

To the Chairperson and
Members of the Central Area Committee

Environmental Services Unit Report November 2016 – John McPartlan

Litter Warden Statistics

There were a total of **15** Fines issued by the area based Litter Wardens in the Central Area for littering offences in the period 1st November 2016 – 30th November 2016

164 Streets were inspected

464 Dumped bags were removed

572 Dumped bags were investigated

61 Dumped or wrongly presented bags were labelled with warning stickers









Quarterly Comparison

Month	Streets Inspected	Bags removed	Bags Investigated	Bags Stickered	Fines Issued
August	160	376	325	73	8
September	174	338	324	134	41
October	179	445	459	24	24
November	164	464	572	61	15

Litter Hotline/CRM

In the period 1st November – 30th November, 256 incidents were reported via Litter Hotline/CRM.

Incidents - Central Area Office

Group Name	Sr Type	Count of Incidents
Central Area Office	Bonfire Materials	4 
	Community Cleanups	4 
	Homeless Materials	1 
	Illegal Dumping	234 
	Overflowing Skips	2 
	Report Dog Fouling DCC	1 
	Report Graffiti	5 
	Report Litter Offence	5 
Grand Total		256

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti has been removed from the following areas using our Corporate Contractor from 1st November 2016 – 30th November 2016

Custom House Quay, D.1
East Road, West Road, D.3

Graffiti has been removed from the following areas using our Waste Management Services from 1st November 2016 – 30th November 2016

Railway Street, D.1
Seville Terrace, D.1
Shamrock Place, D.1
Ennaville Avenue, D.3
East Road, D.3
Bayview Avenue, D.3
Ennaville Avenue, D.3
Springgarden Street, D.3
North Strand Road, D.3
Ossory Road, D.3
Luas Tracks, D.7
Glengariff Parade, D.7
Saint Peters's Close, D.7

Graffiti has been removed from the following areas using the Probation Services Services from 1st November 2016 – 30th November 2016

Rutland Place, D.1
Sheriff Street Upper, D.1
Parnell Street, D.1.
Ossory Road, D.3
North Strand Street, D.3
Ballybough Road, D.3
East Wall Road, D.3
Ennaville Avenue, D.3

The Pride of Place Competition

Winner of Cities population 1,000 – 2,000 Stoneybatter, Dublin City



Co-operation Ireland and Dublin City Council are proud to announce Central area winners Stoneybatter.

This prestigious all island competition, celebrates community contributions to local society and the creation of civic pride.

The competition acknowledges the fantastic selfless work being done by people in communities all over the island of Ireland. It fosters viable, vibrant and visible communities. It also recognizes the efforts being made to create communities for the future whilst respecting the heritage and culture of the past.

Purple Flag Assessment

Dublin Central Area underwent an assessment for the purple flag 26th November 2016. We are awaiting Feedback from the certification body in the coming weeks.

The purple flag like a Blue Flag given to beaches necessitates high standards under the following headings:

- Health, licensing, security and safety
- Late night transport and public realm management
- Hospitality and entertainment
- Planning and development
- Residents and consumers

Purple Flag is the international accreditation for town centres in the evening and at night from 5pm to 5am. Purple Flag destinations distinguish themselves by being Vibrant and Well-Managed. The story of Purple Flag in Ireland started in 2012 when Dublin Creative Quarter and Dame Street District and Ennis town first pioneered in taking on the challenge of the prestigious Purple Flag Accreditation through a pathfinder programme.

The Purple Zone for Dublin 1:



Derelict site Nelson Street

The site at 6 Nelson Street had been entered on the Derelict Sites Register since March 2015. 6 Nelson Street continuously became a black spot for dumping and residents adjacent to the premises had ongoing issues with vermin.

Public Domain unit employed a third party contractor to remove and power wash the front basement, and erect a gate to prevent future dumping.

Before:



After:



Christmas Tree's Central Area

Christmas trees in central area are located at the following areas for Christmas 2016:

East wall (Saturday 3rd December 2016)

Buckingham Street (8th December 2016)

Oriel Street at Sheriff Street (Lights on)

Smithfield Plaza (Lights on)

O'Connell Street (Lights on)

Blessington Basin (6th December 2016)

Manor St/Prussia St (12th December 2016)

Pop up Park Church Street Brunswick Street Junction

Parks department have erected a Pop-Up Park on the corner of the junction of Brunswick Street and Church Street. In the next few weeks before Christmas we expect the park to be finalized with completion.



DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS 2016/2017

BRING CENTRE OPENING TIMES

Opening Hours for Central Area Bring Centres located at:

- Grangegorman, Upper Grangegorman Road, Dublin 7

<u>Closed</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Opening Hours</u>
Sat 24 th Dec 2016	Wed 28 th Dec 2016	9am – 4pm
Sun 25 th Dec 2016	Thurs 29 th Dec 2016	9am – 4pm
Mon 26 th Dec 2016	Fri 30 th Dec 2016	9am – 1pm
Tues 27 th Dec 2016	Sat 31 st Dec 2016	10am – 4pm
Mon 2 nd Jan 2017		

Dublin City Council are pleased to announce that the following Bring Centres will also open on **Sunday 8th 15th 22nd January only** from **12pm - 4pm** to facilitate the recycling of Christmas trees and additional Christmas packaging:

- Oscar Traynor Road, Coolock, Collins Avenue, Dublin 11
- Collins Avenue, Dublin 9 (opposite DCU entrance)
- Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12
- Gulistan Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6
- Grangegorman, Upper Grangegorman Road, Dublin 7

All sites are closed on New Year's Day Sunday 1st January.

RECYCLING CENTRE OPENING TIMES

Shamrock Terrace Recycling Centre, North Strand, Dublin 3

<u>Closed</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Opening Hours</u>
Sun 25 th Dec 2016	Sat 24 th Dec 2016	10am – 1pm
Mon 26 th Dec 2016	Wed 28 th Dec 2016	10am – 4pm
Tues 27 th Dec 2016	Thurs 29 th Dec 2016	10am – 4pm
Mon 2 nd Jan 2017	Fri 30 th Dec 2016	10am – 4pm
	Sat 31 st Dec 2016	10am – 1pm

Christmas trees will be accepted free of charge from the 3rd to 22nd January 2017 at the following locations

Dublin Central Area

Croke Park, Cusack Stand (via St. Joseph's Ave.)	Wed 4 th to Fri 6 th Jan: 8am - 8pm Sat 7 th to Sun 8 th Jan: 10am – 4pm Mon 9 th to Fri 13 th Jan: 8am – 8pm Sat 14 th to Sun 15 th Jan: 10am– 4pm (Refer to www.crokepark.ie)
Grangegorman, Upper Grangegorman Road, Dublin 7	Opening hrs Mon to Thurs 9am – 4pm Fri 9am – 1pm Sat 10am – 4pm Sun (8 th 15 th 22 nd January only) 12pm– 4pm

Dublin City Council would like to thank everyone for their recycling efforts during the year. Let's make 2017 the best year yet for recycling!

Central Area Housing Report

(1)Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager

Vacant site, Railway Street

Circle Voluntary Housing Association have now finalised a proposed design and made a presentation to Councillors on Thursday 10th November. DCC have since met residents from the Kiln and Forge to discuss the proposal. Circle VHA are also due to make a presentation to their resident in Peadrar Kearney House on the 9th of December. So far feedback has been very positive but follow up meetings will be held once the plan has been finalised.

St. Mary's Mansions

Following a presentation to the residents and the Area Councillors which received a very positive response, a planning application was lodged on the 6th May 2016 for redevelopment of the complex. Final Grant Notice was issued on the 8th August and Cluid expect work to commence on site in April 2017. The redevelopment is due to be completed in December 2018.

Detenancing has continued but it will not now be possible to have the complex vacated by the end of the year. Approximately 8 tenants will remain in the complex until after Christmas. DCC and Cluid continue to work with residents to facilitate them but some residents have now changed their housing requirements and are being somewhat excessive in their demands for rehousing. All tenants have been or will be made reasonable offers of temporary alternative accommodation but should they continue to be intransigent they may jeopardise the viability of the project.

Gloucester Place/Former IDA site

Construction work commenced in late February following some delays with the issuing of fire certs. As part of the initial works the site has been hoarded off along with the adjacent smaller site which the same developer has agreed to purchase. Plans for the adjacent site will be submitted shortly. Site clearance works are also underway and the project is progressing well.

Prior to commencement of works a meeting was held on the 26th January between local Housing staff, residents reps, school reps and Bennetts Construction to outline the project and discuss issues such as traffic and noise management. A further meeting has since taken place and issues around traffic management and window cleaning were raised. Residents in Gloucester Place also staged a protest, blocking the road, but following a meeting between the builder and these residents no further protests have taken place. As most of the issues raised by residents were not directly related to matters that DCC could address it has been decided that DCC will no longer participate in these meetings. The meetings have continued between the contractor and residents and residents can raise any planning or other relevant issues directly with DCC.

Some issues in relation to working hours and illegal parking have been raised by residents recently. These matters have been referred to Parking Enforcement and Planning Enforcement for investigation.

