

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 80/2023
Report of the Chief Executive



Monthly Management Report – April 2023

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 April 2023 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

Finance

Please be advised that there are no additions or changes to the Monthly Local Fund Statement & EU/IMF Report listed on the City Council Agenda.

Environment & Transportation

Please see attached report.

Housing & Community Services

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

Planning & Property Development

Please see attached report.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Please see attached report.

Corporate Services, Transformation & Human Resources

Please see attached report including Smart Cities/Smart Dublin update.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

Please see attached Report in relation to Freedom of Information statistics.

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive

Dated: 22nd March 2023

Environment and Transportation Department

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

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 2022 and there are plans for further hubs to be set up in 2023. Both operators have provided free bikes for healthcare workers through 2020 to 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. Over 282,000 journeys were made on Bleeper bikes in 2022. Bleeperbike users cycled over 103,000 hours in 2022 saving the equivalent of over 52 tonnes of carbon. Moby are currently integrating their e-bike fleet to a new App and all e-bikes will return to the streets in Q2 2023. 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 2022 and represents several private sustainable transport companies.

Dublinbikes

The NOW dublinbike sharing scheme is run in partnership with JCDecaux, and there are currently 1,600 bikes available at 115 stations around the city. The number of long term subscribers has reduced from November 2021 to November 2022 by approximately 6% to 31,939. Short term subscribers has increased dramatically by 270% to 52,339. Over 1.7 million journeys have been taken between January and October inclusive.

E-Cargobikes for Business Pilot

Dublin City Council and bike sharing operator Bleeper have almost completed the 12 month e-cargobike for business pilot project. The pilot project provided 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 were 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 pilot project was so successful that an extension of the project was agreed. The timeframe was increased from 6 months to 12 months, and a further 10 opportunities were provided to qualifying businesses increasing the number to 20. To date over 20 e-cargobikes have been delivered to successful participants. As part of Bike Week 2022, a public webinar was held on May 16th to showcase the pilot project. Once the pilot is complete, participants will be surveyed and interviewed. The creating of a permanent project will be pursued by the Micromobility Unit to support small to medium sized businesses in the efforts to reduce their carbon footprint, beat congestion and eliminate their search for parking. On foot of this pilot project, three projects are being proposed;

- E-cargobikes for Business,
- E-cargobikes for Not for Profit, and
- E-cargobikes for Communities

The Bike Hub Crumlin

Through a partnership with The Bike Hub, The Bike Hub Crumlin Pilot Project (TBHC) began by delivering trishaw rides to the public in Eamon Ceannt Park, Crumlin during the summer months of 2022. TBHC was launched by the Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy in November 2022

and now offers a range of bike related community services, including training programmes, mechanic workshops, fix your own bike, and upcyclers to name a few. In 2023, it is intended to increase the size of the accessible fleet to include, an e-trike, a tandem, and a wheelchair bike.

As part of this project the Micromobility Unit is project managing the resurfacing of the pathways in Eamon Ceannt Park.

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking

Due to the Covid-19 Virus isolation, the number of transactions per week in April 2020 had reduced to 10,500 from a high of 126,155 earlier in 2020. The number of weekly transactions for week ending 14th November 2021 has risen to 102,535. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 situation, the numbers using the Parking Tag had dropped very significantly in line with the reduction of parking meter usage. The weekly revenue on average of €400,000 had reduced to €25,000 for Pay and Display parking in March and April 2020. However, the numbers using the Parking Tag have increased and by week ending 5th March 2023, that week's revenue was €402,864.87. For week ending 5th March 2023, the usage of coin in parking meters was €122,797.20 and card payments were €136,149.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

The results of the ballot for the following pay and display and permit parking schemes has closed. The results are:

Ellesmere Avenue, D7- Introduce.
Ardmore Avenue, D7- Introduce.

Glenard Avenue, D7- Abandon.
Doon Avenue, D7- Abandon.

The following pay and display and permit parking scheme voted in favour of a change of hours of operation;

Prospect Avenue (Nos 46-74), Dublin 9 – extension of hours to Monday to Sunday 7am to 12midnight – from 17/4/2023.
Church Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6 – extension of hours to Monday to Sunday 7am to 12midnight – from 3/4/2023.

Car Sharing Schemes

Car sharing schemes align with Chapter 8 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 - 2028 and targets contained within the Dublin City Councils Climate Action Plan 2019 - 2024.

Car sharing is a mode of transport that is complementary to public transport, often involves walking or cycling and causes a reduction in private cars and kilometres travelled, and studies show that car sharing schemes contribute to the reduction of road transport related pollutant emissions. Car sharing schemes benefit a sustainable lifestyle, they are good for the environment and good for individuals. Car sharing reduces the carbon footprint of the users, while reducing their annual spending as there are no maintenance, fuel, insurance or maintenance costs.

There are currently three car sharing scheme operators within the Dublin City Council administrative area; Go Car, Yuko (Toyota) and Enterprise. The total number of car sharing permits issued is 513.

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.

DCC welcomes the National EV Charging infrastructure plan and information re same is available from the Zero Emissions Vehicle Office and <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/dc958-first-national-electric-vehicle-charging-infrastructure-strategy-published/> 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 licensed 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 finalised, 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 councils Energy Oversight Committee (EOC). The EOC will continue to work to identify further potential energy efficiency and carbon saving projects, based on the findings of the Energy Review process and the actions outlined in DCC's CCAP. As above, targets for 2030 have now been clearly defined for Local Authorities and an evaluation of DCC's 'gap to target' is underway. This will allow for a planned response in terms of number and scale of projects, with a particular focus on thermal and transport, to achieve objectives. It will also highlight resource requirements. The DeliverEE project, a collaboration across the 4DLAs together with coordination by Codema, is looking to aggregate and scale projects of significance and to use performance contracting to help us achieve our 2030 targets.

Building Upgrades

Dublin City Council is part of a €1.2M project led by Codema to test and develop a one-stop-shop project implementation unit for energy-efficient and renewable energy projects in Dublin, which will include multi-million upgrades to Dublin City Council buildings. The project was approved for support funding from the EU Horizon 2020 programme in January 2021. The 'DeliveREE' project will support the retrofit of a range of council facilities such as leisure centres, fire stations, libraries, offices and community buildings. This pilot pipeline of projects is currently being developed and is expected to reduce carbon emissions in Dublin by almost 1,700 tonnes.

A key part of the project will involve creating an innovative, standardised finance and delivery system for rolling out energy-efficiency and renewable energy projects at mass scale in Dublin. This will work by processing and assessing potential projects quickly and efficiently, in order to identify the most suitable buildings to upgrade 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. There are 46 electric vehicles currently operating in the city, with 6 additional EVs currently on order for Waste Management Services due to arrive in early Q2.

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.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services proposed Annual Works Programme for 2023 has been drafted and is in the process of being circulated and presented to the Elected Members. During January of 2023 the Division repaired/ made safe almost 400 defects and hazards on the road network.

Bridges & Other Road Structures.

A - Bridge - Scour Repairs.

1. Emmet Road Bridge – River Camac.
2. Bow Lane Bridge – River Camac.
3. Sarah/Island Bridge – River Liffey.
4. Chapelizod Mill Stream Bridge – River Liffey.
5. Hapenny Bridge Abutments – River Liffey.

B - Bridge - Scour Repairs – planned for 2023.

1. New Bridge – River Dodder.
2. Clonskeagh Bridge – River Dodder.
3. Pearse Bridge – River Dodder.
4. London Bridge – River Dodder.
5. Tolka Finglas Bridge – River Tolka.
6. Ratoath Rd Bridge – River Tolka.
7. John McCormack Bridge – River Tolka (route used frequently by Abnormal Loads).

C - Bridge Parapet Painting.

1. Millennium Footbridge – River Liffey.
2. Island/Sarah Bridge – River Liffey.
3. Westmoreland (Cross Guns) in Phibsborough – Royal Canal.

D – Bridge Refurbishments.

1. Kearns Bridge (River Camac) – design completed and urgent works required to strengthen Bridge and provide new parapets to protect against flooding to be carried out in 2023 and significant supervision on site required.
2. Georges Dock Bridge (new decking (complete).
3. Finglas Footbridge at St Margaret's Rd – parapet repairs as a result of **severe corrosion** that requires supervision.

E - Parapet Repairs

1. Blackhorse Bridge (Inchicore) _ Grand Canal.
2. Ushers Quay – parapet.
3. BallsBridge parapet repairs and decorative Cast Iron Lighting repairs (River Dodder).
4. Others may arise due to vehicle collisions.

F - Vegetation Treatment – Bridges.

1 - Vegetation treatment on the Finglas River , River Tolka, Santry River, Royal Canal, River Liffey, River Dodder , Grand Canal, River Camac & River Poddle – It will be necessary to supervise the work.

G - Vegetation Treatment – Walls.

1. River Liffey Quay Walls.
2. Bridgewater Quay Walls.
3. Chapelizod Rd Wall.
4. Inchicore Tce Nth.
5. Inchicore Tce Sth.
6. Constitution Hill Rd Walls.
7. East Wall Road Wall.

H – Wall Rehabilitation Projects.

1. Ushers Quay Wall.
2. Maiden Row Wall in Chapelizod Village.
3. React to wall failures/defects as they arise.

I – Bridge Maintenance.

