



Monthly Management Report – 6th February 2017

Report to the Lord Mayor, Members of the Corporate Policy Group and Group Leaders

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 October 2016 is submitted herewith.

Finance

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

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Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive.

Dated : 30th January 2017

**Environment and Transportation Department
Progress Report February 2017**

Progress Report on Road Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green	NTA	DCC	<p>Presentation was made to October SPC and to November City Council. Separate briefings were also provided for Councillors on 27th October and 7th November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation workshop was held on 16th November • On Street Interviews were held in mid January 2017 • On Line consultation hosted on Dublin City Council's Citizen Space Forum from 12th to 26th January 2017 <p>Consultants have been appointed to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment of proposed Traffic Management Measures and Civic Plaza Consultant design team have been selected to prepare designs for Civic Plaza.</p> <p>Part 10 Planning submission on proposed Traffic Management Measures and Civic Plaza scheduled to be lodged with An Bord Pleanala in March 2017.</p>
2	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 2 – Chatham Street, Harry Street and Balfe Street	DCC	DCC	Detailed design nearly complete. Tenders expected to be invited in early 2017.
3	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 3 – Clarendon Street/Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Part 8 Planning process to be initiated in early 2017
4	Forbes Street Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge	DCC (SEROP €2.9 million)	Consultant	Options Study complete. Following request from NTA project has been suspended for 15 to 18 months to allow for review of Dart Underground. Suspension Fee being negotiated.
5	Thomas Street Environs Pedestrian Improvement Scheme	DCC (still awaiting confirmation from South Central Area)	DCC	South Central Area Office project. Preparation of tender drawings and contract documents for improvements to Crane Street, Sugar House Lane, Rainsford Street and School Street. Documents to be finalised by June 2016.

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6	O'Connell Bridge Western Subway replacement cover slab	NTA	DCC/ Consultant	Luas Cross City Project. Contract documents almost complete. New traffic ducts and water mains to be included if possible.
7	Butt Bridge and Matt Talbot Memorial Bridge Special Inspections	DCC	Consultant	Consultant AECOM appointed. Have commenced inspections.
8	East Link Bridge Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities Feasibility Study	DCC (possible NTA funding)	Consultant	Consultant AECOM appointed. Have commenced Feasibility Study.
9	Dodder Bridge	NTA/DCC	Consultant	Request for Tender required to appoint consultant. Docklands Mobility and Access Study needs to be carried out first.
10	Crumlin Village Improvements outside Garda station	OPW/DCC	DCC	South Central Area Office Project. Preliminary design prepared.
11	Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme	DCC (South Central Area)	Consultant	Brief being prepared by Road Design & Construction Division for Consultant to manage the Part 8 Procedure on behalf of the South Central Area Office.

Progress Report on Traffic Division Projects

Projects at Construction Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Contractor	Start Date	Finish Date	Comments
1	S2S Cycle & Footway Interim Scheme	NTA/ DCC/Irish Water	KN Network Services	Nov. 2014	April 2017	Substantial Completion end of March 2017 subject to (1) successful water mains testing. (2) ESB installations. Anticipated Opening April 2017
2	Newcomen Bridge Cycle Project	DCC	Jons Civil Engineering	Mar. 2016	June 2017	Bridge lifting 5 th March. Ancillary works Q2 2017.
3	Chapelizod Bypass	NTA	-	Aug. 2016	Nov. 2016	Works commenced on site on 29 th August 2016 and is due for full completion and operational by the end of January 2017
4	Cycle Safety Improvement	NTA	Actavo	May. 2016	Sep. 2016	Scheduled for completion October 2016.

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5	St. Stephen's Green Traffic Management	NTA	Clonmel Enterprises Ltd	Aug. 2016	Mar. 2017	Construction of Cycling facilities on SSGS and foundations for the Grace Weir Sculpture to be completed in March 2017.
6	Heuston To Chapelizod Greenway- Toucan Crossing at the junction of Conyngham Road & Chesterfield Avenue	NTA	KN Network Services	Jan. 2017	Mar. 2017	Construction of Toucan Crossing started 18 th Jan. and the anticipated completion date is end of March 2017
7.	South Campshire Cycle Track	NTA	OPW	2015	June 2017	Construction to continue from 1 st week of February.

Research Projects

	Project	Funding Agency	Start Date	Finish Date	Comments
1	FLOW	EU	Jun. 2015	Apr. 2018	The pedestrian model for College Green is being developed. Webinar on methodology to be presented on 30 January with College Green as an example. Followed by training. 117 worldwide participants have registered so far.
2	BEGOOD	EU	Apr. 2016	May 2020	DCC is a partner and will contribute its knowledge in open data platforms and sharing protocols. Kick off meeting was held in June 2016. Workshop in Luxembourg September 14th - 15th. Project work shop Dublin 12th - 14th October 2016 and will include official project launch. DCC will present two challenges for challenge by procurement. In December 2016 the partners met in Brighton to discuss progress and finalise arrangements for projects which begin in Q1 2017. Both DCC challenges will commence in Q1 2017. Preparations are under way to present updates in the Glasgow meeting in March and also for the first financial review of the BE GOOD project.
3	VaVel	EU	Dec. 2015	Dec. 2019	WP1 completed May 2016. Currently preparing for VaVel meeting in Dublin in October 2016 6th - 7th and on CCTV analytics with IBM. DCC is partner lead for WP 7 Incident Detection. DCC user requirements for the CCTV business case

					<p>have been agreed.</p> <p>The last meeting was held in Darmstadt in January 2017 where partners agreed the program of works for the Q1 and Q2 2017. This includes the continuation of the CCTV analytics in WP6 and the extension of the DCC CCTV architecture to provide a test environment for IBM and AGT away from the live environment. The 18 month review will take place with the project officer in August 2017.</p>
4	Dublinked Traffic Data	DCC	July 2016	Ongoing	Working with Dublinked on traffic data sets and how these can be accessed and maintained in to the future as sources for open data sharing. On Hold

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	Dodder Greenway Donnybrook to Herbert Park Section	NTA	RPS	Preliminary design of cycletrack to be completed end of Feb. 2017. Part 8 by Q2. Construction anticipated commencing Q4.
2	Royal Canal Phase 2	NTA	ROD	Detailed Design & Tender Documents being finalised. Tendering process in Q2.
3	Royal Canal Phase 3	NTA	OCSC	Part 8 granted. Detailed design and tender preparation is in progress. Expected timeframe to commence tender process is Q2/Q3 2017.
4	Royal Canal Phase 4	NTA	-	Part 8 granted. In light of the considerable DCC resources required for the LCC project, numbers of DCC staff available to work on NTA projects and NTA funding priorities the project is to be paused.
5	Grand Canal Greenway	NTA	OCSC	In light of the considerable DCC resources required for the LCC project, numbers of DCC staff available to work on NTA projects and NTA funding priorities the project is to be paused.
6	Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Scheme	NTA	RPS	Part 8 submission 12 th Jan. Statutory Public Consultation end of Q2. Detailed Design completion Q4
7	Clonskeagh to City Centre Cycle Scheme	NTA	CSEA	Preliminary design to be completed in March. Project to be paused due to NTA funding.
8	Drury Street Cycle Parking	NTA	Halcrow Barry	Part 8 completed. NTA funding unavailable.
9	On-street cycle parking	NTA	Halcrow Barry/ Atkins	Batch 4 of 200 Sheffield stands installation in progress and to be completed in Q1. Request for additional funding to roll out more parking.
10	City Centre Transport Study	NTA	NTA/DCC	Report presented to Transportation SPC on 25 th May 2016. Parliament Street Air modelling report to October SPC

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11	College Green	NTA	DCC	Presentation was made to October SPC. Consultants being engaged to carry out an EIA Consultant design team being engaged to prepare designs for Civic Plaza Briefing for Councillors on 27 th October and report to City Council on 7 th November Public consultation workshop on 16 th November
12	The Point Roundabout	NTA	-	Part 8 granted. Procurement of Consultant to progress detailed design in progress. Anticipated design completion Q4.
13	City Centre Pedestrian Crossing	NTA	-	Detailed design of 4 No. pedestrian crossings at Merrion Square North, Ormond Quay, Burgh Quay and St. Michael's Hill, out to tender.
14	City Centre junction upgrades	NTA		Final route selection report complete.
15	Liffey Cycle Route	NTA	AECOM	Options being finalised. Planning Part 8/EIA in Q3. Procurement of Detailed Design consultant in Q4
16	Heuston to Chapelizod Greenway	NTA	Arup	In light of the considerable DCC resources required for the LCC project, numbers of DCC staff available to work on NTA projects and NTA funding priorities the project is to be paused Project on hold.

Pay & Display Machine replacement programme



A total of 300 of the oldest meter stock has now been replaced under the new leasing contract. A further 100 machines to be rolled out In Q1 2017 when the Very High Demand Yellow zone will be fully populated. The integration of real time parking data between the machine suppliers (UTS) and the Parking Tag providers (Payzone) is ongoing with a view to developing enable a real time App to allow motorists view real time parking availability. Wave and pay technology and new multi-function meters to be trialled in Q1 2017.

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking

Memberships increased from 142,000 in November to 147,000 in mid January. Parking Tag transactions averaged at 83,000 per week in early January compared with 85,000 per week in December. Paying in shop registered an average of 1,000 per week and the new once off payment facility from either mobile phone or debit card averaged almost 2,800 per week up from an average of 2,500 the previous month. Competitive dialogue tender process to commence in Q1 and will include all four Dublin local authorities together with Meath and Kildare County Councils.

Car Clubs

Dublin's second car club operator, YUKO, has now set up on-street car club bases throughout the City. With the Council's support the launch of the first electric car club vehicles took place in October. There are currently 19 dedicated car club only bays in the City.

Electric Vehicle Only Parking

There are currently 23 dedicated EV only bays in operation on the city streets and a further 8 sites being examined for suitability.



Noise Mapping

The computation of the number of people and residential buildings exposed to various bands of sound levels has been completed using the CSO's 2016 draft population figures. These will be further revised when CSO's final figures become available in May 2017. DCC is in line to comfortably meet the target date of June 2017 for completion of the noise mapping in its own area. The integration of DCC's data into the required overall Dublin Agglomeration Report may be delayed due to the late start of the project by the other local authorities in the Dublin Agglomeration.

Sound Survey – pre introduction of proposed Speed Limit Bye Laws

Sound measurements lasting 3 days, at 40 sites across the city have been completed and the data is currently being quality controlled and analysed. It is hoped these results will be available for inclusion in the Ambient Sound Monitoring Report 2016 which has commenced being drafted.

ISCAPE Project

The Horizon 2020 project called ISCAPE (Improving the **S**mart **C**ontrol of **A**ir **P**ollution in **E**urope), commenced on the 1st Of September. The final project has just been circulated for signing by all fifteen partners.

Air Quality Dispersion Modelling

Work has been ongoing with our contractors in relation carrying out air dispersion modelling for the Parliament St/College Green areas. A final report was produced mid November in relation likely Nitrogen Dioxide levels in these areas as a consequence of the College Green Plaza proposal, should it proceed. It has now been decided that an EIS will be proceeded with, requiring some further air dispersion and noise emission modelling.