Castelforbes

The 26 units at Castleforbes (Northbank), that DCC are acquiring, are not completed and are now in the hands of the receiver. Dublin City Council is currently engaging with the receiver regarding the acquisition of the Part V units in the development. Due to the nature of the works to be undertaken it is now extremely unlikely that these units will be acquired before the beginning of 2017.

Tuath Housing have now agreed contracts to acquire 21 units in Castleforbes Square. Sales were due to close on these units in early October but there has been a delay and it is now unlikely units will be occupied until early in the New Year. 11 of the units will initially be used to temporarily house residents from Gallery Quay to facilitate remedial works in relation to water ingress and insulation. The remaining 10 units (8x 2 bed, 2 x 1 bed) will be allocated to applicants from DCC's Housing, Transfer and Priority lists. Selection of applicant has taken place and names of nominees have been forwarded to Tuath Housing for interview.

Avondale House

Following ongoing issues with the security doors in the complex, along with concerns the residents had raised after the violent incident earlier in the year, we will be replacing the doors with a stronger and more durable door. Manufacture of the doors has been completed and it is hoped to have them installed by mid December.

Apartment blocks Sheriff Street

The stairwells and common areas in the apartment blocks at Mariners Port, Crinan Strand and Spencer Dock have fallen in to a poor condition over recent years. We have recently installed new, more secure postboxes and now intend to replace the main entrance doors and the floor covering and to paint the stairwells. These works have now commenced and should be completed by the end of the year.

(2) Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager

Poplar Row, Taaffe Place, Annesley Avenue & Place – Pyrite Issues

The Pyrite remediation works were carried out in three 10/12 week phases. All 3 phases have been completed with the exception of some snagging works and all of the tenants having returned to their homes. The work will be inspected before the end of the defects period and any defects attributable to the works will be rectified. These inspections will be carried out on the 12th and 13th December. A service along with an inspection of the gas boilers has been carried out.

Croke Villas

There are 9 dwellings out of 79 currently occupied in Croke Villas 2 of which are currently in the process of moving to alternative accommodation. Works are continuing on Block 3 to facilitate consolidating the remaining residents from blocks 1, 2 and 4 into the one block and these moves will be completed by early January 2017 pending the completion of the homes at 2-6 Ballybough Road. The Project Estate Officer for Croke Villas continues to liaise with An Garda Síochána in relation to drug users congregating on some of the stairwells in this complex.

The Part 8 report in relation to the demolition of all four blocks was approved at the October meeting of the City Council.

The Main Tender for the development of the units on 2-6 Ballybough Road has been assessed by Dublin City Council and is with the Department of Housing & Community seeking their approval to proceed with the award of contract to the successful tenderer.

City Architects have appointed the design team for the overall project and preparation of a Part 8 for the cottages on Sackville Ave, housing units on the site of the Croke Villas flat blocks and the roadway has commenced.

Ballybough House

The Housing Manager and Community Worker met with residents in November to discuss ongoing maintenance and anti-social issues. Significant works are now taking place to improve the complex.

New lighting is being installed and the entire courtyard has been power washed. Repairs have been carried out on four of the six stairwells and the remaining stairwells will be repaired after Christmas, provided arrangements can be made to maintain access while the works are being done. New, replacement, bins have also been provided.

To address the ongoing problem of youth's congregating on the stairwells it is proposed to Install security doors at the entrance to the stairwells. This work is expected to commence in early January.

The Project Estate Officer is continually liaising with An Garda Siochana to identify the Individuals causing problems in the complex and to take whatever action is required to resolve this problem.

Repair works to the playgrounds will be completed in January and some landscaping works will be done in the Courtyard. Some painting works will also be carried out.

We are currently examining the potential to knock 2 flats into 1 and create larger living spaces within the units. As we may require tenants to move temporarily within the complex none of the current vacant units will be let for the moment.

Delays have occurred to the completion of the CCTV system but works should be completed shortly.

The Area Housing Manager, the Project Estate Officer and the Community Development Officer continue to meet with Residents and good progress has been made with residents working with the Area Office to bring about improvements at the complex.

Vacant Site at Poplar Row

Oaklee lodged a planning application ref: 4124/15 on 30th November 2015 for a development of 29 units of accommodation (4 no. 2 beds and 25 no. 1 beds) at Poplar Row (formally Block 2). Planning permission with conditions was granted to Oaklee Housing on 10th June 2016 however an appeal was lodged with on Bord Pleanala by the local Residents Association. A meeting with Area Councillors, Oaklee Housing Trust and representatives from the adjacent residents was held on the 5th July 2016 in relation to their concerns with an agreement to provide additional information as to the effect the proposed building will have on the light to adjoining homes. An agreement was also reached to ensure improved communications by forming a liaison group with DCC, Oaklee and Resident representatives when the development commences. Oaklee Housing Trust were advised on Friday 30th Sept

2016 of a notice to grant planning by ABP for Poplar Row. Work on the detailed design has commenced and site surveys are currently being carried out by Oaklee's Design team.

