraries. These consist of a number of ready-to-use tablets for use in the library with profiles suitable for adults or children.

Work continues on the development of The Dublin City Sports Plan. The Plan will include a strategic review of sports policy, programming & infrastructure, commencing in January 2023.

Departmental Priority

Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027 (LECP) Advisory Group formed and five meetings have taken place, meetings scheduled for Nov and Dec. The LECP follows a six stage development process, stage one is well underway.

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Online Zoom meeting of SPC held 08/11/22. 2023 meetings to be held hybrid mode. Items on agenda included reports on European Programme Support Office, Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor, Dublin City Local Economic & Community Plan and presentations from Eirgrid and Smart Tourism.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 The DREP 2024 was launched on 1/4/22 by the Dept of Enterprise, Trade & Employment. 20 of the 26 actions will be led/supported by DCC individually or in collaboration with other stakeholders. An implementation meeting was held on 20/06 and the next meeting is planned for 30/11 – a recent update on progress made has focussed on 2 of the 20 actions– Enterprise Hub Provision & Brand Vision Development for Dublin with two workshops held that will inform a strategy for the Dublin Place Brand <https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/publications/publication-files/dublin-regional-enterprise-plan-to-2024.pdf>

Night Time Economy - Pilot application for participation in NTE project was successful. The two year pilot will commence with the appointment of a Night Time Advisor. DCC hosted meeting of the national implementation group on 7/9/22 at the Wood Quay Venue - presentation on the City Development Plan and how it will support the NTE. Meeting held on

9/11/22 with presentation on Safety in the City – Caple Street case study. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 08/12/22.

Dublin Belfast Circular Economy Capital Expenditure Feasibility Shared Island Funding

An application was successfully made by DCC to the Shared Island Fund on 02/06, seeking funding for a joint initiative between DCC and Belfast City Council for a feasibility assessment to create a Connected Circular Economy between the two cities. DCC/Belfast City Council have commenced working on implementing the feasibility study.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2022: In 2022 the scheme has approved 181 applications to date and the current value of TOV approvals is €380K.

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals in 2022: To date 51 grants approved to the value of €1.2 million supporting the creation of 98 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year. Annual Employment Survey is being conducted.

Training: 3,041 participants attended 162 training courses from 1st Jan – 31st Oct 2022. Annual target of 3,000 participants has been exceeded.

Mentoring: 892 hours of mentoring were completed from 1st Jan – 31st Oct. We are on track to reach the annual target 1,000 hours.

Start Your Own Business: 305 participants attended 13 courses & 1 boot camp from 1st Jan – 31st Oct. Annual target of 227 participants exceeded & 13 courses target met.

Family Time at Your Library events and activities will take place in libraries in December focused on the enjoyment of reading and sharing stories supported by collections of children's books, e-books and e-audio books. There will be a range of storytelling and story making from authors, illustrators and musicians, and sensory friendly activities for all the family to enjoy.

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Network has expanded to include a representative from The Abbey Theatre, Museum of Literature Ireland, Children's Books Ireland, Trinity College Dublin and Publishing Ireland. The network meets three times a year to share and promote information on literary programmes and initiatives in the city.

Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversation Groups) take place in Ballymun, Cabra, Raheny and the Central library. <https://www.dublincity.ie/events/ciorcal-comhra-irish-language-conversation-group>

Sports & Recreation have carried out a thorough review of the Sports Capital Programme within the context of funding, significant inflation, availability of professional services, supply chain delays and compliance with strict procurement procedures. Please see below update on current significant projects and realistic timeframes for development and delivery.

DCSWP STRIDE strategic vision New strategy to align with the City Development Plan & National Sports Policy. Final Draft to feature 2 separate but inter-related documents: 1. Sports Infrastructure Strategy and 2. Sports Provision & Programming Strategy (including review of DCSWP)

Linking in with National and International events

DCSWP endeavours to link in with major national and international sport, health and physical activity events in order to maximise promotion of the service.