Traffic Service Requests

409 traffic service requests were received in December 2016 with 209 received up to 23rd January 2017. These requests include applications for the introduction of new residential parking schemes, pedestrian crossing, parking restrictions and many other traffic related issues.

Parking Enforcement Activity

Approx. 56,000 enforcement actions were carried out in 2016, up from 54,715 in 2015. A targeted enforcement operation on one specific parking issue is being planned for February in conjunction with An Garda Síochána.



School Warden Service

There are currently 212 School Wardens employed throughout Dublin City, with 38 reserve wardens. Interviews were held in October with a further 17 wardens being put on a panel subject to Garda clearance.

Roadworks Control

There were 356 applications for licences for positioning of skips, cranes/hoists and scaffolding/hoardings.

Progress Report on Environment Projects

Waste to Energy Project

Construction remains on schedule for completion in Q3 2017 with all construction related activities currently programmed on a 24/7 basis. The facility operator and process system designers have now mobilised their commissioning team to the site with the facilities hot commissioning expected to commence in Q1 2017.

The main focus of the civil and process system designers, PM Group Limited and Hitachi Zosen Inova respectively are:

- the installation and fit out of the floors of the administration building, which is now 95% complete,
- works associated with the installation of the buildings' exterior cladding and glazing, which is now over 90% complete,
- the installation of the facility weight bridges and security gatehouse,
- the installation of the underground services and internal road network,
- the installation of the control system and fit out of the control room,
- the installation of insulation and boiler refractory.

Environmental Impact

Environmental monitoring and mitigation measures continued to be implemented during the construction phase of the DWtE facility and the Construction Phase Environmental Report for quarter 3 (July – September) 2016 is available for download at the Dublin Waste to Energy Website.

To date the DWtE project environmental consultant has issued seven (8) quarterly environmental monitoring reports, which have examined the monitoring results associated with Noise, Dust Deposition and Suspended solids in Surface Water. All of the data has demonstrated that the facility construction is being undertaken in line with recognised national and international guidelines in order to avoid, or minimise, potential adverse impacts to the environment and local community.

Community Liaison

Local Office

The local information office for the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility continues to operate in the Ringsend Library, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 4. The office operates on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 10:00 and 12:00.

Community Gain Liaison Committee (CGLC)/Community Gain Fund

The Community Gain Liaison Committee met on two occasions since the last update and visited the Waste to Energy facility in Poolbeg, Ringsend.

Decisions on all 56 grant applications have now been made. 32 applications were approved in principle to a total value of €4,808, 215.95. All applicants have been notified of the outcome. Where funding has been approved in principle the successful applicant organisations have been informed of the amount approved and advised of the specific conditions that must be met in order to access the grant in each case.

A list of successful grant applicants has been published on the CGLC website www.dublinwastetoenergy.ie/cglc

As of the 14th December 2016 there have been six requests for drawdown of monies from the CGF totalling €43,185.39. The balance remaining for drawdown from the Projects Grant Scheme 2016 is €4,765,030.56.

The CLGC are currently in the process of organising an independent audit and preparing an annual report which will be published in January 2017. The CGLC are scheduled to meet on the 26th January 2017 to review progress on the drawdown of grants approved. They will also review the Projects Grant Scheme 2016 and discuss the Projects Grants Scheme for 2017.

Pay by Weight & Bags to Bins

The DOECLG made regulations that from 1st July 2016, waste operators must only collect household kerbside waste in approved receptacles which are designed for reuse (bins) and must use a weighing system to weigh every collection of this waste collected separately in receptacles designed for reuse. The department also set out minimum charges per kilo for each waste stream. A National Awareness Campaign was launched on the 18th May 2016. On the 30th June 2016 the Minister made new regulations removing the requirement for the introduction of pay by weight on the 1st July 2016 but left unaltered the requirement for designation of areas as only suitable for bag use.

The Council has completed a visual survey of all streets on which bags are currently presented for collection and has made Orders in accordance with the criteria from the Department designating the areas in the city which will continue to be bag collection areas post July 1st 2016. The waste industry, NWCPO, DOECLG have been informed of same and DCC website updated with the full list of designated streets.

Establishment of a Special Committee of the City Council in respect of new Waste Management Legislation

The Committee has met regularly to discuss the new waste regulations which came into force on the 1st July and in particular has reviewed the lists being compiled by DCC on the proposed designation of streets as only suitable for bag collections after this date.

The Committee has met with Greyhound management to discuss their dissatisfaction with the manner in which Greyhound is encouraging customers to change to bin collections in advance of the designation process being completed. The Committee has agreed to continue to meet to discuss litter related issues and has expressed a desire to engage with the waste industry to consider alternative waste receptacles to replace bags .

Climate Change Strategy

The Environment SPC established a working group to review the Climate Change Strategy for Dublin City 2008-2012 and to prepare a new strategy. The working group has consulted with the other Dublin Local Authorities and they are agreeable to the new Strategy being prepared on a regional basis. A Regional Steering Group has also been established and relevant personnel identified across appropriate departments in each local authority for input to the strategy document. Codema, the local authority energy consultant, is project managing the process on behalf of the 4 authorities as part of its annual work plan. The draft Strategy has been completed and the document has gone out for public consultation on a non-statutory basis. The closing date for submissions to Codema is 5.00p.m. on Monday 17th October. The draft will then be updated and brought back to the relevant SPC in each local authority for approval and noting by each Council in December . Detailed Action Plans will be prepared in 2017 for each local authority which will include Adaptation and Mitigation measures as required by EU and national legislation.

Dublin District Heating System

Further discussions with Senior Management on the approach to progressing the development of the Dublin District Heating System (DDHS) have resulted in a revised preferred two stage approach. The first stage will involve Codema producing three reports dealing with “Detailed Financial Appraisal of the DDHS Project”, the “Market Research Report” and the “Strategic Communications Plan”. This work will aim to provide economic justification for the project moving forward and establish whether there is viable market interest in it. The second stage will involve DCC drafting documents for a “Request for Tender” (RFT) for an Economic Operator to investigate all Business Delivery Model Options, including Route Options, Procurement Options, Environmental Reports and consideration of the future inputs of DCC to the project. Subsequent to the completion of these two stages of work, a decision will be made by DCC on how the DDHS will progress.

Progress report on Litter Management Plan 2016 -2018

31 objectives are set out to be delivered over the lifetime of the plan. An update on each of these objectives is provided in the table below. In addition to these objectives the plan mentions a number of other areas where Dublin City Council seeks to make improvements to the management and reduction of litter in the city. These include the management of graffiti, combating the issue of dog fouling, the use of technology and the promotion of recycling.

Additional initiatives undertaken to date in 2016 that are not covered within the objectives set out in the Litter Management Plan include:

- **Anti Graffiti Animated Video**
Produced in cooperation with the South East Area Dept to combat the practice of tagging.

The video is aimed children in the primary school age group and is due to be launched in October 2016

- Graffiti Removal Framework**
A new framework agreement has been put in place for the provision of graffiti removal services.
- Trial of Segregated Bins**
An initial trial of on-street segregated bins began at the end of Sept. 2 units with 3 waste stream receptacles will be trialled at high use locations in the north and south city centre at South King Street and Wolfe Tone Park.
- Smart Bin Technology**
2 trials of smart bin technology are taking place within the city. In the South East Area 52 smart bin units have replaced bins on 2 routes to assess their suitability and increased efficiencies.
A further trial is due to commence shortly in the North West Area with the replacement of 20 bins with an alternative smart bin design
- Dog Fouling Enforcement Campaign**
An enforcement campaign is underway across the city targeting enforcement of section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act. Area Office staff and Litter Wardens are carrying out enforcement patrols in green areas in cooperation with Local Gardai.

IBAL

Working in cooperation with the Area Depts an analysis is carried out of all sites highlighted by the surveys that fail to meet a minimum standard of Grade B and efforts are made to improve these sites. This is an ongoing process in the North Inner City and is also underway in the Ballymun area following its recent inclusion in the areas surveyed.

The most recent results indicate that Dublin City continues to make progress in problematic areas of the North Inner City and that the City Centre has been returned to the Clean To European Norms standard.

NIC Sept 2014		NIC Sept 2016	
3	A	10	A
9	B	7	B
10	C	5	C
3	D	3	D

An analysis of the results of the North Inner City Surveys shows that this approach has been effective to date.

Overall objective is to ensure the provision of an effective and efficient street cleaning operation.	Measurement	Introduction Timeframe (2016-2018)	Status
Develop a cleaning strategy for suburban villages, including provision for weekend/out of hours service schedule.	Achieved/Not Achieved.	Q2, 2016	North and Southside crews now assigned and scheduled cleaning / powerwashing of areas has begun
Roll out of Cleaning Standards booklet to all Street Cleaning Staff.	No. of cleaning staff who received booklet.	Q2, 2016	
Intensive street washing programme from April to October each year.	Achieved/Not Achieved.	Q2 – Q3, 2016 -2018	street washing programme in City Centre implemented on Night Shift
Update and maintain accurate street cleaning and road sweeping schedule on Dublin City Council website.	No. of unique webpage visits.	Q2 – Q3, 2016	
Introduce street sweeping request facility for City residents. Parking restrictions will be sought to be put in place in cooperation with residents to facilitate this.	No. of requests received per year and actioned.	Q2 – Q3, 2016	Successful trial held. Management of request system being developed
Introduction of on line Bulky Waste Collection service. Request via Dublin City Council website.	Tonnage of material collected.	Q2 – Q3, 2016	Online bulky waste collection service in place 210 collections have taken place to date
Implement Halloween Plan to combat social and environmental consequences of Bonfires.	Plan in place. Tonnage of materials collected	Q3-Q4 2016 – 2018	Halloween Plan currently being finalised in cooperation with other Depts. Waste Management to provide on call service to Area Depts for removal of Bonfire Materials in advance of Halloween
Organise Christmas tree collection service.	Tonnage of material collected.	Q1, 2016 to 2018	162 tonnes removed Q1 2016

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Expansion in the use of the GIS system to manage illegal dumping incidents.	No of reports for illegal dumping incidences.	Q1, 2016	CRM Mapping facility in place
Increase the number of handcarts to 10 in use in City Centre Streets (e.g. O'Connell St., Grafton St. and Henry St.)	No. in use by end 2016 versus 2015 figures.	2016 to 2018	Currently in use - 8
Develop Litter Bin Policy including requirements for siting of bins and criteria for bin removal.	Achieved/Not Achieved.	Q4, 2016	
Updated bin survey, including bins in parks to be completed.	Survey completed.	Q3, 2016	Updated Bin survey underway in conjunction with Implementation of unique Identifier system for bins
Installation of additional litter bins/dog fouling bins in or in close proximity to every enclosed Park within the City.	No. of bins installed.	Completed by Q2, 2016	Dog Fouling bins trialled in 5 areas. Tender being prepared for supply of 200 units for installation across city
Unique identifier placed on every litter bin in Dublin City Council area. To be updated on IT System, including removal or addition of new bin.	Achieved/Not Achieved.	2016-2018	Identifier tags designed and tested including QR code for customer reporting to CRM system. Installation due to commence Oct 2016
Bin maintenance regime to be developed for cleaning and painting of bins.	No. of bins cleaned per annum. No. of bins painted per annum.	Q3, 2016	Bin washing programme in place and commenced in North West and South Central Area

