

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 147/2023
Report of the Chief Executive



Monthly Management Report – July 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 July 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: 21st June 2023

Environment and Transportation Department

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking

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 11th June 2023, that week's revenue was €306,308.87. For week ending 11th June 2023, the usage of coin in parking meters was €85,866.80 and for week ending 11th June 2023 card payments were €120, 538.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

The following have been balloted for introduction of a new parking scheme.

The Haven, Dublin 9

The following have been voted in favour of an introduction of Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme.

Thor Place, D7. Hours of Operation: Monday to Sun 7am-24.

Pim Street. Hours of Operation: Monday to Sat 7am-7pm

Clare Road, D9. Hours of Operation: Monday to Sat 7-7

The Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on Belgrave Avenue, Dublin 6 will commence on 3rd of July. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

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 2023 on Decarbonising Zones, the Council has identified potential Decarbonising Zones (DZs) in Ballymun and Ringsend. 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.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services' Annual Works Programme for 2023 has been presented to the Elected Members. The programme will deliver approximately 18km of footpath upgrade works and 16km of carriageway resurfacing works this year. The tender and contract documents for the appointment of contractors to deliver these works are currently being prepared. During the period January to April 2023 the Division repaired/ made safe approximately 1,600 defects and hazards on the road network. Furthermore during the same period 142 critical defects and hazards on the road network were repaired/ made safe within 24-hours of them being reported.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

234 surveys were undertaken on 216 streets across the six waste management areas in April 2023. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 58% of streets graded received a Grade A, 29% Grade B, 13% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No of Streets Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
CENTRAL	61	74	39	26	8	
SOUTH EAST	24	26	24	2		
SOUTH CENTRAL	34	37	21	13	3	
NORTH CENTRAL	36	36	27	4	4	
NORTH WEST	32	32	10	9	13	
CITY CENTRE	29	29	14	13	2	
TOTALS	216	234	135	67	30	0

26 bottle bank surveys were carried out in April 2023. Overall 50% of bottle banks received a Grade A, 23% Grade B, 27% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. of Bottle Banks Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
CENTRAL	1	1			1	
SOUTH CENTRAL	2	2	2			
NORTH CENTRAL	15	15	9	4	2	
NORTH WEST	8	8	2	2	4	
TOTALS	26	26	13	6	7	0

Recycling Services

Parks & Landscaping Services have engaged a service provider to refurbish Eamon Ceannt Park Dept., including works to the bring centre. Works are scheduled to begin on 31st July and will take approximately 12 months to complete. The bring centre will close for the duration of the works. Glass and textile banks will be placed on the footpath outside the existing site for the duration of the works.

Clothing Waste Prevention Pilot

Waste Management Services have created a new textile waste project that aims to prevent good clothing from becoming waste and support the transition to a circular economy. A new guide on 'How to Organise a Clothes Swap' was written to assist anyone who wishes to plan their own clothes swapping event. Community groups are also invited to borrow a 'Clothes Swap Kit' containing the equipment, such as rails, signage boards and hangers, they may need to hold this type of event. The new guidebook can be viewed or downloaded at <https://bit.ly/DCCClothesSwaps>.

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 environment. The programme will complete in June. 85 schools (132 classes) within DCC have been supported in this academic year. Please visit www.pickerpalsworld.org for further 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 Green-Schools Award Ceremony took place in the Helix, DCU on 23.05.2023. For further information, please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

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

Entry forms for the City Neighbourhoods Competition 2023 have been forwarded to the Area Offices who in turn forward to potential entrants. Online entry is also available for first time.

IPB Pride of Place 2023

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

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

The 2023 Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme was 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 is available for disbursement to eligible projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.

Applications were invited to submit proposals to the Scheme for assessment by the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee. This year, 47 grant applications were submitted requesting grant funding of circa €4.2m.

The 47 grant applications are divided into three categories as follows:

- Grant Applicants Requesting Amounts Over €100K (12 Applicants)
- Grant Applicants Requesting Amounts Between €20K and €100K (20 Applicants)
- Grant Applicants Requesting Amounts Under €20K (15 Applicants)

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee will hold several grant application assessment meetings throughout July 2023 where each application will be carefully considered, discussed and reviewed against the Schemes general conditions and criteria, ensuring that only those selected will provide maximum community benefit and are viable and sustainable in the long-term. Following this lengthy and detailed process each applicant will be notified by way of letter of the outcome of their grant application. These grant application notification letters will be e-mailed to each grant applicant in August 2023.

[Regarding the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021](#), 21 of the 28 approved applicants have drawn down their grant funding to a total value of circa €326K. The total funding awarded was circa €500K, and therefore the balance remaining for drawdown is €174K. Due to unforeseen circumstances, two organisations have decided to withdraw their grant aided projects. The remaining 5 beneficiaries have until the 30th of June 2023 to complete their projects and draw down their funding. Worth noting is that grant funding not availed of in respect of any Projects Grant Scheme is carried forward and used to fund future Schemes.

Dublin District Heating Project

The Dublin District Heating Project (DDHP) is an important project which will contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions in Dublin City and ultimately to Ireland's Climate and Energy targets by delivering on Government policy at a European, National and local level.

A new unit has recently been established to provide additional resources to deliver this project for Dublin City Council (DCC) which, in Phase 1 aims to capture waste heat from the Dublin Waste to Energy ("DWtE") and pipe it into homes and businesses in the Poolbeg, Ringsend and Docklands areas of Dublin city. Heat will be generated from the conversion of non-recyclable waste at the Dublin DWtE facility which has the potential to generate up to 90MW of heat.

To meet its objectives, DCC is seeking an experienced private partner with the relevant DH expertise, knowledge and capability to participate in a joint venture company (JV) which will develop, implement, operate and retail the DDHP. DCC recently commenced a 2nd Round of a market engagement on a commercial structure for the DH utility. It is also intended to commence a prequalification procedure this year for a suitable JV partner to operate the utility with DCC.

A Technical Advisor will also be appointed this year to assist DCC in advancing the design and statutory processes for Phase 1 of the project and to assist in the procurement and establishment of the JV Co. that will operate the DH network.

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:

- Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) trial project to 'slow the flow' of surface water run-off from entering our sewer network. Design nearing completion. Subject to planning approval, the Protection of Water Bodies Office is working to deliver this project on-site in the third quarter of 2023.
- Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works. The construction works are ongoing with most sites near completion.
- The Bathing Water season has started on the 1st of June 2023 and will run until the 15th of September 2023.. Results will be made available in softcopy format on [Beaches and Bathing Water Quality | Dublin City Council](#) or on [Find A Beach - Beaches.ie - Beaches.ie](#) & in hardcopy format at bathing water entrances. Where warnings are required to be raised to protect public health, the Health Service Executive will be consulted and Environmental Protection Agency notified.

Drainage Planning, Policy & Development Control

The SuDS Working Group has produced a new "Property Level Guide to SuDS". This is intended to give guidance on SuDS implementation for small developments, individual houses, extensions, driveways etc. It provides straightforward advice on meeting SuDS requirements in the City Development Plan. It also assists anyone who may want to install water butts, permeable paving etc. to help protect their own local area from flooding and climate change.

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 September 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.