Date	Initiative/Programme Name
November 2022 (week 1 Date TBC)	Marathon Kids Finale
19th November	Men's International Health Day
3rd December	International Day of Persons With Disabilities
5th December	International Volunteer Day
18th December	International Migrants Day

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme	New consultancy & grant product to support viable client companies affected by the energy crisis Tánaiste announces new €200 million Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme - DETE	Launched 27/10/22. Process development is underway.
Women In Business Network Awards	Celebrating the success of female entrepreneurs in Dublin City. Female entrepreneur of the year & rising star awards.	13/12/2022
Your Dublin Your Voice	The Q3 Survey to inform the LECP was presented to the advisory group 19 th Oct and disseminated through website and email.	The Q4 survey on retail and hospitality is being drafted.
Dublin Economic Monitor	The Q3 PMIs were published on October 12 th . The Q3 Spending Pulse was published on 8 th November.	Production on Q4 DEM has started with provisional publication date on 8 th Dec.
MODOS	Additional funding awarded to MODOS for 2023	New website being developed.
Dublin Place Brand	Place Brand Strategy Development with OCO Global and eutopia	Working with senior stakeholders including Dublin LAs on future project resourcing and strategy.
Dublin Place Brand	Supporting Dublin Book Festival (November), Christmas at the Castle and Winter Lights (December)	Continuing support of city events through Dublin.ie What's On section and our social channels.
Hugh Lane Gallery	Visitors Numbers in October were 14,942 which is a 10% increase on previous months.	Maintain a rich visitor experience
Social Media	Facebook: Reach increased by 186% to 192,477, new followers increased 798% by 440. Instagram: Reach increased 220% to 78,174, new followers increased 19.1% by 548. Twitter: 108 new followers, 7,323 profile visits and 116% tweet impressions	Build online presence
Refurb of 1930s Wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.	Construction date TBC
Collection displays /Exhibits	<i>Eva Gonzales is what Dublin needs</i> closed on 18 September; Opened National Gallery London, 21 Oct. <i>Studio & State: The Laverys and The Anglo-Irish Treaty</i> , collaboration with National Museum of Ireland, extended at Collins Barracks to 8 January 2023. Recent Acquisitions. A display of recent acquisitions has recently been installed to showcase some of the gallery's recent donations and purchases. It includes works by	NG London to 15 Jan 2023

	Grace Henry, Gillian Ayres, Mick O’Dea, Stephen McKenna, Rodney Dickson and Diana Copperwhite.	
Programme of art education	Our cultural mediation programme of creative family workshops ‘Make and Be’ ran from September to November, facilitated by Romanian & English- speaking artist Anca Danila, and encourages families from international communities within the DCC area to speak in the language they are most comfortable with. The first ‘Make and Be’ programme in April to June, in partnership with social enterprise Mother Tongues, was facilitated by English and Farsi-speaking artist Nasrin Golden. http://www.hughlane.ie/phocadownload/explore%20%20learn%20oct%202022-january%202023.pdf There were 111 education and outreach programmes for adults and children with approx. 1,867 participants. This included our <i>Bones in the Attic</i> Study Morning, Basic Talks with artist Brian Kielt, Film Screening; Coffee Conversations; Teen Culture Clubs, Peoples College and UCD Art appreciation courses, Portfolio course, Looking at Art VTS discussion, Bones Book Club, Family programmes, ‘Make and Be’ cultural mediation workshops with the Romanian community, special In Conversation with The Map, Artists Talks, TU Dublin/IADT/NCAD Third Level engagements, Guided tours. A special loan and display of <i>The Map</i> by Rachel Fallon and Alice Maher and <i>We Are The Map</i> by Sinéad Gleeson and Stephen Shannon; an architectural art display and public engagement by artist Cliona Harmey and Belgian artist/architect Filip Berte titled <i>BMD1</i> for Open House; and our <i>What I Love About the Great Outdoors!</i> children’s art exhibition.	Ongoing development
Nth Fredrick Lane	Property acquired by DCC for HLG Conservation and Fine Art Storage. Fit out underway.	Preparing facility Q4 ‘22
20 & 21 Parnell SQ	Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG	Feasibility Study Q1 ‘23
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions and security continues 24/7. Technicians Panel in place.	Recruitment of art techs
New website	Final Development stage for new HLG website, to go live in Q4 2022.	Go Live Q4 2022
Branding	New HLG Brand implementation	New signage install:Q4 ‘22
City Library, Parnell Sq	Demolition of the Amhraclann has commenced with completion due by March 2023.	Completion of design of Phase 1: new build and restoration of Georgian buildings.
Charleville Mall Library	The library closes temporarily for works to deliver a new public accessible toilet, along with universally accessible front entrance.	The library will reopen in January 2023
Terenure Library	Part 8 application early 2023 to redevelop the existing library. Presented to SEAC 10/10/22.	Discussion with DCC technical departments in advance of the Part 8 procedure