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Use advertising space on litter bins for anti-littering messages.	No. of bins displaying anti-littering messages.	Roll out Q3, 2016. Message changed every quarter	Signage developed on theme of illegal dumping to be rolled out to Central Area initially
Continue maintenance programme for Bottle Banks.	Achieved/Not Achieved.	Q1, 2016	Enhanced programme being put in place with closer coordination between Waste Management and service provider. Decorative wrapping of bottle banks to be trialled in 4 locations - Oct 2016
Implement Team Dublin Clean-up on Saturday 26th March.	No. of volunteers. Tonnage of litter collected.No. of clean-ups held in subsequent years.	26th March 2016 2017 & 2018	Team Dublin Clean Up held 26th March. 2,000 volunteers 15 tonnes of waste collected
Dublin City Council will facilitate community clean-ups with Residents Associations and community groups.	No. of clean-ups held.	Q2, 2016, 2017, 2018	Community Clean Up support is ongoing in conjunction with areas. Leaf Fall collection service being advertised and promoted for Autumn 2016. 250 clean ups supported to date in 2016
Dublin City Council will continue to assist in the organisation and support of the City Neighbourhoods Awards.	No. of entries to City Neighbourhood Awards.	Q2, 2016, 2017, 2018	City Neighbourhoods Awards to take place on the 29th September Number of entries in 2016 - 280

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Continue to develop and roll out the Green Schools Programme to primary, post primary and third level institutions.	No. schools visited.No. Green Schools	2016-2018	80 school visits have taken place in 2016 to date 205 schools are taking part in the programme 155 primary / 50 post primary
Greater engagement on social media regarding litter management issues. Greater use of social media to provide information about street cleaning across the city	No. of litter incidences reported via social media channels.	Q3, 2016	
Development of policy on responsible dog ownership.	Achieved/Not Achieved.	Q4, 2016	
Introduce pre-programmed anti dog fouling audio messages at dog fouling blackspots and bring centres.	Dog foul survey before and after messages introduced.	Q3, 2016	System has been in use at 3 recycling facility locations with successful outcomes at 2 locations. 1 ongoing trial 1 dog fouling location trialled with limited success
Run local cinema and radio advertising on litter, dog fouling and Christmas tree campaigns.	No of campaigns rolled out.	Q2, 2016	Cinema campaign run on Themes of Food Waste and Dog Fouling in Q1 Further campaigns planned for Q4
Dublin City Council will review the Litter Wardens duties in order to meet the requirements of the new Litter Management Plan.	Review completed.	2016-2018	

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Continued use of CCTV surveillance and associated signage.	No. of locations CCTV units used at.No. of fines secured.No. of prosecutions secured.	2016-2018	CCTV in use in seven bring centres and two other pilot locations 162 fines issued to end May 2016 350 warning notices issued to end May 2016
Expansion of door to door enforcement campaigns across the city.	No. of campaigns completed.	2016-2018	Pilot project in North Inner City being developed to maximise compliance A number of initiatives undertaken to assess initial levels of compliance in the Area Depts.
In conjunction with WEEE Ireland, Dublin City Council will facilitate WEEE collection days at specific locations across the City.	No. of days organised.Tonna ge of waste collected.	Q3, 2016, 2017, 2018	WEEE Ireland no longer carry out collection days as all electronic retailers must now accept WEEE items. RecycleIT carry out door to door collectios in the Dublin City area in cooperation with DCC
Formulate and implement Citywide enforcement policy including the establishment of a citywide enforcement team.	Policy Implemented. Team Established	Q4, 2016	Policy has been formulated including step by step approach to establishing compliance levels
Prepare submission on legislative requirements to support enforcement activities.	Submission Prepared	Q3, 2016	

Housing & Residential Services - Monthly Management Report

Policy issues:

1. Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014:
Main Parts –
Repossession Procedure for LA dwellings (Part 2) regulations commenced April 2015
 - The Rents Section is currently engaging with the Law Department in preparing possession applications for court hearings where tenants who have been issued with Tenancy Warnings are in breach of a rent related obligation.
 - As of the 25th January 2017 DCC has issued 269 Tenancy Warnings for arrears cases.
 - IS Project Customer Online statement which will allow tenants to view rent account statements online is currently being developed. Due to the resources required by the consultants for other internal upgrades this project was delayed but we now expect to progress the development
 - Rent Scheme has not commenced. New circular to follow.
2. **National Strategy for People with a Disability 2011 – 2016**

Under the terms of the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011-2016 DCC has established a Steering Committee including officials from Dublin City Council, Health Services Executive and representatives from a variety of organisations including St. Michaels House for Intellectual Disability, The Irish Wheelchair Association, The Deaf Association of Ireland, Hail Housing Association, Respond Housing Association, The Irish Council for Social Housing and Focus Ireland. An operations group has now been established to implement the plan.

The work is primarily operational and includes the transferring of people from congregated settings to regular housing, the provision of disabled access housing in new build schemes, regeneration schemes, HAP, RAS schemes and through the adaptation of existing housing stock.

A presentation was delivered to the members of the Housing SPC on 13th January 2017, which provided an update on progress on the Council's Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability. A 5% minimum commitment in new allocations to people with a disability was confirmed, this target was exceeded in 2016 at 7.38%. Following the recent Housing Needs Assessment, the number of people with a disability and the area in which they live in has been identified. In order to increase the supply of suitable accommodation for people with disabilities in the future, it is proposed to link supply to demand, make allocations at pre-design stage and incorporate Universal Design for new builds.

The Disability Steering Group met on 13th January and was briefed on the presentation given to the SPC. The next meeting of the Group is 3rd March 2017.

Maintenance and Energy Improvements

Voids Section Statistics January 2017

No. bedrooms	No of Voids on 1 st January 2017: 367		No of New Voids from 1 st January to Date: 21		No of Voids Let in January 2017: 19		No. of Ready to let Units at End January 2017: 80	
	APTS	HOUSES	APTS	HOUSES	APTS	HOUSES	APTS	Houses
0 Bed	80	5	4	0	4	0	19	2
1Bed	100	41	6	1	3	0	29	4
2Bed	66	62	4	3	5	2	16	8
3Bed	10	3	1	2	1	4	2	0
4Bed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	256	111	15	6	13	6	66	14

EXTENSIONS AND ADAPTATIONS UNIT

Works programme to enhance access for DCC tenants with reduced mobility under our Scheme for Persons with Disabilities.

	APPLICATIONS Y.T.D.	APPROVALS Y.T.D.	PIPELINE Y.T.D.	COMPLETIONS Y.T.D.
RAMPS	3	0	22	3
STAIRLIFTS	1	0	2	1
SHOWERS	10	0	45	4
OTHER	27	24	12	22
EXTENSIONS	6	0	27	0
TOTAL	47	24	108	30

** Pipeline Y.T.D. includes carry over works from 2016

MECHANICAL AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY UNIT

ITEM	COMPLETE YEAR TO DATE
BOILER SERVICES	12,872
HEATING MAINTENANCE CALL OUTS	8,236
BOILER REPLACEMENTS	263
FULL HEATING INSTALLATIONS	114
INSULATION RETROFITS	375
ATTIC INSULATION	535

Domestic Heating Section

A boiler replacement programme is set to begin in 2017. The initial work of preparing tender documents is underway. 1,000 boilers or complete heating systems are planned for 2017.

The capture of carbon / energy credits for both the replacement of boilers, and for the servicing of the domestic gas boiler stock will also be going to tender. This capture will be in conjunction with an energy partner and the award will be based on the most beneficial to Dublin City Council.

HVAC Section

The HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) Unit is a specialised unit which manages all HVAC equipment in Dublin City Council's Corporate and Communal heating sites including Senior Citizen Complexes. There are currently 269 maintenance contracts across 131 sites. The HVAC Unit have completed the process of reviewing maintenance contracts / proposals for 2017 and are currently meeting with successful contractors to set out terms for the for the completion of maintenance work on site.

Energy Efficiency Section

Phase I of the Energy Retrofit Programme (also referred to as the Fabric Upgrade Programme) is now fully complete. In an extension to the Phase I programme, €500,000 in additional funding was made available for attic insulation and ventilation. 535 Properties benefitted from these measures.

We are currently out to tender for Phase II of the programme. The documents were prepared and published in conjunction with REIL. We expect tender returns on 1st February.

The schemes for the 2017 Energy Improvement Programme are currently being complied.

At present, there is ongoing work in Coultrey Gardens, Ballymun, retrofitting 9 timber fronted houses. This is funded by €2.1M from the department of housing, planning, community and local government to retrofit properties which would be categorized between Phase I and Phase II. Other areas of Ballymun to undergo work under this bridging scheme are Shangan Gardens, Sillogue, Sandyhill and Balcurris.

MAINTENANCE REPAIRS UNIT

Approximately 50,000 maintenance repair requests are received annually which are allocated to our Direct Labour Force located throughout the city in 8 Area Maintenance Depots.

ITEM	NUMBER LOGGED Y.T.D.	NUMBER DEEMED INVALID	NUMBER IN PIPELINE	NUMBER COMPLETE Y.T.D.
	4,250	410	10,420	2,813

** Pipeline Y.T.D. includes carry over works from 2016

Housing Maintenance Out of Hours Service operates for emergency repair requests Monday-Friday 5-9 and Weekends 9-5.

On average 150-160 emergency repairs are responded to per month.

CARETAKING AND MOBILE CREWS

Housing Maintenance Attendants look after the cleaning & waste collection service for nearly 200 Flat Complexes and Senior Citizen Complexes in the Dublin City Area. An estimated 200 tonnes of waste is collected each week.

The Housing Attendants are supported by two Mobile Crews. The mobile crews consist of five men plus a supervisor providing support for the South Side of the city and five men plus a supervisor on the North Side. The mobile crews have dedicated transport and equipment.

Their typical duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Pest control and fumigation,
- crime scene cleaning,
- general deep cleaning,
- removal of high volumes of house hold waste and rubbish,
- tree cutting and removal of shrubbery and vegetation,
- graffiti removal.

BEDSIT AMALGAMATION PROGRAMME

Quality of the built environment and sustainability are two central platforms in the provision of successful housing developments. There are

approximately 114 Senior Citizen's Complexes and over 3,000 units throughout the City of Dublin. A number of these complexes consist of bedsits with a floor area of approximately 23-26 sqm.

The Council's Housing and Community Services Department is successfully carrying out a programme of amalgamation and refurbishment of these bedsit units in order to provide a better quality building fabric to enhance comfort levels for the occupants and, improve spatial and building standards, and sustainability of the built environment. We would expect a total of 125 amalgamations to be complete by early spring 2017.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE TRANSFORMATION UNIT

The Transformation Agenda has recommenced for Housing Maintenance in January 2017 with a view to introducing improved technology across all processes.

ENGINEERING/INSPECTIONS UNIT

Roof Repairs

The roofs of the Basin Street Flats were inspected. These roofs will be repaired in early 2017. The next lot of roofs for repair is St. Andrews Court, Bernard Curtis House, Beech Hill Villas and McDonagh House. Priority is subject to discussion with Area Maintenance Officers and review of Tenant complaints logged on Anite.

Fall Arrest Systems

Installation of permanent guardrails on the parapet roofs is mostly complete. Installation of permanent guardrails on the flat roofs is scheduled to commence in 2017.