- Further wintering bird surveys are completed. Building threshold surveys are completed. A large Site Investigation for both Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council area of the Camac catchment has been awarded and is due to commence in July 2023.
- Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website www.camacfas.ie

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team is primarily focused on developing our revised climate action plan (CAP). 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. Workshops with staff to consolidate actions is underway.

The Climate Action Team with EMRWMPO was involved in a bid for Dublin to be the 2023 Circular Hotspot. The application was led by the Rediscovery Centre and was successful. The four day event ran from May 29th 2023.

The Climate Action Team's have issued the draft food strategy for public consultation. Edible Dublin: Food Strategy will be open for comment for six weeks.

DCC is part of CULTIVATE an EU-funded project to increase public awareness and knowledge of Food Sharing initiatives (FSIs), to understand what drives or hampers their practice, and to foster sustainability, inclusion, and resilience in urban and peri-urban food systems through food sharing as a hub city. CULTIVATE will develop the **Food Sharing Compass**, a social innovation support platform for FSIs, policy makers, food supply actors, researchers, and citizens. With its five tools, the Compass helps these stakeholders navigate food sharing landscapes and cultures to understand, develop, replicate, scale out and strengthen food sharing. The aim is to create more sustainable, resilient, and healthy urban and peri-urban food systems. CULTIVATE supports the EU's inclusive climate mitigation and adaptation ambitions.

Climate Action Regional Office

The Dublin CARO Coordinator's five year secondment contract is up and he will be leaving CARO at the end of June 2023. As lead authority for Dublin Metropolitan CARO region, a replacement will be advertised by DCC pending agreement with DHLGH and agreement of the Service Level Agreement between DECC and CAROs. A graduate intern will be joining the Dublin CARO team on a temporary basis for a 12 week contract in the 3rd week of June 2023.

The Service Level Agreement between DECC and the Lead Local Authorities for each of the four CAROs expired at the end of March and was subsequently extended to end June for agreement by CCMA/DECC. Further instruction is awaited from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications with regard to a new service level agreement.

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 and Met Éireann to assist the sector in preparing their Climate Action Plans. CARO Chair monthly meetings with all four Dublin Climate Action Teams and Codema to discuss and share progress on Climate Action Plan preparation.

It is a requirement of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 that local authority Climate Actions Plans, must be aligned to sectoral climate action and planning. Dublin CARO is supporting the Climate teams in the 4 Dublin Local Authorities in this regard.

5 Sectoral engagement workshops for all LAs have been completed. Dublin CARO organised and moderated at the second sectoral workshop on Transportation on 22nd May. Other workshops addressed the sectoral topics of Heritage & Biodiversity, Built Environment and Landuse Planning, Community Development and Enterprise, and Landuse Change. These workshops explored sectoral climate actions that need to be accounted for in LA Climate Action plans and were attended by over 300 attendees across the 31 local authorities. Speakers from dedicated sectors were present and offered valuable insight. Adaptation and Mitigation measures around climate change were addressed. Dublin CARO attended training sessions on Decarbonising Zones on 14th and 15th June.

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 2022. Strand 2, a 3 day course comprising self-directed and on-line training commenced on 13th June 2022. It was 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 finish in July 2023. To date 2000 local authority employees have completed the training. Dublin CARO presented the LA GPP Training programme as part of the SEAI's 'Legislation for Local Authorities' course in June. Dublin CARO has also presented the project to the Office of Government Procurement's Strategic Procurement Advisory Group.

LASNTG have completed other training programmes on Climate Action Training for Local Authority Staff in April, June and a further programme is scheduled for November 2023. LASNTG scheduled 2 X 1 day Climate Action Training Workshops for the 28th and 29th March and the topics covered were beneficial in developing the Local Authority Climate Action Plans. Dublin CARO were in attendance at the workshop.

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

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. The second site visit on 18.04.2023 was to the Neoen Solar Farm at Hilltown Co. Meath commissioned in 2022 with an electricity generation potential of 18 MWp (MWp is an abbreviation for Megawatt peak – a unit of measurement for the output of power from a source such as solar or wind where the output may vary according to the strength of sunlight or wind speed. MWp is a measure of the maximum

potential output of power. A Megawatt is 1,000 kilowatts. A kilowatt is 1,000 watts. A watt is one amp flowing through one volt.

Dublin CARO is looking into organising further site visits for climate action teams in the coming months and is currently looking into the possibility of a visit to an anaerobic digestion (AD) plant in Autumn 2023.

Dublin CARO funded prizes for winning projects in the Globe Nature Based Solutions Schools Projects at a prize giving ceremony on 12th May at the Wood Quay Venue. The Globe Programme is an initiative of An Taisce's Environmental Education Unit and is supported by NASA and the EPA.

Dublin CARO attended the EPA's National Climate Change Conference 2023 at Dublin Castle on 25th May.

As part of National Biodiversity Week 2023 (19th-28th May) Dublin CARO assisted, funded and attended a Climate Change Cruise at Dublin Bay on 26th May. Over 90 persons were in attendance and included climate change and Biodiversity experts and enthusiasts alike.

Dublin CARO are co-sponsoring and will be in attendance at ECCA (European Climate Change Adaptation Conference) at The Printworks, Dublin Castle from 19th - 21st June and will have a stand to showcase national/sectoral objectives and ongoing projects including the Linte Na Farraige project.

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

The noise maps were published on the DCC website and can be accessed here [Noise Maps and Action Plans | Dublin City Council](#)

Work will commence on the preparation of the Noise Action Plan, which is due in 2024.

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

The multi-disciplinary team within the Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) continues to work on the design and delivery of a number of projects as part of the overall network, which when fully completed, will result in 95% of people being within 400 metres of the high quality network within Dublin City.

A comprehensive quarterly report on the activities of the office has been submitted to the Lord Mayor and Elected Members for the July Full Council Meeting, report no. 151/2023. The updates below contain some highlights of ongoing activity for the Active Travel Programme.

The number of projects with construction activity increased to six during the month with the commencement of construction on the **East Coast Trail Phase 1** (Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Section) This project will provide segregated cycling facilities and improved pedestrian facilities along a 1km route that extends from the entrance to the Eastpoint Business Park on Alfie Byrne Road, along Alfie Byrne Road and East Wall Road as far as East Road.

The Project Team comprising members of AcTPRO and Traffic held a meeting with members of the Central Area Committee on the 31st of May 2023 and gave details of expected works, programme and communications for the project. This presentation can be downloaded from the project's newly created webpage. A detailed leaflet for the works is being distributed to households and businesses in the area, distribution started on the 22nd of June. The newly created webpage has drawings and project information available for download, and can be found at www.dublincity.ie/ectnp1.

The five other projects with construction activity are at various stages of progression. The **Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC)** 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.

The 800m of new cycle track and footpaths which were opened along Fairview Park from Malahide Road to the Tolka in early April continue to be enjoyed by users. The fourth project leaflet was distributed in early April to over 52,000 homes and businesses in and around the C2CC catchment, giving project updates and photographs of project progress. This is available for download from our webpage www.c2cc.ie.

Night-time and weekend works involving major traffic management measures continued in June, similar to previous months.

The latest C2CC Consultative Forum which includes local Councillors and representatives from local residents and businesses was held on 9th June 2023 in Carleton Hall in Marino. An update of the works undertaken to date was presented and an outline of the upcoming works was also shared.

