



Chief Executive's Management Report

December 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 December 2023 City Council meeting is submitted herewith – Report No: **263/2023**.



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Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services' Annual Works Programme for 2023 has been presented to the Elected Members. The programme will deliver approximately 30km of footpath upgrade works and 18km of carriageway resurfacing works this year. Ten contracts have been awarded and construction works are currently being carried out across the City. During the period January to October 2023 the Division's direct labour crews repaired/ made safe approximately 4,500 defects and hazards on the road network. Furthermore, during the same period almost 400 critical defects and hazards on the road network were repaired/ made safe within 24-hours of them being reported.

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking

The numbers using the Parking Tag have increased and by week ending 19th November 2023, that week's revenue was €431,175.77. For week ending 19th November 2023, the usage of coin in parking meters was €103,838.32 and for week ending 12th November 2023 card payments were €157,660.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

A new Residential Parking Permit scheme commenced on Pimm Street, Dublin 8 on Monday 6th November 2023. The hours of operation are Monday to Saturday 7am to 7pm.

A new Residential Parking Permit scheme will commence on Thor Place, Dublin 7 on Monday 4th December 2023. The hours of operation will be Monday to Sunday 7am to Midnight.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

The street grading program has been suspended due to lack of available personnel. A

review of the program is currently underway and a revised version of the program will commence in early 2024 subject to an interview process to appoint a new full time street grading team.

Recycling Services

Replacement of pay-stations at Recycling Centres

On Monday 20th November, Waste Management Services replaced the existing pay stations at North Strand and Ringsend Recycling Centres, following a successful trial of these new machines at the newly opened Ballymun Recycling Centre.

The new pay stations will predominantly be card/contactless systems, however smaller fees such as those charged for disposal of green waste and domestic waste, and smaller vehicular charges (€15, €20) can be paid by coin (€1 and €2 coins only). These new pay stations will not accept notes. The new pay stations will accept card/contactless payments up to €70. A second pay station will be installed at both sites in the coming weeks, following completion of necessary civil engineering works.



Waste Management Crews – Leaf Collection

Grangegorman Bring Centre

Dublin City Council and Grangegorman Development Agency have reached agreement in principle on a proposal to ensure the short and medium term continuance of a bring centre facility in Grangegorman that provides the full

range of services currently offered in the existing Grangegorman Bring Centre.

Negotiations to reach formal agreement of the proposals are currently underway.

The existing Grangegorman Bring Centre will remain in place for a further two years. Following this two year period, the facility will move to a temporary site directly adjacent to the current bring centre for a further five year period. This proposed site will facilitate all of the existing recycling services currently available at Grangegorman Bring Centre. The development of this new temporary facility will progress during the two year period outlined above.

This proposal will ensure the continued provision of bring centre services in Grangegorman for a total of seven years, during which time Dublin City Council will source and develop a new permanent recycling facility in the Central Area.

Eamon Ceannt Park Bring Centre

Eamon Ceannt Park Bring Centre is currently closed to facilitate the refurbishment of the adjoining parks depot. Works began in August 2023, with a planned 57 week duration.

Waste Education School Programmes

Waste Management Services is supporting the Picker Pals, Relove Fashion and Green-Schools environmental educational programmes for the 2023/24 academic year. Picker Pals will run in 131 primary classrooms within Dublin City for the full academic year. The Relove Fashion Competition is open to all secondary schools in Dublin City. This year DCC received 34 entry sign-ups. Applicants have until 12th January 2024 to submit their completed entries. Green-Schools programme is active in 272 primary and secondary schools. The deadline for first Green Flag applications is 8th December 2023 and for renewals is 15th March 2024.

Halloween Response Group 2023

Halloween Response Group comprising of Waste Management Services, DCC Comms, Customer Services, Housing, Parks, Waste Enforcement, DFB and Area Offices are pleased with the efforts and actions for bonfire season 2023.

A collective and collaborated plan of safe stockpiling removal commenced in August and ramped up 10 days prior to Halloween night. The group had a series of meetings both engaging and supporting new staff and planning activities.

Press releases were issued supporting awareness of reporting guidelines and safety messaging to the public and were supported by DFB messaging and media.

On Call teams were available from the 21st -31st from Waste Management, supported by contractors engaged from the area offices and parks.

Bonfire severity and numbers are trending downwards due to early combustible removals, weather effects and well attended events plan.



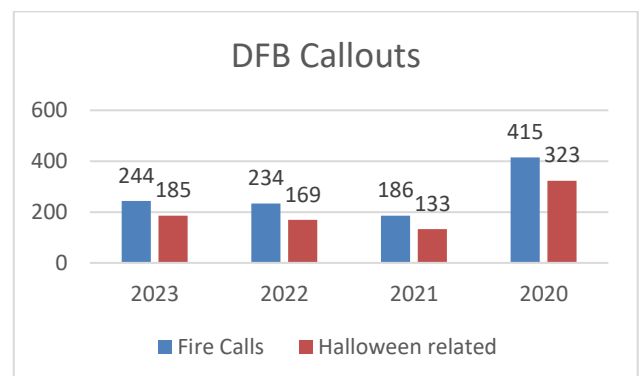
Weight of material collected combined WMS with contractors:

2023	c. 493 tonnes
2022	c. 441 tonnes
2021	c. 515 tonnes
2020	c. 550 tonnes

CRM/ *Citizenhub:

2023	489*
2022	432
2021	457
2020	729

DFB Callouts



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.

City Neighbourhoods Competition 2023

The City Neighbourhoods Awards were held in Croke Park on 5th October 2023.

Cllr. Tom Brabazon deputised for the Lord Mayor and presented Awards to 71 groups on the night.

The Overall Winner in the Residential Competition was Lakeglen Residents Association, Finglas. Blessington Basin Residents Association received the Runner-up Awards.

Puck Lane Café, Collins Avenue were the winners in the business competition.

Tidy Towns Awards

13 Tidy Towns groups from Dublin City entered the competition this year:

Artane, Ballymun, Clontarf, Chapelizod, Crumlin, Donnybrook, Drimnagh, Finglas, Harold's Cross, Phibsborough, Raheny, Ringsend and Temple Bar.

Raheny Tidy Village Group won the National Pollinator Plan Award and a silver Medal. Ballymun Tidy Towns won a bronze medal. Tidy Drimnagh won an endeavour award.

IPB Pride of Place 2023

Dublin City Council nominated 4 groups to the IPB Pride of Place competition 2023.

The winners were announced at the Gala Awards in Armagh on the 10th November.

The Liberties Weavers were winners in their category "Creative Space initiative" and received a trophy together with €1,000.

Cross Cultural Conversations and The Kingfisher Project were runners up in their respective categories. Both groups received a trophy and €500.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

31 grant applications were approved in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2023 and the total value awarded was €895,027.

To date 8 grant recipients have completed their projects and drawn down grant funding to a value of €111,000. The remaining 23 grant recipients have until the 1st September 2024 to complete their grant aided project. The Community Gain Liaison Committee held four meetings throughout 2023 and their next meeting is scheduled for February 2024.

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 the 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)

Dublin City Council is working to deliver a number of projects to ensure that we meet our Water Framework Directive (WFD) obligation of achieving “good” status for all our water bodies by 2027.

Current examples are:

Golden Lane Public Realm Redevelopment - Urban Runoff (Action 70): The procurement and tendering process is ongoing.

Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works. The construction works are ongoing with most sites near completion.

Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project (www.santryriver.ie) – The non-statutory public consultation is ongoing. The project was presented during a science event in Ballymun on Saturday the 4th of November.

Rainscapes Nature-Based Solutions Project ([River Santry and River Dodder Rainscapes | Dublin City Council](#)). PWBO explored the Nature-based solutions used in the Netherland with the view of utilising their experience and expertise to replicate the SuD’S solutions within the Rainscape project and Action 70.

Bathing Water: Fortnightly samples at bathing water locations are being carried out as part of the Out of Bathing Water Season schedule and samples results are available on site, on www.dublincity.ie and www.beaches.ie

Misconnection programme continues to be implemented throughout Dublin City Council. The programme involves the inspection of domestic and commercial properties for misconnected foul appliances, discharging to the storm network resulting in pollution of local waterways. Approximately 5,000 inspections are carried out on an annual basis. Further info can be found [here](#).

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 March 2024 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 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 and a new survey is planned early in 2024. Building threshold surveys are completed. A large Site Investigation for both Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council areas of the Camac catchment commenced in July 2023 and is due for completion on site in November 2023.
- Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website www.camacfas.ie

Drainage Planning, Policy & Development Control

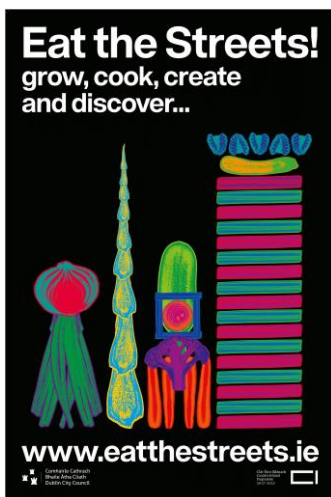
The SuDS Working Group has produced a new “Property Level Guide to SuDS”. This is intended to give guidance on SuDS implementation for small developments, individual houses, extensions, driveways etc. It provides straightforward advice on meeting SuDS requirements in the City Development Plan. It also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

To ensure sustainable development within the City, the Drainage Planning, Policy and Development Control team has established a framework for auditors of Basement Impact Assessment Reports. There are five consulting engineer companies on the cascading framework and a number of BIA reports are currently under review.