The first lot of Flat Roofs will include Constitution Hill, Ballybough House, Alfie Byrne/Hill Street, Michael Malin House and Markievicz House. A framework for tender procurement of fall arrest systems is also proposed.

Lead water supply service connection replacement and/or relining

A tender for 125 No. houses is planned for lead water service connection remediation.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP will be introduced to Dublin City Council's area with effect from 1st March 2017. The roll out of HAP to the Dublin region requires close collaboration among the key parties in the delivery of the scheme to ensure successful delivery. It is proposed that DCC will have a HAP team in place in February 2017 to administer the scheme. The Housing IT system is being developed to incorporate requirements to streamline the HAP application process.

Training workshops have been arranged with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, the Housing Agency, the Department of Social Protection and the HAP Shared Services Centre in Limerick for all appropriate staff.

Workshop 1 (Policy, Legislation, Operations) - Friday, 10th February, Wood Quay Venue. All staff who are likely to be dealing with queries regarding HAP will be invited to attend this session.

Workshop 2 (ICT) – Wednesday, 22nd February, Limerick City and County Council Offices. This session is for core HAP staff.

A National Communications Strategy is being developed and is due to be implemented alongside the roll-out of the scheme to the Dublin Region.

Rents

Rent payments projection for 2017 (as at week 3)	€71.6m
Projected Arrears: (as at week 3)	€22.2m
RAS Payments projection for 2017 (As at week 3)	€3.4m
Projected Arrears: (as at week 3)	€649,000

Housing Allocations 2016

Housing and Allocations aim to ensure an efficient selection of households and offers of accommodation so as to ensure that households are notified and ready to move into dwellings as soon as they become available. These arrangements should seek to avoid inadvertent delays in letting dwellings, and dwellings being left vacant for lengthy periods due to refusals of offers of accommodation. *The use of choice based lettings is being used in areas throughout the City for a limited number of properties.*

The number of allocations made by Dublin City Council from **Jan to the end of December 2016** was **2050** which included **41 RAS** lettings and **725 HAP** lettings.

Housing Needs Assessment:

In accordance with section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 (No. 22 of 2009), as adapted by the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Order 2011, Dublin City Council carried out a general revision of the Housing Waiting List. A total of **26,290** applicants were subjected to a fully completed assessment for the purposes of determining their qualification for social housing. This Assessment is now complete and as of the 31st December 2017, and a total of 18,946 applicants remain on the Housing Waiting List. See below for the number of applications cancelled in the 2016 assessment and the reasons for cancellation.

Cancelled Specific to Housing Needs Assessment 2016	Total
Applicant Deceased	56
Bought Own Home	6
Change of Circumstances	74
Housed - outside DCC- Other Local Authority	157
No Contact	100
No Reply 2016 Assessment	5654
Not Eligible - 2011 Regulations	63
Not Eligible - House Owner/ownership issue	71
Not Residing	8
On other LA Housing List	20
Over Income Limit	47
Grand Total	6256

Traveller Accommodation Update – February 2016

ALLOCATIONS:

As of December 31st, there were 14 Traveller Priority lettings to Standard Housing (target is min 20 p.a.).

FIRE REVIEW:

Implementation of the Review is ongoing. On a number of sites there is not sufficient space between caravans (due to overcrowding) and there are ongoing inspections to check all electrical installations. All site-specific meetings have taken place .

TAP FUNDING:

It is anticipated that €674,889 has been drawn down from the €1,405,198 for DCC in by December 31st. Reasons for Non drawdown of Funds include:

NO OF UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS	STATUS
OUTLINE PROPOSALS TO DHPCLG		
23	St. Dominic's Park - refurbishment of bays and electrical works.	DHPCLG 21/9/16 Further Information Requested. Initial engagement with Respond
STAGE 1 - APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE		
14	Electrical Upgrade - St. Joseph's Park	Pending appointment of a design team; other works - fire safety & accommodation - prioritised with agreement of LTACC
15	Electrical Upgrade - St. Oliver's Park	Pending appointment of a design team; other works - fire safety & accommodation - prioritised with agreement of LTACC
1	[House No] Bridgeview, Cloverhill Road	Preparation of Detailed Drawings
1	[House No] Avila Park , Cappagh Road	Preparation of Detailed Drawings
24	Labre Park: Re-development (Phase 2 & 3)	CAS - Clúid will procure for design team Jan 2017
5	Grove Lane - Refurbishment of 5 derelict houses & redevelop the site	No families will move onto the site. Works cannot progress at present.
10	Tara Lawns - Redevelopment of the site - Clean-up of site and drainage works in progress.	Interim works - Refurbishment contract. Overall plan with Respond to develop.
STAGE 2 - DETAILED DESIGN		
30	St. Margaret's Park Dayhouse Upgrade	Quotes back in from Architects - due to appoint successful tenderer
6	Pigeon House Road - Redevelopment of site	Appointment of Design Team to be confirmed; planning and other issues to be confirmed.

STAGE 3 -APPROVAL TO TENDER		
1	Overcrowding Extensions: [House No] Cara Park GHS	Pending Approval
1	Overcrowding Extensions: [House No] Cara Park GHS	Request withdrawn by tenant
1	Special Needs Adaptation: Belcamp Crescent	Tender Document Preparation
STAGE 4 - IMPLEMENTATION		
	COMPLETE	
3	Labre Park Rebuilds: 3 Houses Rebuilds in Kylemore Grove (Phase 1)	Complete
1	Removal of pyrite: [House No] Avila Gardens	Pending approval of revised costs.
2	House Rebuilds: Bridgeview	Complete
2	Special Needs Adaptation: [House No] Avila Park GHS	Complete
3	Special Needs Adaptation: [House No] Cara Park	Complete
1	Special Needs Adaptation: [House No] Labre	Complete
2	House Purchases	Complete
9	Refit of Sanitation Units; Labre	Complete
30	Electrical Upgrade & Metering: St. Margaret's	Complete
Sundry Works: Yard resurfacing x 8; Kitchen Replacement x 5; Insulation of all houses; drainage and greenspace works; void refurbishment x 4		
	NOT STARED - Pending Internal Survey etc	
1	Avila Park: Community Centre	Change of Submission at Mid-term Review to demolition and building of 2 houses.
15	St. Oliver's: Electrical Upgrade	Will be tied to Dayhouse Upgrades
14	St. Joseph's: Electrical Upgrade	Will be tied to Dayhouse Upgrades
1	St. Joseph's: Community Centre	Change of Submission at Mid-term Review to Demolition and Rebuild of Smaller ESB Metering Room
1	Northern Close: Rebuild of House	Issues to be resolved
14	St Oliver's: Dayhouse Upgrade	Complete after St. Margaret's
14	St Joseph's: Dayhouse Upgrade	Complete after St. Margaret's

Dublin Region Homeless Update
Breakdown of Emergency Accommodation Usage between
19th – 25th December 2016 in the Dublin Region

An anonymised and aggregated return of all individuals accessing homeless accommodation between 19th – 25th December 2016, inclusive, has been requested by the Department of the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government by close of business on **Wednesday 12th January, 2017**. The following information has been requested:

- 1) Gender, 2) Age group (as per CSO), 3.) Accommodation type ,
 4.) County, 5.) Family Breakdown

Table 1: Gender: 19th – 25th December, 2016

Gender	Total December 2016
Male	1,713
Female	1,449
Total	3,162

Table 2: Age Groups: Gender: 19th – 25th December, 2016

Age Group	Total December 2016
18-24	533
25-44	1,987
45-64	599
65+	43
Total	3,162

Table 3: Accommodation Type: Gender: 19th – 25th December, 2016

Accommodation Type	Total December 2016
Private Emergency Accommodation (Including hotels) (PEA)	1,755
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	1,394
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	68
Subtotal	3,217
- Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	55
Total Unique Individuals	3,162

Table 4: County: Gender: 19th – 25th December, 2016

County	Total December 2016
Dublin	3,162
Total	3,162

Table 5 (a): Families with dependent children in ALL Emergency Accommodation (incl. Hotels): 19th – 25th December, 2016

Family Breakdown	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	674	674	1270
Couples with dependent children	354	708	826
Total	1,028	1,382	2,096

**Table 5 (b): Families with dependent children in Commercial Hotels Only:
19th – 25th December, 2016 (One week)**

Family Breakdown	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	505	505	953
Couples with dependent children	273	546	637
Total	778	1,051	1,590

Chart: Families in ALL EA – Trend: December 2015 – December 2016

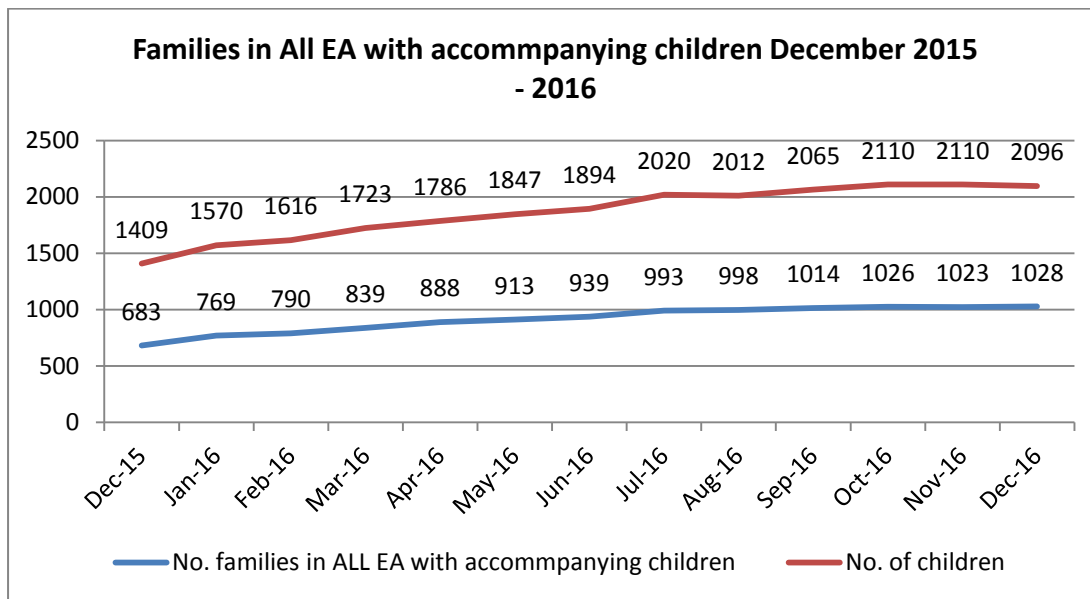
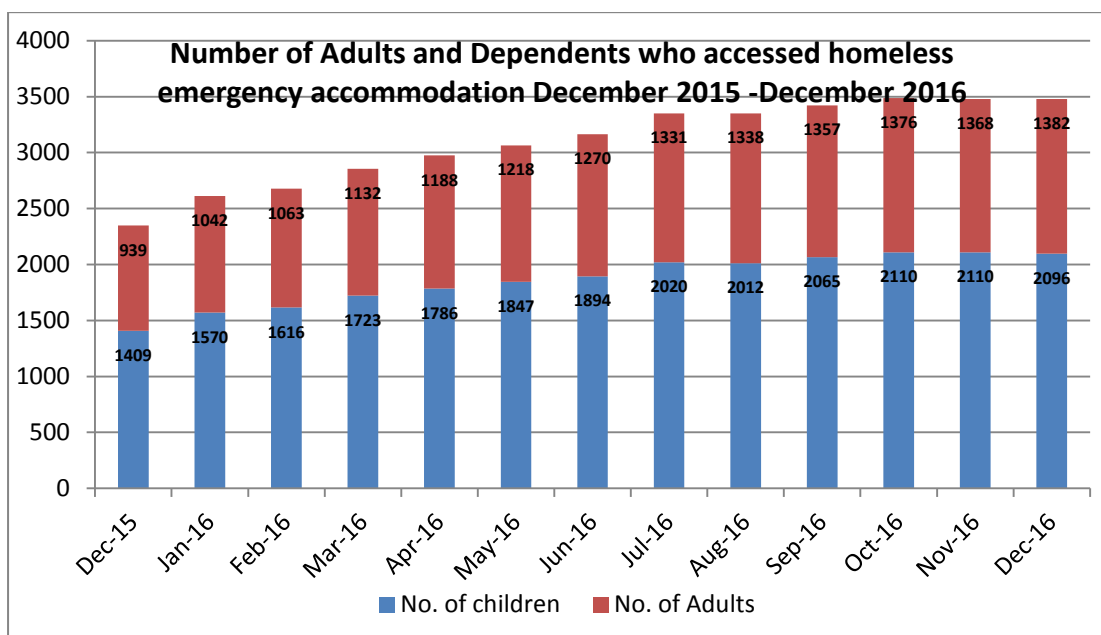