Some of the main upcoming works related to the Scheme is to progress from the Inbound side to the Outbound side between Five Lamps and Edge's Corner. There are some localised inbound locations which are to be finished but it is intended on progressing to the outbound to commence on that side. As part of these works 3no. Outbound bus stops are to close in line with the permanent design proposals.

A report outlining the details of the bus stop layout and the rationale for the proposed bus stop locations can be accessed on the Dublin City Council webpage at <https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2022-12/2022.12.01%20Bus%20stop%20spacing%20FINAL1.pdf>

In order to undertake a number of road crossings and road reconstruction related works, regular weekend and night time works will continue to be carried out throughout this year. Regular notifications of these works are being sent out via DCC's social media accounts, and to the C2CC Consultative Forum which, as mentioned above, includes local Councillors, and representatives from local residents and businesses.

During the overall quarter, the contractor increased his crews to 30 and the number of operatives to 100. The crucial 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.

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). Construction commenced on site in February 2023 and is expected to continue until Q2 2025.

The towpaths between Cross Guns Bridge and Binns Bridge and between Russell Street Bridge and Clarke's Bridge continue to be unavoidably closed to the public until further notice to facilitate the works. The towpath between Binns Bridge and Russell Street Bridge closed to the public on Tuesday 6th June and that the towpath between Clarke's Bridge and Newcomen Bridge closed on Tuesday 20th June.

A temporary road closure order for Charleville Mall for the period from Tuesday 20th June to Friday 1st September 2023 inclusive is in place to facilitate the installation of ESB high voltage ducting.

The contractor is currently installing ESB high voltage ducting on the northern canal towpath between Cross Guns Bridge and Lock 3. Three gas main diversions are scheduled by Gas Networks Ireland in this area for late June. The pedestrian and cycle bridge abutments are under construction just to the east of Lock 3. The bridge is being manufactured off site and is scheduled to be delivered to site in two sections, welded together on site and lifted in to place in early July.

Sheet piles have been installed on the south bank of the canal between Croke Park and Clarke's Bridge. Construction of the sheet pile capping beam has commenced and will continue into July.

The contractor took temporary possession of Portland Place Park in late May in order to use it as a secondary site compound and to facilitate access to the relatively inaccessible section of canal towpath between Binns Bridge and Russell Street Bridge. Trial pits are now being dug to confirm ground conditions and the position of underground utilities. Installation of sheet piles commenced along this section of the canal towpath in late June. Portland Place Park will be refurbished upon completion of the project in 2025.

The project webpage is updated as works progress on site; its address is www.dublincity.ie/rcqp3

Also for Binns Bridge, Pre-Part VIII planning departmental consultations have been completed and the Part VIII was noted at the Central Area Committee meeting on 9th May. The Part VIII application is due to be lodged in in early July.

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.

Main Contract Works on site are currently on hold due to the Liquidation of the Contractor, DCC are awaiting correspondence from the court appointed Liquidator.

In the interim, measures have been taken by DCC to ensure public safety is maintained. Temporary Traffic Management measures were removed from a number of locations and footpaths/carriageways reopened. Discussions are ongoing to complete remaining minor civil works at Clogher Road & Aughavannagh Road Junctions. This will allow for the commissioning of new traffic lights and the removal of the remaining temporary traffic management items. Any works carried out will be to ensure there is no risk to public safety while a determination is reached on how the remainder of the contract works will be completed.

Contractors Cairn Construction have been appointed to undertake measures for the **Liffey Cycle Route** along Eden Quay (0.25km section) from O' Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge/Beresford Place junction and installation works commenced on the 3rd of May and are currently progressing well.

The section on the south side of the River Liffey, along Burgh Quay, Aston Quay & Crampton Quay, between Talbot Memorial Bridge and the Ha'penny Bridge is progressing through the final design stages and the preparation of tender documents to procure a Contractor. Following a review process with the NTA it is anticipated that this section on the south quays and across O'Connell Bridge will be tendered in Q3 2023 with construction expected to follow in Q4 2023.

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.

The Deck Slabs for the Cantilever Sections of the piled Flood Defence wall were finished in Q2 and the corresponding Structural Walls have begun. Site Clearance to allow the construction of Tennis Court 6 for Bective Lawn Tennis Club has been carried out. Fencing type and details have been agreed with the IRFU. The Invasive Species had been removed from site under licence in Q1- a small recurrence has since been noted, removed and the area isolated. The Site Entrance at Donnybrook Road adjacent Anglesey Bridge is being used as a secondary entrance and is operating well. Substantial Completion is expected in Q4 2023

Non-Statutory Public Consultation on the two sections of the **Dodder Greenway** from Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road and Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park commenced on May 29th 2023 and ran until June 30th and more information is available on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

A Public Information meeting on the two sections was held on Thursday 15th of June in the Sandymount Community Centre.

On the **Royal Canal Greenway Phase 4**, the proposed amending Part VIII planning proposals were presented to the Central Area Committee meeting on 9th May. All of the Councillors' questions from the meeting are currently being collated and responses will be issued to the Councillors prior to the amending Part VIII submission.

Following on from the presentation to the Central Area Committee in May, an on site meeting took place between the Project Team and Elected Members on Tuesday 6th of June.

The tender competition for the **Fitzwilliam Street** cycle route is now closed and the review process is underway.

The **Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street (SC2C)** walking and cycling scheme went to non-statutory public consultation on 30th January until 28th February. A total of 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. A Public Consultation Report has been drafted and is expected to be published on the DCC website during the summer of 2023.

The Concept Design and Option Selection process for the **Finglas Village Improvement Scheme** are being advanced. A Rapid Build Options Report is required to be prepared for the scheme in accordance with NTA requirements for this phase. The proposed options will then be considered by Active Travel and the NTA, and the Elected Members will be updated accordingly.

On the **Finglas Area Roundabouts** scheme, the Preliminary Design for the Jamestown Road Roundabout has been completed, and the next step is to submit the Project Appraisal and Business Case to the NTA for approval to proceed to detailed design, and appointment of an environmental consultant to complete AA and EIA screening reports. We are also coordinating with Fingal County Council on the requirement for a Section 85 agreement (*one LA performing for another*). It is expected that detailed design will be completed in Q3 2023, followed by the preparation of tender documents for the appointment of a contractor. Construction is to commence in 2024 subject to NTA approval and funding availability.

The tender documents have been prepared for the McKee Avenue/St Margaret's Road/Lidl junction with approval to proceed awaited from the funding body. Construction is expected to begin in Q4 2023.

The route option selection and design work is ongoing for the **Santry River Greenway**. A series of public consultation events will be held in Q3 2023. This will provide the local community with the opportunity to comment on the emerging preferred route.

The implementation of the **East Coast Trail - Clontarf Baths** scheme has been paused to allow resolution of land acquisition matters.

The **Kilmainham to Thomas Street** design team have been progressing with the detailed design drawings including a new pedestrian crossing at South Circular Road/ St James Walk junction which will improve crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists at Rialto Bridge and tie-in with the proposed two way cyclepath at James Walk and also St James Linear Park. Installation of the scheme is planned to commence in Summer 2023. The Public Consultation Report has been prepared and was reviewed by DCC Planning Department. It will be published on the DCC Active Travel webpage before work commences.

The **City Quay to Harcourt Street** multi-disciplinary project team are preparing concepts for a number of options for this significant route along Merrion Street Upper, Merrion Square West, Merrion Street Lower. This will aid further engagement with stakeholders. Internal DCC consultations are ongoing.