Climate Action Team

Climate Action Plan

The Climate Action Team is primarily focused on developing our revised climate action plan (CAP) to meet National Statutory requirements and the goals of the EU Mission. A review of the current CCAP is under way. The draft plan was published for public consultation on September 15th and closed on November 2nd. To support and encourage submissions from the public the climate action team has hosted information stands at libraries across the city and conducted workshops at third level institutions.



Eat the Streets Festival was held on September 16th at Richmond Barracks, and as part of this submissions were invited from public on the draft climate action plan. The event itself was well received and the team is completing a report on the event and direction for 2024. The event

consisted of cook alongs, after lunch chats, and workshops to create and foster a dialogue on food and climate change.

On Tuesday October 17th a joint information event was held at the Mansion House in the

Round Room with neighbouring Dublin Local Authorities. The event consisted of a panel discussion in the early afternoon. The objective of this sessions was to engage experts and seek their submissions to the four draft plans. From 4 pm to 8 pm the Round room was open to the public.

Submissions received are currently being reviewed and compiled into the Chief Executive’s Report. Submissions are broadly supportive and constructive.

EU Mission for 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities/Net Zero Cities:

The Climate Action Team participated in a UK/Irish Cities Workshop organised by our Net Zero Cities (NZC) in Bristol. The workshop demonstrated that place based approaches to the EU Mission are best suited to delivering on the objectives of the Mission. Under the NZC programme DCC has been twinned with Cluj Napoca, Romania. The pilot project being undertaken by Cluj Napoca – Blue Print for a Net Zero Apartment Block – provides an opportunity for knowledge exchange that will support our Climate Resilient Housing project. DCC has submitted an application for Pilot City funding under NZC to support the implementation of our CAP.

EU Projects

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.

DCC is part of REGEN an EU Funded project. REGEN will pave innovative pathways for the decarbonisation of European neighbourhoods and cities, tackling urgent socioeconomic, climate and built environment challenges by designing a multifaceted Toolbox leveraging

cutting-edge digital technologies and life cycle sustainability assessments while engaging citizens and influencing behavioural change.

EV Strategy

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy was published in June 2022.

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

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

DCC will continue to work with the Department of Transport ZEV office, to identify funding streams and capacity building measures to support the transition and facilitate the installation of Electric Vehicle chargers in appropriate locations.

Furthermore, the City Development Plan 2022-2028 includes objectives to support the transition to the electrification of the national fleet by ensuring that all new developments that provide car parking shall be electric charge point enabled.

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

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 Decarbonising Zones (DZs) in Ballymun and Ringsend/Poolbeg. 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.

Workshops in Ballymun and Ringsend/Poolbeg are underway. The primary focus of the work is understanding the current ecosystem of projects that are important to the communities in order to identify place based foci for each area.

Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

In June 2023, a new Service Level Agreement between the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and the lead Local Authorities, for each of the four CAROs was agreed and signed. The new SLA will be in place until June 2029.

The position of Regional Coordinator for Dublin CARO is currently vacant.

CARO was in attendance and made a presentation on Awareness Raising and Community Animation at the Department of Rural and Community Development Conference at Dublin Castle on 21st November. CARO work was showcased at an exhibitor stand.

The Dublin CARO and Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency, have been assisting and supporting the four Dublin local authorities in the making of Climate Action Plans, in terms of alignment with the national Climate Action Plan 2023 and related sectoral climate obligations and ambitions. The new Plans are also being prepared in accordance with Guidelines for Local Authority Climate Action Plans, which were launched by Minister Eamon Ryan TD in March 2023. The Dublin CARO chairs monthly meetings with all four Dublin Climate Action Teams and Codema, to oversee and share progress on Climate Action Plan preparation. Dublin CARO have also been supporting the Dublin local authorities with the consultation events for the Climate Action Plans.

On the 17th of October a Climate Action Plan event was undertaken by the 4 Dublin local authorities at the Mansion house in Dublin. The purpose of this event was to inform the public about the Plan making process and to seek public submissions on the Draft Climate Action Plans.

CARO is continuing the roll out of the Local Authority Climate Action Training programme for local authority staff and elected members. The training programme was developed by CARO in conjunction with the LASNTG and other expert partners, such as Met Eireann and Climate Ireland. Up to August 2023, there were c. 29,000 attendees at Climate Action Training Programme Courses, including both LA staff and elected members, across the delivery of 422 days of training events across the six pillars of Raising Awareness, Building Capacity, Championing Leadership, Empowering Change, Delivering Action, and Actioning Policy. Further information on training is available on the CARO website <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/training>

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 eleventh edition was published in September 2023. There are over 700 signed up to receive the newsletter. Subscription to the CARO newsletter is available at www.caro.ie/#newsletter.

Draft Dublin City Centre Transport Plan 2023

The current Dublin City Development Plan (2022-2028) objective SMT05 requires a update of the 2016 City Centre Transport Study. *“To review the City Centre Transport Plan 2016 in collaboration with the NTA in the lifetime of the plan, setting out a clear strategy to prioritise active travel modes and public transport use, whilst ensuring the integration of high quality public realm.”*

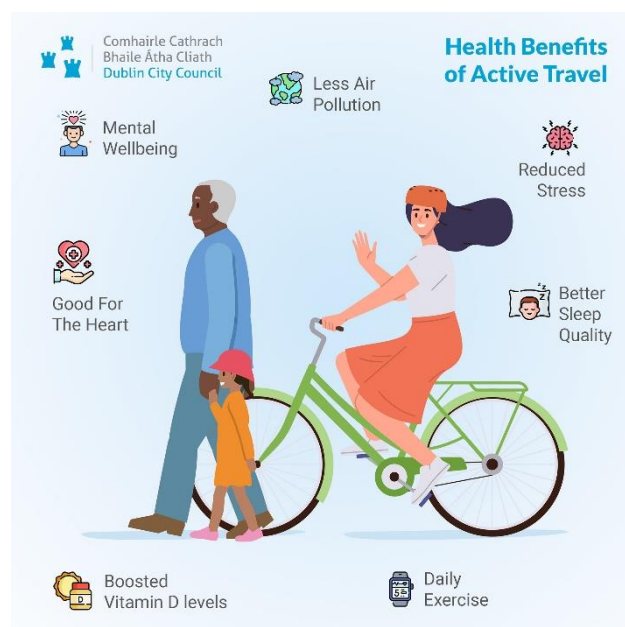


A draft of the 2023 Dublin City Centre Transport Plan has now been developed in collaboration with the NTA and was

presented to the Traffic and Transport SPC on Wednesday the 13th of September. A Non-statutory public consultation then commenced from that date.

The Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) – 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 more extensive quarterly report on the activities of AcTPrO was submitted to the Lord Mayor and Elected Members for the October Monthly Council Meeting, report no. 201/2023. The updates below contain some recent highlights of ongoing activity for the Active Travel Programme.

There are now seven projects in total with construction activity, 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 Q2 2024.

In recent weeks works continue to progress all along the outbound side of the Scheme from Talbot Street all the way to Alfie Byrne Road junction. 100+ Operatives are distributed along the 2.7km Scheme and continue to construct new footways, cycle-track, installation of new kerbing, watermains, public lighting ducting and columns and surface water drainage.

Currently there is 1,500m of cycle-track opened on the inbound side. Works continue in order to prepare for the opening of the remaining 1,200m of inbound cycle-track which is still planned to be opened at the end of November i.e. inbound cycle-track to be opened between Alfie Byrne Road and Buckingham Street. The Project Team continue to work to try achieve this milestone.

The new retaining wall which is required adjacent to CIE HQ building on Amiens Street is progressing well. In recent weeks Stone Masons have completed the mixed rubble wall to the face of the RC wall and the railing specialist is finalising details prior to reinstating the heritage railings which were removed and now require to be replaced on top of the new realigned wall. Works to refurbish the railing itself continues off-site by the Contractor's specialist sub-contractor.

Extensive road re-construction works continue to progress in recent weeks. Works are planned for every available weekend on the run up to Operation Open City. Extensive works have taken place over recent weekends in Fairview and Marino in order to provide a brand new fully constructed pavement through Fairview where required. The Project Team endeavours to communicate the traffic disruption as widely as is possible in advance of each of these weekends. Considerable cooperation with DCC Traffic Department is necessary and is always appreciated in order to coordinate and facilitate these works. Road re-construction was undertaken over the course of three weekends during November.

Of the 6no. bus stops to be constructed on the inbound side 5no. are complete and in use, 2no. of the outbound stops are complete and in use. Construction of the remaining bus stops on the Scheme continue (12no. bus stops in total).

Engagement continues with utility providers to address conflict issues through Fairview Village.

On a day-to-day basis the Contractor crews typically remain at 35no. which is equivalent to approximately 100 Operatives with total staff, including supervision approaching 150no..The crucial traffic diversion from 'Edges corner' into the city that has enabled the Contractor to progress works on multiple work fronts over nearly the full length of the scheme remains in place and is pivotal to the ability of the Scheme to be constructed.

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.



East Coast Trail – Photomontage, Alfie Byrne Road

Works on the project are progressing well with the majority of the footpath works along East Wall Road now complete including all footpath works at the Junction of East Road and East Wall Road. The final section of footpath along East Wall Rd is now under construction at the junction of Church Road and East Wall Road.