Chart: Families in ALL EA – Total Adults and Total Dependents: December 2015 - December 2016



**Planning & Property
Development Department
Monthly Management Report
February 2017**

Development Management

A detailed weekly Planning list is circulated to all Councillors outlining applications lodged and decisions made on a weekly basis. This list includes a breakdown of domestic and non-domestic applications, exemption certificates, appeals notified and decisions from An Bórd Pleanála and also applications for Outdoor Event Licences.

Forward Planning & Projects

Plan	Progress in previous quarter	Completion date for next stage
Development Plan 2016-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan adopted by City Council on 23rd September and came into effect on 21st October 2016. 	Work has begun on implementation of new Development Plan.
Local Area Plans / Local Environmental Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phibsborough draft LEIP presented to June Area Committees. Two council members have been nominated to Implementation Group. 	Implementation Group to be finalised in Jan 2017.
	<p>Ballymun LAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail survey carried out by consultants. Chief Executives Report on Issues Paper presented to March Area Committee Meeting and April Council Meeting. Sports and recreation workshop held 18th May. Tenure report presented to Area Committee 8th November. 	<p>LAP local focus group consultations ongoing.</p> <p>Draft LAP under preparation. Presentation to Area Councillors on pre-Draft in February 2017 – date to be confirmed.</p>
Record Protected Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of buildings added under review. Review of NIAH recommendations also taking place. List of errors and clarifications being addressed (written statement to match GIS mapping when finalised; Draft Dev Plan : RPS Update) Work underway on preparing the necessary addition reports for Central Bank, Stella Cinema and Fumbally Exchange. 	<p>Work ongoing.</p> <p>Reports to be completed.</p>

Plan	Progress in previous quarter	Completion date for next stage
Architectural Conservation Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement at NCAC held 16/01/2017. Meeting to proceed with statutory procedure to commence with proposed draft variation to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 to designate Hollybrook Road as an ACA. 	Commence statutory procedures for public display.
Buildings at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigations ongoing on the "Register"; with significant progress in a number of cases. 	Ongoing
Built Heritage Investment Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC awarded €298k in grant funding to administer the BHIS for 2016. 45 Projects availed of grant funding ranging from €3k to €13k. All projects have been completed and paperwork is being finalised to commence drawdown from the Department Awaiting confirmation of BHIS Grant funding for 2017. 	<p>Recent budget news announced funding will be available for the BHIS for 2017.</p> <p>Amount of funding to be confirmed from the Department.</p>
Residential Land Availability Study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage two completed: data uploaded to myplan.ie website. 	Prepare RLA update for DCC when DELG initiates process.
Dublin Housing Taskforce (Construction 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third report published June 2016; Considered by the Planning & International Relations SPC at the July meeting. Joint Housing Co-ordination Strategy draft report has been prepared for comment. Schedule of Active sites prepared for each LA Key Developers in process of being contacted. Quarter 3 2016 Housing Strategies for the 4 Local Authorities finalised. 	<p>Work ongoing. 3rd Quarter data completed. Quarter 4 Report due end of Jan 2017.</p> <p>Housing Strategy draft circulated, consultants to complete work.</p>
Housing Land Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement reached by DCC and Minister on O'Devaney Gardens. Joint SPC held with Housing, Planning & International Relations on 9th December; agreed to proceed with Oscar Traynor, O'Devaney Gardens and St. Michael's Estate to procurement stage. At January City Council Meeting the next stage was agreed. 	Community Consultative Forums are being progressed for Oscar Traynor Road and O'Devaney Gardens. Existing St. Michael's Estate Consultative Forum being used.

Plan	Progress in previous quarter	Completion date for next stage
Active Land Management/Vacant lands Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of intention to acquire 10 derelict sites published on 8th December 2016 all of which are suitable for residential use. • Vacant Sites established and on DCC website from the 1st January 2017. • DCC submitted 5 applications for infrastructural funding under LIHAF (Local Infrastructural Housing Activation Fund) by closing date 14th October 2016. Further information was submitted as requested on the 2nd December. 	<p>3 submissions received. Remaining 7 properties will be vested early February.</p> <p>Over 1,000 sites have been visited. Notices of intention to place on the Register are being drafted for circa 50 sites and will issue end of January.</p> <p>DHPCLG to assess applications early February 2017.</p>
North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme published October 2014. • Planning permission granted for Blocks 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 17. • Construction commenced on new north – south street linking North Wall Quay and Sheriff Street - located west of the 3 Arena. • Planning applications submitted for 180,000 m² commercial and 572 residential units to date. • Public Realm Plan drawn up and public consultation completed. Project received overall national Planning Award for 2016 by IPI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport study, including E-Link Bridge, being developed. • Ongoing pre-app consultations on a number of city blocks.
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government designated Poolbeg West an SDZ on May 16th. • Pre draft consultation report presented to monthly SE Area Committee meetings. • Consultation with stakeholders & Community ongoing. • Workshop with elected members 30th November and pre draft circulated to South East Area members in December. • Public consultation period open for submissions and observations until 8th March 2017. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with stakeholders and communities to continue. Draft scheme prepared and formal 6 week public consultation began 24th January 2017. Info meeting being arranged for all Councillors.

Plan	Progress in previous quarter	Completion date for next stage
Town House Reuse Project (addendum to South Georgian Core Study)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First stage Report Complete: Consultants currently engaged in testing Design solutions • Templates being drawn up to support Living City Initiative. 	Draft document completed, subject to extensive review and consultation. Awaiting final draft from consultants.
Dubline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art works and design works completed • Phase 2 – sign off proofs for new maps • Branding of existing wayfinding completed May 2015. • Installation of new information panels completed along Dubline Route. 	Replacement of existing maps with bilingual maps to be completed by Spring 2017.
Dublin Wayfinding Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 3 completed, radial/orbital routes. • Tenders awarded. • “Cooling off” over. New orders placed November 2016. 	Subject to six monthly review/monitoring
Coca Cola Zero dublinbikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for 4 no. Metropoles – have completed public display period. South East Area Committee updated at September 12th meeting. • Membership price increase from €20 to €25 agreed at November SPC. • Grangegorman expansion agreed with project partners. • Update of Strategic Plan inc. Advertising Funding Options. 	<p>Construction of Metropoles early 2017.</p> <p>Price increase from February 2017. Expansion to be completed late 2017. To be completed March 2017.</p>
Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of the Car Park and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is progressing and it is anticipated will go to tender in the next month preparatory works/surveys have commenced. • The car park operated as pay and display with extended opening hours and facilitate city retail core over Christmas and new year. This will be reviewed at the end of January. • Design Detail for Redevelopment of Markets building being progressed by City Architects and outside experts. 	<p>To tender early 2017</p> <p>Procurement process will continue in tandem with design elements being undertaken by DCC.</p>
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed Project list under the City Centre Masterplan is at feasibility regarding assignment of financial and human resourcing. Work has commenced on a number of Luas • Associated projects which will go through Part 8 shortly. 	Work is continuing on the project list.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group continued to review projects and input into corporate submissions on major infrastructure projects, policy issues and City proposals provide support for public realm projects. • Survey and analysis information made available on open data and to other vested projects. 	
North East Inner City Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Taoiseach’s task force may impact on some of the area covered in the NEIC Plan. • A number of streets between O’Connell Street and Marlborough Street are identified for public realm improvements under the City Centre Public Realm Master Plan, Cathal Brugha Street, Cathedral Street, North Earl Street and Sackville Place. • A number of key sites have been cleared and development has commenced. 	Actions ongoing throughout the year.
Living City Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of the Living City initiative is to bring life back into the heart of the relevant cities by offering tax relief for qualifying expenditure incurred on the refurbishment or conversion of certain buildings where conditions are met. <p>To date, take-up of the scheme has been lower than anticipated.</p> <p>Finance Act 2017 will remove restrictions in relation to floor area and reduces minimum spend threshold. Scheme has also been amended to include landlords.</p>	<p>Ongoing for the next five years.</p> <p>Active Land Management Unit to re-launch the scheme in light of changes made in Finance Act.</p> <p>FAQs to be updated on DCC website.</p>
Section 49 – Luas Cross City	Public display of Draft Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for Luas Cross City –commenced 9 th January for 6 weeks.	Public display until 20 th February. Members report on submissions will then be prepared.

Reports on Planning Enforcement, Building Control, Derelict Sites, Property Management and Finance are updated on a quarterly basis.



DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE

PROPOSED NEW CITY LIBRARY, PARNELL SQUARE

Site Investigations

Following the transfer of Coláiste Mhuire to the ownership of the City Council in December, site investigation works will shortly commence.

KEVIN STREET LIBRARY – REFURBISHMENT

Following completion of the tender process a contractor has been appointed. Discussions on the programme of works and schedule are ongoing, with the contractor scheduled to start on site on Monday 30th January. A revised timetable will then be made available shortly. Our current expectation is that we will re-open the library in September 2017.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Five new online resources have been made available to the public via the library's website:

- Oxford University Press Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland – over 45,000 entries – a new dictionary covering English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish and Cornish surnames
- Oxford English Dictionary - no longer available in print – the definitive dictionary on the history of word meaning and usage
- Grove Music Online – encyclopaedia of music and musicians
- Grove Art Online – a scholarly art encyclopaedia covering both western and non-western art
- Benezit Dictionary of Artists (Oxford Art online) - bibliographical information on painters, sculptors, designers and engravers

Unlimited access is available in all branch libraries and patrons can also access these resources remotely (e.g. from home computers) using their library membership card barcode number.

A full list of eResources provided by the library services is available at

<http://bit.ly/dcpl-eResources>.