1. Supervise many repairs as required.
2. Provide input for the operation & maintenance of SBB.
3. Bridge Inspections.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee is delighted to announce that the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2023 is open for applications from the 7th April 2023 to the 19th May 2023 inclusive. The amount of grant funding available for disbursement is based on an annual contribution by Dublin Waste to Energy Limited which itself is determined by the amount of waste accepted for thermal treatment at the facility. On this occasion a total amount of €1million will be available for disbursement to eligible projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area. Full details, catchment area map and application forms are available by e-mail at cglc@dublincity.ie or online at www.dublincity.ie/dwte

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme is an agreed mechanism to assess and fund proposals from local community groups, voluntary organisations, environmental, arts and educational groups, sports clubs, and individuals for the development of community, recreational, educational, cultural and environmental projects and initiatives within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.

The Projects Grant Scheme is funded by Dublin Waste to Energy Limited through its Community Gain Fund and the disbursement of grants is facilitated by Dublin City Council.

The Scheme supports projects that:

- Will enhance the local area of Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount and directly benefit the people within those areas.
- Will have a positive effect on the available community facilities and services.
- Will enhance the physical appearance of the local area, thereby promoting community pride.
- Seek to fulfil a genuine need within the community i.e. where there is lack of facilities and/or services of the type proposed.
- Are socially inclusive and accessible without discrimination to all members of the local community.
- Are viable and sustainable in the long-term.
- Are supported by the local community.
- Are possibly based on a co-operative proposal from several groups so as to create a more sustainable use of resources by sharing facilities.

Applications are invited to submit proposals to the Scheme for assessment by the Committee. The Committee carefully evaluates each application against the Projects Grant Scheme's general conditions and criteria and only selects those that will provide the maximum community benefit.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

Ongoing IT issues have disrupted the street grading program since January 2023. Waste Management Services use three android tablets to carry out weekly street grading surveys using MApp Enterprise. All three tablets were experiencing ongoing connection problems and we were advised by the Systems Operator that we need to upgrade our current tablets to the

most recent android version. Tablets were ordered on 25th January. Mobile Management Services subsequently advised that there were ongoing stock issues with the supplier and as of the time of writing, 23rd March, tablets have still not been delivered. As a result, we have been unable to conduct any street grading surveys since January.

Recycling Services

Waste Management Services have designed a suite of new and uniform signage for all bring centres. New signs have now been delivered to Collins Avenue depot. It is anticipated that the new signs will be rolled out to all bring centres in Q2 2023. Following 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.

Following representations from Trade Unions, Waste Management Services have committed to undertake a feasibility study regarding the insourcing of the operation of Civic Amenity Sites by direct labour. Through the Office of Government Procurement's Framework Agreement for the provision of Business, Management and ICT Consultancy Services (RFT 206674): Lot 6 – Policy & Economics, Waste Management Services have engaged Indecon International Consultants by way of Direct Drawdown to conduct this study. The contract start date is Monday 3rd April and there is an anticipated 12-16 week turnaround period.

School Programmes

Picker Pals is an anti-litter educational programme for primary schools. The programme gives young people the tools and positive motivation to develop stewardship of their local environments. The programme has commenced for the 2022/23 school year. www.pickerpalsworld.org.

The Relove Fashion Competition 2022-23 is now in the final stages. 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. The judging process has begun and the grand final of the competition will take place in March 2023 at the Rediscovery Centre. Please visit www.relovetofashion.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. The deadline for schools applying for their first Green Flag is Friday 24th February 2023 and the deadline for schools renewing their Green Flag is Friday 24th March 2023. Waste Management staff will visit schools renewing their flag during February and March to complete the Green-Schools assessment visits. 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 has partnered with Createschool and 5 other local authorities on this project. 15 DCC secondary schools have been invited to submit a short 'One minute Film' focussing on litter prevention and responsible consumption before 31st March 2023. Schools will receive onsite learning and support to help students produce their entries.](#)

Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

Dublin City Councils online bulky waste ordering system is now fully digital and customers can now request and pay for a service collection 24/7 as the entire process is fully automated through the Citizen Hub Platform. Customers can now complete the ordering process from beginning to end including making secure payment without the need to go through our customer services department.

There is no material change to the actual service itself, how it operates or cost. It has simply been improved and enhanced by allowing customers to access the service at any time of the day or night. <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie> Customers can also access the form through our website [Bulky Household Waste Collection Services | Dublin City Council](#)

Our customer services centre will remain available between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday to assist customers who want information about the service or who wish to place an order.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards 2022 /IPB Pride of Place Competition

City Neighbourhoods Competition 2023

Preparations are in place for the 2023 competition. This year the theme is Zero Waste and we are asking the entrants to include details with their entry of how they manage their waste. Application forms will be available by end of March and will be forwarded to the Area Offices in order to distribute to their Residents Associations/Tidy Towns Groups/ Environmental Groups etc.

IPB Pride of Place 2022

Dublin City Council hosted a very successful IPB Pride of Place Awards Gala Dinner in the Clayton Hotel on the 21 January. The awards were organised by the Litter Prevention Office, together with staff from Waste management Services and attended by 500 people.

Pride of Place is an All-Island competition whereby Local Authorities nominate groups in their communities who they feel have made a significant contribution to improve their neighbourhood working collectively. Established to promote and celebrate the best in community development, the awards recognise the selfless efforts of people in making their neighbourhoods better places to live, work and socialise.

2 of the groups that were entered by DCC were winners in their category while one group received a Special Prize.

- Dublin 7 Community Alliance. Winner in the category – Community Resilience.
- Raheny Tidy Village Group – Winner in their category – Urban Neighbourhood – Population Over 5,000
- Inchicore Environmental Group – Special Prize - Urban Neighbourhood – Population Over 5,000

IPB Pride of Place Awards 2023 – Arrangements are being made to select groups for nomination to this year's competition.

Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020

In regards to Phase 4 of the Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020, DCC has completed the implementation 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 of July 2022. Data collection and analysis, as well as stakeholder consultation has commenced recently.
- The Protection of Water Bodies Office is progressing a pilot surface water management project using Green Infrastructure principles. This project intends to construct and monitor the performance of nature based interventions that address the quantity and quality of surface water run-off. Five sites have been identified, two each adjacent to the Dodder and Santry Rivers and a fifth at a local street in the north inner city. These Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are expected to have the dual effect of reducing the rate of surface water runoff into sewers/watercourses, and improving the water quality. Given these two objectives we will reduce the risk of downstream and local flooding and enhance biodiversity opportunities in the public realm. The Protection of Water Bodies Office is working to deliver this project on-site in the second quarter of 2023.
- Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works. The Contractor has been appointed and the construction works are ongoing. This work will provide safer access for staff to maintain 17 screens which collect debris from watercourses and provide public safety, particularly during times of heavy rainfall.

Bathing Waters

The Bathing Waters Task Force (BWTF) has the primary objective 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 Protection of Water Bodies Offices continues to monitor bathing water quality on an all year basis. For bathing water quality assessment results and further information in regard to beaches please visit our DCC webpage 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.

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 for the 2022 bathing season is available on our website, ([2022 Bathing Season Summary](#)). The report provides an overview of water quality assessments, bathing warnings and communications received during the season.

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. Flood alleviation options such as storage, walls, embankments and de-culverting are currently being computer modelled. A further public consultation is planned in June 2023 following the successful ones in June 2022.
- 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 wide are policies in the new development plan and these will be implemented where possible on this very constrained river. Liaison with large stakeholders is ongoing on possible flood storage areas in DCC and SDCC.

- Currently further wintering bird are underway. Building threshold surveys are completed. A large Site Investigation tender is being evaluated for both Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council area of the Camac catchment.
- 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. Subsequently meetings have been held with DECC and Cork City.

To support the development of our revised climate action plan to meet National Statutory requirements and the goals of the EU Mission, a review of the current CCAP is under way.

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. Planning is underway for the four day event in 2023.

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 a first draft has been shared with key stakeholders.

DCC's Public Sector Innovation Funded research project Climate Resilient Housing was launched on Tuesday February 7th. The launch was attended by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and Minister of State Ossian Smyth. It was well attended with over 40 people. A presentation was made by the IES Team detailing the digital twin and dashboard. This was followed by a discussion and a tour of one of the de-tenanted units. The report is available here: <https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2023-02/Climate-Resilient-Housing-Report.pdf>

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 transport, nature-based solutions and climate change and COVID recovery. There have been four bilateral meetings with DCC staff and Seoul staff discussing active travel. Plans are underway for study visits to progress pilot actions that will be implement in Dublin and Seoul. 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 actions is underway. Representatives from Seoul visited Dublin from February 6th to 10th. During this visit the Urban Cooperation Action Plan was drafted and one action has been completed. An

MOU was signed between the respective transport departments at the Welcome Dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023. Action in the UCAP are focused on greening our respective cities to improve the environment for walking and cycling.

On Friday February 10th, together with the school zones team we launched Pawfficer JoJo's Getting to School Guide for Pupils and Parents. The launch was held at St Audoen's National School with the Lord Mayor of Dublin Caroline Conroy and children from the school. This project was made possible with funding from Creative Ireland. DCC engaged illustrator Aileen Crossley to produce a colourful booklet 'Pawfficer JoJo', for school children and their parents to encourage them to walk, cycle, scoot or wheel to school, and to learn about the school zone programme.