The designs for the **Trinity to Ballsbridge** scheme will go to Public Consultation following NTA approval. Information leaflets are being developed and will be distributed in the local area during the Public Consultation period. When the scheme is published more information, including the closing date for submissions will be available on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

The **Coolock to Clontarf** project team presented a scheme along Gracefield Rd, Brookwood Ave, Sybil Hill Rd & Vernon Ave to the Elected members in the North Central Area in May. Following this, to non-statutory Public Consultation on 6th June, 2023. More information on this scheme can be viewed by accessing the Active Travel webpage at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/gracefield-road-to-vernon-avenue-scheme/>

The Public Consultation closes for submissions on 4th July, 2023.

Preliminary Designs are progressing and internal consultation ongoing for the **Grand Canal to Lincoln Place** scheme. It is planned to present this scheme to the elected members in the South East Area in Q3 2023. Following that and pending NTA approval the scheme will proceed to non-statutory Public Consultation.

The Active Travel team have prepared the Public Consultation Reports and developed the service requirements for the appointment of Engineering design teams to develop the detailed design for the following five schemes;

- 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.

Further information on the overall network, including an interactive GIS map of all routes and a complete list of all roads and streets involved, is available at www.dublincity.ie/activetravel

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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 is on-going.
2.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	The project's Part 8 application was approved at the council meeting held on 3 rd April. Pavement condition surveys have been carried out and the detailed design has commenced.
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	The Landscape Architect will recommence the design of this project in May 2023.
5.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAAF/ 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	At the Docklands Bridges Steering Group meeting on 29/03/23 the NTA attended and advised that they are satisfied in principle with the proposal to proceed with a bridge at Forbes Street.

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Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
10.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DCC/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 th June 2020. 25 submissions received by An Bord Pleanála, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 th October. New Environmental data on public display from 19 th May to 30 th June 2022 in DCC and SDCC. A response from ABP is still awaited.
11.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECO	New Environmental and topographical surveys are completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment scenarios ongoing. Website www.camacfas.ie Environmental surveys have revealed more significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded. Preliminary flood alleviation scenario's being computer modelled. 58 boreholes and 20 trial pits have procured for DCC and SDCC and are due to take place July-September 2023. Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation programmed in Q3 2023.
12.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OPW	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's completed. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home . Culvert surveys completed. Preliminary flood extent maps from computer model finalised. Initial flood options being considered and costed. Liaison with LA stakeholders on preliminary options ongoing. Some further site investigation required. Liaison with

				some local groups on preliminary options ongoing. Further public participation on 22nd June 2023 in the Dropping Well.
13.	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.
14.	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.

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

15.	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.
16.	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.

17.	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	The non-statutory consultation for the Point Junction Upgrade has been completed
18.	Green Infrastructure Pilot Project	DCC	McCloy's	<p>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</p> <p>Infrastructure to support biodiversity and meeting our EU Water Framework Directive objectives. Design work has commenced on this project.</p>
19.	Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension	DCC/ IW	JBB	This will see the current storm water overflow being channelled from the confined Grand Canal Dock and discharged into the River Liffey. This will improve water quality in the Grand Canal Dock and enhance the amenity & recreational value of the area. A planning application including EIAR was submitted to ABP in June 2022. A decision 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.

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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	Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	July 2023	Works are continuing on the installation of gullies and public lighting within Sillogue Gardens. The paving of internal footpaths and parking areas is also on-going.
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. Sacrificial anodes to further protect sheet piles now in place.
7	Traffic Works – Package 7 Lot 2	DCC	Actavo	Dec 2022	April 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.

8	Liffey Street Public Realm Improvements	DCC	Via Mercanti Ltd, trading as Cairn Construction	Jan 2023	Oct 2024	Works commenced on site 23 rd January 2023
9	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd	April 2023	Oct 2024	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd has commenced construction.

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. Work continuing with regard to four judicial reviews Variation No.1- Basin Lane Variation will go on public display from the 15th of June to the 14th of July. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to respond to legal challenges 2. CE Report on the Basin Lane public consultation to be brought to the September Council meeting.
Ballymun LAP	<p>M50 Lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31st May 21 – awaiting decision. <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Sillogue Gardens upgrade, continues on-site. <p>Commercial/ Main Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1B: Market soundings exercise being carried out by DNG. 	<p>Awaiting HSE decision</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Sillogue Gardens work due for completion end July 2023.</p> <p>Commercial/ Main St:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Review Market Soundings. • Site 1: Further investigation required into cause of ponding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: Site for City Farm identified and letter issued. <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). Tender for construction now closed. Sites 5 & 15-18: PPP bundle No. 4... Design on-going. Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Pre-planning held 06/05/23 for Section 179A. 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. Additional Information received 15/05/23. Site at Carton: Agreement in principle for a new PPP site, bundle 7. Site 6: Proposed Cost rental site. Sites 8 & 9: preparing expressions of interest. Sites 11 & 13: 4 no. expressions of interest received from the AHB Protocol – under review. 	<p>Parks/open space City Farm: Response from City Farm due.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Site 10. Tender evaluation and issue.</p> <p>Sites 5, 15-18: Design team appointed. Work on-going.</p> <p>Sites 12 & 14: Preparing for Section 179A circulation.</p> <p>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: In Planning. Resolve land ownership with Church.</p> <p>Carton: awaiting design team for PPP 7 from Dept.</p> <p>Site 6: Issue of 2-storey housing on site to be resolved. DCC liaising with AHBs. New location for allotments needed for site to progress.</p> <p>Site 8 & 9: DCC preparing expressions of Interest</p>
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<p>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Affordable Housing Part 8 approved Oct 2022 (172 no. dwellings). 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. • Community Wealth Project: meetings on-going. • Cherry Orchard Implementation Board established by Government, April 2023, with DCC representatives. 	<p>Site 1: Part 8 for the road to progress Q3-Q3 2023. To go for tender for design & build 2023. Aim to be on site Q 4 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. Aim to submit Part 10, July 2023.</p> <p>Site 6: Not yet on site Cherry Orchard Park: Design ongoing.</p> <p>DES timeline for new school sought.</p>
<p>Clongriffin-Belmayne</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019. • DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library. 	<p>LIHAF and NTA funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently on site. Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.</p>
<p>Finglas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luas: Finglas LUAS TII EIA scoping request completed, June 22. • Jamestown Masterplan. Public display draft Masterplan completed. CE report on public consultation issued to Cllrs 7 June 2023 	<p>On-going engagement with TII on Finglas Luas. Railway order expected end of year.</p> <p>JR of ABP SHD permission for Jamestown Village lodged.</p> <p>CE report being prepared on Cllr motions. To go to July Council Meeting.</p>