HERITAGE

20th Annual Gilbert Lecture

The 20th annual Sir John T. Gilbert Commemorative Lecture was held at Dublin City Library & Archive on 25th January 2017. The lecture was given by Dr Bernadette Cunningham (Royal Irish Academy) on 'Gentlemen's Daughters in Dublin Cloisters: the social world of nuns in early 18th-century Dublin', and chaired by the Deputy Lord Mayor.

Swift 350th Anniversary

The exhibition Jonathon Swift and Dublin was on display in Dublin City Library & Archive for the month of January. A travelling version of the exhibition will go on display in branch libraries throughout the rest of 2017.

DUBLIN UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE

The 2017 Citywide Reading campaign was launched by the Lord Mayor on 18th January. The book chosen for 2017 is *Knights of the Borrowed Dark* by Dave Rudden. The Citywide Reading Campaign is now in its sixth year and encourages children to read for pleasure.

PROGAMMES

The Libraries Spring programme will be published in early February.



The Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership STRIDE 2017 - 2020 was endorsed by the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC on Monday, 16th January, 2017. The Strategy will be officially launched in February 2017.

The Strategy consists of 4 Strategic Goals, namely:

- Places and Spaces
- Programmes and Services
- Promoting Sport and Inspiring People
- Good Practice

Under Strategic Goal 2: Programmes & Services, the Partnership will be leading and supporting a vast array of Events in 2017 including:

- Operation Transformation Walk – Jan 7th
Approximately 250 participants took part in this 4k walk held in Albert College Park, Dublin 9. Participants ranged from infants to Older Adults creating a positive intergenerational event. Similar walks were held in all counties on the same day in conjunction with RTE's Operation Transformation programme.
- Operation Transformation 5K Run – February 18th
Also in conjunction with RTE's Operation Transformation, the Partnership co-funds and supports this 5k participation run in the Phoenix Park.
- Lord Mayors 5 Alive Challenge
Now in its 5th Year, the Lord Mayors 5 Alive Challenge supports participants to complete 5 races between January and April. All participants are invited to a celebratory evening in City Hall on completion of the Challenge. Races include:
 - Tom Brennan Memorial 5k Race – Sunday 1st January
 - Raheny 5 mile Road Race – Sunday 29th January
 - BHAA/Garda Cross Country 2/4mile - Saturday 4th February
 - St. Patrick's Festival 5k Race – Sunday 19th March
 - DCC/BHAA 2/4mile race – Saturday 8th April



- Schools Cross Country – March
- Active School Week - April
- Champions day – May
- Go for Life Games – June
- Grand Dublin Swim - July
- Womens Rugby World Cup – August
- Beat the Street – September to November
- Great Dublin Bike Ride - September
- Older Adult Sports Day - September
- MarathonKids Final Mile – November

The Partnership will implement lead-in programmes for all above mentioned events to ensure maximum uptake from our key target groups in Dublin City.

EVENTS

New Year's Festival



This year's festival was a fun filled 3 day programme, animating the streets and buildings of the city. NYF Dublin offered a host of free, family friendly outdoor events from Luminosity and Sky Dance spectacular with light projections and daring aerial performers to the 3Countdown Concert on St. Stephens Green on New Year's Eve to a free New Year's Day Concert where the Garda Band and The Dublin Gospel Choir entertained over 2,000 members of the public.



Despite the weather the New Years Eve spirits were not dampened with 8,000 people attending the sold out 3Countdown Concert at St Stephens Green with electric performances by Walking on Cars, The Blizzards, Little Hours and Brian Deady.



Visitors and locals alike were treated to a variety of pop-up events around the city, with stilt walkers, street performers, dare devil uni-cyclists, the powerful and dynamic Hit Machine drummers, accompanied by Those Fire Guys. Over 300 people also braced the elements for an outdoor film screening of Inside Out in Temple Bar's Meeting House Square on New Year's Day.



A host of other indoor events took place at twelve iconic locations around the city, from Christ Church Cathedral and the Custom House, to the GAA Museum in Croke Park and the Dublin Unitarian Church. Additionally the NYF Dublin Music Trail brought spectators to ten different locations across the city to experience amazing live performances.



Moving Crib and Christmas Wonderland, Mansion House

This year the Lord Mayor commissioned the Events Section to develop a new interactive Christmas experience - Winter Wonderland, on the forecourt of the Mansion House to complement the Live Animal Crib.

The annual Crib celebrated its 22nd year at the Mansion House. Entrance is free and donations go to the Mansion House Fuel Fund, one of Dublin's oldest charities. The Winter Wonderland proved to be a huge success with children and adults alike. Over 45,700 visitors attended the experience over 3 weeks and opening hours were extended to meet the huge demand. Hundreds of children also posted their letters to Santa Claus, while watching his silhouette moving around inside the Mansion House. The Fuel Fund also saw a 100% increase in donations this Christmas.

Filming Update

A survey was carried out by the Film Liaison Officer in late 2016, which sought feedback on the filming services provided by Dublin City Council. The outcome of the survey was very positive with an average of 80% of customers satisfied with the range, efficiency and quality of services provided.

The majority of applicants use our service bi-annually (40.91%), while 22.73% use our service every 2-3 months. Of all applicants, 95.36% are applying for film permits with 75% of them satisfied with the range of services we provide. 86% of people who use this service feel that the customer service, knowledge and quality is satisfactory. A similar number would recommend the service to other and use it again themselves.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) – 2016 -2021

The process of consultation and feedback regarding the LECP's carried out in quarter 4 2016 has led to the drafting of the 2017 Action Plan. The format of the consultation for the economic goals allowed for group discussion at three workshops, and individual consultations with senior managers of organisations identified as part of the economic community in the city. Members of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC were also invited to forward actions for inclusion in the Action Plan. Nominees are in place from each Department in the City Council who liaise with Bernie Doherty and Mary Mac Sweeney to update the Community and Economic aspects of the LECP and submit actions for 2017.

The Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) produced a review report on the LECP's following a workshop held in October 2016 attended by staff from the four Dublin local authorities. Malachy Bradley from the EMRA will present the findings of this review to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on January 31st 2017.

2. Dublin Economic Monitor

The eighth edition of the Dublin Economic Monitor will be launched in 25th January 2017. This edition will feature an article on the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy, and will be promoted and distributed by Economic Development staff.

3. Pendulum Summit

The Economic Development unit manned a stand at the very successful Pendulum Summit held in the Convention Centre on the 11th and 12th of January 2017. An advert promoting the Dublin economy was included in the brochure with copies distributed to all attendees.

4. Dublin.ie

The Dublin.ie website continues to build its profile and reach new audiences to promote the benefits of living, working and learning in Dublin. The site also provides up to date

information on a wide range of events taking place in the city and across the region. The Dublin.ie branding has been published on promotional material for events supported by Economic Development. Three new articles are published each week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Dublin.ie team continue to build collaborations with organisations such as Fáilte Ireland and Dublin Town to ensure that the best material on Dublin is captured, and that a joint promotion strategy is agreed for key city events such as New Year's Eve and St Patrick's Day.

5. Dublin Regional Action Plan

The second update report, setting out progress on the 25 actions that Dublin City Council are responsible for delivering, under the Dublin Regional Action Plan for jobs, was submitted by this office to the regional co-ordinator. The Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation attended the first meeting of the evaluation committee established to oversee the implementation of the plan. Greg Swift is a member of the implementation committee. The Dublin Region First Progress report on action was produced in June 2016.

6. Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy

The ***Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy*** was commissioned by the four Dublin local authorities with the aim of providing a coherent and coordinated approach to promoting enterprise, employment and entrepreneurial activities in the Dublin Region for the period 2017-2019.

To inform the development of the enterprise strategy, a review of existing and emerging enterprise and employment policies was carried out. The review recognises the wide range of policies that presently exist and the associated flexibility therein, to ensure that the strategy remains responsive to changing economic conditions and technological advances.

Local authorities promote the economic development of their areas including enterprise development across numerous enterprise sectors, through facilitating and assisting indigenous industry, micro-enterprises and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), enhancing innovation and research and development capacity, and in so doing put in place the necessary supports and infrastructure. The work is primarily facilitated through local economic development units and local enterprise offices (LEOs).

The three-year strategy will guide the enterprise growth and development of the region. While being mindful of the distinct characteristics of the local authority areas, there are clear benefits to a combined strategy at a regional level. A collaborative approach to the development of enterprise policies across the region will lead to the enhanced sharing of best practices in support delivery and programmes, as well as having the potential to support Dublin with a unified voice.


Local Enterprise Office Dublin City

1. Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Awards 2017

This national initiative run through the Local Enterprise Offices to encourage and support a culture of entrepreneurship among young people in Ireland, will see the hosting of the Dublin regional finals on 25th January in the Westbury hotel. The regional finals will be hosted by the Lord Mayor and the Minister for Jobs Enterprise and Innovation. A prize fund of €50,000 will be paid out to the six winners in the Dublin City categories for Best Idea, Best Start Up and Best Established Business.


The Dublin Regional finalists will go forward to the national finals to be held in Google Foundry on Sunday 5th March 2017, where a prize fund of €100,000 will be paid out to the national finalists. The Dublin City finalists are:

IBYE Best Idea Dublin City Finalist




Full Name: Brian Henderson
Company Name: Baon Diagnostics
LEO: Dublin City
Proposed company sector or industry: Health
What does the company do/propose to do? Baon Diagnostics has developed a novel method of Molecular Diagnostics at the Point-of-Care, specifically bringing a platform for accurate diagnosis of viral and bacterial infections to GP clinics in Ireland.
Website Address: www.baondiagnosics.com

IBYE Best Start Up Dublin City Finalist



Full Name: Samuel Dennigan
Company Name: Strong Roots
LEO: Dublin City
Proposed company sector or industry: Food
What does the company do/propose to do? Strong Roots intends to revolutionise the frozen food category with their offering of good for you vegetable recipes, available in all major supermarkets and stores nationwide. Our 4 products Oven Baked Sweet Potato, Garlic Roasted Sweet Potato, Kale & Quinoa Burgers and Ripened Avocados are made to taste great, be easy to make, every day affordable and healthy to ensure that there is no compromise in choosing between indulgence and health.
Website Address: www.strongroots.ie

IBYE Best Established Business Dublin City Finalist



Full Name: Paul McDonald
Company Name: Sonitus System
LEO: Dublin City
Proposed company sector or industry: Security
What does the company do/propose to do? Sonitus Systems build automated noise monitoring instrumentation which is supported by a cloud based platform allowing users remote access.
Website Address: www.sonitussystems.com

2. Design4Growth

Following the evaluation of the pilot Design4Growth project the 6 businesses that completed Stage 3 of the project, are in the process of commissioning work identified in their design briefs and applying for the Design Voucher valued at €2,500. A workshop is planned for the 16th February 2017 to invite the participants to review the learning from the pilot and to discuss issues for a further roll out of the programme



3. LEAN Business Programme Dublin

An introductory session was held in December 2016 to outline the benefits to businesses of participating in the LEAN programme. Applications for the programme from the four Dublin LEO areas are currently being assessed. Participants who are selected will be invited to attend a site visit, at a company that has implemented LEAN principles, to commence the programme at the end of January 2017. The programme consists of three half days of workshops to introduce LEAN concepts, with mentoring support in undertaking a short in-company LEAN assignment. The programme has the potential to deliver cost savings and benefits to participants, which will be identified and finalised during the workshops.