Finglas Library	Refurbishment of a former sorting office to provide a new library for Finglas. Phase 1 is continuing with an estimated six month build.	The new library will open in early Q2 2023
Drumcondra/ Walkinstown libraries	The two libraries will close temporarily from close of business Thursday 24 th of November for essential minor works.	Both libraries will reopen on Monday 5 th December
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant	Accessibility works to be implemented ASAP Part 8 not required. Revised design being developed for new Part 8 for other works.
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender documents being prepared	Tender documents finalised and to issue.
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Part 8 application complete	Construction tender documents to be issued January 2023.
Donore Community Centre	Tenders received for Design Team	Tenders received. Documents being reviewed contract should be awarded in Q4/2022
Northside Swimming Pool	Surveys complete	Ongoing - Options to be reviewed, presented to stakeholders and scope of works agreed.
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction Tender Documents issued	Tenders received and the successful contractor to be appointed in Q4/2022 and works to commence early 2023
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Tender package complete	Construction documents issued and works to commence in Q1 2023
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Tender submissions received	Contract awarded with works to commence early 2023

Dates for your Diary:

Dates 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](#)

Corporate Services, Transformation & Human Resources

1. Corporate Services & Transformation

Smart City/Smart Dublin

Global Tourism Innovation Awards

Dublin City Council's Smart Tourism programme in partnership with Dublin City Culture Company and Fáilte Ireland received the prestigious Global Tourism Innovation Award as part of the Tourism Innovation Summit on the 5th of November in Seville. The award, in the category of Best Digital and Innovation Destination, recognises destinations who have developed innovative and digital tourism initiatives.

<https://www.dublincitycouncilculturecompany.ie/news/our-smart-tourism-programme-wins-prestigious-global-tourism-innovation-award>

Smart City Expo and World Congress - 15th to 17th November

Representatives from Smart Dublin and the four Dublin Local Authorities attended the annual Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona in November this year. Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council as members of the Major Cities of Europe ICT group were invited to participate and had a stand at the event under the Smart Dublin umbrella. The event was attended by over 20,000 people from cities and regions from across the globe.

Dublin City Council Drones project wins World Smart City Award 2022

The highlight of the event was Dublin City Council's success in the World Smart City Awards Ceremony for "Accelerating the Potential Use of Drones for Local Government" in the Governance and Economy category. The Call for Awards received 337 top-level proposals from 60 countries worldwide across 10 categories. The internationally acclaimed World Smart City Awards aims to recognize and support innovative city strategies, projects and ideas that can potentially make an impact on citizens' lives and turn our cities into more sustainable and inclusive places to live in. <https://www.smartcityexpo.com/world-smart-city-awards/>

Docklands Business Awards 2022: Innovator of the Year and Community Award Winners

The 10th Annual Docklands Business Awards on the 17th November recognised the contributions to the city made by businesses located in the Dublin Docklands area. Dublin City Council's Smart Docklands district received the Community Award for the 'Academy of the Near Future', a smart city education programme aimed at transition year students, developed in collaboration with Connect Research Centre in Trinity College and Science Foundation Ireland.