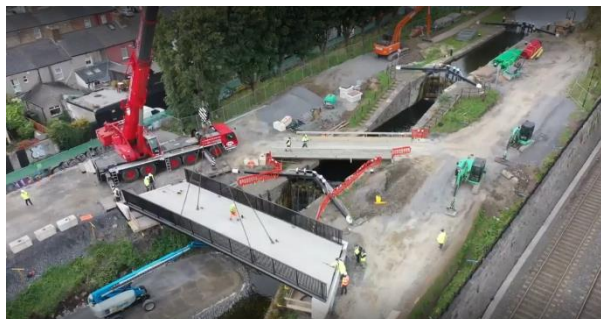
Works on Alfie Byrne Road are continuing with 70% of the work between the end of the project and the junction of East Wall Road now complete.



Clontarf to City Cycleway - Redesigned Junction at Alfie Byrne Road has been fully opened for public use

Upcoming works will include the completion of the Church Road Junction, the New Crossing which will link the scheme to Fairview Park and the install of the on road traffic islands and kerbs which will delineate the new cycle lane. Finally resurfacing works will be carried out which will include regular asphalt, red SMA asphalt and Buff coloured surfacing in the school zone outside St Josephs NS.

The **Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3** will provide 2.1 km of cycling and 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.



Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 – October 2023 Bridge Install

Site investigation works on Cross Guns Bridge east and west side footpaths has commenced. The investigations are necessitated to identify a route for all new proposed underground services. The canal towpaths between Cross Guns Bridge and Binns Bridge still remain closed. Ducting installation and kerbing works are ongoing in this area at present. Waterways Ireland will complete their canal dredging works between Lock 3 and Binns Bridge by the end of November. Works to the pedestrian bridge northside access ramp are still ongoing. All new services have been successfully installed in the new pedestrian bridge deck. This obviated a proposed directional-drilled service crossing under the canal.

The towpath between Binns Bridge and Russell St Bridge is still closed to the public. The amending Part VIII planning for proposed works adjacent the east side of Binns Bridge was granted at the full council meeting on Monday 6th November. Site investigation works have been carried out on the towpath adjacent the east side of Binns Bridge to ascertain the extent and location of existing services. Significant service diversions will be necessitated in this area. The main contractor is currently installing sheet piles along the canal bank east of Binns Bridge.

The towpath between Russell St and Clarke's Bridge remains closed to the public. The east and west side ramp pile caps at Russell St Bridge have been constructed. Works will now focus on the ramp columns and cross-head structures. An ESB underground cable diversion is also scheduled in this area over the coming weeks. A new ESB HV jointing bay, along with



associated ducting has been installed in the canal towpath opposite Croke Park Stadium

Site investigation works were undertaken on the west and east side of Clarke's Bridge (Summerhill Parade) to identify existing services. Services will have to be diverted to facilitate the construction of the east and west side ramps, in particular a 315mm dia. 4-bar pressure gas main. Close liaison with Gas Networks Ireland is ongoing.

The towpath between the east side of Clarke's Bridge (Summerhill Parade) to St Vincent's primary school remains closed to the public. Ground investigation works were carried out to ascertain ground conditions and to inform the design to structurally support the existing canal quay wall that is deemed to be unstable.

The temporary road closure on Charleville Mall will expire on Friday 17th November and the road



will re-open to vehicular traffic (pedestrian access was always maintained on Charleville Mall). New road

drainage and road resurfacing works have been completed and new concrete paving flags have been installed on Charleville Mall south side footpath. Two new disabled parking bays have been installed outside the Charleville library at the library's request. Works will continue along the Charleville Mall north side footpath area for a number of months to facilitate modifications to the extant railing / piers and to construct and set of access steps to the lower-level canal towpath near Lock 1. New footpath surfacing works will also be undertaken – porous resin-bound granular surfacing - and a storm-damaged tree will be replaced.

Works to the junction at Charleville Mall / North Strand road will be undertaken by Clonmel

Enterprises as part of the Clontarf to City Centre project.



Clontarf to City Cycleway - Kerbing and paving works on the outbound side of the Clontarf to City centre Scheme

The project webpage is updated as works progress on site; its address is www.dublincity.ie/rcgp3

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.

Following on from the presentation to the Central Area Committee, an on-site meeting took place between the Project Team and Councillors on Tuesday 6th of June. Councillors' questions from the meeting have been responded to in writing. At the September meeting, the NTA Board gave approval to lodge the amending Part VIII, and it was subsequently lodged on September 21st. The final date for submissions on the Part VIII was November 3rd.

Due to a referral made by a 3rd Party to An Bord Pleanála on 18th October, the Draft Chief Executive's report cannot be concluded within the expected timeframe. Once a determination has been made by the Board, which is expected to be on or before 29th February 2024, the Chief Executive has 8 weeks in which to prepare a report and submit to the Council members.

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 have been on hold since the Liquidation of the Contractor, with localised works completed in the recent weeks.

The new lights at Clogher Road Junction are now fully operational with the majority of associated minor works at this location also completed. Emergency works have also been carried out at Aughavannagh Road to allow the pedestrian crossing to be commissioned.

A completion plan is now in place to allow the project to be closed out. There are two main categories of works remaining – the resurfacing of the junctions and the completion of footpath works. These have now be split into two separate works packages to be completed under existing council Frameworks.

The resurfacing will be carried out under the Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Bituminous Pavement Contract 2020-2024. The footpath works will be completed under the Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Carrying out Roadwork Contracts 2021-25.

Tenders have been received and contractors will be appointed in the coming weeks to complete any high priority works remaining.

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.

A build out at the O'Connell Bridge junction and resurfacing of Eden Quay from O'Connell Bridge to Rosie Hackett Bridge has been completed.

Works commenced on the eastern half of the scheme from Rosie Hackett to Butt Bridge in Q3. Works are primarily around the junction of Eden Quay and Beresford Place with the construction of a number of build out and islands. Resurfacing from Rosie Hackett to Butt Bridge commenced in September. All works expected to be completed in Q4 2023.

The **Georges Quay to Aston Quay** phase of the Interim **Liffey Cycle Route** will provide improved walking & cycling facilities for 0.8km along the

southern Quays between Georges Quay and Aston Quay. The following works are proposed:

- A new two-way cycle track from George's Quay to Burgh Quay located on the river side of the quays
- A new one-way cycle track on Aston Quay located on the river side of the quay
- Closure of left turn slip from Burgh Quay to D'Olier Street (left turn vehicle movement retained)
- New traffic islands and associated traffic signals
- Road resurfacing of George's Quay, Burgh Quay and Aston Quay
- Other associated works (ducting, road markings, drainage etc.)

Tenders have been received for a Contractor for the Construction of the scheme and tender assessment process is concluded. The Contractor will be appointed following NTA approval for the project. Works are expected to commence in Q1 2024.

The **Kilmainham to Thomas Street** scheme will provide 2.6km walking & cycling improvements from Kilmainham Gaol to Thomas Street from the South Circular Road Kilmainham Lane junction to the Thomas Court Thomas Street junction. The project is being delivered in phases:

- **Suir Road to Thomas St (Rapid Build Scheme)**
The Contractor Citius Ltd commenced installation of first Phase of the scheme (along James Walk, Marrowbone Lane, Forbes Lane and Rialto Bridge) on 8th August, 2023. The implementation of this phase is ongoing and it is expected to be substantially complete by Dec 2023.
- **Suir Road Junction Upgrade**
Consultants DBFL are developing options for the upgrade of the Suir Road Junction. It is expected that Suir Road junction will be implemented in Q1 2024.
- **Thomas Court link to Thomas St :**
DBFL are currently developing options for the link between Marrowbone Lane to Thomas Street.
- **Kilmainham to Thomas St (More extensive measures)**
The project team and design

Consultants are progressing with option appraisal for the permanent scheme which is along the full length of the Kilmainham to Thomas Street route. Public Consultation for the permanent design is planned for Q2 2024.

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 Eglington Terrace and Anglesey Bridge.

The Greenway works are well advanced, with entrance works at both ends, Herbert Park and Donnybrook Road, incomplete.

The Greenway Binder course is 90% complete and the Wearing Course 30% complete.



Dodder Greenway & Flood Defence Herbert Park to Donnybrook – aerial view

The stone support under the Flood Defence Cantilever Wall has been removed. The associated river restoration was completed on the 13th October. The Wall is finished except for one bay left for Contractor access to the river. All other Masonry to the Flood Defence Retaining Wall is finished.



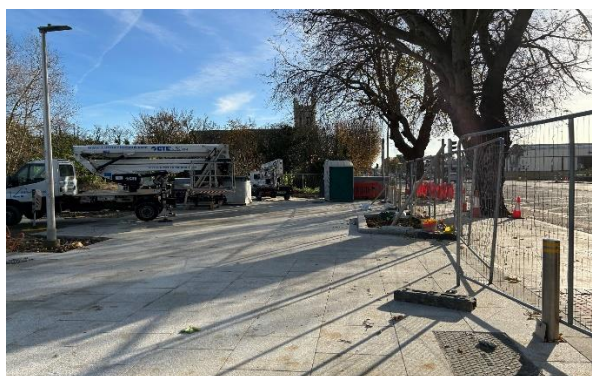
Dodder Greenway & Flood Defence Herbert Park to Donnybrook – cantilevering element & coco matting

The Entrance Wall and Amenity area works at Donnybrook adjacent the bridge commenced in September. The Traffic Management for these works on Donnybrook Road Outbound

Left Turn lane will be in place until the end of October.