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.

The Climate Campaigners 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 Councillors and city staff to download the app and share via social media the challenges they are undertaking to reduce their emissions. For the next year, our focus will be on increasing the uptake of the app through events, and incentives such as a rewards system. The rewards system is being developed with project partners.

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. The Office of Government Procurement has published the tender and the mini competition will close on the 16th of March 2023.

Climate Action Regional Office

A Senior Executive Professional is to join Dublin CARO at the end of March 2023. Fingal County Council on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities has advertised 4 X Community Climate Action Officer posts (temporary – 3 year Contract). In addition, Fingal City Council on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities is currently running another competition for 4 X Climate Action Officer posts. These positions are likely to be filled by May 2023.

The Service Level Agreement between DECC and the Lead Local Authorities for each of the four CARO expires on 31-3-23. No formal commitment has yet been provided by DECC to the continuation of the CAROs post March 2023. CAROs have been requested to commence work on a replacement SLA to enable further discussion with LGMA/CCMA and DECC in January 2023.

On the 24th of February 2023, pursuant to the provisions the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 to 2021, and Section 14B(2)(a) thereof[1], the minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications instructed all Local Authorities to prepare a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) containing adaptation and mitigation actions. This plan must be completed within 12 months of the receipt of this request. It should be noted that the 4 Dublin Local Authorities already have Climate Change Action Plans (www.dublinclimatechange.ie) published in 2019. The Dublin Metropolitan CARO and Codema have been assisting and supporting the four Dublin Local Authorities in this regard in terms of

reviewing and updating their existing Climate Change Action Plans to align with the most recently published National Climate Action Plan 2023 and to increase the level of ambition in line with national targets. Detailed guidance documents have also been prepared by a national steering group including the CAROs, Local Authority reps, Codema, SEAI, EPA, Met Éireann to assist the sector in preparing their Climate Action Plans.

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. 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.

[LASNTG are running further training programmes on Climate Action Training for Local Authority Staff in April, June and November 2023.](#) Following on from training for all local authority climate teams on the development of Climate Action Plans that took place in November, the Dublin CARO held a workshop for the four Dublin local authority climate teams on the varying/amendment of their Plans. This ½ day workshop took place in the Liffey Room on 28th November and was attended by all four Dublin local authority teams and Codema. LASNTG has scheduled 2 X 1 day Climate Action Training Workshops for the 28th and 29th March and the topics covered will be beneficial in developing the Local Authority Climate Action Plans. Further Sectoral face to face workshops are also being planned to assist Local Authority Climate Action teams and staff in prioritising actions associated with different sectors such as Cultural Heritage, Biodiversity and Transport.

Further information on training is available on the CARO website <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/training>

The Línthe na Farraige 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. The final installation was officially launched by Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for Ireland - Catherine Martin at the Martello Tower in Blackrock Park, Co. Dublin on 21st February, 2023. The launch was well attended by dignitaries and local residents alike. This art installation consists of a solar powered horizontal LED line of light, showing the future risks of rising seas and storm surges, in the year 2100 and under a high-risk scenario, where ice loss from Antarctica is greater than expected. The installation is based on future predictions from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report AR6, and historic storm surge www.lintenafarraige.com. The Installations will be in place until May 2023 and the CARO is

continuing communications and engagement activities including school workshops related to the Líní na Farraige project in each of the three locations.

CARO are part of a steering group member to the GAA Green Clubs programme which launched Phase 2 in early December. The launch included the release of an on-line toolkit and resources to support the sustainability journey of clubs. The toolkit is a collaborative effort between the Steering group expert partners including CAROs, Regional Waste Management Offices, the Local Authority Water Protection Offices, local authorities and other expert partners. A workshop for Phase 2 clubs was held in Croke Park on March 3rd and was attended by CARO and other expert partners. Over 100 clubs are now participating in Phase 1 and 2 of the programme. Further information at <https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/green-clubs-sustainability/>

Dublin CARO organised the first in a series of climate action site visits scheduled for 2023 for climate action teams. The first site visit on 08.02.2023 was to view work being undertaken by Bord na Móna at the Mount Lucas Wind Farm in rehabilitating and restoring peatland. Bogs are also important carbon stores and the visit showed and explained carbon monitoring work undergoing as part of the restoration and rehabilitation work. Members from other climate actions teams and CARO Regional Offices were also in attendance. Dublin CARO is looking into organising further site visits for climate action teams in the coming months to a solar photovoltaic (PV) farm and to an anaerobic digestion (AD) plant.

Dublin CARO attended the CHERISH – an EU funded 6 year project (Climate, Heritage and Environment of Reefs, Islands, and Headlands) End of Project Conference on 21st March in Dublin Castle and had a stand to showcase national/sectoral objectives and ongoing projects.

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 eighth edition was published in late December and the next edition will be in March 2023. 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**

[A presentation was made to the Members of the Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC regarding progress made on noise mapping of Dublin City under the EU Environmental Noise Directive. All the relevant data was submitted as required to the EPA by the end of 2022, for return by them to the EU Commission. It is intended to publish the noise maps in the coming month. Preparatory work will commence on the preparation of the Noise Action Plan, which is due in 2024.](#)

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.

The status for the 10 locations are as follows:-

- The Assumption Schools at the Walkinstown location have been completed;
- 3 locations covering 4 schools on the north side are at preliminary design subject to school approval;
- 2 locations covering 4 schools on the north side are ready for community consultation;
- 3 locations on the south side of the city covering 4 schools are at concept design; requiring revision;
- 1 location covering 2 schools on the north side requires further site visits;

As part of the application for Safe Route To School, school principals agreed to communicate any decision to accept the treatment with their school communities and neighbours. There will be a two week period between notifying communities about the treatment and the finalisation of designs. Community engagement will be achieved for all locations prior to installation using Dublin City Council's Citizen Space consultation hub.

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. The office continues to engage with our Human Resources section on the recruitment of additional personnel. Competitions for Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers are in progress and we anticipate that we will be able to draw on the resulting panels. Furthermore, an additional Walking and Cycling Officer is due to commence duties at the start of April.

Work activities along the network continue to gain momentum, in terms of construction, public consultation and design.

Permanent Active Travel Network Schemes in Construction

Construction activities continued on four projects during the month. These are Clontarf to City Centre, Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3, South Grand Canal Safety Improvement Scheme and Dodder Greenway Herbert Park to Donnybrook.

The **Clontarf to City Centre Project** will deliver 8km of walking facilities, 6km of cycling facilities, and 5.4km of bus lanes, from Alfie Byrne Road/Clontarf Road Junction to Amiens Street/Talbot Street Junction and a section of the Tolka Valley Greenway from Annesley Bridge to Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Junction. Construction commenced in Q1 2022 and will continue until Q1 2024.

Works are continuing along the inbound bus lane almost all the way along the proposed route. In February and March major traffic management measures were in place during weekends at the Malahide Road and Howth Road Junctions and along North Strand, similar works will continue for the next few months at various locations. Works on the limestone sea wall along North Strand also commenced in January 2023 and are complete, works have commenced outside CIE headquarters. As works between Buckingham Street and Five Lamps junction are nearing completion on the Amiens Street inbound footway, cycletrack and bus lane works swapped to the outbound side of Amiens Street in early February 2023. Works between Edges corner and Malahide road along Fairview have also switched to the outbound side on Monday the 20th of March, the remaining sections will switch in the middle of June.

It is anticipated that the Contractor shall need a significant number of weekends over the next couple of months to progress works on the larger junctions along the route in particular. These works facilitate road constriction, duct crossings and drainage works in the middle of the carriageway and are best undertaken at night-time or weekend when traffic volumes are lower. Advance notice of these works shall continue to be circulated. We are planning to close East Wall Road close to the junction of North Strand during the Easter holidays for two weeks from the 31st of March.

The Contractor continues to average 70 operatives across 19 crews, working mainly on the inbound carriageway along Amiens Street through to Alfie Byrne Road. The traffic diversion from Edges corner into the city has enabled the Contractor to progress works on multiple work fronts over nearly the full length of the scheme.

A C2CC Consultative Forum which includes local Councillors, and representatives from residents and businesses was held on 3rd March 2023 in Carlton Hall in Marino. A landscaping presentation was provided by the C2CC Scheme landscaping Architects at this meeting.

Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 will provide 2.1 km of cycling facilities and 2.1 km of walking facilities along the Royal Canal, from Newcomen Bridge (North Strand Road) to Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road). The contract has been signed and construction commenced on site on the 13th of February 2023. The scheme will take two years to complete.

The Contractor has acquired a site compound area at 10/11 North Richmond Industrial Estate, D1 and is currently setting up site compound offices and welfare facilities for the Contractor and Project Team. The Project Team are in the process of acquiring a licence from DCC for the Contractor to temporarily use Portland Place Park to facilitate a portion of the works, and to provide access to the works area. The intention is to refurbish the park when the Contractor hands it back to DCC's Parks Dept. The 1st project information leaflet was distributed to local

businesses and residents (approx. 4500 leaflets delivered), and a dedicated webpage for the project was also launched and regular updates on the project will be available at www.dublincity.ie/RCGP3.