Tom Clarke House

Work commenced on site on the 2/11/2015 converting bedsits into one bedroom apartments. The Contractor is D&S Higgins Construction Ltd. Work on the first phase is completed and the units are allocated, work on phase 2 has commenced with completion anticipated end of Quarter 1 2017.

St. Agatha's Court

The Peter McVerry Trust was asked by Dublin City Council to bring forward proposals for the site at St. Agatha's Court. The proposal put forward is to convert 16 units into 8 larger units and construct 4 additional units giving a total of 11 units. The units have been vacant for some time so it would bring them back into use. The Department of Environment Community and Local Government in May granted approval in principle to the construction of the 11 units at a cost of €1,170,000 with a view to starting on site in 2015.

Work commenced works on site since 25th April 2016 and completion is scheduled for January 2017.

Disposal of the site (by lease) to the Peter McVerry Trust was approved at the March meeting of the City Council.

The Peter McVerry Trust are liaising with Housing Allocations/ Homeless Services in relation to allocating the completed units.

(3) Sean Smith, Area Housing Manager

Dominick Street Lower

The part 8 proceedings for 5-3 bed town houses, 68 apartments consisting of 5-3 bed, 50-2 bed and 12 1-bed units, a community facility and retail/commercial units with 47 car spaces at basement level on the eastern side of Dominick Street commenced on Wednesday 26th October 2016.

46 of the 48 tenancies were interviewed by my team during the month of October, answering any questions residents may have regarding the development and we ensured their housing records are up to date.

Ongoing meetings are taking place with the Dominick Street Lower redevelopment group and our design team.

Luas Cross City Works

Residents of Constitution Hill, Dominick St Lower, Dominick House, Dominick Court and Dominick St Upper have been kept updated on the progress of the Luas Cross City (LCC). LCC staff and the Contractor (SSJV) have discussed the programme of works with local residents. Contractor is currently on-site in Constitution Hill, Dominick Street Lower/Upper, Mountjoy St, Dorset Street/Bolton Street and Parnell Street.

To facilitate works required for the Luas Cross City Main Works contract on Dominick St Upper and Dominick St Lower, it will be necessary to restrict traffic in the area.

Sisk Steconfer JV (SSJV) is working on behalf of Luas Cross City to execute the track laying and main infrastructure works for the new Luas line.

Around 90% of the tracks are down in the city centre. There are a few locations near junctions that SSJV are building in a phased approach e.g. near the Parnell Monument, Dominick St, Dorset St and Bolton St junctions. The electro mechanical works and the preparation for the overhead cabling system has started. This programme runs parallel with the civil works to ensure that the contractor can deliver the Luas Cross City project by end of 2017.

- **Dominick Street Lower**

The road reconstruction works on the traffic lane on Dominick Street Lower will continue throughout December. The tracks at the junction between Parnell Street and Dominick Street Lower will also continue during December. This includes paving finish with granite setts.

On completion of the track laying in the junction, the paving works will commence in the general area of the junction as part of the final surfacing and the rejuvenation of the street. The full junction will be completed by December.

- **Dominick Street Upper**

The crews are working towards the deadline of operation Open City to complete all work on the tracks in the Bolton/Dominick/Dorset Street junction. From 5th December the junction will be completed. The crews will then start electro-mechanical works and paving works on the four corners of the Bolton/Dominick/Dorset Street junction and that general vicinity.

- **Western Way and Palmerston Place**

Paving and road resurfacing works on Dominick Street Upper between the junctions of Mountjoy Street and Western Way will continue during December. Pedestrian access will be maintained during these works.

- **Broadstone Area (between Constitution Hill and North Circular Road)**

The ballast track construction for the entire off-street section is ongoing. These works will continue up to Christmas and span from Broombridge depot via the DIT Grangegorman campus development area, all the way up to the Broadstone Bus Depot site near Constitution Hill.

- **Mount Street towards Constitution Hill**

Works on the tracks will be ongoing. Constitution Hill junction will be freed up in preparation for operation Open City. Paving works are due to commence in this area as well.

- **Broadstone**

November/December: Works ongoing at the plaza and on the Grangegorman stop platform in the off street section.