These works have also been extended to include ducting and infrastructure work for the Donnybrook Toucan Crossing. Further Toucan Ducting works across Eglinton and Donnybrook Road commenced in October including new changing Temporary Traffic Management until the end of November 2023.

Certificate of Substantial Completion will now include the extra works for the Toucan on Donnybrook Road. The target is to complete is to finish before Operation Open City (free flow) by the end of November. Failing that, the remaining Donnybrook Roadworks will be finished early in 2024 when Temporary Traffic Management measures may resume.



Dodder Greenway & Flood Defence Herbert Park to Donnybrook – plaza

Dublin City Council in conjunction with DLRCC and SDCC will deliver the **Dodder Greenway** in sections, with focus currently on 6 rapid build schemes as follows:

- Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Rd
- Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park
- Donnybrook Rd to Clonskeagh Rd
- Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Rd
- Orwell Rd to Dodder Rd Lower.
- Milltown Rd (Dodder Walk to Dundrum Rd)

Non-Statutory Public Consultations have been progressed on two of these routes with a third ongoing as follows:

Section	Consultation period	Public Event Date & Location
Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road	29/5/23 - 30/06/23	15/06/23 - Sandymount Community Centre
Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park	29/5/23 - 30/06/23	15/06/23 - Sandymount Community Centre

Donnybrook Road - Clonskeagh Road	02/11/23 - 08/12/23	09/11/23 - Donnybrook Community Centre
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The public consultation report is being finalised by the team, and detailed design is being progressed for the Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road and Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park sections.

Further information on the above Dodder Greenway Schemes are available on www.dublincity.ie/activetravel.

Rapid Build Active Travel options are being investigated on Milltown Rd from Dodder Walk to Dundrum Rd. This route would facilitate continuity of a cycle route along the Dodder in advance of the Permanent Dodder Greenway. DLRCC anticipates lodging a Part VIII for the sections Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road and Orwell Road to Dodder Road Lower in O4 2023.

Quarterly meetings of the Dodder Steering Group, comprising officials and members of DLRCC, SDCC and DCC are ongoing.

The **North Circular Road** scheme aims to provide high-quality segregated cycling facilities along a 5.5km route from Infirmary Road at the junction with Conyngham Road and Parkgate Street to Seville Place at the junction with Guild Street. The project will be delivered in five schemes and the Active Travel team are currently progressing with three as follows:

- **Dorset St Lwr to Amiens St:** A Public Consultation Report for this scheme is expected to be published over the coming Quarter. Consultants Jacobs have commenced detailed design on the project. Site surveys, tree surveys and road safety audit are underway at present.
- **Hanlon's Corner junction upgrade:** A Public Consultation Report for this junction is expected to be published over the coming Quarter. A tender for engaging Consultants to develop the detailed designs was issued in September 2023 and tenders have been received and tender assessment is underway. It is expected that a Consultant will be appointed by the end of year.

- **Seville Place:** Consultants have developed concept designs and photomontages for a scheme along Seville Place and these were sent to NTA for review. An options report in line with the NTA's latest requirement for consideration of rapid build measures is currently being progressed.

The tender competition and Final Business Case for the **Fitzwilliam Street Cycle Route** has been completed and a preferred contractor identified. AcTPrO is waiting on confirmation of funding from the NTA before proceeding to construction. Construction is now expected to commence in mid-2024 subject to the approval of the funding body to proceed.

On the **Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street (SC2C)** walking and cycling scheme, EIA/AA screening reports have been submitted to the planning department and they have returned their report which will feed into the planning determination process. Final approval is awaited from the NTA to move to detailed design on both the interim and permanent schemes. It is expected that the interim scheme will proceed to detailed design in November 2023 with construction in Q2 2024. Engagement with stakeholders will continue regarding accommodation for commercial vehicle loading on the scheme.

The **Trinity to Ballsbridge** walking & cycling route is to be delivered in two Phases:

- **Phase 1: Holles St to Lansdowne Road** along Mount Street Lower and Northumberland Road. Public Consultation for this Phase commenced on 19th September 2023 and closed on 20th October. Information leaflets were distributed in the local area during the Public Consultation period. A Public Consultation report is currently being prepared. More information, can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>.
- **Phase 2: Dawson St to Holles Street** along Nassau Street, Clare Street and Merrion Square North. Public Consultation for Phase 2 will follow at a future date.

On the **Grand Canal to Lincoln Place** scheme improved walking and cycling facilities are

proposed for 1.3km from the Townsend St / Lombard St junction along Townsend St, Sandwith Street Lower, Sandwith Street Upper, Hogan Place and Grand Canal Street Upper as far as Clanwilliam Terrace. Also a section along Fenian Street from the junction with Sandwith Street Upper to the junction with Lincoln Place. Draft Preliminary designs have been prepared and internal consultation undertaken. Consultants to complete the preliminary design on the project and bring it to Public Consultation in Q2 2024.

Preparations are underway for the **Finglas Village Improvement Scheme** to go to public consultation in Q1 2024. Further updates on the consultation dates will be provided to elected members in due course and on the website dublincity.ie/activetravel.

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. An environmental consultant has been appointed to complete the 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 Q4 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 NTA.

The route options selection process and design work commenced for the **Santry River Greenway** in July 2022. The project is being led by the Water Framework Directive Office in collaboration with Fingal County Council. The route options are now been updated following the series of public consultation events held in September. It is expected that an emerging preferred route will be identified in Q1 2024. A further public consultation process will follow to allow the local community and other stakeholders comment on the preferred route.

The Active Travel Programme office is working with the OPW to progress the **Chesterfield Avenue Cycle Route** along with other routes

through the Phoenix Park. The NTA has nominated the national Active Travel Support Office to work with DCC to deliver the scheme. Design work is expected to begin November 2023 and the emerging preferred option shared with stakeholders in Q2 2024.

The **Coolock to Clontarf** walking and cycling route is 5.1km in length and is proposed to be delivered in three Phases:

- **Phase 1- Gracefield Rd to Vernon Avenue** along Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybil Hill Road and Vernon Ave.(2.6km)

The non-statutory Public Consultation for this Phase of the route was carried out from 6th June to 31st July, 2023. A public information event was held in Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre on Tuesday 25th July, 2023 with over eighty persons attending. Over 800 submissions have been received. These are being reviewed and the Public Consultation report is currently being prepared. Consultants Jacobs have commenced detailed design on the project. Traffic counts, site surveys, tree surveys, road safety audit are underway at present.

- **Phase 2- Vernon Ave to Clontarf Rd** along Vernon Avenue terminating at the junction with Clontarf Road.
- **Phase 3- Artane Roundabout to Clonshaugh Road** from Artane Roundabout, along Ardlea Road, Kincora Rd, Oscar Traynnor Rd, Clonshaugh Rd. Consultants Jacobs to commence concept design on Phases 2 & Phase 3 in Q3 2024.

A tender was issued for the engagement of Consultants for the detailed design for the **Bayside to Northside Shopping Centre** scheme along Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Road in August 2023. The Tender Assessment is now complete. Consultants DBFL have been appointed to undertake the detailed design, procurement and construction phases of the project.

Cabra to Blanchardstown Rd

A tender has been issued for the engagement of Consultants for the detailed design for Ratoath Road & Cappagh Road Rapid Build Scheme. The Consultants will also be commissioned to develop a concept design for a permanent

scheme along Ratoath Road (Westwood to Ratoath Avenue). The closing date for this tender competition has been extended.

Raheny to Kilbarrack (Howth Road, from Station Road to James Larkin Road).

This Active Travel scheme will provide a 1.75km walking and cycling route along the Howth Road, which extends from Raheny Village (junction of Howth Road, Station Road and Main Street) to the junction of Howth Road

A Public Consultation Report for this scheme is expected to be published over the coming Quarter. Consultants Jacobs have commenced detailed design on the project.

Funding

National Transport Authority funding for 2024 for the Dublin City Council Active Travel Programme is now likely to reduce on the 2023 approved amount (the reduction could be in the region of 20%) The Active Travel Office is currently aligning the 2024 works programme to match this reduction and will confirm the viable programme in Jan 2024.

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

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green Dame St Project	NTA/DCC	DCC	The procurement process for a new Multi-disciplinary design team for the project is on-going.
2.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	Work is continuing on the detailed design. A selection committee has been set up to appoint an artist to design an Art Feature, which will be incorporated into the public realm works.
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 recommenced the design of this project in May 2023.
5.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAFF /NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan	The planning application for this project will now be lodged as part of the NTA BusConnects project. Preliminary design is complete and the draft EIAR is being amalgamated into that of BusConnects. Land acquisitions are being progressed by DCC but NTA will also lodge for CPOs.
6.	Forbes St Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	The title of this project has been renamed to reflect the fact that the location has reverted to Forbes St. Irish Rail and the NTA are reviewing a technical report setting out the design criteria proposed to deal with the interactions with the future DART Underground.
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.
8.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Approval granted by ABP in June 2023. Construction programmed to start in Tymon Park early in 2024. Construction period estimated at 2-3 years. Flood defences proposed in Ravensdale Park, St.Martin's Drive and Mount Argus. Public liaison meetings planned over the next few months. SDCC are lead authority. Website www.poddlefas.ie
9.	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. Site investigation contract

				due to be completed in November 2023. Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation programmed in Q1 2024.
10	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 . Initial flood options being considered and costed. Liaison with LA stakeholders on preliminary options ongoing. Some further site investigation commenced. Liaison with some local groups on preliminary options ongoing.
11	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.
12	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.
13	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2	DCC	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Consultant appointed. Landowners and major stakeholders being contacted. ABP approved outlet detail on 4 th September 2023. Severe flooding from extreme rainfall at Castle Court has highlighted urgent need for scheme. Temporary flood alleviation interim measures being progressed. Phase 2 tunnel under Howth Road and Promenade outlet being progressed, programmed delivery September 2024.
14	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.
15	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	The non-statutory consultation for the Point Junction Upgrade has been completed
16	Green Infrastructure Pilot Project	DCC	McCloy's	Consultants are appointed to prepare a detailed design for 9 pilot sites adjacent to the Dodder and Santry Rivers. The purpose is to introduce effective surface water management Infrastructure to support biodiversity and meeting our EU Water Framework Directive objectives. Design work has commenced on this project.
17	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.