Public information evenings are scheduled to take place at Mud Island venue on 4th April from 4pm – 7pm and at Phibsborough Library on 12th April from 4:45pm – 7pm. The 2nd project information leaflet will be distributed to local businesses and residents in advance of the public information evenings.

Commencing in mid-April, the Contractor is scheduled to install sheet piles to strengthen the canal bank on the south side of the canal between Clarke's Bridge (Ballybough / Summerhill) and Russell St Bridge. He is also planning to construct pedestrian bridge abutments and install duct services across the canal east of Lock 3 between Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough) and Binn's Bridge (Drumcondra) in Q2 of 2023.

The design of the ramp on Binns Bridge is underway in consultation with Waterways Ireland. An amending Part VIII planning application is to be submitted in Q2 2023. Consultation has also commenced with the DCC Parks Department with regards to the landscape design for Portland Place Park.

The **South Grand Canal Cycle Safety Improvements** scheme involves the upgrade of existing signalised junctions from Leeson Street Junction to Suir Road junction by 'tightening' wide junctions to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and will also provide signalised pedestrian crossings.

New traffic signals and pedestrians crossings are now operational at Herberton Junction. Resurfacing of the junction is due to be completed as soon as weather conditions are favourable. Works are also now underway at Clogher Road Junction with progress at the south east, south west and North West corners. Advance operations are scheduled for the new pedestrian crossing near Aughavanna Road. This will reduce the volume of work in this area that has been arranged to coincide with the Easter midterm in order to minimise inconvenience to the adjacent school.

The **Dodder Greenway** (Herbert Park to Donnybrook Road) Project will deliver 450m of walking and cycling facilities, including flood protection measures, along the Dodder River between the entrance to Herbert Park at Eglinton Terrace and Anglesey Bridge.

Piling for the cantilevered section of the Flood Defence Walls commenced in February and were completed on the 9th of March 2023. Ongoing concrete works for the retaining walls are proceeding satisfactorily. Accommodation Works for Bective Lawn Tennis Club have begun. The Invasive Species have been removed from site under licence. The Site Entrance at Donnybrook Road adjacent Anglesey Bridge is being use as a secondary entrance and is operating well.

Interim Active Travel Network Schemes in Development

Currently there are fifteen interim schemes being progressed. These are in various stages of progression and are proposed to be installed on the ground in 2023.

During March, NTA approval was achieved for the installation works for interim protected cycling measures for 500m along the **Grange Road** from the Hole in the Wall roundabout to the City Boundary. This will provide a tie in with a scheme implemented by Fingal Co Co. The preparation of the statutory requests for the roadmarking and signage are currently underway and the works are expected to be installed in April 2023.

Eight schemes have gone to **public consultation** and all have now closed for submissions. Public Consultation reports are being prepared. Engagement of Consultants are to be made for some schemes to develop the detailed designs where required.

- Suir Road to Thomas Street
The Public Consultation Report was under preparation during the month and is being finalised for publication. Installation of the scheme is planned to commence in Q2 2023.
- Merrion Street Upper, Merrion Square West, Merrion Street Lower
AcTPrO is preparing concept designs and photomontages for a scheme that will incorporate a public realm requirements. This will aid further engagement with stakeholders.
- North Circular Road (from Dorset St Lwr to Amiens St)
- Hanlon's Corner Junction Upgrade
- Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd
- Howth Rd, from Station Rd to James Larkin Rd (Raheny to Kilbarrack)
- Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Rd.
- Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street

The remaining **six interim schemes** are at varying stages of **design and procurement**, the main ones being the Liffey Cycle Route and the Dodder Greenway.

- The delivery of the Interim Liffey Cycle Route is continuing, with Contractors Cairn Construction having been appointed to undertake the interim measures along Eden Quay (0.25km section) from O' Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge/Beresford Place junction. Installation works are proposed to commence early April 2023.

Preliminary designs have been prepared for interim measures along George's, Burgh, Aston & Crampton Quays (0.8km) from Talbot Memorial Bridge to the Ha'penny Bridge. Internal consultations having been ongoing during March.

- The Dodder Greenway interim scheme traverses Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and South Dublin City Council linking Ringsend with Dodder Road Lower. Designs are at an advanced stage along five sections where interim measures are achievable, 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. A meeting of the Dodder Steering Group, comprising officials and Members of DLRCC and SDCC and DCC, was held on 7th March. Public consultation is expected to commence on 2 sections (Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road and Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park) in Q1 2023. DLRCC plan to proceed with lodging a Part VIII for the Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road section in Q2 2023. AA and EIA screening reports are being progressed for the remaining two sections.

Concept and Preliminary designs are progressing and internal consultation ongoing on the remaining **four** interim schemes listed below.

- Parnell Street to College Green
- Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybil Hill Road & Vernon Avenue
- Grand Canal to Lincoln Place
- Trinity to Ballsbridge

Permanent Active Travel Schemes in Design and Procurement

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. 88/2023. The headline activities on these projects during March are as follows;

- The **Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street (SC2C)** walking and cycling scheme went to non-statutory public consultation on 30th January until 28th February. 675 submissions were received via the online consultation hub by the closing date. Other submissions were made via email and at the Public Information Event on 7th February. The review of these submissions was ongoing during the month. A Public Consultation Report will be prepared for publication on the DCC website.
- The Concept Design and Option Selection process for the **Finglas Village Improvement Scheme** are at an advanced stage. It is intended to go to public consultation in April 2023 pending NTA approval to proceed.
- The **Royal Canal Greenway Phase 4** requires an amending Part VIII in relation to some modifications to the scheme. In advance of the Part VIII submission an 'Otter Derogation Licence' application was submitted to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). A Ground Investigation contractor was appointed in December with works expected to commence in late March 2023. Construction is planned to commence in Q4 2023 pending Part VIII approval.

A contractor has also been appointed to carry out kerblines alterations on Broombridge Road to facilitate bus turning movements. These works commenced on 21st March 2023, and are expected to take 2 weeks to complete. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is in place.

- The **Fitzwilliam Cycle Route** was issued for tender in Q1 2023. Construction is expected to commence in Q3 2023 and will take twelve months to complete.
- 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. The Active Travel team are currently liaising with the OPW on the preparation of tender documents for the engagement of a multi-disciplinary consultant.
- The concept design and options for **Seville Place** (Guild Street to Amien Street) are complete and have been sent to the NTA for approval to proceed to Public Consultation.

- The **Kilmainham to Thomas Street** Cycle Route is currently at the Concept Development and Options Selection Phase with DBFL appointed lead design consultants for the project. A draft version of the Strategic Assessment Report was received in March 2023 and is currently under review.

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.

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.

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 procurement process for a new Multi-disciplinary design team for the project has commenced. This will be a two-stage process. The tender submissions for the first stage are currently being assessed.
2.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	The project team made a presentation on the Part 8 process to the SEAC on 13 th March. The Part 8 application will go before full council at its meeting on 3 rd April. Irish Water recently completed the installation of new water mains on Duke Lane Upper and Lemon St as part of the enabling works for this project.
3.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk Street	DCC	DCC	A Project Brief has been circulated to the Public Realm Working group for their information and comment.
4.	Cathal Brugha Street/Findlater Place	DCC	DCC	Consultations including site visits have been held with local stakeholders.
5.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAFF/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan	The planning application for this project will now be lodged as part of the NTA BusConnects project. Preliminary design is complete and the draft EIAR is being amalgamated into that of BusConnects. Land acquisitions are being progressed by DCC but NTA will also lodge for CPOs.
6.	Blood Stoney Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	The project team have commenced work on a technical report to identify the feasibility/design constraints associated with developing a bridge at the original Forbes St location. The preliminary report has been presented to Irish Rail and the NTA for review with respect to the interactions with future DART Underground plans. The project plans will be reviewed once feedback has been received on the report.
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 Tender Assessment Report has been completed. 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	Via Mercanti Ltd, trading as Cairn Construction commenced works on site 23 rd January 2023
11.	Castle Street /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme	DCC	DCC	This project was not included in the Capital Programme 2022-24.
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 still awaited.
13.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECO	New Environmental and topographical surveys are ongoing. 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. Preliminary flood alleviation scenario's being computer modelled. 58 boreholes and 20 trial pits being procured in DCC and SDCC. Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation in Q2 2023.