Baile Bogán (Ballyboggan) LAP	Issues Paper published. Public consultation <u>completed</u> .	CE report on public consultation to be prepared. Additional targeted public consultation to be carried out.
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<p>SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, decision to refer back to ABP, which is now reconsidering the heights amendment application. On request from ABP, DCC issued update on SDZ delivery, June 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 March DOCF meeting to determine future development priorities. • Current application to make amendments to 'Cooper Cross' development. 	<p>Await outcome of process.</p> <p>DOCF follow up meeting on outcomes to be organised.</p> <p>Decision to grant 12 June.</p>
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2; Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme (PWSZ4058/22). • Phase A; Mixed use scheme fronting South Bank Road. FI received, (PWSZ4380/22). 	<p>Decision to refuse, 26 May.</p> <p>Decision to refuse 8th June.</p>
Dublin Port	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 May - Submission made on Dublin Port Company's non-statutory Masterplan (to 2040) 	Await process outcome.
City Edge	<p>Strategic Framework – 26 actions noted by DCC/SDCC elected members.</p> <p>Site visit and workshop held with consultants 31 May, 1 June.</p>	Work on future Variation and environmental assessment on-going.
Public Realm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Anne St/ Duke St/ Lemon St Part 8 was agreed at the April City Council meeting. Detail Design will now be advanced in order to issue for construction tender as soon as possible. • Francis Street Scheme is substantial complete. • Liffey St Project on site and proceeding with infrastructure and utility upgrades in first phase. • Temple Bar Square commenced. • Cathal Burgha Street. Outline design and stakeholder engagement commenced 	<p>Complete detailed Design and procurement of contractor.</p> <p>Construction underway</p> <p>Bring to Part 8 in 2023</p>
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey work ongoing to inform the design detail.. The Design Team are working to bring to construction tender Q4 2023 • Meanwhile uses continue with approval of Members Advisory Group. 	The next meeting of the Members Advisory Group will be June 2023.

Werburgh Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini-tender competition held for a Masterplan for the Ship St/ Castle st/ Werburgh St area, with option to bring a new public realm site to planning (ship street). • Tender letters issued 13 June (5-day stand still period) 	CE order for successful tenderer. Programme for works to be agreed with Steering Group (DCC & OPW).
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 An Bord Pleanála decision.
	DART +SOUTH WEST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 May - Corporate submission on Railway Order submitted to An Bord Pleanála 	Await An Bord Pleanála decision.
	DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred option. 	23 June deadline for DCC Submission to Irish Rail
	DART + Coastal SOUTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings held re approach to level crossings 	Await further meetings.
Metrolink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 October 2022 Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. . • 16 January DCC corporate submission issued to An Bord Pleanála. • 	Await ABP Decision.
BusConnects	<p>DCC Corporate response issued to ABP on the following routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBC 1 Clongriffin to City Centre (CC) • CBC 2 Belfield to Blackrock. • CBC 3 Blanchardstown to CC. • CBC 4 Liffey Valley to CC. • CBC 5 Ballymun to CC. • CBC 6 Lucan to CC <p>Routes at pubic consultation stage, with dates for submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre, 30 June. • Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre, 4 July. • Swords to CC, 18 July. <p>The following routes are yet to be submitted to ABP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ringsend to CC • Kimmage 	<p>CBC 1-6: Await ABP Decision.</p> <p>Corporate submissions being prepared.</p>

Finglas LUAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option. Comments issued on preferred route 31st January 2022. 	Monthly preliminary/planning meetings on going. Lodgement of Railway Order Q4 2023.
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. 	Consultation with Clúid (AHB) ongoing. Update Masterplan issued to Housing Department and being incorporated into the design of the Cluid residential scheme on southern part of site.

2. Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Active Land Management Derelict Sites Register Vacant Sites Register Residential Zoned Land Tax	Compulsory Acquisitions Acquisitions Strategy A review of the Derelict Sites Register has been carried out and 18 sites have been identified for potential acquisition and use by the Housing & Community Services Dept or for consideration under URDF Call 3. Acquisition process commenced on four sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to <u>206 sites.</u> • Notices of Entry have issued in relation to <u>138 sites.</u> • <u>161</u> submissions have been received to date. <u>41</u> sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register as of (19/06/2023). <u>13</u> of which are in City Council ownership. In relation to the Supplemental Map Stage, 39 submissions were received, 19 of which did not relate to land on the Supplemental Map. Under Section 653B of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (Finance Act 2021), the Council before making determinations on the submissions, issued a total of 35 Further Information Requests to owners/third parties on whether the	Of the four site, 1 Notice of Intension to acquire issued (1 month for objections) 2 further Notices to issue early next week. One deferred as representations received. Acquisition process commenced on an additional site. Owners/third parties have 21 days from the Further Information request being made to provide the information requested to the Council.

	lands meet the criteria for inclusion on the Supplemental Map as set out.	
Strategic Acquisitions	<p>Abbey Street CPO Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021</p> <p>ABP informed the Council on 02/02/2023 that it could confirm the CPO – this was done on 07/02/2023. CPO operative from 17/03/2023.</p> <p>Exchange Street CPO 11- 14 Exchange Street Lower & 11 Essex Street West Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development), Order 2022.</p> <p>Last date for objections was 10/01/2023. One objection notified by APB.</p> <p>Ryders Row CPO Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street Area Compulsory (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2019. The Council has full possession of the site.</p> <p>Werburch Street CPO Project Steering Group formed with OPW to progress the CPO.</p>	<p>Abbey Street CPO</p> <p>Report to be brought to City Council on terms of disposal to Abbey Theatre.</p> <p>Notices to Treat served on 19th May, 2023. No update: 40 days to reply no correspondence as yet</p> <p>Exchange Street CPO The Bord's decision is awaited. No change</p> <p>Nothing new has occurred on the CPO as of this date.</p>
City Valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Try to progress with TII but no Railway Order.</p> <p>Valuations being prepared.</p> <p>Negotiations with OPW have commenced.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations to acquire land at Belcamp lane from Developer. • Engagement with claimant re Derelict Site at Richmond Avenue. • Major programme of house purchase for HAP tenants in situ • Acquisition of 18/19 Parnell Sq. from Failte Ireland • Possible relocation of Ballymun Kickhams GAA Club to central Ballymun • Acquisition of St. Werburgh's Church 	<p>Negotiations ongoing.</p> <p>Claimant unwilling to engage. Refer to Arbitration.</p> <p>Inspections/valuations/negotiations.</p> <p>Preparation of Valuation</p> <p>Negotiations to continue</p> <p>Negotiations underway</p>
Building Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive policy of enforcement of building regulations in place • 370 site inspections across 468 buildings and sites in Q1 2023 • Support to Rates Office continuing 	Maintain continued stable service delivery and efficient management of building control, commencement notices, and disability access certificate applications.

3. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023</p> <p>BHIS 2023</p>	<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 DCC Website.</p> <p>DCC Conservation section received an allocation of €492,800 from the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage under this year's BHIS Scheme. A total of 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. A total of €50,900 has been reallocated across 7 projects from the waiting list and to top-up a number of significant projects already approved.</p>	<p>Inspections are continuing and have been carried out on the majority of successful projects.</p> <p>Letters of offer sent to successful BHIS applicants from the waiting list</p> <p>The next BHIS return to the Department is due on 30th June 2023</p>

HSF 2023

A total of 20 applications were received by the closing date of 13th January. All 7 recommended projects were approved for funding by the DHLGH (see table below)

Letters of offer sent to successful HSF applicants

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

Five out of the seven approved HSF projects for 2023 had also received offers of BHIS funding totalling €50,900 that has now been reallocated to BHIS projects from the waiting list, as mentioned above.

HSF projects from 2021 & 2022

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.

34 Main St, Chapelizod, Dublin 20 was granted HSF funding of **€50,000** in 2022 which has been carried forward into 2023 with DHLGH approval.