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. Safety file being compiled. Rest of Phase 2 works are operational
2	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECOM	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	Oct 2014	May 2024	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	All works are now complete apart from minor snagging works. The site compound has now been completely removed.
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.	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
7	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd	April 2023	Oct 2024	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd has commenced construction.



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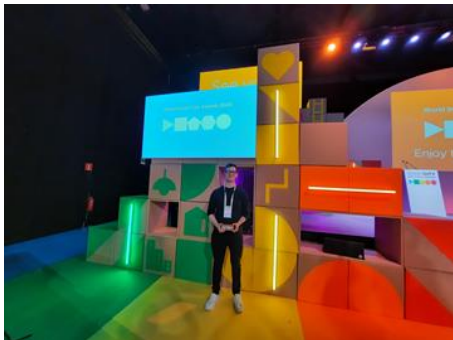


Smart Dublin were represented at the Smart City Expo World Congress 2023 in Barcelona during the 7-9th of November, which is the

world's biggest and most influential event on urban innovation with over 25,000 attendees from over 140 countries and 800 cities represented. Members of the team spoke on urban innovation (with the European Innovation Council), digital rights (with the Cities Coalition for Digital Rights), up to date policies in action (with the Open Agile Smart Cities) and mobility panels. More information available at this [link](#).

Smart D8 Innovation Award finalist at the World Smart City Awards 2023

The annual World Smart City Awards held at the world congress event in Barcelona



is a prestigious international competition that seeks to recognize pioneering projects, ideas and strategies making cities around the world more livable, sustainable, and economically viable. Smart D8 were finalists this year

(shortlisted out of 400+ applications) for the Innovation Award which is awarded to projects with the potential of contributing to the successful transformation, adaptation or response of our cities to the Covid-19 pandemic or others that may occur in the future. Unfortunately, D8 did not win this year however this recognition is a significant achievement. More information [here](#).

Dublin City Council's Telecoms Unit Featured by the World Economic Forum



Dublin City Council's Telecoms Unit was showcased by the World Economic Forum as a best practice case study as part of a new model policy on 'Public Sector Asset Use' for City Governments to

support the responsible delivery of digital infrastructure in cities. What started as an innovation experiment with a neutral host testbed with [Dense Air](#) in the Docklands allowed us to really understand the challenges associated with the deployment of telecoms and in particular 5G densification. Central to this was our partnership with the [SFI CONNECT Centre](#) in Trinity College and the co-funded [Smart Docklands](#) programme. See more here: [link](#).

Dublin City Council wins 3 awards at the Docklands Business Forum Awards 2023

Dublin City Council won three awards at the Docklands Business Forum Annual Awards which took place in The Gibson Hotel on Thursday 16th Nov. The Docklands Business Awards is an annual event that celebrates and



promotes all the achievements of Docklands enterprise.

Our Smart Dublin team collected the awards for the following projects:

- Smart Ring Buoy Monitoring with our water safety team (under the community category),
- Dublin Discovery Trails app (doors into docklands) in partnership with our Docklands Area Office and Smart Tourism Programme (under the Tourism category)
- Project Air View in partnership with our Air Quality Team and Google (under the Smart Docklands category)

Smart Docklands Networking Event - 26th November



The Smart Docklands Networking Event will be hosted by Dogpatch labs in the vaults on Tuesday the 26th November from 5.30 - 7.30. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in smart city and urban innovation to attend.

This event will review 2023 activities from our wider Smart City Programme as well as update on Smart Docklands, Academy of the Near Future, Smart DCU and Smart D8 as well as covering the next steps for Smart Docklands in 2024. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/smart-docklands-networking-event-tickets-740718718627?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm->

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Smart Docklands Launch New Community Engagement Website

The Smart Docklands team together with Dublin City Council and



CONNECT SFI Research Centre partners are really excited to launch their new community engagement website:

<https://smartdocklands.commonplace.is>.

We would like to get the community feedback on their experience in the Docklands area. What do they like about the area and what are the challenges they face? We are inviting everyone connected with Dublin's Docklands to take part in a short survey or comment on an interactive map. The new engagement website will inform our work and Call for Pilots. We are looking for innovative ideas to make improvements with smart city and digital solutions to the Docklands area.

Applications for Design Your Future City Week Open



'Design Your Future City' is a free week-long programme for TY students offered by [Academy of the Near Future](https://www.nearfuture.ie). This year they are excited to partner with [The Digital Hub Development Agency](https://www.nearfuture.ie) to scale the programme into the Smart D8

District. The programme will explore how technology can support people to tackle health and well-being challenges through creative hands-on workshops!

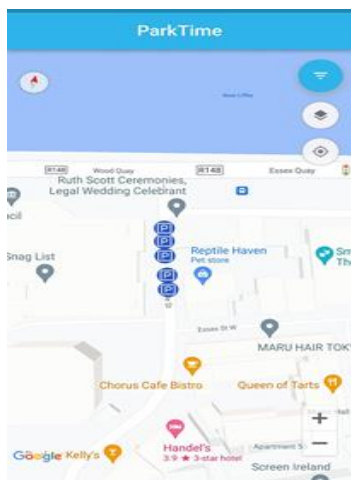
WHO? TY students.

WHEN? Monday 26th February - Friday 1st March 2024.

WHERE? The Bank at The Digital Hub.

☞ Applications are open until 5 pm on the 15th December 2023. To apply visit <https://lnkd.in/epNxPqjA>

Smart Cities team seeking volunteers for Smart Accessible Parking Project



The Smart Cities Team have been working with the Traffic Department on a Smart Accessible Parking Project. The aim of the project is to give people with accessibility needs real time data in relation to availability of

accessible car parking spaces in parts of Dublin 1 and Dublin 2 using a relevant App - ParkTime or the Parking Tag App. The Smart Accessible Parking Project has 55 real time sensors installed in Dublin 1 and Dublin 2 as part of the pilot. The team are currently looking for 10 relevant volunteers (blue badge holders) to take part in a short focus group. If you know of any volunteers who can help with testing the app and participate in the focus group or if you have any questions, please contact Payal Pandya from the Smart Cities Team at payal.pandya@dublincity.ie

Service & Digital Transformation

Public Sector Transformation week 24th – 26th October 2023

The Council organised a very successful series of events for Public Sector Transformation Week. “*Forward together*” (24-26th October). It was launched by the Chief Executive and had over 60 speakers on a range of diverse topics

from Crowdfunding, Citizen centric and User Experience (UX) design, digital services, smart cities, use of AI in the public service, climate action, tourism strategy and innovation.

New consultation tool

Tenders for a new Corporate Digital Consultation tool are currently being evaluated and digital consultation guidelines are being developed. This tool will allow for increased functionality such as mapping capabilities, better UX/UI and enhanced accessibility, as well as improved reporting and analytics for internal users. A pre-qualification questionnaire has been assessed and we will issue the detailed requirements documents via e-tenders to the panel in September. Targeting Q4 for launch of new platform. Alongside the technical rollout we will support staff using the new tool through training and best practice guides on survey question design, accessibility, and content writing.

Chief Executive Orders System

The final phase of the roll out of the Chief Executive Orders system commenced and the project will be complete by December 2023. The use of digital signatures will be examined in conjunction with the sector.

Dublin City Council website

Work is continuing to finalise website governance, privacy and accessibility standards to ensure our websites are compliant with legislation and regulations.

Communications Strategy

The Communications Office is currently developing the new Dublin City Council Communications Strategy, along with our PR company Carr Communications.

Carr Communications conducted a communications audit of our messaging and channels in July. Since then we have held a number of workshops and discussions with staff, councillors, SPC members and external stakeholders to help feed into the strategy.

A survey will also be issued to all staff, Elected Members and the public shortly. A draft of the new strategy will be ready before the end of this year.

Citizen Hub – new services added

The team are continuing to add new services to the platform and there are now nearly 50 services available through Citizen Hub. Approximately 120,000 cases have been raised on Citizen hub to date, there are over 27,000 registered users and 800 staff users of the platform. A solution for applicants for Choice Based lettings went live in October and there has been very positive feedback from staff and customers. Over 85% of applicants chose to apply online. The Casual Trading Licence and Street Performance Licence applications have gone live. A Bonfire Materials reporting form was live throughout October. Testing is being carried out on an online housing application form. Online application forms for the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund and the Climate Action Fund are almost complete and will be live in December. A service to allow citizens to submit service requests online through Irish has gone live and will be promoted further following an initial soft launch. This service through Irish is being provided by our colleagues in Customer Services.

Councillor Portal - work continues

Work is continuing the development of a dedicated Councillor Portal to be available in advance of the 2024 local elections.

Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

Citizen Hub: There are 18 dashboards (Waste, Parks, E & T) completed and awaiting stakeholder signoff.

5 existing dashboards are being amended in the next sprint in terms of Service Development Plan metrics after instructions.