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

14.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OP W	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. Some further site investigation required. Liaison with some local groups on preliminary options ongoing. Further public consultation planned in April 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)	Detailed design at 17 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed. This project has recently transferred the PWB Office to manage to the Construction stage. Construction has commenced.
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 finalised. Wayleave agreements finalised. Environmental submissions sent to An Bord Pleanála. One submission received regarding Archaeological monitoring and mitigating environmental measures. DCC responded on 22 nd November 2022. Significant further environmental information submitted. New observation period closed on 12 th January 2023 for Clontarf Promenade outlet. Awaiting ABP response.
18.	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.
19.	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	The non-statutory consultation for the Point Junction Upgrade has been completed
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	<p>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 was originally expected at the end of November but this has not yet arrived. The consultant's appointment may be extended, subject to agreement on fees, to cover detailed design and procurement of a contractor.</p>
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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	Sept 2023	Substantially completed. Programmed completion Q1 2023. Flood defence works have commenced in Donnybrook Rugby Football Club programmed for completion in Q3 2023. Rest of Phase 2 works are operational
2	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECOM	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	Oct 2014	June 2023	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. OPW approved new proposal. Procurement of flood defences and contractor ongoing to complete existing scheme.
3	Silloogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	Jun 2023	Works are continuing on the new surface and foul drainage and public lighting networks within Silloogue Gardens. The internal footpaths and parking areas are also under construction.
4	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	April 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.
5	Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue	DCC	Coffey Construction Ltd.	Oct 2021	April 2023	Surfacing works are progressing well and tenders have been received for the landscaping scheme.
6	Fitzwilliam Quay	DCC	Cunningham Civil & Marine	Nov 2021	June 2023	Reduction of seepage through sea wall and painting completed. Snagging ongoing. Investigating sacrificial anodes to further protect sheet piles. Construction programmed Q2 2023.
7	Traffic Works – Package 7 Lot 2	DCC	Actavo	Dec 2022	April 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 last, and came into effect on 14th December, 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"> Plan took effect from the 14th December. Preparatory work ongoing with regard to judicial reviews 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to legal challenges Commence implementation of policies and objectives of Plan.
Ballymun LAP	<p>M50 Lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31st May 21 – awaiting decision. Depot construction practically complete. New Fingal County Council Development Plan in place, with rezoning from HT to ME for sites 27 & 28, as sought by DCC, now in place. <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on Sillogue Gardens upgrade, continues on-site. Carton Terrace/ Balbutcher Lane realignment to be examined as part of a possible PPP to enable road delivery. <p>Commercial/ Main Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 1: Soft launch of Site 1B drafting notice. Quote received for dealing with ponding on site. <p>Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date.</p>	<p>Awaiting HSE decision</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Silloogue Gardens work due for completion end of April.</p> <p>PPP option for Carton Terrace with DHLGH.</p> <p>Commercial/ Main St:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 1: Soft launch for expression of interest of site 1B to progress Review and respond to interest in site 1B.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Further investigation required into cause of ponding. • Site 26, Enterprise, to be offered to the market. • Plaza: On Parks capital programme for 2023/25.
	<p>Parks/ Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Farm: Masterplan exercise carried out for site 14, identifying 0.5ha for possible farm use. Presented proposal to councillors Jan 2023. • <p>Housing:</p> <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: PPP bundle No. 4.. Design Team appointed. • Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: pre-part 8 circulated April 22, revised Nov/Dec 2022. • 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 submitted for planning 18/11/2022 (Ref. 5252/22) FI requested. • Site 19: O’Cualann. Planning submitted, on FI. • Site at Carton: Being examined for a PPP bundle 7. • Site 6: Proposed Cost rental site. 	<p>Parks/open space City Farm: response letter to be issued to City Farm group.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Site 10. Gone to tender, tender closes end March 2023. Sites 5, 15-18: Design team appointed and meetings with Depts to commence mid March Sites 12 & 14: (part) to be submitted for planning early 2023. Site 21: expected on site 2023.</p> <p>Site 25: Phase 2 (44 houses & crèche) Further Information to be submitted. Taking in charge of Parkview ongoing.</p> <p>Site 19: O’Cualann to respond to Planning FI. Resolve land ownership with Church. Carton: awaiting decision on PPP 7 from Dept.</p> <p>• Site 6 & 8: Issue of 2-storey housing on site to be resolved. DCC liaising with AHBs.</p> <p>Site 6: new location for allotments needed for site to progress.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites 8 & 9: preparing expressions of interest. Sites 11 & 13: Expressions of interest (EOI) issued to AHB Protocol, 17 Jan 2023. 	<p>Site 8: DCC preparing expressions of Interest.</p> <p>Site 9: DCC working with Empower the Family</p> <p>Sites 11 & 13: awaiting feedback from EOI.</p>
Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 1: Affordable Housing Part 8 approved Oct 2022 (172 no. dwellings). Application made for the Affordable Housing Fund. 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. School site: letter issued to DES updating on progress implementing the LAP. 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: Part 8 for the road to progress 2023. To go for tender for design & build 2023.</p> <p>Site 2: Need to agree on stream deculvert requirements to inform design team.</p> <p>Site 4 & 5: LDA design ongoing in consultation with DCC.</p> <p>Site 6: Not yet on site</p> <p>Cherry Orchard Park: Design ongoing.</p> <p>DES timeline for new school to be sought.</p>
Clongriffin-Belmayne	<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.</p> <p>Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.</p>
Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luas: Finglas LUAS TII EIA scoping request completed, June 22. Jamestown: Variation No.33 incl. SDRA for Jamestown, adopted 14th June 2021. Jamestown Masterplan.- finalisation. 	<p>On-going engagement with TII on Finglas Luas. Railway order expected end of year.</p> <p>DCC to prepare Masterplan.</p> <p>JR of ABP SHD permission for Jamestown Village lodged.</p> <p>21 March Councillor Briefing</p> <p>23 March Landowners Briefing.</p> <p>April - Non statutory public consultation</p> <p>May Masterplan – noted.</p>

North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, decision to refer back to ABP, which is now reconsidering the heights amendment application. Further to recent DOCF meeting, separate meeting to be held in relation to the broader development of Docklands. <p>Application for changes to 3 permitted commercial buildings in City Block 9. AI requested on SDZ and technical matters</p>	<p>Await outcome of process.</p> <p>Meeting on 28th March. Presentation being prepared re planning.</p> <p>Report complete. Decision due 21st March.</p>
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2; Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme (PWSDZ4058/22). Phase A; Mixed use scheme fronting Sth Bank Road. Application by ESB for demolition of large fuel storage tanks and construction of Gas turbine and related Ongoing pre-application discussions. 	<p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Decision due 16 March</p> <p>Continuing</p>
Dublin Port	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pubic consultation on Dublin Port Company's Masterplan (to 2040) or '3FM' project to commence soon. 	<p>Timelines for the consultation to be ascertained at Dublin Port Masterplan meeting on 21st March.</p>
City Edge	Strategic Framework – 26 actions noted by DCC/SDCC elected members.	Extensions of consultants brief.
Public Realm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Anne St/ Duke St/ Lemon St Part 8 was lodged December 6th and consultations closed Jan 25th with a decision due end of April Francis Street Scheme will be at substantial complete in April. Liffey St Project on site and proceeding with infrastructure and utility upgrades in first phase. Temple Bar Square Tender reviewed and awarded. Expectation that it will be onsite late April 2023. Cathal Burgha Street investigations complete and temporary surface applied. Outline design commenced. 	<p>Pending Part 8 to Council Detailed Design and procurement of contractor.</p> <p>Construction underway</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement carried out. This will advance to Part 8 in 2023</p>
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract for design services assigned for conservation and refurbishment works. Survey work commenced. 	<p>Design commences. A range of meanwhile uses are agreed. The next meeting of the Members</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living History Project specific interviews to be carried out and a general engagement with ex staff. • St Patricks Festival running in the building from 16 to 19th March Latino festival Feb 24/25 St went well but needed more offering. 	Advisory Group will be April 2023.
Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official response letters issued from the DHLGH in relation to both the North Inner City and South Inner City Concept Area projects on 6th March 2023. • URDF Call 3 was launched by the Minister – this funding will act as a dedicated revolving fund to help tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council is now approved to proceed to the development of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy as part of the approval process for the next stage (Decision Gate 2 – Pre-Tender approval) for most of the sub-projects across North and South projects. • Additional information is to be submitted to the Department in relation to Parnell Square Cultural Quarter (PSCQ)
Draft NTA Strategy for GDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation period ended. • Observations from DCC submitted to NTA. 	Await Final NTA Strategy
Dart +	DART + WEST (Maynooth Line) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Report submitted to ABP on Rail Order. 	Await outcome
	DART +SOUTH WEST Previous discussions with Irish Rail.	Railway Order to be lodged Q1 2023 and considered in due course
	DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line) EIA Scoping process until 18 th April 2023. Scoping report Available. The EIAR will accompany Railway Order Application. Also, 2 nd round of non-statutory consultations to commence soon	Feedback/comments on EIA scoping to be collated from various DCC Depts. for submission prior to 18 th April
	DART + Coastal SOUTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings held re approach to level crossings 	Further meetings expected Q1 2023.
Metrolink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 October 2022 Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. . 	Await ABP Decision.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC submission sent to Board on 16th January 2023 	
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. CBC 6 Lucan to City Centre 	<p>CBC 1 to 5 - DCC Corporate response issued to An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>DCC corporate submission due January 2023.</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. Lodgement of Railway Order Q2 2023.</p>
Gulistan Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masterplan agreed & design process commenced. Latest design iterations presented to the Area Committee on 12th October 2022. Proposals on display in Rathmines Library Nov 22-25th. 	<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>HSE to submit planning application for Primary Care Centre.</p>

2. Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Active Land Management Derelict Sites Register	Compulsory Acquisitions <p>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>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>2 Ranelagh, D6 Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>162-165 James's St. D8 The sale closed in February.</p>

Vacant Sites Register

14 Lorcan Crescent, Santry, D9
Notice of Intention to Acquire compulsorily was served on 16/12/22. The last day for objections was 27th January 2023.

8 Ferguson Road, Drumcondra, D9
Acquired compulsorily by the Council pursuant to the Derelict Sites Act 1990. Arbitration hearing scheduled for 07/02/2023 to determine compensation to the former owner.

- 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.
- **42** sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register as of (20/03/2023). **13** of which are in City Council ownership.