37 Thomas Court, Dublin 8 was granted HSF funding of **€100,000** in 2022; **€93,800** of which has been carried forward into 2023 with DHLGH approval.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

Sports & Recreation: The DCC Sports Plan underway. Consultation with area committees and public to be undertaken in June and July.

Dublin City Parks Strategy 2023-2025: Parks Biodiversity & Landscape Services has initiated a period of public consultation which will run from 8th May 2023 until 15th September 2023 to inform the development of the new Dublin City Parks & Landscape Strategy. As part of that public consultation process, Dublin City citizens have been invited to participate in an online questionnaire to gauge opinion on the quality and value of public parks operated by Dublin City Council. A press release was issued on 10th May 2023 to advertise the public consultation. Submissions can be made via this link: [Parks Questionnaire 2023 - Dublin City Council - Citizen Space](#).

Libraries: 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.

Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027 (LECP) Advisory Group formed with ongoing meetings. A stakeholder consultation plan is currently being drafted.

Departmental Priority

A new branch library will open in **Finglas** on the Seamus Ennis Road in August. The existing library in Finglas Village Centre closed on Saturday the 24th June at 5:00pm in preparation for the move to the new building. The opening date of the new library will be advertised widely on social media in July, date to be confirmed.

The **Summer Programme for Children**, will run during July & August with storytelling, music and drama performance, puppet shows, creative writing, climate change, STEM workshops and much more. Highlights include 3D Printing and Upcycling workshops, interactive Music Programming and Creative Writing sessions as well as book themed events, storytelling, crafts and drama workshops to complement the Summer Stars promotion. There are over 40 events to choose from, including family friendly events.

We welcomed 100s of **Students** to our branches during May and June as preparations for the national exams began in earnest. We wish them all the best in their studies.

Summer Stars, the free national reading programme for children will take place in Dublin City Libraries from June 12th to August 31st. This year we are running a Summer Stars competition where parents can send in pictures of the book their child is reading with some words from their child about why they love it. More information [here](#).

As part of the **Creative Hubs Summer Programme**, Ballyfermot, Cabra and Coolock libraries will host a dedicated Early Years programme, featuring performance and workshops in dance, drama, visual art and storytelling. The programme includes storytelling and dance sessions developed for neuro divergent groups.

The '**My Little Library Book Bag**' initiative will run in libraries nationally from June 8th to October 31st. The project is part of the National First 5 Strategy and is available free for every child starting school including Ukrainian children up to ages 7/8. Bags can be collected at any library.

Throughout July our **Library in the Community Team** will bring a variety of events and a pop-up library to community events and festivals in the city including Funtropolis in Merrion Square and The Rose Festival in St Anne's park.

LOTE4Kids can now be accessed via an **app** allowing parents and children to enjoy the magic of books in other languages at home. Each book is provided with an English translation to help develop multilingual reading and listening skills. Download [Android](#) or [Apple](#)

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Hybrid meeting in City Hall / Zoom took place on 25/04/23. Agenda items included International Relations Update, Smart Tourism Programme, Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor, LECP, Dublin Place Brand Strategy, Circular Economy Hotspot 2023, Night Time Economy Advisor & SoCircular Outcomes Report/Brochure. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on the 12/09/23 with pre SPC meeting arranged for the 04/09/23. Preparatory work underway.

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

Night Time Economy - The closing date for applications for the position of a Night Time Economy Advisor was 26th May. Applications are now being reviewed.

Dublin Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 DCC supported the Circular Economy Hotspot 29/05-01/06/23 which involved approximately 400 international, national and local attendees. Various follow on activities are underway including a call for individuals, organisations and DCC sections to make a circular pledge (a tangible action) to increase circular economy impact. Pledges can be made via: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CEHD2023Pledge>

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 are continuing work on implementing the feasibility study.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2023: 81 applications approved to a value of €177,493

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals 2023: 24 grants were approved to the value of €443,769 supporting the creation of 34 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy.

Mentoring: 625 hours of mentoring completed 1st Jan – 31st May 23. Annual target 1,000 hours.

Training: 2947 participants & 94 courses delivered 1st Jan – 31st May 23. Annual target 3,000 hours.

Start Your Own Business: 233 participants attended 8 courses 1st Jan – 31st May 23. Annual target, 227 participants & 13 courses.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Tender for accessibility works issued	Two tenders received tender report to issue w/e 25th June 23 Revised design being developed for new Part 8 for other works.
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender issued	Tender issued no returns received. Ongoing
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Tender being developed	Construction tender documents to be issued July 23.
Donore Community Centre	Design Team Appointed	Design Team developing construction tender documents.
Northside Swimming Pool	Feasibility Study Complete	Tender to be developed for appointment of a Design Team in Q2/23
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction	Works complete but a number of issues identified during the snagging process. Works during June 23 deep clean, refill pool tank, treatment/heating of water etc to prepare for re-opening in July
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Design Team Appointed	Tender assessment complete. Letter of acceptance issued to contractor, works anticipated in Summer 23.
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Under construction	Due for completion by end of June 23, weather dependent.
Clontarf GAA all-weather Pitch	Tender Issued	Tenders received. Contractor appointment pending. Works over Summer Months.
HELL & BACK 2023	Ireland's largest and toughest obstacle course challenge is back this year.	Training programmes are being run across the city for young people in the run up to the 7km adventure challenge. in Kilruddery, Co. Wicklow
DCSWP Calendar of Events	Developed to align delivery of DCSWP programmes and events with major national and international initiatives to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes. Planning has commenced for upcoming flagship events such as Her Outdoors Week , European Week of Sport Sportsfest 2023	July 2023 Highlights Funtropolis - Merrion Square Park, Saturday 8th July - Sunday 9th July https://dublin.ie/whats-on/listings/funtropolis/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing sport & physical activities at the Rose Garden festival on the 15th /16th July • Promotion of Women's World Cup

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co funded Summer Camps • Summer Projects & DCSWP Summer initiatives • Local sports camps
Active Cities	July will see the official launch of Boxup which will be rolled out in Mount Bernard park in Cabra and Sundrive Park in Kimmage..The idea behind Boxup is to make sports accessible to all.	<p>Pilot programme initially two DCC parks.</p> <p>For information on this project please visit; https://boxup.app/en/</p>
Sport for young people grant	The grant is provided to clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport with members between the ages of 4 to 21.	DCSWP Sport for young people Grants were advertised & Circulated , closing date was the 2nd June - 170 applications received, board members will be requested to sign off by mid-August
Refurb of 1930s Wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning. Detailed Design Stage is underway.	Construction date TBC
Collection displays /Exhibits	<p><i>Richard Gorman Living through Paint(ing)</i> <i>John Beattie: Reconstructing Mondrian</i></p> <p>Future Exhibitions <i>Bacon/Bown</i> <i>Andy Warhol Three Times Out</i></p>	<p>Opened March 8th</p> <p>Opened Feb 1st</p> <p>19th July – 19th November 2023 6th October 2023 – 28th January 2024</p>
Programme of art education	In May, 2023 there were 81 education and outreach programmes for adults and children with approx. 1,401 participants. Our education and outreach programmes in May included our early years Residency programme and Try It Out! Sessions with NEIC, Solder stained glass exhibition with LYCS, Zoom@HughLane Gallery city-wide primary schools project. Ireland Invites Lunchtime talk, Basic Talks series, Film Screening programme, Saturday Looking at Art Club and more.	Ongoing Development
Nth Fredrick Lane	Fit out is underway for this property acquired by DCC for HLG including Conservation, Archive, Operations and Fine Art Storage.	Preparing facility Q2'23
20 & 21 Parnell SQ	Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG	Feasibility Study Q3 '23
Tearooms, Merrion Square Park	Construction of the new Tearooms in Merrion Square Park will commence during the summer of 2023. The new tearoom will comprise refreshment facilities, accessible WC facilities, a space for interpretation/artwork and an external seating terrace.	The indicative timeframe for completion of the project is Quarter 3 / Quarter 4 2024.

