

**To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee**

May 2023

**Public Domain Report
Office of City Recovery**



The Office of City Recovery now have new staff members dedicated to Public Domain Inspections and are carrying out audits on City Centre Streets daily. All issues are logged for action with the appropriate Department and prioritised where necessary.

Bridges

As a continuation of the deep cleaning of the Bridges in the City Centre, Butt Bridge got a facelift: including deep cleaning of the granite on the bridge and the kerb, bollards and decorative lighting columns are freshly painted. (see cover pic) and below: Rosie Hackett, Ha'penny Bridge and Millennium Bridge all to be deep cleaned again in May.



Refresh the Streets

The Office of City Recovery are working with Central and South East Areas to conduct continuous and regular refreshing of City Centre Streets. Talbot Street, Merrion Row and Baggot Street have both recently received a full refresh including, deep cleaning of pavements, painting of bollards, bins and lamp posts. New planters installed on Talbot Street.

Full painting programme ongoing across the City Centre.

Recently Completed:

- Capel St, all poles, bollards, bins and utility boxes
- O'Connell Street, bollards, bins and utility boxes
- Liffey Street, poles, bollards, bins utility boxes
- Grafton St, poles, bins, bollards
- South Anne St, bollards and bins
- Harry St, bin
- King St South, bollards and bins

- South William St, lamps, bins and bollards
- Drury St, bollards and bins
- Stephen St Lower bins and bollards

We will continue to move this project forward street by street over the next few months and continue to lift the appearance and experience in the City.







O'Connell Street

Intensive Power Washing of O'Connell Street is currently taking place once a week and on request where necessary. Public Domain Staff will be present each day on the street ensuring arising issues are addressed immediately. O'Connell Street is monitored daily and any issues actioned.

Grafton Street Area

DCC servicing of the Grafton Street Area has been significantly increased over the last number of months. Waste Management have a continuous presence on the street and all issues that arise are actioned immediately. Grafton Street being the most popular Street for busking in the City is also continuously monitored by our Inspectors to ensure compliance with the Bye Laws.

Waste Management

The Public Domain Team as part of the City Recovery Programme action immediate response from Waste Management Teams on the ground on a daily basis.

The Power Washing Schedule whilst somewhat reduced for the winter months will be ramped up for the Summer Months. We are working alongside Waste Management to plan for an intensive wash programme for the upcoming summer months covering as many areas in the City Centre as possible and to ensure the City is kept to a high standard over the coming months.

Advise WM Coordinators of needs/changing needs of City Centre Streets.

Ensuring with WM that Staffing Levels are adequate to service the City Centre.

Advising and ensuring an adequate Power Washing Schedule is in place for the City Centre and planning for supplementing same if necessary.

Weekly meetings with Senior Staff to ensure continuity of service.

Street Furniture Licensing

Street Furniture Licensing is in a Transitional Process currently.

Some backlog of processing given the volume of Applications and the turnaround time with relevant departments.

Working with Traffic to install new Build Outs. Work on Exchequer Street completed mid-March.

Major City Wide review required of the role and value of Outdoor Street Furniture Infrastructure in the City.

75 New Applications received to date in 2023.

Working with the Transformation Department to move the application system online to create a more efficient service for the customer.

Street Furniture Enforcement

- Q.1 2023

- 93 Enforcement Notices Issued
- 13 Removals of Furniture carried out
- 9 Ad boards seized

As we progress regularizing the transition from Covid Permits to SFLs we envisage a large increase in removals for May 2023.

We are continuing to engage with businesses and business representative groups to assist them in complying with the terms of their licences and will follow up with enforcement measures where necessary.

Moore Street Market

Moore Street had a deep clean early March prior to the launch of the weekly Market, progressing from the monthly market that has been ongoing since September.

The Market on Moore Street has moved to twice weekly and will be moving towards 3 days a week in May and a four day week in June, July and August. The feedback has been hugely positive and we are working with all our departments and our market agents to make steady improvements.

Ryders Row/Capel Street Shop Front Improvement Scheme Launch

The launch of the above took place on 13th March on a rainy Monday afternoon. The Lord Mayor, Cllr Caroline Conroy and Chair of Central Area Committee, Cllr Ray McAdam and Cllr Joe Costello were in attendance at the event. We have received a number of enquiries and applications for the Shop Front Improvement Scheme to date and hope to create further interest in the scheme over the coming months.

The Greening Initiative for Ryder's Row was completed immediately prior to the launch and we have received very positive feedback from the surrounding businesses.



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