Sisk Steconfer JV (SSJV) crews endeavour to reduce the impact of the works to a minimum, however, if you need to get in touch with them during these works, you will be able to reach SSJV's site representative on 01/5397979.

Constitution Hill

A consultant will be appointed in the next couple of weeks and their brief will include the following:

- An overall framework with a programme for the proposed retrofit works or demolition.
- A strategy to take account of any considerations required to achieve high level of energy efficiency to Near Zero Energy Performance standards.
- Enhancement of the quality of the estate.
- A defined programme of works, which may include retrofit, new construction and public realm improvements.
- Architectural design briefs to carry out deep retrofit or rebuild programmes and subsequent phases of development.

This will assist us in identifying funding from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and local Government.

Ongoing meetings with Residents are taking place. Luas Cross City Staff, the Housing Manager and Project Estate Officer are keeping Residents up-to-date on the proposed plans/works for Broadstone Gate.

Dorset Street & Saint Marys Terrace

Downey and McConville Architects have been appointed as the design team for the pilot project in St Mary's Place (39 units). The concept is to bring these units into the 21st Century. The project is at design stage and is currently with DHPCLG. The cost appraisal was submitted to the Department on Monday 29th August. The housing project team have been working closely with the residents.

Ongoing meetings with Residents, Estate Management and the Gardai in relation to antisocial behaviour in Dorset Street and Saint Marys Place complex.

Blackhall Place/Marmion Court

An extensive painting programme for the Blackhall/Marmion complex is ongoing.

Saint Michans House

Quotes are currently being sought for speed restriction ramps in Blocks C,D,E,F. Update to follow

Haymarket/Queen St

Regular monthly meetings are taking place to discuss any issue that may arise. Residents met with Niall Byrnes, Community Section on 29th November, to discuss enhancement works for the area. Next meeting scheduled for mid December 2016.

C.C.T.V

A contractor is currently on site in Dominick Street Upper, Constitution Hill, Dorset Street and Kevin Barry House, doing necessary repair works to the defective cameras in these complexes.

Christmas Events

Numerous Christmas events and outings have been organised for the children in the NWIC area. Santa Claus will also be visiting all four centres for their Christmas parties. A Senior Citizens Christmas dinner has been organised for residents in Dominick Street on the night of 9th December, run by local volunteers and facilitated and supported by the Recreation Service.

The Following Complexes have regular meetings between residents and Estate Management and there are no outstanding issues.

- Henrietta House
- Dominick Court
- Dominick House/Palmerston Place
- Dominick Street Upper
- Eccles Court
- Saint Peters Court
- Kevin Barry House
- Sheridan Place/Court
- Hardwicke Street
- North King Street
- Haymarket/Queen Street
- Dorset Street

(4) Dick Whelan, Area Housing Manager

St. Bricins Park:

All new units in Block 1 are now occupied. Full vacant possession of Block 2 & 3 is now available and Phase 2 works on Block 3 have commenced. It is expected that these works will be completed by mid summer next year. Soft strip of Block 2 has also commenced which will facilitate speedy commencement of Phase 3 works once Phase 2 is completed. The co-operation of all residents is very much appreciated and has been of great assistance in achieving the progress made to date.

O'Devaney Gardens

Demolition of Blocks 10 & 11 (64 flats) is complete, the site has been covered with top soil and will be grassed down shortly. The site frontage along the main road through the complex will not be fenced. Instead concrete bollards will be placed at intervals in order to prevent potential vehicular access. The situation will be kept under review and if this initiative proves problematic remedial measures will be taken.

Another resident has accepted an offer of alternative accommodation in line with arrangements agreed at Area Committee in September. There are now 6 occupied flats remaining in O'Devaney Gardens

Drumalee Estate:

The top netting on the MUGA has been replaced in a manner which will, hopefully, discourage efforts to climb on it. The MUGA should be open for use in the next couple of weeks however access will be restricted to the Drumalee side in an effort to deter walk through traffic.

Eileen Gleeson

Assistant Area Manager

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Dublin 1**

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

North East Inner City Ministerial Task Force

Work is ongoing on the delivery of the short term measures announced by Department of the Taoiseach in July 2016 with corresponding allocation of funding from central government. The current position is as follows:

Allocation by Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport (via Sport Ireland) of €1.04m from Dormant Accounts Fund, to Dublin City Council

- **Re-surfacing of existing pitch at Sheriff YC**
- **Re-surfacing of existing pitch at Larkin College**
- **New mini pitch at DCC Recreation Centre in Sheriff Street**

The tender process for these three projects was completed in mid-November. Contractors are currently on site on both of the Sheriff Street projects. Work at Larkin College has been postponed until early 2017, at the request of the College, due to other operational commitments.