St James's Linear Park	St James's Linear Park is currently under construction.	Anticipated completion mid-August 2023.
Diamond Park, Sean McDermott Street Lower		Expected to open in coming week.
City Library, Parnell Square	The project is currently at Stage 2a with engagement between the design team and stakeholders on-going.	Completion of Stage 2a
Charleville Mall Library	Tender for Phase 2 of refurbishment in preparation.	Works, including a full roof and ceiling replacement will commence in 2023.
Terenure Library	Pre Part 8 discussions with Dublin City Council technical Departments are underway.	Commencement of the Part 8 procedure in Q3.
Student Enterprise	34 senior schools registered to date. 1,487 participating students & 51 workshops completed to date.	Regional and national final planning.
LEO Export Accelerator Programme	LEO programme aimed at those who wish to explore & target new business outside of Ireland	Expression of Interest now online until 23 rd June.
National Ploughing Championships	LEO showcasing the quality and wide variety of services at the Local Enterprise Office at this year's event on 19 th -21 st September 2023.	LEO showcase client already selected & approved. Additional planning in due course. www.npa.ie
Your Dublin Your Voice	Q2 Tourism Survey disseminated. Contract signed.	Drafting on Q3 survey on the Nighttime economy.
Dublin Economic Monitor	Q2 DEM published & disseminated with annual event on 8 th June. New FDI indicator published.	Planning for Q2 PMI & MasterCard date due in July.
MODOS	Additional funding awarded to MODOS for 2023	New website being developed along with development of training on a national basis
ENFUSE	A student team from DCU won first place at ENFUSE Finals 2023 on 25/5/2023	Planning for ENFUSE 2024
Dublin Place Brand	Place Brand Campaign in June across bus-shelters, Digi-panels, lamppost banners and buses promoting culture in Dublin with focus on 8 events/attractions.	Outdoor & Online Campaign using the 'Always' tagline to promote Dublin City Council supported cultural activities.
Dublin Place Brand	Content Tender Framework	Publishing RFT document on eTenders for a panel of content and report writers.

Dates for your Diary:

Dates for your diary: See details of all library events [here](#) Or for regular updates on library events, activities and developments subscribe to the Library newsletter [Here](#)

Event	Location	Date	Link
Funtropolis	Merrion Square	8 th and 9 th July 2023	https://dublin.ie/whats-on/listings/funtropolis/

The Rose Festival 2023	St. Anne's Park	15 th & 16 th July 2023	
St. James's Hospital Liberties Fun Run	Liberties Area	19 th July 2023	
Ratha Yatra (Festival of Chariots) 2023	Leaves from Garden of Remembrance, concludes at Merrion Square Park	19 th August 2023	
Art and the Outdoors	Parnell Square North	5 th and 6 th August 2023	Art and the Outdoors - Hugh Lane
Opera in the Open	Wood Quay Venue	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th and 24 th August 2023	Opera in the Open Dublin City Arts Office
Luke Kelly Festival	Smithfield	13 th August 2023	
Funtropolis	Mountjoy Square	19 th and 20 th August 2023	https://dublin.ie/whats-on/listings/funtropolis/
Smithfield Fleadh	Smithfield	26 th and 27 th August 2023	Smithfield Fleadh - Dublin.ie
American College Football Event (Notre Dame Street)	Dame Street	26 th August 2023	Dublin Aer Lingus College Football Classic Dublin, Ireland (collegefootballireland.com)

Corporate Services, Transformation & Human Resources

1. Corporate Services & Transformation

Smart City/Smart Dublin

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

Dublin City Council Kerbside Management Pilot Meeting with Appyway

On 14th June, Dublin City Council hosted [Appyway](#) team who has been involved with Smart Cities Unit for the Kerbside Management Pilot. The Pilot started in October 2022 and has been selected as one of the 35 projects under National Pathfinder Programme, an initiative by Department of Transport. Dublin City Council has now mapped and created a digital inventory of the kerbside assets, not only for internal use but also for citizens with an open link [here](#). The area defined for the pilot was the South Docklands region where approximately 20 unique kerbside assets were identified and approximately 2000 data points were collected by mapping 30+ kerb kilometres. The assets include double yellow line, single yellow line, paid bays, resident bays, loading bays, various traffic regulations, tariffs and also have the potential to include public realm assets like planters, pay and display machines etc. The City Council is also collaborating with [Curb IQ](#) team for the same pilot and have created a digital inventory of kerbside assets for Grafton/Dame Street area. The members in the meeting came from different teams including Transportation Planning, Traffic Enforcement, Traffic Asset Management System (TAMS), Micromobility, Public Realm and members of Pathfinder team from Department of Transport.

Smart Docklands Internal Engagement Workshop

On Tuesday 13th June, the Smart Docklands team held a workshop in Wood Quay Venue with Dublin City Council staff from a variety of departments to ideate possible avenues for future collaboration. Following a welcome speech from Chief Executive Owen Keegan, Jamie Cudden, DCC Smart City Programme Manager, presented an overview of the Smart Docklands district, introduced the team, the district's projects to date, and highlighted opportunities for participation in the next chapter of Smart Docklands. This workshop highlighted the district's existing citizen engagement and connectivity work, aiming to align them with ongoing projects and initiatives throughout the council. As a partnership between the council, Trinity College Dublin and CONNECT SFI Research Centre, Smart Docklands offers an excellent opportunity to support and accelerate sustainable innovation across the city. See more here: <https://smartdocklands.ie/> and <https://nearfuture.ie/>.

ADAPT Annual Scientific Conference

Dr. Mani Dhingra (Digital Twin Manager) and Aleksandra Kocon (Technician) from the smart cities team presented a poster at [the second ADAPT Annual Scientific Conference](#) in the Helix, DCU on 30th May 2023. The conference provided a forum for advancing discussions on the ongoing collaboration between the ADAPT SFI Research Centre for AI-Driven Digital Content Technology at Maynooth University and the smart cities unit of Dublin City Council for understanding the role of digital twins for stakeholder and community engagement. DCC has already been experimenting with state-of-the-art technologies such as 3D models, drones, and LIDAR across various thematic challenges such as energy consumption, urban planning, public engagement, environment, tourism, and infrastructure management. Advancing towards a more sophisticated system, this project intends to apply a people-centric approach for effective stakeholder collaboration and explore novel forms of community engagement.

Service & Digital Transformation

The tender for an online consultation portal will be published in June.

The project to implement a new Chief Executive Orders system based on the system developed by Fingal continues to be rollout out. Currently working on phase 3 with Housing, and Dublin Fire Brigade. The Area Offices and Law Department have been postponed to the next stage.