4. Showcase 2017

An Enterprise Zone supported by the Local Enterprise Offices will see five Dublin city businesses promoting their produce at Showcase 2017 in the RDS which opens on the 22nd January. Dublin City Local Enterprise Office is supporting the following five businesses through subsidised stands at Showcase, each business is currently completing the craft and design business programme.

www.adellehickey.com.

“I am currently selling high end hand bound linen note books, prints and writing sets in ten retail outlets in Dublin with repeat orders. Having my collection of products present at *Showcase* is an essential opportunity to gain access to national and international buyers. This is a crucial step and time in my business to show new products and increase both sales and production to move the business forward”.

www.heybulldogdesign.com

“Having a stand at *Showcase* will be invaluable to us at the moment – whilst we’ve had great success selling our range of concrete homeware products at markets in Dublin, selling through retail is our next step in growth. The crossover of selling our new concrete range in shops as well as on stands at the markets will be a great tool for building trust and credibility in our already established brand”.

www.loinnirjewellery@gmail.com

“Showcase would offer me a considerable platform to expand my brand to a wider national market, having succeeded this year in getting my pieces stocked in two established stores in Dublin. It would provide an opportunity to promote my award winning jewellery pieces to important individuals in the fashion and jewellery industries, as well as gain crucial media attention for my product, with the intention to strengthen the brand name and attracting further distributors in Dublin as well as across Ireland and abroad.”

www.book-ears.com

“A place in Showcase 2017 will really assist me in developing my business. I have a book-mark produce that is ready to go. I am already in Dealz and Easons and I want to expand sales globally. Showcase 2017 will assist me with this.”

www.cairennfoy.com

I would hope Showcase will open my brand up to a much wider International base of buyers. I am launching my Brand “Cairenn Foy” in Feb 2017 online and it will be sold in 7 stores from March 2017. Having buyers from all over the world under one roof means I could potentially expand my footprint abroad and increase my volume of production.



Minister Bruton T.D. at Showcase 2016, RDS, Enterprise Hub (25th Jan 2016) with LEO Dublin City clients and Greg Swift, Head of Enterprise Dublin City.

5. Local Enterprise Week – Sunday 5th to Friday 10th March 2017

Enterprise week will kick off on Sunday 5th March with the national IBYE final, followed by a programme packed with events from early morning to late evening and culminating in a Saturday Start Your Own Business Bootcamp on 11th March. Over 300 people attended the week of events in 2016. 2017 will focus on sustainable business models, finance, networking, mentoring, enterprise space, social media and getting your business started.

6. Employment Survey 2016

The annual employment survey of companies funded by the Local Enterprise Office (formerly by the Enterprise Board) has been finalised. Confirmation is awaited regarding the number of new jobs that have been created by these companies who received financial assistance from Dublin City LEO/Enterprise Board. The final figure will be reported to Enterprise Ireland and will be used as the Economic Indicator submitted under the National Service Indicators for Local Government.

7. LEO e-zine

The LEO e-zine promoting events and providing information on supports offered by the LEO office is circulated to approximately 9,000 people by e-mail each month. The e-zine is a valuable promotional tool for the range of events provided by to businesses in the city. A survey has been conducted with e-zine recipients and other LEO clients to establish how we could improve our digital communication. A Digital Marketing Strategy has been developed with recommendations based on survey findings and an implementation plan is being drawn up to ensure that we continue to improve the manner in which we communicate with our clients.

8. Training Programme 2016

A wide range of Training Courses are available for booking on the LEO website. There has been a strong response to the variety of courses provided that are structured to assist individuals who want to set up a business and build skills and knowledge on a wide range of

topics that are critical for start up and scaling enterprises. The free Library Talks form a popular part of this programme.

ARTS OFFICE

Additional Funding for the Arts will be available in the North East Inner City and new Partnership Grants in Neighbourhoods and the projects involved were set up in January. The Dublin Chinese New Year Festival with an extensive programme took place again in January in this The Year of the Rooster.

ARTS IN LOCAL AREAS

Area Offices the Arts Office Libraries and the eight National Cultural Institutions located in Dublin will showcase their **National Neighbourhood** projects in all five Administrative Areas in February 2017. This programme is set to continue throughout 2017 and has so far engaged with 7,000 residents and 250 Community Groups.

PARTNERSHIP WITH ARTS ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES

A methodology for Cultural Audits as part of the Draft Development Plan has been agreed to include identification of current facilities and in addition to identify important organisations and individuals. This process known as Cultural Mapping will also set out the deficits in each Administrative Area. The Quantitative Audit will conclude in March and the Qualitative in June.

ARTS EDUCATION AND LEARNING

The Arts Arts and Education Policy approved by Dublin City Council will be officially launched in February. A Steering Group will be established and will help to set out and implement the actions under the LECF.

SUPPORTING ARTISTS

The Arts Office is working on two new EU Funding Partnerships of Arts and Technology and Arts in Education. The collaboration between all Local Authorities in Dublin on Early Years Arts work is continuing. The Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and Rural Affairs have met with Dublin City Council and the OPW to begin to set out a strategy on the availability of Artists Studios and infrastructure in new developments.

RECREATION CENTRES

Energy Management Programme

- Kilmore Recreation Centre

The insulation in the Kilmore Recreation Centre now is complete

- Ventry Park

The pitch floodlights have been upgraded to new L.E.D. lighting and fittings.. The lights provide good visibility and cause less light leakage and will also lead to a reduction in energy costs.

In 2017 other Recreation Centres will be prioritised for both light and energy projects by upgrading to L.E.D.s and better insulation. It is intended to check if there are grants available to part fund these projects.



Common Ground Project (Sheriff Street)

A number of growing troughs will be delivered to St Laurence O'Toole's CBS, Senior Boys' Primary School in January and will be assembled made ready for filling in March.

Meetings have been held with the school and the Senior Citizens Gardening Group, and it was agreed that the growing programme will begin in or around March. This will be dependent on weather and growing conditions.

Change for Life Programme (Bluebell Youth and Community Centre)

This is the 3rd year of the very popular and successful 8 week long programme.

The programme consists of a number of exercise classes, provision of dietary information and advice and walks of up to a 5 Kilometres.

There is quite a good take up of the programme in the local Bluebell Community.

DUBLIN CITY GALLERY THE HUGH LANE

Visitor numbers: the total number of visitors to the gallery in 2016 was 193,229, a 7.5% increase compared to 179,829 visitors in 2015, and almost back at 2008's highest visitor numbers of 200,000.

Hugh Lane Programme for 2017

Artist as Witness: Migrations

Following the gallery's successful centenary theme - *the Artist as Witness in Society*, (1916 – 2016), the Gallery's programme for 2017 will again engage contemporary appraisals of historical and contemporary issues. The broad theme of *Artist as Witness: Migrations* will be taken up as its curatorial precept. As Europe struggles to find ways of dealing with a changing world, we are adapting to and accommodating a new and notably more diverse society. Migration has become the pertinent topic of discussion in the globalised modern world, but migration has always being a part of our cultural and ecological history. In 2017 we will examine historical emigration and also the impact of migration as a principle of nature.

COLLECTIONS

Frank O'Meara and Irish Artists Abroad



As part of our theme 'Artist as Witness: Migrations' for 2017, 'Frank O'Meara and Irish Artists Abroad' is a new display of paintings curated by Jessica O'Donnell on view in galleries 12 and 13 exploring the work of artists who, influenced by innovative new developments in plein air painting on the Continent travelled abroad to develop their art practice. Included in this display is a beautiful rare self portrait by Frank O'Meara which the Gallery has recently acquired with the financial support of Mary Stratton Ryan, art historian.

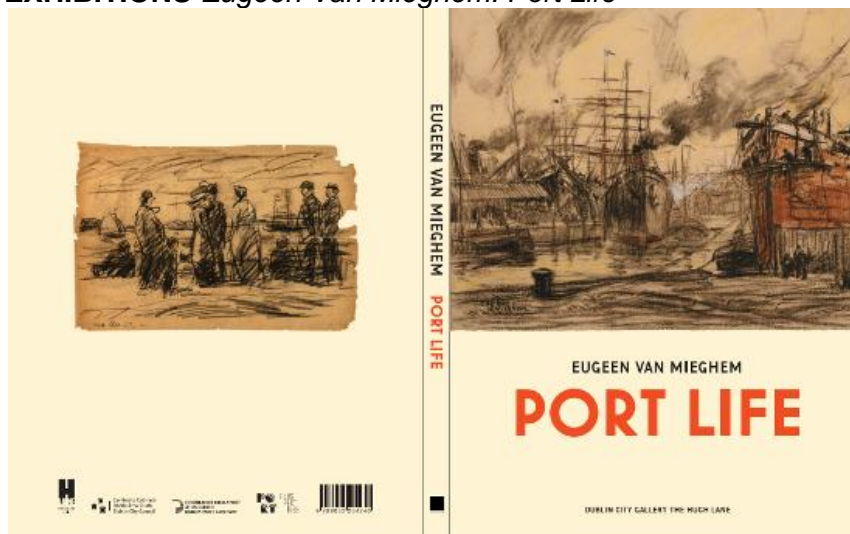
The display of paintings in galleries 12 and 13 explores the work of Irish artists who, influenced by innovative new developments in *en plein air* painting on the Continent travelled abroad to develop their art practice. The Taylor prize set up in 1860 provided monetary support for artists who wished to travel and study abroad. It enabled many Irish artists to experience at first hand the pioneering developments occurring in France where the art movements of Realism, Impressionism, Symbolism and Post-Impressionism were to the fore of revolutionary art practice. In Britain, artists including Philip Wilson Steer, whose work is also on view here, promoted modern French painting through the New English Art Club.

In Belgium, the reputation of the Academie Royale des Beaux Arts at Antwerp during the 1870s and 1880s attracted students internationally and Walter Osborne and Roderic O'Connor were among the Irish artists who studied there. The Academy's teaching philosophy was led by Charles Verlat, Professor of Painting. He emphasised excellence in draughtsmanship alongside a vigorous handling of paint and encouraged students to paint rapidly out of doors using bold colours. From Antwerp, many of the Irish artists such as Roderic O'Connor and John Lavery, headed to the artists' colonies in Brittany including Pont Aven and Beg-Meil while others favoured the French countryside around the rural village of Barbizon at the edge of the forest of Fontainebleau as well as the picturesque villages in Britain.

In Paris, numerous new academies emerged in opposition to the academic teachings of the École des Beaux Arts. To advance their practices, many of the artists taking advantage of the new public transport system headed off by train to the artists' colonies which had sprung up around Fontainebleau. These colonies were thronged with those seeking to live the bohemian dream and capture idyllic subject matter drawn from rural life.

The Irish artist Frank O'Meara studied at the *atelier* of Carolus-Duran in Paris. There, he became friends with John Singer Sargent who joined him for a time in the artists' colony of Grez sur Loing near Fontainebleau. O'Meara and fellow artist William Stott of Oldham's preference for autumnal light and even, muted colours in their paintings is in marked contrast to the sun-filled exuberance of the paintings of Walter Osborne, William Leech, John Lavery and May Guinness. These differing sensibilities, one wistful and melancholic and the other bolder and more joyous reveals how specific qualities of light and place can enrich our perception of the landscape surrounding us.