- **Sports equipment for youth groups and clubs in the area**

Following identification of needs, in consultation with individual clubs and groups, distribution of equipment is almost complete. The total cost of new equipment to be funded under the NEIC Initiative is approximately €55,000 benefiting the following clubs / groups.

Clubs / Groups – NEIC Equipment fund
Belvedere FC
Sheriff YC
Hardwicke FC
Stella Maris FC
St. Joseph's East Wall
Noel O'Reilly League – 6 Youth Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre○ Swan Youth Service○ Belvedere Youth Club○ East Wall Youth Service○ Ballybough Youth Service○ School Completion Dublin 7
DCC/FAI Girls Soccer Camp
Lourdes YC

- **Grants for local Sports Clubs**

Criteria and process were drawn up for a special grants scheme under the North East Inner City Initiative. The scheme was open to clubs and projects operating in the local area. The closing date for receipt of applications was 18th November 2016. 25 No. valid applications

were received. These have been assessed and Letters of Offer have issued to successful applicants. The maximum grant available under the scheme was €5,000. The total amount of grants offered is approximately €100,000.

Applicant:	Sport / Activity
Adventure Sports Project	Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Hill walking
Ballybough Boxing Club,	Boxing
Belvedere FC	Schoolboy Football Club
Corinthians Boxing Club	Boxing Club
Cricket Leinster	Cricket
Dublin Docklands Boxing Club	Boxing
Dublin Parks Tennis League Ltd	Tennis Coaching
East Wall Rovers,	Soccer
East Wall Skiff Rowing Club	Skiff rowing
East Wall Swimming Club	Life Guard training/lessons
East Wall Water Sports Group	Water Sports
Francesca Arkins Dance Academy	Dance
Hardwicke FC,	Football,
Larkin College,	Basketball
Leinster Rugby,	Rugby
Mount Carmel Secondary School Sports Club	Volleyball/Soccer/Basketball
O'Connell Secondary School,	Multi
Project Fun Direction (with Dyspraxia DCD Irl)	Multi
Scoil Ui Chonail GAA Club	Gaelic Games
Sheriff YC,	Soccer
St. Joseph's /OCB GAA Club	Gaelic Games
St. Saviour's Olympic Boxing Academy	Boxing
Stella Maris Football Club	Soccer
Sean Mac Dermott St.Taekwon-Do Club	Taekwon-do
WIMAAO Irl/Fight Club Kickboxing	Kickboxing

- **Capital grant to St Joseph's Boys (GAA)**

Dublin City Council's NEIC Sports Development Officer is guiding the Club with the project management processes necessary to progress to drawdown of the grant.

- **Sports Coaching Programmes**

Development work has advanced on both the GAA and FAI Coaching Programmes and it is anticipated that participants will be selected and programmes will be up and running in early February 2017.

- **Refurbishment of premises in Ballybough (formerly Pigeon Club) for use as boxing club**

The legal process necessary to secure Dublin City Council possession / title of the clubhouse and car park was finalised on 10/11/2016. Some refurbishment works are required to the interior of the building and arrangements are being made to have these carried out in the coming weeks. Consultation is also underway with the Ballybough Boxing Club to identify their needs and arrangements will be made to have the necessary work carried out to equip the facility for purpose as quickly as possible. While it is anticipated that there will be scope for additional use of the facility this cannot be determined until the Boxing Club is up and running.

Allocation from Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (€500,000 – 50% Social Inclusion; 50% Social Regeneration)

The following projects funded under the North East Inner City Initiative are progressing in collaboration with the various project partners.

Social Inclusion:

- Reader in Residence – Charleville Mall Library (Dublin City Public Libraries)
- Coderdojo Digital Skills Project – Charleville Mall Library (Dublin City Public Libraries)
- Dublin Inner City Community Co-op Projects
 - *Play area for Community Creche (North Wall CDP, Sheriff St.)*
 - *Junior Leadership Programme (Lourdes Youth & Community Services)*
 - *Pre development work on longer term strategy of engagement and participation to address hidden disadvantage in the NEIC private rented sector (ICON)*
 - *Kitchen equipment for cookery classes at Harwicke Street Flats Community Centre (Daughters of Charity Community Services)*
- Trinity Access Programme – (TAP21, Trinity College)
- Home from Home Learning Spaces – (National College of Ireland Early Learning Initiative)
- Arts Grants 2016 supplementary funding for successful NEIC applications under Neighbourhood & Voluntary Category (Dublin City Arts Office)

Social Regeneration:

- Painting of Lifting Bridge at Sheriff St. Upper / Spencer Dock - project planning has advanced and work will commence on site early 2017.
- Resurfacing of Railway Street (Gardiner St. to James Joyce St.) and James Joyce St. (Talbot St. to Railway St.) – Works completed on site w/e 09/12/2016
- Upgrade of Portland Place Park (Phase 1) – Contractors commenced work on site w/e 02/12/2016
- Sean MacDermott Street Swimming Pool – Contractors commenced work on site (exterior works) w/e 02/12/2016

**Allocation from Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs –
35K supplemented by 20K allocation from Dublin City Council**

Fire Station Artists Studios – Buckley Hall

This project has been delayed due to title issues to be resolved by the owner of Buckley Hall. This is affecting progress towards a formal legal agreement between the owner and Fire Station Artists Studios in relation to occupation of the unit. It is understood that the owner of Buckley Hall remains committed to the Fire Station project and expects that the title issues can be resolved in the foreseeable future. In anticipation of this Fire Station has progressed with drawing up specification for the equipment and development of artist's pilot project for use of the unit. Dublin City Council will continue to liaise with Fire Station to ensure that the funding made available under the NEIC Initiative remains secure pending resolution of the title issue.

Rutland Street School

Dublin City Council remains committed to refurbishment of the Rutland Street School site and continued provision of community services and facilities at that location. Preliminary feasibility studies have indicated that this would require substantial investment that is beyond resources currently available. A solution may lie in development of an overall master plan incorporating the Rutland Street School site and a number of other adjoining sites in Dublin City Council ownership i.e. School on Stilts, Lourdes Daycare Centre, Lourdes Parish Hall, Sean McDermott St. Swimming Pool and a section of the Church car park. This option is currently being examined by Dublin City Council.

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28th November, 2016

**To the Chairperson and Members of
The Central Area Committee.**

GGDA Report – December Area Committee

New Procurement Process announced for Grangegorman Student Accommodation

The Grangegorman Development Agency announced today that it is proceeding with a new procurement process for the construction of on campus student accommodation for the Dublin Institute of Technology on the Grangegorman campus.

The project is expected to deliver 700 bed spaces in time for the start of the academic year in September 2019. Work on the re-development of Grangegorman is progressing and by 2019 the campus will accommodate 10,000 students and over 1,000 staff for DIT.

As part of the GGDA project many new facilities have already been delivered. A new state of the art mental health facility, the Phoenix Care Centre, opened in 2013; the first 1,200 DIT students and staff arrived on campus in September 2014; and this year the new DIT research and business incubation building, the Greenway Hub has opened. Now, in addition to a playground and a walking/jogging track, the new sports pitches are open and in regular use.

By the end of this year a brand new Primary Care Centre will be completed and will open in early 2017, this will be of benefit to the local area.

The student accommodation in Grangegorman is being delivered in partnership with Dublin Institute of Technology and the private sector. The GGDA and the Department of Education and Skills are facilitating the procurement process.

Central Area Age Friendly Report

Summary of the Central Area Age Friendly Alliance meeting held on the 9th November 2016

- Presentations were delivered by the University of the 3rd Age on their activities and by Dublin City Libraries on their Age Friendly Strategy.

- Dublin Institute of Technology as part of their 'Outreach Programme' will link in with Dublin City Council and groups for older people to provide education and literacy training. This may well benefit groups such as the older migrant community in the Central Area.
- It should also be possible for D.I.T. in Grangegorman as the development progresses to provide a range of educational, artistic and leisure facilities for the surrounding catchment area.
- U3A hold discussion groups and Dublin City Libraries have also established 'Conversation Cafés'. This may be of interest to various 'Over 55's' groups.
- There is a consultation process in place in respect of the planned Library development in Parnell Square
Dublin City Libraries will give a briefing on this planned development at the next meeting of the Age Friendly Alliance
- The Older Persons Council report raised issues regarding Dublin Bus and Croke Park. An Gardai will assist on some of these matters
- The Older Persons Council members are taking part in an eight week programme early in the New Year to develop a vision of what change would look like, particularly at a local level and to motivate members to identify and develop local projects and work towards change. This may also assist with ongoing issues such as those relating to Dublin Bus and Croke Park.
- An Gardai are to meet Dublin City Council progress their actions in the Central Area Age Friendly Strategy
- CDET B are reviewing their services in the North Inner City. There may be opportunities to link in with Dublin City Volunteer Centre.
- Dublin City Council are examining the feasibility of providing a 'Mens Shed' workshop and facilities in the community garden at Rutland Street school. CDET B may be able to provide some additionality to this project.
- Dublin Town provided information on proposed home deliveries from the city centre shopping areas.