There were also 4 additional dashboards created for customer services using Citizen Hub data.

Digital Services: There is 1 dashboard created for the communications team in order to help them with the DCC website analytics.

Total number of dashboards from DAU:

Overall 25 dashboards are in place as below:		
CH dashboards	:	18
Customer services:		3
Housing	:	1
Communication	:	1

Active Travel	:	1
Tourism	:	1
Total	:	25

Open Data: The footfall and cycle counts have been updated with the new months data alongside pitch playability and Dublin bikes. Active work is ongoing on advancing the publication of Culture Dataset and it will initially include information on cultural amenities including Adult learning centres, Community centres / halls, Heritage sites, historic monuments and government buildings, Public play areas, Theatres, arts centres, performance spaces and sports pitches and facilities. This will be accessible by the public via the: [Dublin's Open Data Portal \(smartdublin.ie\)](http://smartdublin.ie)

Dublin Fire Brigade Pilot: The DAU had a number of exciting meetings with DFB to explore how data could be used to improve operational performance.

Annual Service Delivery Plan: The DAU is seeking to automate the ASDP quarterly returns. Approximately 80% of the metrics included in the current plan have now been documented with the remaining metrics to be completed by year end.

Software/Hardware Requirements: A business case has been submitted for a centralised platform for remote sensor data following extensive internal stakeholder engagement. A revised business case for a data centralised platform is being presented to Senior Management following agreement and recommendation from the Data Management Framework Strategic & Tactical Boards.

Gender Pay Gap: The analysis and reporting for the Gender Pay Gap is currently under review with final figures almost ready for submission to the LGMA.

North City Operations Depot

The NCOD is now operational and there is a depot management team in place to oversee the day-to-day operations of the campus.

The NCOD Project Team continue to work with the Design Team and Contractor in ensuring the completion of minor outstanding works and

snags. The NCOD Project Team are also working with these parties on assessment of Change Order Notifications and work on Final Account will follow on from that in due course. The Safety File for the entire campus was handed over to the Depot Management team on 13/10/23.

Customer Services

- 15,353 calls were answered between 18th October and 17th November, with 37.03% of those calls answered in less than 30 seconds.
- 3,375 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 18th October and 17th November from the generic customer services email account.
- Customer Services have taken 3,731 payments between 18th October and 17th November.
- Customer Services have processed 2,130 Parking Permits between between 18th October and 17th November.
- Customer Services have introduced two new parking schemes between 18th October and 17th November.
- The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with 1,426 visitors greeted at the reception desk between 18th October and 17th November.

Improving Customer Experience Initiatives

- An executive summary of the results and comparisons between the last two Mystery Shopper Programmes have been circulated to all relevant sections within the council, including a note to say there will be another one completed in the next couple of months.
- The Customer Services Centre are actively reviewing the customer experience of our customers when they enter the civic offices. A further report will issue next month.
- Customer Services and Customer Experience have proceeded with the purchase of self-serve technology to be used for customers in the Atrium of the Civic Offices. Customer Services staff

will be available to demonstrate to customers how to use the self-service kiosk.

- Customer Services and Customer Experience have proceeded with the purchase of screens to be fitted into the meeting pods in the Atrium, to allow for additional meeting areas which can be sufficiently adapted with IT to complete standard transactions.

Dublin City Council BETA

A Dublin City Council initiative to *imagine, trial* and *scale* solutions for a more liveable city.

Pipeline of all BETA Projects: <https://trello.com/b/8jXnfMIO/beta-project-pipeline>

Further information: www.dccbета.ie or beta@dublincity.ie or @DCCbeta on social media.

Imagining

We are consistently engaged in collaborative research with various departments concerning upcoming projects and related activities.

Trialling

In the past month, we further developed these trials.

- Cargobike Sharing Service
 - Should/how should we provide a cargobike sharing service for the city?
 - Collaboration with Transportation Department.
 - Trial being developed.
- Public electric barbecues
 - Should we provide public, electric, barbecues in our parks and public spaces?
 - Collaboration with Parks Dept.
 - Trial now installed in one of our parks (not yet public). Going live in January.
- BETAhood
 - A process to help communities to test solutions in their neighbourhoods, vote on what works and then install or run things that people want.

- Collaboration with Areas.
- Trial underway in Drumcondra.

Scaling

In the past month, we further developed these pilots and solutions.

- Street Art Platform
 - A process to help make street art as seamless as possible within the existing national planning laws, whilst aiming for the very best of quality.
 - Collaboration with Arts Office and Areas.
 - Pilot being developed.
- Downpour Planters
 - Downpour Planters are a progressive and effective way to ease pressure on our drainage infrastructure and alleviate flooding while enriching neighbourhoods with verdant growth.
 - Collaboration with Protection of Waterbodies Office.
 - Pilot being developed.
- Housing Maintenance 'Fixit App'
 - A depot app which allows depot management and tradespeople to access and manage repairs on the go on a mobile device, allowing real time data capture of the job status.
 - Positioned under Housing Maintenance.
 - Rolling out across Depots.

"Out of beta"

- BikeBunkers
 - BikeBunkers allow users to securely stow their bicycles close to home and under cover, saving space and worry.
 - Positioned under Transportation Department.
 - They are preparing to tender for supplier and operator.

Human Resources

The total number of employees at 30th September 2023 was 5971 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking into account work-sharing arrangements) was 5667.55

Recruitment Programme 2023

Year	Recruitment campaigns complete / in process
2023 (YTD)	97

Interviews held/concluded November 2023

Chief Technician	Senior Executive Technician
Executive Technician	Technician Grade II
Library Attendant	Sub Officer ERCC
Sports Inclusion Officer	Animal Warden
Open Data Lead	Duty Manager
Head Porter (Motor Tax)	

Campaigns Advertised November 2023

Apprenticeship, Bricklayer	Apprenticeship, Carpentry
Apprenticeship, Electrical	Apprenticeship, Heavy Vehicle Mechanic
Apprenticeship, Metal Fabrication	Apprenticeship, Painter
Apprenticeship, Painter	Apprenticeship, Plumbing
Climate Action Regional Co-Ordinator	Administrative Officer
Administrative Officer, Procurement	

The Public Appointments Service has ongoing recruitment campaigns for:

Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer	Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer
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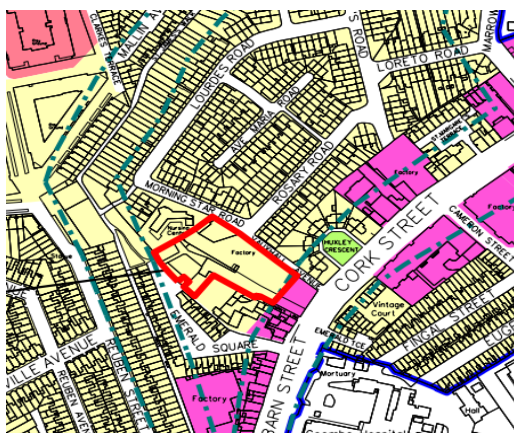
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New Policy / Strategy

Development Plan 2022-2028

1. There is no change in relation to four judicial reviews of the Development Plan.
2. Variation No.2- DCU lands, variation consultation complete and CE report on same circulated to Elected Members. A decision on the variation will be made at the January Council meeting.
3. Variation No.3- Botany Mills, variation consultation complete and CE report on same circulated to Elected Members. A decision on the variation will be made at the January Council meeting.
4. Variation No. 4– Finglas SDRA-public consultation for the 4 week period underway. Closing date is the 5th of December 2023; following which a report will be prepared for circulation to the Elected Members
5. Variation No.5 –Built to Rent change, public consultation to commence 5th January 2024, 4 week consultation closing date is the 2nd February 2024; following which a report will be prepared for circulation to the Elected Members.



North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ

- Decision from An Bord Pleanála issued 03.09.23 approved heights sought, with one minor amendment.
- Application to amend permitted large commercial building at City Block 9 granted permission.

Baile Bogán (Ballyboggan) LAP

- Consultation with stakeholders ongoing; workshop for Elected Members to be scheduled in Jan/early Feb 2024 to give update on consultation and future direction.

Werburgh Street SDRA

- Site survey and baseline analysis taking place this month.

City Edge

- Work ongoing on preparing phase 1 variation.

Poolbeg West SDZ

- Current application (i) to amend tower element of permitted residential development; (i) 6 no. large liquid storage tanks at south bank road/whitebank Road.
- Permission granted for change of units types/mix within Phase 1b – residential.
- Upcoming pre –application discussions

Departmental Priority

Active Land Management

Derelict Sites Register /Compulsory Acquisitions

Ongoing Acquisitions Strategy

Ongoing identification of sites for potential acquisition and use by the Housing & Community Services Dept or for consideration under URDF Call 3.

There were no objections received to the Notice of Intention to Acquire 39a Main St, Chapelizod, D20. Vesting Order to be prepared.

The acquisition of 48 Pleasant St, D8, has been deferred following the receipt of representations.

Five objections were received to the Notice of Intention to Acquire 18 Cadogan Road, D3 all objections were received by the deadline of Friday 3rd November 2023. A submission is now being prepared for the consent of An Bord Pleanála to be submitted by 3rd December 2023.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The owners of 67 sites which were on the draft and supplemental RZLT maps, for which determinations issued by DCC, were appealed to ABP. ABP upheld the Council's determinations in all cases with the exception of one appeal which was declared invalid and two decisions which were partly overturned.