The team continued to roll out the online appointment booking system to allow citizens and businesses to book either in-person or online meetings.

The online venue booking system is now live with the Arts office. We are seeking to engage with other areas in relation to online customer bookings for venue hire.

The pilot is ongoing for the digitally enabled outdoor workforce project. Staff from Sweeney's Terrace Waste Management Depot and Housing Maintenance, Ballymun have been provided with phones and access to CitiDesk. The pilot is being extended to the new citywide wash crew. There are a lot of learnings from the pilot and we are working through issues identified.

Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy presented awards to staff at the inaugural staff awards scheme, the Three Castles. Awards were presented in the categories Sustainability, Innovation, Cross Functional Collaboration, Commitment to Citizen, Service Excellence, COVID Response.

Work is continuing on the digitisation of internal processes on CitiDesk. We are engaging with Housing and Planning & Property Development.

The digital application support team are working with the Communications Office to agree website governance, privacy and accessibility standards.

Active Travel are now using the Citizen Alerts platform which allows citizens to register their interest in receiving updates on projects.

Citizen Hub Project

We are working on providing a digital solution to Choice Based Lettings and also on making grants schemes available for application online. The Councillor Portal is in test, as is a solution for customers who wish to engage with us through Irish. The reporting solution is being developed. Work is ongoing on UX/UI to improve how the solution operates with dublincity.ie

Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

Citizen Hub: A new Corporate Template has been created for dashboards and is currently being implemented.

Open Data: An audit of current open data has been completed and the theme of culture is now being explored. Engagement has begun with all relevant stakeholders to map out all culture data assets and an assessment of these will follow. Data has currently one open data request and has published a new data asset to Dublinked.

Annual Service Delivery Plan: The process documents and mappings are now complete for Housing. The first phase of stakeholder engagement has begun with Environment and Transportation. This will allow full process documentation and mapping of its ASDP metrics.

Promotion of Data within DCC: Engagement with stakeholders continues and is a major role of the Unit. A 'Data Journeys' event is planned for the 12th of July. An expert set of presenters will share their knowledge and experiences through engaging presentations on the set up of their data units. These include representatives from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, National Transport Authority, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Maynooth University and An Garda Síochána.

North City Operations Depot

The North City Operations Depot was officially opened by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy on 20 June. Staff have begun the process of moving into the depot and this process will continue over the next few months.

Customer Services

From 25th May – 18th June

- 10,053 calls were answered, with just over 70% of those calls answered in less than 30 seconds
- 1,894 emails were sent out from the generic customer services email account
- 2,418 payments processed
- 1,347 Parking Permits applications and renewals processed
- 908 visitors greeted at the reception desk in Civic Offices

Improving Customer Experience Initiatives

- A number of new staff have joined Customer Services and most have now completed their training. This has speeded up the average time for a customer to be answered on the phone and between 25th May and 18th June, this has now reduced to an average of 1 minute and 4 seconds.
- A new Irish speaker has joined Customer Services and is now dealing with business queries through Irish.
- Work is continuing on the development of the new Parking Permit System to facilitate online applications.
- A Mystery Shopper Programme has been designed and is expected to be carried out in July/August to compare performance with the end of last year.

2. Human Resources

The total number of employees at 31st March 2023 was 5,898 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking into account work-sharing arrangements) was 5,584.80

Recruitment Programme 2023

Year	Recruitment campaigns complete / in process
2023 (YTD)	59

Interviews held/concluded June 2023

- Senior Accountant
- Accountant
- Emergency Services Controller
- Environmental Liaison Officer
- Personal Assistant
- Leisure Attendant
- Clerical Officer
- Senior Executive Officer (Temporary)
- Sub Officer (Retained)
- Inspector, Corporate Fleet Maintenance Workshop, NCOD
- Inspector, Corporate Metal Workshop, NCOD
- Inspector, Corporate Signage, Paint and Carpentry Workshop, NCOD

Campaigns Advertised June 2023

- Executive Professional, National Building Control Office
- Business Advisor
- Executive Housing Officer

- Executive Valuer
- Senior Executive Engineer (Temporary) PPP
- Library Attendant
- Building Inspector/Clerk of Works
- Systems Officer
- Assistant Systems Officer
- Assistant Engineer (Rolling)
- Executive Engineer (Rolling)

The Public Appointments Service has ongoing recruitment campaigns for Senior Engineer, Senior Executive Engineer, Deputy City Architect, Senior Executive Architect, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer, Assistant Chief Executive, Head of Financial Accounting, Professional Accountant, Dublin City Planner and Deputy City Planner, Senior Solicitor and Senior Planner.

Law Department
Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/37/2023	Requests HAP records	Client	02/05/2023	19/05/2023
FOI/40/2023	Requests planning records	Client	02/05/2023	25/05/2023
FOI/42/2023	Requests records re management fees paid to company	Client	02/05/2023	02/05/2023
FOI/43/2023	Seeks records of internal audits in named year	Press	02/05/2023	26/05/2023
FOI/46/2023	Seeks records re travel expenses for St Patrick's Day parade 2023	Press	03/05/2023	
FOI/49/2023	Seeks planning decisions	Client	05/05/2023	23/05/2023
FOI/51/2023	Seeks Homeless figures	Client	03/05/2023	30/05/2023
FOI/54/2023	Seeks parking enforcement records	Client	08/05/2023	01/06/2023
FOI/56/2023	Seeks records from DRHE and Homeless HAP	Client	09/05/2023	17/05/2023
FOI/58/2023	Seeks records from DRHE	Press	10/05/2023	06/06/2023
FOI/62/2023	Seeks records re water animation strategy	Client	12/05/2023	12/06/2023
FOI/63/2023	Seeks records regarding changing of bus routes	Client	12/05/2023	
FOI/64/2023	Seeks planning records	Business	12/05/2023	09/06/2023
FOI/68/2023	Request records regarding incremental credit	Client	15/05/2023	
FOI/70/2023	Request records for named area	Client	16/05/2023	
FOI/73/2023	Seeks records between CE and the Minister for Equality	Press	17/05/2023	
FOI/77/2023	Seeks records from homeless accommodation	Press	17/05/2023	
FOI/85/2023	Seeks records re expenses for Council meetings	Press	19/05/2023	
FOI/89/2023	Seeks records re Circular Economy Innovation Grant Scheme	Client	22/05/2023	
FOI/95/2023	Records associated with named park	Client	23/05/2023	

FOI/105/2023	Records from libraries	Press	26/05/2023	
FOI/106/2023	Requests planning records	TD / Senator	29/05/2023	
FOI/107/2023	Seeks planning records	Press	29/05/2023	
FOI/108/2023	Requests records from Road Maintenance	Business	29/05/2023	
FOI/109/2023	Request DFB records	Business	29/05/2023	
FOI/110/2023	Seeks DFB records	Client	29/05/2023	
FOI/111/2023	Request environmental records	Client	29/05/2023	
FOI/113/2023	Seeks records from Parks Department	Press	30/05/2023	
FOI/115/2023	Seeks records from DFB and Human Resources	Client	30/05/2023	
FOI/116/2023	Requests records from Chief Executive offices	Press	30/05/2023	
FOI/118/2023	Seeks records re short term letting	Client	31/05/2023	
FOI/119/2023	Seeks records from DRHE	Press	31/05/2023	

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2023 – 31/05/2023 369

Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2023 – 31/05/2023 306