Dublin City Council's Smart City Programme Manager, Jamie Cudden was awarded Innovator of the Year, recognising his contribution, collaboration and support of new and emerging technologies and his commitment to driving forward a culture of innovation within the city. <https://twitter.com/SmartDocklands/status/1593549540128432129>

Smart D8's Heart of Our City Project Shortlisted in the Irish Healthcare Awards 2022

Launched in 2020, Smart D8: A Health and Wellbeing district was the fifth smart district established under the Smart Dublin umbrella. In response to an open call for solutions under the theme of "Population Health", the 'Heart of our City' project in partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation and Novartis was selected and piloted in the Dublin 8 area. Last week, it was announced that 'Heart of our City' is a finalist in The Irish Healthcare Awards 2022 under two categories: (1) Patient Education Project of the Year, and (2) Public Health Initiative of the Year.

Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2022

Dublin City Council's 'Academy of the Near Future' and 'Supporting Telecoms and Future Connectivity' projects are finalists in the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2022, under the categories of Diversity and Inclusion and Local Authority Innovation respectively. The award ceremony will be held in the Crowne Plaza, Santry on Thursday 24th of November and is held in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Excellence in Local Government Awards showcase best practice in local government and recognise the skills, hard work, innovation and enthusiasm within local government.

<https://www.chambers.ie/news/local-government-awards-shortlist-announced/>

Smart Ring Buoy Launch –October 26th

Led by Dublin City Council in partnership with Smart Dublin and Water Safety Ireland the Smart Ring Buoy project was launched by the Minister of Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD and Acting CEO of Water Safety Ireland, Roger Sweeney. By installing low cost sensors on the ring buoy housing, paired with a mobile app and a web based platform; the solution provides real time monitoring of ring buoys. It will alert Water Safety Officers when they are tampered with or go missing and ensure timely replacement.

The scale-up of the project was co-funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under Digital Innovation Programme (DIP), supporting the deployment of over 600 sensors across eight local authorities. More information can be found [here](#).

Service & Digital Transformation

The initial phase of a project to provide access to technology for City Council outdoor staff has commenced. This offers a significant opportunity for transformation across operational Departments and improved internal communications for our workforce.

Work continued on the digitisation of internal processes on our new intranet communication portal CitiDesk with content for the Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department and the Area offices currently being developed. Project development has also started on a new Chief Executive Orders system which will facilitate access to the Executive Order register.

The City Council website was reviewed to ensure we are compliant with Cookie Policy and the Winter Lights Website went live.

The team continued to roll out the online appointment booking system to allow citizens and businesses book either in-person or online meetings. A trial is being prepared for customers to be able to book their own appointments for the Cash office in the Civic Offices online

The draft Digital Strategy is currently being prepared and consultation with the Public Participation Network is planned over the coming weeks.

The team continued to work with Bloomberg on the low traffic neighbourhoods project and engagement in relation to Neighbourhood Beta has commenced.

Citizen Hub Project

There are now 23 services live on Citizen Hub, newest services include Air Pollution Complaints, Noise Pollution Complaints, Abandoned Vehicles and Public Litter Bin Request. 2 of these services (Housing Allocations and Telecommunications Infrastructure Licence) are for registered users only and the 21 other service requests are available for use by citizens and for staff to log on behalf of customers.

- Number of new registered users 25.10.2022 to 20.11.2022: 838
- Total number of registered users to date: 12,417

The proposed next services to go live are: Traffic TAG Requests, Public Lighting Requests, Community Clean-Up, Dead Animal, Litter Offence, Private Rental Complaints

Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

The Data and Analytics Unit has continued to focus its efforts on the Gender Pay Gap, initial findings have been presented to the relevant stakeholders. Citizen Hub continues to be a priority and it is hoped that a stakeholder survey will provide enough details to continue with the development of dashboards for service owners. Additional projects have been undertaken, these include conducting impact analysis for the Housing NEC project and assisting Customer Services with manual reports.