Land appearing on both the draft and supplemental maps will, subject to the outcome of submissions / determinations / zoning changes / decisions and appeals made in respect of both maps, be included on the final map of land which will be published on 1st December 2023. This land will be subject to the tax unless it is exempt as a residential property.

Following Budget 2024, the liability date for the RZLT has been deferred to 2025. Landowners will have the opportunity to make submissions on the Annual draft Map which is to be published by 1st February 2024, and submissions can be made up until 1st April 2024.

City Valuers

- Work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Relocation of Marckievicz Leisure Centre – Negotiations with TII - Try to progress with TII but no Railway Order.
- Engagement with OPW re disposal of site at Belcamp for new Garda Station including acquisition of Coolock Garda Station. - Negotiations with OPW have commenced.
- Negotiations to acquire land at Belcamp lane from Developer- Negotiations discontinued.

- Preparation of Disposal Brief for site at Main Street Chapelizod - Draft brief to be completed.
- Engagement with claimant re Derelict Site at Richmond Avenue - Claimant unwilling to engage. Refer to Arbitration.
- Major programme of house purchase for HAP tenants in situ - Inspections/valuations/negotiations.
- Acquisition of 18/19 Parnell Sq. from Failte Ireland - Terms to be issued.
- Possible relocation of Ballymun Kickhams GAA Club to central Ballymun - Negotiations ongoing.
- Acquisition of licence for St. Werburgh's Church - Negotiations underway.
- URDF 3 – Engagement with DOHLGH - Compilation of opportunity buildings list.
- Interaction with LDA re Digital Hub - Ongoing discussions.
- Drafting of property Framework Agreement with St. Patrick's Athletic - In-train.
- Letting of former Greenhouse Restaurant at Dawson Street, action review of tenders and recommendation of preferred lessee.
- Sale of Vartry Lodge and Vartry Cottage, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. Action, marketing campaign concluded, successful purchasers recommended



Departmental Projects

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023

Progress in Previous Quarter

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) schemes for 2023 have been paid and the recoupment has been lodged with the Built Heritage Unit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

BHIS 2023

The work included:

- 2616 employment days created for skilled conservation practitioners and professionals
- €1,227,139.43 of private funds into the conservation construction economy
- €1,719,939.43 total expenditure on repairs to historic buildings

The projects supported owners of Protected Structures along with structures in Architectural Conservation Areas with minor repairs funding from €500 up to €15,000 funding for major works conserving historic fabric and preventing endangerment of structures on DCC's Buildings at Risk register.

HSF 2023

The HSF grant scheme supported 8 significant projects namely;

- Aldborough House, Portland Row, Dublin 3
- Price's Medical Hall, 26 Clare St, Dublin 2
- The Clocktower Building, Grangegorman, Dublin 7
- 20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2
- An Post Building, 109 James's Street, Dublin 8
- Red Stables Building, St. Anne's Park, Mount Prospect Avenue, Dublin 3

- €492,800.00 in grant aid provided
- 51 conservation projects completed and supported
- 20 Dominick Street Lower, Dublin 1
- 34 Main Street, Chapelizod, Dublin 20

The work included:

- €373,374.99 in grant aid provided
- 835.25 employment days created for skilled conservation practitioners and professionals
- €196,219.47 of private funds into the conservation construction economy
- €569,697.46 total expenditure on repairs to historic buildings

€200,000 of grant funding has been deferred into 2024 to support conservation works to Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1 and €147,391.35 for completion of the repair of the roof of Red Stables in St Anne's Park, Dublin 3, which is being carried out under Dublin City Council's Parks and Landscapes Services.

Next Stage

The BHIS & HSF schemes for 2024 were announced this week by the Department and we will shortly be advertising these on DCC digital media platforms, in the press and through the Conservation Section's mailing list.

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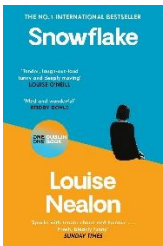
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Library Updates

Finglas Library will be officially opened by the Lord Mayor on Saturday 9th December at 11 am.



On the 27th November the **Dublin Literary Award**, now in its 29th year, launched the list of 70 books, nominated by 80 libraries around the world which are longlisted for the 2024 award.



Snowflake by Louise Nealon is the **One Dublin One Book** choice for 2024.

Nkoda, the world's largest online sheet music library, is now available to Dublin City Library Patrons. More details [here](#).

Dublin City Libraries received a grant from the ALL Strategy Fund for €14,200 to set up a 'Library Literacy Champion' programme. The training initiative will conclude in December. This project was funded by SOLAS under the Adult Learning for Life strategy. 29 members of staff participated in the four month programme.



Leabhair Linn sa Leabharlann: Irish language series of events celebrating Irish language literature, including the work of WB Yeats, running

in branches in November and December. See our [events](#) page for details.

In partnership with the LGMA and with funding from the Department of Children, Dublin City Libraries are placing, Children's Literacy Collections in the Visitor's Centres of five **Prison Libraries**.

Update	Current Status	Next Stage
City Library, Parnell Sq.	Stage 2b, Detailed design	Completion of Stage 2b deliverables
Ringsend Library	Plans presented to the SEAC	Commencement of Part 8 process
Charleville Mall Library	Tender for Phase 2 of refurbishment in preparation.	Full roof and ceiling replacement.
Terenure Library	Pre Part 8 discussions will be concluded by end Nov	Presentation to the SEAC

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](#)

Economic Development Office / Local Enterprise Office

Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027 (LECP) Advisory Group formed with ongoing meetings, stage one complete, consultation is now underway.

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Hybrid meeting in City Hall / Zoom took place on 12/09/23.

[Click here for meeting.](#)

The next meeting is on 28th November, with the pre meeting on 20th November.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024

DCC supporting many of the 26 actions in the plan. BBB event taking place on 7th Dec with Minister Coveney.

Night Time Economy - This year's Dublin City Summit Series will focus on the Night Time Economy. The summit will take place on 30/11/2023 at the Projects Arts Centre.

➤ [Tickets](#)

Dublin Belfast Circular Economy Capital Expenditure Feasibility Shared Island Funding

An application was successfully made by DCC to the Shared Island Fund on 2nd June, 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 working on the feasibility study.

MODOS. MODOS Networking event to encourage circular economy adoption among businesses is on 29/11/2023. > [Event page](#)

Local Enterprise Office

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals 2023: 50 grants have been approved to the value of €1,040,901 supporting the creation of 77 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2023: 131 applications approved to value of €289,467.

Mentoring: 1080 hrs of mentoring completed 1st Jan–31st Oct 23. Annual target 1,000 hrs.

Training: 4458 participants & 162 courses delivered 1st Jan – 31st Oct 23. Annual target 3,000 hrs.

Start Your Own Business: 360 participants attended 14 courses 1st Jan – 31st Oct 23. Annual target, 227 participants & 13 courses.

Sports & Recreation



The Sports & Recreation Section continue to strive to deliver high quality services to all, no matter their circumstances, to ensure all enjoy the physical and mental benefits of being active.

The DCC Sports Plan will be presented to the Area Committees and the Arts SPC in the coming months before submission to the City Council for approval and implementation in early 2024.

Capital improvement both in terms of design and implementation works continue in line with the capital programme. Some recent projects completed include the upgrading and reopening of Sean MacDermott Street Pool (which is now operated by Swim Ireland).



Refurbishment Disability Room at Sean MacDermott Street Pool.

Refurbished Sean MacDermott Street Pool.



Events

Event	Location
Dublin Winter Lights https://dublinwinterlights.ie	Various city centre locations 1st Dec – 1st Jan 24
Christmas at the Castle	Dublin Castle 6th – 19th Dec
NYF NYF Dublin Dublin's New Year Festival	Collins Barracks Dublin Castle Meeting House Square 29th Dec – 1st Jan



Filming Update

208 Filming Applications to date were received by the Dublin City Council Film Office.

TV/Movie Productions include;

Small Town, Big Story; A returning comedic drama series created and directed by Chris O'Dowd about what happens to a family in a small Irish border town when Hollywood decides to shoot an epic drama on their doorstep. Starring Christina Hendricks and Paddy Considine.

Spilt Milk The film is set in 1984 and tells the story of a boy who is obsessed with Kojak and tries to solve the mystery of his brother's sudden disappearance from the family home. We follow his search across Dublin for his older brother as our hero starts to come to terms with the world of grown-ups.

Commercial productions include content for;

- Guinness Christmas Advert
- Allianz sports partnership advert
- Nordic Spirt advert
- Lidl advert
- NOW TV advert

Statistics for Q3 2023

	TOTAL
Sports & Recreation	
Number of programmes	697
Number of participants	41,030
Libraries	
No. items issued (+ e-resources)	603,957
Reserves satisfied	36,684
Visits to libraries	498,901
Online visits (DCL websites)	265,216
Social Media, photo and video views	239,095
Total no of events held	1,444
Attendance at all events	24,000
Total no. of outreach events	71
Total attendance at outreach events	9729
Internet sessions & Wi-Fi	18,198
Printing & reprography (pages)	134,727



Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Tender for accessibility works issued	Appointment of contractor for access works made.
Ballymun Leisure Centre Improvements	Tender Docs under review	Framework to be established for significant improvement works.
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Tender being developed	Construction tender documents to be issued

		December '23.
Donore Community Centre	Investigative work completed	Design Team developing construction tender for main works.
Kilmore Leisure Centre	Design Tender Docs completed	Appointment of a Design Team Q1/24
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Works Complete	Pool re-opened July:
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Works Underway	Improvement works to be completed December '23.
Clontarf All Weather pitches	Works completed	11 a side & GAA pitch refurbishment completed.
Irishtown Leisure Centre Development	Design Tender Issued	Tender docs issued on tenders for the appointment of a Design
DCSWP Calendar of Events	Developed to align delivery of DCSWP programmes and events	Lord Mayor's 5 Alive; Change For Life & Nationwide walking programmes; Promotion of parkrun
Core DCSWP Programmes	Active Cities (Dublin) projects,	Underactive Communities, Older Adults, Youth at Risk, Sport Inclusion etc.