2018 Demands	
Paid	€649,350
Cancelled	€1,723,050
Refunded	-€66,450
Outstanding	€677,700
Total Demanded: €2,983,650	

2019 Demands	
Paid	€677,600
Cancelled	€1,948,100
Outstanding	€3,624,600
Total Demanded: €6,250,300	

2020 Demands	
Paid	€516,950
Cancelled	€2,117,850
Outstanding	€8,193,500
Total Demanded: €10,828,300	

2021 Demands	
Paid	€243,950
Cancelled	€178,500
Outstanding	€7,896,000
Total Demanded: €8,318,450	

2022 Demands	
Paid	€0
Cancelled	€0
Outstanding	€3,317,700
Total Demanded: €3,317,700	

14 Lorcan Crescent, Santry, Dublin 9

No objection received to the compulsory acquisition, arrangements will now be made to vest the site in the Council.

8 Ferguson Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

A Settlement Agreement was reached with the former owner prior to the arbitration hearing.

Acquisitions Strategy

Review underway of sites on the Derelict Sites Register to identify potential sites for acquisition.

Residential Zoned Land Tax: All

RZLT submissions are being considered by DCC's Planners. DCC will notify each owner of its determination on their RZLT submission by 1st April 2023.

Strategic Acquisitions	<p>Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021</p> <p>CPO made on 17/06/21 and submitted to ABP for approval. Three objections notified by APB All three objections withdrawn at Oral Hearing held on 25/01/2023</p> <p>11- 14 Exchange Street Lower & 11 Essex Street West Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development), Order 2022.</p> <p>Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street Area Compulsory (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2019.</p> <p>The Council has full possession of the site. Housing & Community Services intend developing the site.</p> <p>Werburch Street CPO Project Steering Group formed with OPW to progress the CPO.</p>	<p>Abbey Street CPO ABP informed the Council on 02/02 2023 that it could confirm the CPO ; it was confirmed on 7/02/2023.</p> <p>A Public Notice of the confirmation of the CPO is</p> <p>due to be published on 23/02/2023 and the CPO will become operative 3 weeks from that date.</p> <p>CPO operative from 17/03/2023.</p> <p>Report to be brought to City Council on terms of disposal to Abbey Theatre.</p> <p>Exchange Street CPO Last date for objections was 10/01/2023. One objection notified by APB.</p>
City Valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with Dept. of Justice re lease of Coroner's Court building at Store street. Work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Relocation of Marckievicz Leisure Centre – Negotiations with TII. Instructions/maps etc., received for Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects route – DCC properties affected. Engagement with OPW re disposal of site at Belcamp for new Garda Station including acquisition of Coolock Garda Station. Preparation of Disposal Brief for site at Main Street Chapelizod. Engagement with claimant re Derelict Site at Richmond Avenue. Negotiations on move of Ballymun Kickhams to Ballymun Central. Land Acquisition Fund & advance land purchase for housing development. Major programme of house purchase for HAP tenants in situ 	<p>Report being prepared, negotiations to commence. Try to progress with TII but no Railway Order.</p> <p>Valuations being prepared.</p> <p>Engage with OPW.</p> <p>Draft brief to be completed</p> <p>Agree compensation</p> <p>Agree terms for lease.</p> <p>Formulation of target list for consideration.</p> <p>Inspections/valuations/negotiations.</p>

Building Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactive policy of inspection of construction sites in place. Standards enforced where necessary 	

3. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage														
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023	<p>The Conservation Section administers the BHIS & HSF schemes for buildings that are either on the Record of Protected Structures or within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs). Full details of both schemes, which are funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), are available on the Dublin City Council Website.</p>															
BHIS	<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 78 BHIS applications were received by the closing date of 13th January, Following an assessment process, 64 projects have been recommended to the Department for funding.</p> <p>The Minister has now approved grant funding for the 64 recommended BHIS applications and letters of offer of BHIS funding were sent to all 64 successful applicants on 16th March 2023.</p> <p>An additional 14 applications were received after the deadline and have been placed on a waiting list.</p>	<p>Inspections will be carried out on all 64 successful projects.</p> <p>The initial BHIS return to the Department is due on 30th June 2023</p>														
HSF	<p>A total of 20 applications were received by the closing date of 13th January. 7 proposed projects have been forwarded to DHLGH for approval.</p> <table><tr><td>Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1</td><td>€200,000</td></tr><tr><td>Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3</td><td>€200,000</td></tr><tr><td>26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2</td><td>€50,000</td></tr><tr><td>20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2</td><td>€50,000</td></tr><tr><td>109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8</td><td>€50,000</td></tr><tr><td>Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1</td><td>€50,000</td></tr><tr><td>Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7</td><td>€30,000</td></tr></table> <p>55 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 was originally granted HSF funding of €50,000 in 2021 which has been carried forward with DHLGH approval into 2022 and then 2023, due to issues with owner tendering and contractor availability.</p> <p>34 Main St, Chapelizod, Dublin 20</p>	Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1	€200,000	Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3	€200,000	26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2	€50,000	20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2	€50,000	109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8	€50,000	Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1	€50,000	Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7	€30,000	<p>Notification from DHLGH of provisional approval and letters of offer to successful applicants</p>
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Reports on Planning Enforcement, Building Control, Derelict Sites, Property Management and Finance are updated on a quarterly basis.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

A new **national public library strategy** will shortly be launched. The new strategy will be the successor to '*Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities*' which has overseen much progress in the public library service in Ireland over the past 5 years.

Strategic Sports Plan Review – ongoing. Consultants have been engaged with and due the plan is to be complete by Nov 2023.

Departmental Priority

Branch libraries are preparing **Social Stories** to support autistic children when visiting the library. More information here <https://www.dublincity.ie/library/blog/teaching-social-skills-children-autism>

Spring Into Storytime will take place throughout the branch network in April as part of the national 'Right To Read' programme.

Branch libraries will participate in the Dublin Learning City Festival from the 3rd -5th with conversation exchanges and Arts & Crafts sessions.

Healthy Ireland at your Library From April to May, Dublin City Libraries will host a series of presentations and workshops on the themes of #Be Well #Eat Well #Think Well

The Shortlist for the **Dublin Literary Award** was announced on Tuesday 28th March and the winner will be revealed on Thursday 25th May at the International Literature Festival Dublin.

The **One Dublin One Book** programme runs for the month of April with free events in libraries and other venues to celebrate *The Coroner's Daughter* by Andrew Hughes. There will be talks, discussions, music recitals and more. Booking details at www.onedublinonebook.ie

Professor Chris Morash (TCD) will be giving a talk on Dublin: A Writer's City in Raheny Library (18th April) and Rathmines Library (26th April)

See www.dublincityofliterature.ie

Poetry Day Ireland takes place on 27 April and the theme this year is '**Message in a Bottle**'. Selected libraries will host creative writing workshops and poetry reading sessions that will explore how poetry can inspire, challenge and help us shape a better future.

The **Children's Historian in Residence** will run a number of History workshops for Children throughout the Branch network in April. More information here: [Events | Dublin City Council](#)

Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027 (LECP) Advisory Group formed with ongoing meetings. High Level Goals and associated objectives are currently at draft stage.

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC The next meeting of the Committee will be held on the 25/04/23 with pre SPC meeting arranged for the 12/04/23.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 DCC is supporting many of the 26 actions within the plan.

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.

Dublin Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 DCC is supporting the Circular Economy Hotspot 29/05-01/06/23. Tickets are now on sale and the draft programme is available online. DCC-EDO is directly involved in developing the deep dive / workshop on social enterprise.

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 2023: 21 applications approved to a value of €43,893.

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals 2023: 10 grants were approved to the value of €103,350 supporting the creation of 10 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year.

Mentoring: 275 hours of mentoring completed 1st Jan – 28th Feb 23. Annual target 1,000 hours.

Training: 769 participants & 30 courses delivered 1st Jan – 28th Feb '23. Annual target 3,000 hours.

Start Your Own Business: 60 participants attended 3 courses 1st Jan – 28th Feb 23. Annual target, 227 participants & 13 courses.

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.