North City Operations Depot

Construction of the North City Depot (NCOD) commenced in May 2021 with a 19 month programme for completion. To date the main structural work to the Administration & Welfare Building, multi-storey carpark, Central Stores and Workshops is complete. Construction of the Civic Amenity Site Office and yard is well underway with work ongoing to kerbing and finishing of roadways. Work on the Salt Barn's timber cladding is well advanced. External works and below ground services are nearing completion, with fencing works and works at the access points on-going. Mechanical and electrical works are on-going in all buildings. Finishing works such as plastering, painting, raised floors, tiling and carpentry are on-going in the Administration and Welfare Building.

The scheduled completion of construction is currently early 2023. Following the fit-out period, it is still anticipated that the depot will start to become operational in Q1 of 2023

Engagement with staff and Unions on the Change Management aspects of the project is progressing well and meetings with Unions are being held regularly. Information sessions were held in July and August for Grade 8 to Grade 6 staff members from Housing Maintenance, Public Lighting & Electrical Services, Road Maintenance, Surface Water Maintenance, Traffic Section and Waste Management. Further sessions were held in September with the Grade 8 to 6 staff on how the new NCOD Central Store will operate at the NCOD. At present the NCOD Project Team along with representatives from line management and HR are meeting with all staff that will be associated with the NCOD. Also a staff travel survey is on-going.

Customer Services

In excess of 8,000 calls were answered and approximately 2,000 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 1st and 20th November.

The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with approximately 1,100 visitors to reception between 1st and 20th November.

Improving Customer Experience Initiatives

Work is continuing on the development of the new Parking Permit System to facilitate online applications and this is now scheduled to go live in January.

Three new Parking Permit Schemes have been commenced, with notification going out to customers from Parking Enforcement. Grand Canal Harbour Area are now in the process of changing from APCOA to DSPS and have been advised to liaise with Parking Enforcement in relation to this.

A new Mystery Shopper programme is to commence from Monday 28th November and is expected to be completed by year-end. This will provide opportunities to improve services within the organisation.

New meeting pods will be introduced into the Atrium on a trial basis to allow for private meeting spaces. These are expected to be in place by the end of November.

Public Sector Innovation Week October 24th - 28th

During Ireland's National Public Sector Innovation Week, Dublin City Council held a two-day event at the Atrium, Civic Offices in Wood Quay to highlight and showcase innovative projects happening across the council. Over 50 members of staff participated in a range of webinars, panel discussions and presented on a wide variety of topics including, digital services, BETA projects, establishing new business units, Smart Cities and sustainability projects.

2. Human Resources

The total number of employees at 30th September 2022 was 5,916 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5,587.

Recruitment Programme 2022

	2021 (full year)	2022 (to date)
Recruitment campaigns complete/in process	61	102

Interviews held/concluded during November:

Clerical Officer	Senior Systems Officer
Graduate Heritage Officer	General Operative – targeted recruitment Ballymun
Station Officer, Operational Intelligence Unit	Station Officer DFB
Project Resident Engineer Active Travel	Executive Technician
Systems Officer	Assistant Systems Officer
General Operative Ballymore Eustace	

Campaigns advertised November:

Firefighter	Assistant Staff Officer
Inspector Animal Welfare Unit	Assistant Inspector Animal Welfare Unit
Foreman Gardener	Executive Chemist (Drinking Water)
Executive Technician (Water Services)	Executive Technician (Micro Biology)
Lab Technician Grade 1	Area Community and Social Development Officer
Senior Community and Social Development Officer	Community and Social Development Officer