	This is the highest monthly total since we began recording in May 2006	
Social Media	Facebook Reach: 332,125 Q3 494,228 Instagram Reach: 336,033 Q3 431,052 Twitter reach: 12,200 Q3 78,700 New Followers: 225 new Facebook followers and 1962 new Instagram followers.	Build online presence
Refurb of 1930s Wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning including the Frances Bacon Studio	Awaiting schedules
Collection displays /Exhibits	Current Exhibitions: Bacon/Bown 19 th July – 7 th January 2024 Display of recently acquired portraits of Francis Bacon by the celebrated photographer Jane Bown. Andy Warhol Three Times Out 6 th October – 28 th January 2024 Future Exhibitions Sarah Purser: Artist, Collector Activist 12 June – 20 October 2024 Sarah Purser (1848 – 1943) was a hugely influential figure in Irish artistic circles, both as an artist and as an organiser.	Ongoing till January 7 th Ongoing till January 28 th

HUGH LANE GALLERY

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Hugh Lane Gallery	In October 2023 we welcomed 37,197 visitors to the Gallery to see the critically acclaimed Andy Warhol Three Times Out Exhibition.	Maintain rich visitor experience

	<p>Online Collection Hugh Lane Gallery's online collection has been updated and intergrated into the Gallery's new website. It can be accessed through the homepage or via https://onlinecollection.hughlane.ie</p>	<p>Ongoing till January 7th</p> <p>Ongoing till January 28th</p>		<p>3/10/Explore-Learn-Oct-23-Jan-24.pdf and https://hughlane.ie/w-hats-on/. Warhol resources for primary and second level students can be viewed here https://hughlane.ie/watch_listen_read/visual-studies-resource/ and https://hughlane.ie/watch_listen_read/warhol-activity/</p>	
Programme of art education	<p>In October 2023 there were c. 136 education and outreach programmes for adults and children with approx. 2,748 participants. Our education and outreach programmes in October included We Can Can Can community engagement workshops with Cabra For Youth, St Beneavin's Finglas, LYCS, IFI, Pavee Point as well as installation of artwork in gallery 6; Warhol guided tours; I'll Be Your Mirror evening of screening, readings and performance; Warhol Mixtape Reading group, Early Years programmes, and more including the putting in place of our Warhol collaboration with DCC Libraries on extensive programme of events and more.</p>	<p>Ongoing innovative art education programmes and partnerships</p>		<p>Nth Fredrick Lane</p> <p>Fit out is progressing for this property acquired by DCC for HLG including Conservation, Archive, Operations and Fine Art Storage.</p>	<p>Preparing facility Q4'23</p>
				<p>20 & 21 Parnell SQ</p> <p>Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG</p>	<p>Feasibility Study Q4 2023- 2024</p>
				<p>Collection care</p> <p>Conservation project on works for upcoming exhibition Sarah Purser. Monitoring of gallery and environmental conditions and security continues 24/7.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
				<p>Workforce Planning</p> <p>A number of Critical Vacancies will be filled in November 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1x Paper Conservator • 2x GO Attendants • 1x ASO : Education Assistant <p>HLG is liaising with HR to establish recruitment schedule for a number of other CVRs to be filled, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x G3: Gallery Assistants • 1x G3: Clerical Officer 	<p>Critical vacancies recruitment Q4 '23</p>
	<p>A full programme of art education programmes are taking place at the HLG https://hughlane.ie/wp-content/uploads/202</p>				

Dates for your [diary](#).

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Parks, Bio-Diversity and Landscape Services

Departmental Project Update:

Site work on the Tea Room at Merrion Square Park has commenced.

Park Events	119
- Arts	1
- Charity	1
- Community /Family	45
- Commercial	6
- Filming	14
- Photoshoots	5
- Sport	23
- Other(Yoga, School, Music)	24
Emails received by Parks	7456
Calls received	1816
Citizen Hub Reports	1269

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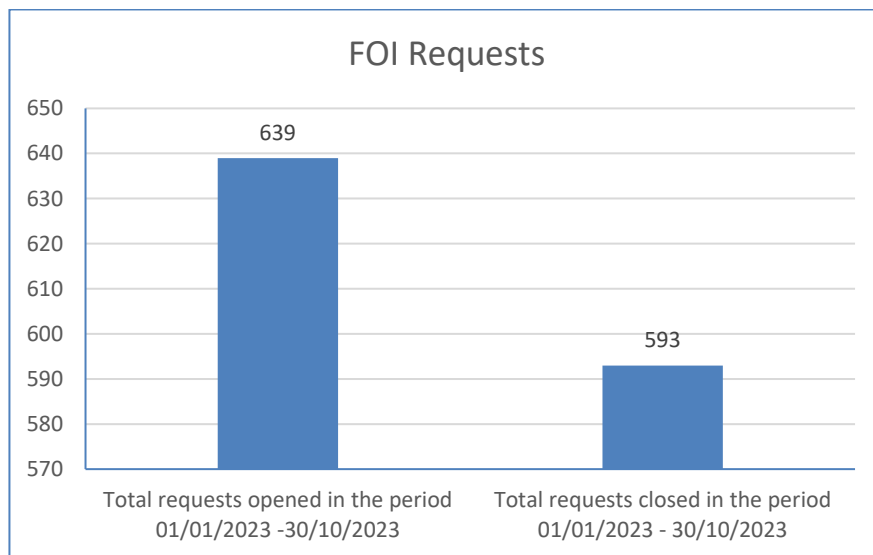
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October Requests

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/457/2023	seeks records re: Correspondence between the Peter McVerry Trust and the DRHE	Press	02/10/2023	27/10/2023
FOI/458/2023	seeks records re: inspection reports held DCC regarding derelict North Frederick Street	Press	02/10/2023	
FOI/460/2023	Records regarding re Councillors in last 24 months	Press	02/10/2023	26/10/2023
FOI/466/2023	seeks records re: financial issues that have affected the Peter McVerry Trust.	Press	03/10/2023	31/10/2023
FOI/468/2023	Requests records regarding improvement notices/orders/prohibition on legal actions	Press	03/10/2023	07/11/2023
FOI/472/2023	Seeks records re DRHE legal cases	Press	05/10/2023	
FOI/473/2023	records re: named company to DCC pertaining to planning application	Client	05/10/2023	23/10/2023
FOI/474/2023	Request records regarding payments for emergency accommodation	Press	06/10/2023	03/11/2023
FOI/480/2023	Seeks records from housing	Client	09/10/2023	12/10/2023
FOI/484/2023	Requests planning regarding large new development	Client	10/10/2023	
FOI/486/2023	Seeks records re reports on civic dollars project	Press	12/10/2023	06/11/2023
FOI/488/2023	Records regarding complaints of rats in Dublin 12 area	Client	13/10/2023	
FOI/490/2023	seeks records re: vacancy relief claimed for past 25 years for named property	Client	16/10/2023	
FOI/493/2023	Records between Land Development Agency and DCC	Press	16/10/2023	
FOI/498/2023	seeks records re: large poles erected on named road D11	Client	18/10/2023	
FOI/499/2023	seeks records re: from Neighbourhood Transport Scheme Team	Client	18/10/2023	
FOI/504/2023	seeks records re: external correspondence regarding named House since 2020	Press	19/10/2023	
FOI/507/2023	Seeks records re St Patricks Day Festival	Press	20/10/2023	
FOI/515/2023	Requests records regarding footpath at named location	Solicitor	24/10/2023	
FOI/516/2023	Seeks records re over counting of homeless persons	Press	24/10/2023	
FOI/517/2023	Seeks records re DFB	Client	24/10/2023	
FOI/519/2023	seeks records re: responses to housing maintenance project survey	Press	25/10/2023	

FOI/522/2023	seeks records re: lock on the exterior door of the named apartment building	Press	25/10/2023
FOI/523/2023	Seeks records re use of parking spaces at named address	Client	26/10/2023
FOI/524/2023	seeks records re: tenancy & docs DCC activity at property	Client	26/10/2023
FOI/525/2023	seeks records re: GAA sports pitch allocation for St Anne's Park in Raheny	Client	26/10/2023
FOI/530/2023	seeks records re: newspaper article with regard to the numbers in emergency accom	Press	31/10/2023
FOI/531/2023	Request records from NBCO	Press	31/10/2023
FOI/532/2023	Requests records from NBCO	Press	31/10/2023 03/11/2023
FOI/533/2023	Requests records from NBCO	Press	31/10/2023
FOI/534/2023	Requests records from NBCO	Press	31/10/2023
FOI/535/2023	seeks records re: inspection report for this tree outside named property	Client	31/10/2023

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in Oct 2023. The overall position regarding FOI requests from January 1st to October 30th is outlined below.



IMAGES OF THE MONTH



Rutland Street Sod-Turning



Comhairle na nÓg Youth Conference 2023



Autism Friendly Dublin



Launch of Communication Boards in Playgrounds



World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims



Dublin Winter Lights Launch

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