National Tree Week, Ireland's largest annual tree celebration, took place from Sunday 19th March – Sunday 26th March and comprised a series of events, such as eco art workshops, biodiversity talks & webinars, group forest walks and tree-planting. All events were dedicated to celebrating and raising awareness of the many benefits that trees provide to our environment and local communities.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
City Library, Parnell Sq.	The appointment of a multi-disciplinary Design Team has been announced. Demolitions continue	Completion of design of Phase 1
Charleville Mall Library	Tender for Phase 2 of refurbishment in preparation.	Works including a full roof and ceiling replacement, will commence in summer 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	Phase 1 is continuing with an estimated six month build.	Following handover by the contractor, fit-out including installation of IT systems, book stock, furniture will bring the estimated opening date to Summer 2023
Refurb of 1930s Wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning. Demolition to rear of Colaiste Mhuire is complete	Construction date TBC
Collection displays /Exhibits	Reconstructing Mondrian by John Beattie Living with (Paint)ing by Richard Gorman. Ongoing displays including New Acquisitions, including Richard Tuttle's <i>Cycle</i> series Andy Warhol <i>Three Times Out</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport eTender completed. Agent to be appointed in March • Artwork Loan agreements to be completed in April • Committee for PR and Public Realm formed Museum Environment controls for artworks to be put in place.	Opened Feb 1 st Opened March 8th
Programme of art education	There were 1020 programmes with 57 participants in February. Our programmes of art education in April include participation in the Dublin Learning City Festival, our art appreciation discussions including a special talk in tandem with <i>One Dublin One Book</i> , Teen Culture club, monthly Film programme, practical art courses exploring the work of Richard Gorman, city-wide primary schools programme and more. Hugh Lane-Create Ireland commission awardee Jijo Sebastian has initiated a Call Out to families from intercultural backgrounds in Dublin City to participate in his socially engaged project. We are collaborating with the NEIC Early Years residency programme.	Ongoing development
Nth Fredrick Lane	Property acquired by DCC for HLG including Conservation, Archive, Operations and Fine Art Storage. Fit out underway.	Preparing facility Q1'23
20 & 21 Parnell SQ	Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG	Feasibility Study Q2 '23
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions and security continues 24/7. Technicians Panel in place.	Appointment of art techs
Workforce Planning	Phase 1 of Plan submitted to HR. WFP proceeding: Exhibition Curator being appointed in March. 2x Art Technicians taking up post end of March.	Critical vacancies recruitment'23

	Operations Manager, Deputy Operations Manager, Assistant Operations Officer, Front of House, Paper Conservator, Exhibitions Curator and Attendants posts to be recruited Q2-3	
New website	New HLG website going live in March.	Go Live Q1 '23
Branding	New HLG Brand implementation. New Signage installed.	New signage installed: Q1 '23
Student Enterprise	34 senior schools registered to date. 1,487 participating students & 51 workshops completed to date.	Regional and national final planning.
LEO Support	LEO to support businesses 10-50 employees from January 2023 on a Pilot basis.	Process development underway.
TechFoundHer Bootcamp	Event supporting female founders from non tech background creating a tech product/platform on 2 nd May. https://techfoundher.com/	Event final planning underway.
Your Dublin Your Voice	The Q1 Survey on Culture closed on 13 th March.	Q1 survey results to be analysed and disseminated. Draft tender in final review stage and will be published by OGP shortly.
Dublin Economic Monitor	Q1 DEM published and disseminated 7 th March.	Q1 review. Q2 PMI to be analysed and published. Q2 DEM and event planning.
MODOS	Additional funding awarded to MODOS for 2023	New website being developed along with development of MODOS Training on a national basis.
Dublin Place Brand	New Dublin Place Brand Promotional Campaign	Campaign in June to raise the profile of the Dublin Place Brand under the 'Always Dublin' tagline
Dublin Place Brand	Content Tender Framework	Publishing RFT document on eTenders for a panel of content and report writers.
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant	Tender package for accessibility works to issue Q1/23. Revised design being developed for new Part 8 for other works.

Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender documents being prepared	Tender issued
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Part 8 application complete	Construction tender documents to be issued Q1/23
Donore Community Centre	Tenders received for Design Team	Contract awarded to Design Team in Q1/23. IPB insurance have a financial interest in this project.
Northside Swimming Pool	Surveys complete	Options to be reviewed, presented to Area Committee & stakeholders and scope of works agreed. Q1/23
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction Tender Documents issued	Works are progressing in line with programme.
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Tender package complete	Tender to be awarded on completion of assessment Q1/23
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Tender submissions received	Works commenced
April/May DCSWP Programme focus	Alignment and delivery of DCSWP programmes and events with major national and international initiatives to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes and to focus on core target groups.	<p>Lord Mayor 5 Alive St Anne's Park – 1st April 2023</p> <p>World Autism Awareness Day – Sunday 2nd April</p> <p>World Health Day – Friday 7th April.</p> <p>National Workplace Wellbeing Day – Friday 28th April.</p> <p>National Active School Week 24th – 28th April 2023 Easter Initiatives /Camps Co- Funded programmes Recruitment for Marathonkids 2023 Programme</p>

DCSWP Calendar of Events	Alignment and delivery of DCSWP/Co-Funded programmes (Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing, Rugby & Swimming) with major international sporting events to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes.	<p>Hello How Are You European Mental Health Day (22nd-28th May– programmes to link in with DCSWP Thrive Mental Health initiatives)</p> <p>National Active Schools Week 24th – 28th May</p> <p>Rowing Ireland Get Going Get Rowing Event. May 2023. Details TBC</p>
St. James's Linear Park	Phase 2 is on site	Scheduled for completion Q2 2023
Stoneybatter Greening Strategy	Stoneybatter Green: Herbaceous planting Arbour Hill: N-S Rain garden	Scheduled for completion: Q2 2023
Diamond Park, Sherriff St	Redevelopment in progress	Scheduled to re-open May/June 2023
NEIC Greening Strategy	Planting interventions at Cross Care Community Centre and along walls on Commons Street & Courtney Place. Redevelopment of open space at James Joyce Street in progress.	Scheduled for completion Q2 2023

Corporate Services, Transformation & Human Resources

1. Corporate Services & Transformation

Smart City/Smart Dublin

Smart City/Smart Dublin Cllr Report Update April 3rd 2023 Meeting

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

DCC Drones Workshop

Build on the success of the Accelerating the potential of Drones initiative the Smart City Team as support the development of a strategic framework for drone operations for Dublin City Council. A workshop was hosted in The Digital Hub on 15th of March 2023 for staff either using or looking to use drones in the future. This covered a wide range of areas such a building control, water protection, waste management, emergency services, civil defence, active travel and traffic. The workshop was led by renowned drone consultants Julie Garland (Avtrain) and Philip Butterworth-Hayes (PMI MEDIA Limited). A draft strategy will be developed between now and June to help progress the potential of drones for the organisation.

Dublin City Council Economic Data PIN Notice issued

Local Government across Ireland plays an important role in the delivery of public services at a local level, and leads economic, social and community development. Development decisions and plans should be evidence based and data driven. For example the Dublin Economic Monitor, uses local level data to track Dublin's economic performance on a quarterly basis. There is an increasing need for data to measure, plan and monitor economic impact at a local level. Dublin City Council is leading this PIN consultation to better understand the current market and data offerings that can enhance our understanding of the performance of local economic development across Ireland. The PIN can be viewed on eTenders here and the closing date for submissions is the 5th of April 2023 at 12 noon:

https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/PublicPurchase/234369/0/0?returnUrl=ctm/Supplier/publictenders&b=ETENDERS_SIMPLE

UN Digital Rights Workshop for Local Authority Staff

The UN Digital Rights workshop for local authority staff has been developed as part of Dublin City Council's work with the Cities Coalition for Digital Rights and is supported by UN-Habitat. It builds upon the work done to date by the Smart Docklands' Academy of the Near Future team. The pilot workshop aims to educate and upskill local authority staff about preserving digital rights and the Public Sector Duty, as cities increasingly begin to introduce new digital technologies and services. This pilot workshop will pay particular attention to data ethics and privacy in relation to digital rights. For more: [Digital Rights Governance Project | Cities for Digital Rights](#)

Google Project Air View- Air Quality Data Hack

Dublin City Council partnered with Google to host an Air Quality Data Hack from the 24th Feb-26th Feb. Over 100 participants with 16 teams; including developers, data scientists, and environmental experts spent the weekend developing insights and solutions using the Google Project Air View data. The data focuses on hyperlocal air quality averages in Dublin and contains 50 million data points. The ideas presented impressed the judges who included Martin Fitzpatrick, Principle Health Officer from Dublin City Council and representatives from Google. The winning team, 'Phoenix' developed a vulnerability mapping solution highlighting the locations in Dublin with exposure to poorer air quality using machine learning techniques. This

solution could be used by the City Council for infrastructure planning such as Active Travel Network, Pedestrianization, etc. The Air Quality Data Hack was a huge success, with participants demonstrating real commitment to use their skills and expertise to help develop new insights that can help improve air quality in Dublin. For more information: https://www.tcd.ie/news_events/articles/2023/team-phoenix-soars-as-trinity-researchers-win-air-quality-data-hack-2023-event/

Georgetown University Visits Smart DCU

On Wednesday the 8th of March in DCU ALPHA, Smart DCU Projects Facilitator, Kieran Mahon had the opportunity to present to a class of 40 MBA students from Georgetown University. Kieran discussed the many innovative projects taking place in Smart DCU such as their [recent partnership with Cellnex](#) to develop Ireland's first 5G-enabled 'Smart Campus' to provide uninterrupted 5G coverage across the main campus, the DCU Alpha Innovation Campus and the DCU sports campus. Smart City team members Kate Mooney and Piercia Pomah both communications interns from DCU, shared their experiences of working as part of the smart cities team while Claudia Bailey Smart Docklands Technology and Engagement Manager presented on the [UN Habitat's Digital Rights Governance Framework](#) to the students.

Women in STEM Summit 2023

Grace D'Arcy, Engagement Programme Manager of Academy of the Near Future (ANF), was invited to speak at the [Women in STEM Summit 2023](#) in Croke Park this month. With her talk titled 'Anyone can be a scientist!' Grace discussed how ANF strives to tackle stereotypes in STEM by ensuring there is an equal representation of DEIS and female-identifying participants in all of our workshops and projects. Grace also highlighted the important role citizen science plays in widening inclusion in STEM and highlighted ANF's current [citizen science](#) project that empowers students with hyperlocal air quality and traffic data, showing them that anyone truly can be a scientist!