The Public Appointments Service have ongoing recruitment campaigns for Senior Executive Engineers, Senior Executive Quantity Surveyor, Senior Architect, Senior Executive Officer, Deputy City Architect, Chief Quantity Surveyor, North City Operations Depot Manager, Deputy Director DRHE and Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/9393/2022	Requests records re: mistreated dogs seized by DCC in the past 12 months	Press	03/10/2022	26/10/2022
FOI/9395/2022	Records on number of homeless deaths in Dublin from 2018 to date	Client	03/10/2022	28/10/2022
FOI/9397/2022	Seeks records re: The number of residential new builds commenced.	Client	03/10/2022	
FOI/9398/2022	Request records regarding contracts awarded to named company	Press	04/10/2022	
FOI/9399/2022	Seeks records re bin removal	Press	04/10/2022	27/10/2022
FOI/9400/2022	Requests records regarding costs of construction of named apartment scheme	Press	04/10/2022	
FOI/9401/2022	Requests records stickers on street poles in Dublin	Press	05/10/2022	27/10/2022
FOI/9404/2022	Request inspection reports into fire issues at named location	Client	05/10/2022	02/11/2022
FOI/9405/2022	Request records for tender process at named location	Client	06/10/2022	03/11/2022
FOI/9406/2022	Seeks records of complaints re Housing First tenants	Press	06/10/2022	02/11/2022
FOI/9408/2022	Requests records regarding citizens hub portal	Client	06/10/2022	
FOI/9409/2022	Records regarding use of AI to process social housing applications	Client	07/10/2022	03/11/2022
FOI/9410/2022	Request records regarding graffiti, litter, dumping and accessibility of the city	Press	07/10/2022	04/11/2022
FOI/9411/2022	Requests records of correspondence regarding illegal dumping in named locations	Press	10/10/2022	08/11/2022
FOI/9412/2022	Seeks records re: relating to the use of outdoor dining in Temple Bar Square.	Press	10/10/2022	20/10/2022
FOI/9413/2022	Request records for Dublinbikes from 2018 to date	Press	11/10/2022	
FOI/9414/2022	Seeks DFB Records	Press	11/10/2022	
FOI/9417/2022	Requests records regarding Protected Structures	Press	11/10/2022	04/11/2022

FOI/9418/2022	Seeks records re compensation claim settlements	Press	11/10/2022	28/10/2022
FOI/9420/2022	Records regarding technical assessments of quarries	Client	12/10/2022	08/11/2022
FOI/9422/2022	Request record of complaints pertaining to named address	Client	12/10/2022	08/11/2022
FOI/9424/2022	Seeks records re electricity usage by Dublin City Council	Press	14/10/2022	
FOI/9425/2022	Request records regarding road closure on named road	Client	14/10/2022	
FOI/9428/2022	Seeks records of correspondence between TFS office and waste operators	Client	17/10/2022	
FOI/9429/2022	Correspondence between DCC and local religious organisations	Client	17/10/2022	25/10/2022
FOI/9430/2022	Seeks records re abandoned car process	Client	17/10/2022	10/11/2022
FOI/9433/2022	Seeks records re planning application	Client	19/10/2022	
FOI/9435/2022	Requests further records arising from a South East Area Committee meeting	Client	19/10/2022	
FOI/9437/2022	Requests records regarding agricultural water pollution	Press	20/10/2022	
FOI/9438/2022	Requests records between Peter McVerry and DCC	Press	20/10/2022	
FOI/9439/2022	Requests records from DRHE regarding Housing First property	Press	20/10/2022	
FOI/9440/2022	Seeks records re shipments of waste	Press	21/10/2022	
FOI/9442/2022	Requests vacant site records from named address	Client	21/10/2022	
FOI/9443/2022	Request all records held in relation to a company planning applications	Client	24/10/2022	
FOI/9444/2022	Requests records from Waste Mgt. Services	Press	24/10/2022	
FOI/9445/2022	Records regarding derelict sites	Client	25/10/2022	26/10/2022
FOI/9446/2022	Requests planning enforcement files	Solicitor	25/10/2022	
FOI/9448/2022	Requests all correspondence in relation to social housing at named area from 2019.	Press	26/10/2022	
FOI/9449/2022	Seeks records re litter gum fines	Client	26/10/2022	
FOI/9452/2022	Seeks records re road layout at named street	Business	28/10/2022	

FOI/9453/2022	Requests records regarding roadworks at named location	Client	28/10/2022	
FOI/9454/2022	Records regarding live Christmas crib show and alternative arrangements	Press	28/10/2022	

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2022 – 31/10/2022 546

Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2022 – 31/10/2022 487