Brian O'Connell
Administrative Officer

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

Central Community Development Report December 2016

Local Community Environmental Initiatives

The City Council's liaison continues with many groups, working at Street Level. Spring bedding plants, compost, and flower barrels have been distributed throughout the area in addition to the major spring bulb initiative.

On a sad note, Hardwicke Street Village Gardening Group have tragically lost one of their very active members, Paddy Walshe (RIP).

Georges Hill 125th Year Celebration

President Higgins and Bishop Martin attended and the school very much appreciated the City Council's support, we provided flower barrels and flowers and spring bulbs, as well as a new high quality garden bench. The school also enjoyed the use of our Tricolour, Dublin flags and our public address system.

Sean MacDermott Street Community Centre

A very attractive mural is being painted on the very dark walls of the centre by The Five Lamps Arts Group. This will be a depiction of some Dancing and Tae Kwan Do, as well as some environmental images.

In addition, East Wall Mens Shed have planted the Front Garden extensively which will look good in the coming Spring.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies

Two ceremonies deserve special mention. Blessington Basin will feature a major lighting initiative around the entire Basin. Manor Street will be followed by a celebration party following their Pride of Place success.

**Niall Byrnes
Community and Social Development Officer**

Central Area Committee

DUBLIN CITY SPORT & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP Report

- The 2017 Dublin City **Operation Transformation Walk** will take place on the morning of Saturday January 7th. The 5k route will comprise of sections of the DCU Campus in Glasnevin/Whitehall and Albert College Park. This event is organised in its entirety by the DCSWP and will feature on the hugely popular RTE programme.
- What: **Yoga**
Who: **HSE Mental Health Referrals**
Where: Ballybough Community Centre
Dates: 15th, 22nd Dec and 5th, 12th Dec
Time: 12-1pm
- What: **Chair Aerobics**
Who: **CRC-People with Physical and Intellectual Disabilities**
Where: Ballybough Community Centre
Date: 15th Dec and 5th, 12th Jan
Time: 10-11am
- What: **Mixed Circuit Fitness**
Who: **HSE Mental Health Referrals**
Where: Ballybough Community & Sport Centre
Date: 16th Dec, 6th and 13th Jan
Time: 12-1pm
- What: **Walking Club**
Who: **Older Adults**
Where: Clonliffe Community Centre
Dates: 16th, 23rd Dec and 6th, 13th Jan
Time: 11am
- What: **Gaelic Football**
Who: **St. Michael's House**
Where: Ballybough Community & Sport Centre
Date: 15th & 22nd Dec
Time: 11am–12pm
- What: **Pulmonary Rehabilitation Class**
Who: **Referred Participants**
Where: Ballybough Community & Sport Centre
Date: 15th Dec
Time: 2-4pm

- What: **Gaelic Gaels**
Who: **Girls 9-13 years**
Where: Sheriff Street Community Centre
Date: 15th & 22nd Dec
Time: 4–5pm
- **Sport na nÓg** is an initiative aimed at introducing young people in the 9 – 14 year age bracket (mixed gender) to fun sports & activities in an outdoor environment. Activities include Olympic handball, tug of war, soccer, skipping etc...

Wednesday 3 - 4.30pm @ the outdoor pitch in Dominick St Flats (in partnership with the 'Just ASK' After School Homework Club)

Thursday 3 – 4.30pm @ the outdoor pitch in Hardwicke St Flats (in partnership with Hardwicke Community Recreation Centre)

- Our **Cricket** Development Officer will be liaising with Sports Officers in the area to co-ordinate programmes for the New Year.
- **Provincial cricket sessions** will continue on Friday nights (5pm – 9.30pm) until late December and into the New Year. These are held in the North County Cricket Club where a number of players from the Central Area are involved. Players are between 10-18 years of age.
- Currently organising days and times with schools in the area for **schoolyard cricket sessions** that will be starting in January. In particular, there will be a focus on schools that are entered in the Leprechaun Cup (Primary School's Cricket Competition).

Football

- Drop-in football is ongoing each Tuesday in Aughrim Street Sportshall from 3.30pm – 5pm for boys & girls aged between 9 and 12 years.
- A school coaching session is ongoing every Wednesday in Coláiste Eanna, Cabra, from 2pm – 4pm

Boxing

- From early January our Boxing Development Officer will be engaging with new schools on the 'StartBox Bronze' phase. Schools in the Central Area will include D7 Educate Together, Rutland NS, Christ the King BNS, St. Laurence O Toole's BNS, St. Declan's CBS, Marino College, Scoil Catriona, Central Model NS and O'Connell's CBS.

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