Service & Digital Transformation

A new public consultation and community engagement tool is being piloted for the LECP consultation. Requirement gathering is underway to inform a procurement for a corporate public consultation and engagement tool.

The project to implement a new Chief Executive Orders system based on the system developed by Fingal is live for Corporate Services & Transformation, Human Resources and Chief Executive's Department. Currently working with Planning and Development and LEO for next phase of the rollout

The team continued to roll out the online appointment booking system to allow citizens and businesses to book either in-person or online meetings currently resolving issues for Ballymun area office.

Training is underway with the arts office for the online venue booking system with expected go live date end of March.

The initial phase of a project to provide access to technology for City Council outdoor staff has commenced. Meetings were held with Microsoft and a session is organised for the staff in Sweeneys Terrace one of the pilot sites. Digital Services are working with the Communications Unit to create content for the VIVA app.

The staff awards scheme has been launched on Citidesk with Awards scheduled for May.

Two working groups have been set up to work on developing collaborative workspaces for staff to facilitate in-person and hybrid team-working.

Work continued on the digitisation of internal processes on CitiDesk. Work is ongoing with the HR, Law, Finance and IS Departments in relation to internal business processes. Liaison is progressing with the Fire Brigade to create a document management facility for their training site.

Work has continued on the draft Digital Strategy.

The Service design framework is being used to review and improve two services at the moment.

The Digital application support team are working with the Communications Unit and Big Motive to agree Website governance, privacy and accessibility standards.

Engagement is ongoing with Active Travel and Climate Action to facilitate use of the Citizen alerts platform for related alerts and notifications.

Citizen Hub Project

The facility for tenants to check their rent balance and print a rent statement using Citizen Hub is now live. The older Isupport solution will be disabled in two weeks. A letter will be issued from the rents section to tenants informing them of the new facility and how to register.

Private rental complaints, order a map and City Neighbourhood scheme went live this month as did the first grant on Citizen Hub for Community Support funds. A proof of concept has been created for the provision of services through Irish. Working on the reporting solution and check your place on the waiting list. Working on a transition plan from old CRM to ensure required data is extracted before the service is decommissioned.

Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

The Data & Analytics Unit continue to build dashboards for Citizen Hub, with the Customer Complaint dashboard now live which will assist with managing and tracking of responses and resolution of service requests.

The first phase of the automation of the performance indicators for the Service Delivery Plan has commenced. This phase is focused on Housing and will include stakeholder engagement, identifying data source, rules/logic and documenting same, as well as creating dashboards for business owners.

The first phase of stakeholder engagement with the key data stakeholders in DFB has commenced and the documenting of these processes will follow shortly.

Finally, the Unit has engaged other Public Sector Bodies to identify best practices and gain insights from their lessons learnt.

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. Mechanical and Electrical (M&E) fit out to all these buildings are well underway. Finishing works such as plastering, painting, raised floors, tiling and carpentry are on-going in the Administration and Welfare Building.

Construction of the Civic Amenity Site office and yard are nearing completion with work ongoing to the M&E fit out of the office and finishing of internal roadways. Work on the Salt Barn's timber cladding almost complete with louvres to upper sections to be fitted shortly. External works and below ground services are nearing completion, with fencing works and works at the access points on-going.

The scheduled completion of construction is currently April/May 2023. Following construction there will be a period required for furniture and IS fit out. The target is to commence the movement of operations into the NCOD will be as soon as possible upon completion of construction and fit-out.

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 2022 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. The NCOD Project Team along with representatives from line management and HR met with all remaining staff that will be associated with the NCOD throughout November 2022. A staff travel survey was conducted late last year and analysis of information gathered is on-going.

The Depot Manager and Operations Superintendent have been appointed and are working closely with the Project Team to get the depot operations-ready.

Customer Services

In excess of 11,300 calls were answered and approximately 3,350 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 20th February and 19th March.

Customer Services have logged in excess of 2,000 Housing Maintenance requests between 20th February and 19th March.

Customer Services have taken more than 1,500 payments in the cash office and taken almost 1,700 payments over the phone, between 20th February and 19th March.

Customer Services have processed almost of 1,600 Parking Permits between 20th February and 19th March.

The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with approximately 1,600 visitors to reception between 20th February and 19th March.

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 May.

GDPR training is being rolled out to all newer Customer Services staff, to improve data security and the customer experience.

Customer Services have gained additional staff who have now been trained and this is improving the response times for customers calling on the phones. The average wait time has reduced by 60 seconds for customers calling Customer Service between 20th February and 19th March, compared to the previous month.

Customer Services have liaised with Galway County Council to compare business processes and will continue to do so on services offered by both organisations through their Customer Service units.

2. Human Resources

The total number of employees at 31st December 2022 was 5,897 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5,579.45.

Recruitment Programme 2023

Year	Recruitment campaigns complete/in process
2021	61
2022	104
2023 (YTD)	26

Interviews held/concluded March 2023

- Firefighter
- Animal Welfare Inspector
- Executive Technician
- Exhibitions Curator
- Area Community and Social Development Officer
- Senior Library Assistant

Campaigns advertised March 2023

- Administrative Officer, North City Operations Depot
- Beach Lifeguard (Temporary) – Dollymount Beach, Summer Season 2023
- Relief Attendant (Fitness Instructor and/or Lifeguard), Temporary – Sports and Fitness Centres and Swimming Pools
- Leisure Attendant (Fitness Instructor/Lifeguard) – Permanent – Sports and Leisure Services
- Public Domain Officer
- Environmental Liaison Officer
- Area Housing Officer

The Public Appointments Service have ongoing recruitment campaigns for Senior Engineer, Senior Executive Engineer, Deputy City Architect, Senior Executive Architect, Chief Quantity Surveyor, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer, Assistant Chief Executive, Professional Accountant, Dublin City Planner and Deputy City Planner.

Law Department
Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/9660/2023	Records re city farm, community farm/urban farm in Ballymun bet. 1st Jan 17 -31 Jan 23	Client	01/02/2023	
FOI/9661/2023	Request for Drainage/sewage records for named address	Client	01/02/2023	
FOI/9664/2023	Seeks complaints made to the DRHE in Q3 & Q4 2022 by users of homeless services	Client	02/02/2023	02/03/2023
FOI/9671/2023	Records re: provision of a library in the Dalymount Park redevelopment project.	Client	08/02/2023	
FOI/9675/2023	Records bet. DCC officials and reps from Amazon and Universal Developers LLC	Press	09/02/2023	
FOI/9676/2023	Records between named person and DCC official from 2019 to present	Press	09/02/2023	
FOI/9677/2023	Records regarding DCC payslips	Press	09/02/2023	
FOI/9679/2023	Request records regarding Dominick Street regeneration	Press	10/02/2023	
FOI/9680/2023	Request maintenance records	Press	13/02/2023	
FOI/9684/2023	Request records regarding DCC community centre	Press	13/02/2023	
FOI/9686/2023	Records regarding Abbey Theatre	Press	13/02/2023	
FOI/9687/2023	Request records regarding playing pitches in St. Annes Park	Business	14/02/2023	
FOI/9688/2023	Request schedule of maps for named area	Solicitor	14/02/2023	
FOI/9692/2023	Records re National Agents Election Expense Statements for local elections 2014	Client	14/02/2023	
FOI/9694/2023	Seeks DFB rostering information for named station	Staff	15/02/2023	
FOI/9697/2023	Seeks records re apartment complex in Ballymun	Client	16/02/2023	21/02/2023
FOI/9701/2023	Seeks records re complaints and inspections against named property	Client	17/02/2023	
FOI/9702/2023	Requests records from HAP section	Client	17/02/2023	

FOI/9703/2023	Request copies of all reports and assessment for named fire certificate application	Client	20/02/2023	
FOI/9704/2023	Seeks records re NCBO figures and minutes for meetings	Press	20/02/2023	
FOI/9707/2023	Records from various departments in DCC	Client	21/02/2023	
FOI/9708/2023	Seeks records re Pimlico Green	Client	21/02/2023	
FOI/9711/2023	seeks records re: provision of child care facilities in new residential developments	Press	22/02/2023	
FOI/9712/2023	Records re response time to Fire	Client	22/02/2023	
FOI/9713/2023	Seeks records re Tree planted outside house	Client	22/02/2023	
FOI/9715/2023	Records re planning reference number	Client	23/02/2023	
FOI/9716/2023	Request copy of report from Dublin Fire Brigade	Client	23/02/2023	
FOI/9717/2023	Seeks records re HAP statistics	Client	23/02/2023	
FOI/9719/2023	Records-public consultation on proposed renaming of the bridge on Russell St	Client	24/02/2023	
FOI/9721/2023	Records regarding permits and fines issued by DCC	Press	27/02/2023	
FOI/9722/2023	Seeks records from Marino Library regarding borrowed books	Client	27/02/2023	28/02/2023
FOI/9723/2023	Records of vehicles clamped in Dublin bet. January 1, 2017 and January 31, 2023.	Client	27/02/2023	
FOI/9726/2023	Seeks records re road works and surveys re two sites in Dublin 3	Client	28/02/2023	

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in February 2023

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2023 is outlined below.

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2023 -28/02/2023	139
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2023 – 28/02/2023	114