EXHIBITIONS *Eugeen Van Miegheem: Port Life*



Dates: 9 February – 11 June 2017

Port Life by Eugeen van Mieghem provides the first opportunity for Irish audiences to see the work of this acclaimed Belgian artist. This exhibition provides a fascinating visual account of the pulsating life of Antwerp Port at the beginning of the 20th century. Van Mieghem's work represents a social history, exploring themes of migration, globalisation, port society, the working community and the life of the artist – themes that resonate with Dublin as a port city.

Port Life includes paintings, drawing and prints dating from the turn of the century to just prior to the artist's death in 1930, that demonstrate through his exceptional skills as a draughtsman his commitment to a locality and community. Van Mieghem's work depicts the harsh labour carried out by dockers, porters and sack-sewers at a time of increasing mechanisation, alongside the migration of people, goods and ships. The social life of the city is also represented through images of his mother's tavern and the elegant cafés of the Belle Époque society, the promenades along the Scheldt and children at play on the riverbank.

Sponsor: *Eugeen Van Mieghem: Port Life* is organised with the support of Dublin Port Company.

Lenders: Museum Plantin-Moretus / Prentenkabinet, Antwerp - UNESCO World Heritage Eugeen Van Mieghem Museum, Antwerp and The Province of Antwerp

Catalogue: A full colour 88 page hardback publication will accompany the exhibition. Essays by Julian Campbell, Erwin Joos, Jef Vrelust and Lenore Van der Veer.

Anne Madden: New Work



Dates: 1st June to 10th September

Working as an artist for over six decades, Anne Madden's abstracted landscapes see an imaginative and emotional response to place and memory. She creates notional and conceptual spaces imbued with a sensual intensity and symbolic potency which dwell on the complexities of world order and the tragedy of existence.

Emerging out of the Abstract Expressionist tradition her involvement with her paintings is very physical. The large colourfield works correspond to her height and reach. But while the formal elements of her abstracted compositions are central to her paintings, Madden's work is never entirely abstract. She walks a tightrope between abstraction and figuration, manipulating the paint into forms and images which reference place or experience.

Her new work is inspired by the Greek goddess Ariadne whose love for Theseus saved him from death by the Cretan Minotaur. Her golden thread ensured his escape from the Minotaur's labyrinth after he slayed the beast. She flees with Theseus to Naxos where to her dismay, he abandons her. For Madden, myth opens doors to notional and conceptual spaces and, in this body of work, Ariadne weaves her way through celestial spaces her golden thread curling about her.

The skies alternate between spectacular luminosity heightened by the application of gold paint and foreboding, the threat of chaos and infernal embodied in the image of the Minotaur. Order and chaos rub up against each other igniting the two dimensional surfaces with spectacular chromatic contrasts.

Madden continually seeks an understanding of a further Universal order beyond the tyranny of nature. And through her art practice attempts to uncover realities that exist but are unseen. Ariadne's thread is known as the solving of a problem with multiple apparent means of proceeding. It is a process that painstakingly makes an ordered search, point by point to reach an end position. Through her art Madden seeks ultimate enlightenment and, like Ariadne's thread it is an ongoing process, an ordered search which despite its futility must continue.

Catalogue: A fully illustrated catalogue with essays by Brian O'Doherty and Yvonne Scott will accompany this exhibition

THE OCEAN AFTER NATURE

Dates: 7th September 2017 - 7th January 2018

Following the gallery's successful 2016 centenary theme of *Artist as Witness in Society* the 2017 temporary exhibition programme will again engage contemporary appraisals of historical and social issues.

Invoking personal themes of identity and migration, alongside more universal concerns related to tourism, trade, and the exploitation of natural resources, the artists in *THE OCEAN AFTER NATURE* respond to the intertwined factors that define a new understanding of the ocean. Featuring work in a wide variety of media—including photography, video, sculpture, music, and design—the exhibition proposes that seascapes do not only reflect power but can be instruments of power themselves.



For centuries the ocean has been represented as a vast unknown space loaded with notions of the sublime and the exotic. Recently however, global technological and economic shifts have triggered new concerns and understandings of the ocean. As we consider the future of our planet, today's oceans reveal more about the consequences of human actions than ever before.

The Ocean After Nature considers the ocean as a site reflecting the ecological, cultural, political, and economic realities of a globalised world. The selected artists explore new ways of representing the seascape as a means to identify and critique various interrelated and chaotic systems of power, such as land-sea divides, the circulation of people and goods, and the vulnerabilities of our ecosystems.

Guest Curator Alaina Claire Feldman, the Director of Exhibitions at Independent Curators International (ICI)

Artists: 22 international artists and two local Irish artists, Elaine Byrne and Philip Napier to be included.

Catalogue: Accompanying the exhibition is a publication edited by Alaina Claire Feldman and designed by Geoff Kaplan / General Working Group.



Eithne Jordan: Cultural Spaces (Working title)

Dates: 19th October 2017 to 13th January 2018

Eithne Jordan's work looks at the contemporary urban environment . The artist is drawn to anonymous urban spaces, the side spaces and blank walls – those non-places that are forgotten in cities such as Paris, Rotterdam, New York, Barcelona and most recently Vienna. For this exhibition Jordan will interrogate the artist's relationship with the museum and how it is used as resource material in the studio. Jordan is "Looking at" the relationship between artists and museums and how the act of looking at artworks in quiet contemplation affects one's practice.

Catalogue: A catalogue on Eithne Jordan's work will be published to coincide with her exhibition

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane - Open call for a Socially engaged commission



Closing date: January 27, 2017, 5pm GMT

www.create-ireland.ie www.hughlane.ie

Open call for a socially engaged commission with Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane and Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts in Ireland, as part of the Collaborative Arts Partnership Programme funded by Creative Europe.

Location: Dublin North inner city centre area / Parnell Square and environs – Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane

Commission budget: 50,000 EUR

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane and Create the national development agency for collaborative arts in Ireland, have advertised a major opportunity for a collaborative artist(s) to research and deliver a new commission for Spring 2018. This commission will run from 2017 into 2018 and sets out to encourage meaningful and in depth engagement with communities of place and of interest as well as the distinct architectural, socio-political and cultural landscape of the North Inner City of Dublin. The commission will focus on collaborative socially engaged arts practice and is open to artists and / or arts collectives born in or resident in the UK, Ireland, Spain, Finland, Hungary or Germany, (partner countries within the Collaborative Arts Partnership Programme).

The commission process will include a research period with the opportunity to develop a new work in collaboration with local and new communities in the surrounding area/neighborhood where Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane is located. The commission is in two phases, Research and Development Strand March/April/May 2017 and Production June 2017–June 2018.

We are seeking Artists with a track record and experience of working in the field of collaborative socially engaged practice, with the ability to connect to and read the complexities of the local area. We are keen to receive proposals which consider diverse ways to engage with both community and audiences.

Selection will take place on the 21st February 2017 and the decision of the panel will be final. This commission is part of the Collaborative Arts Partnership Programme, supported by the Creative Europe programme of the European Union (Culture Sub-Programme). CAPP Partners: Create Ireland (Coordinating lead partner Dublin) Agora Collective Berlin, hablarenarte Madrid, Heart of Glass St.Helens UK, Kunsthalle Osnabrück (GDR) Live Art Development Agency London, Ludwig Museum Budapest, M-Cult Helsinki and Tate Liverpool

The National Neighbourhood, Dublin Culture Connects: Premiere Screening: Ships Passing in the Night

As part of the National Neighbourhood, a Dublin Culture Connects Project, the premiere of the video artwork *Ships Passing in the Night* created by artist James Ó hAodha with children from the Dublin Sikh community and the Sandymount Dodder Sea Scouts was screened in the gallery on Saturday the 21st January 2017.

The piece was featured on RTÉ News2Day at 5.35 mins:
<http://www.rte.ie/player/ie/show/news2day-30001385/10672245/>

Also screened was a commissioned short-film capturing the project's process by videographer Jenny Brady.

Citizen Lane Film

SohoMoon have secured financial backing for a film about the life of Sir Hugh Lane, Citizen Lane. They hope to have a shooting script delivered by mid March with production beginning in May/June 2017. A more detailed update to follow

Coffee Conversations:

Coffee conversations take place every Wednesday in the gallery at 11am, €5 fee.

8th February: William Leech, *Beach South of France* with Sinead Furlong-Clancy

15th February: Eugeen van Mieghem, introduction to *Port Life* exhibition with Logan Sisley

22nd February: Frank Joseph O'Meara, *October* and *Study of an Old Woman* with Yvonne Pettitt

1st March, 11 am: T. P. Flanagan – *Bogwater* and *Bullwire* with Olive Knox

8th March: The Hugh Lane a history in portraits with Michelle Doyle

Gallery at noon concerts

Our music programme continues to deliver high quality performances at noon every Sunday in the gallery, admission is free, but early arrival is recommended.

Hugh Lane February mid-term workshops with author Dave Rudden

Dave Rudden will be holding two workshops at The Hugh Lane as part of the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature's Citywide Reading Campaign, for which his new book the *Knights of the Borrowed Dark* has been selected for 2017.

Thursday 23rd February, 11am – 12.30pm

A drama workshop for 6 – 10 year olds. Fee €10

Join author Dave Rudden to explore different dramatic and delivery techniques, and work together to re-enact scenes from his book *The Knights of the Borrowed Dark*. No experience necessary.

Places are limited, to book a place please contact the gallery reception on 012225564.

Thursday 23rd February, 2 – 4pm

Creative Writing Workshop for 10+ year olds. Fee €10.

In this practical creative writing workshop led by author Dave Rudden participants will explore how to develop ideas, plot structures and characters, how to edit your writing and how to bring an idea from your head to the page. The session will culminate with a 15 minute Q&A with the author and the person with the best question will win a signed copy of his book *The Knights of the Borrowed Dark*. No experience necessary.

Places are limited, to book a place please contact the gallery reception on 012225564.

For further information please visit www.hughlane.ie

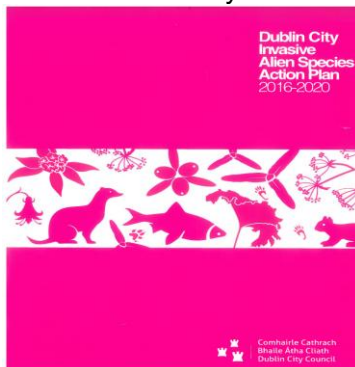
PARKS AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

Dublin City Parks and Landscape Services works continuously towards the delivery of a greener and more liveable city. The goal is to enhance the experience of all who interact with the city and provide a standard of presentation and animation of parks and public places befitting a capital city. We also play an important role in the protection and promotion of our city's biodiversity and the important species and habitats of Dublin Bay which are recognised by UNESCO through education, awareness raising and public engagement.

Strategies

In 2016 we achieved significant progress on completing a number of key strategic plans through public consultation.

- Dublin City Tree Strategy, 2016 – 2020,
- Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan 2015 – 2020
- Dublin City Invasive Species Action Plan 2016 – 2020



A consultation draft of the Dublin City Parks Strategy is currently available on consultation.dublincity.ie. Comments will be accepted until the end of January 2017. The strategy reviews and assesses the resources and services provided by Dublin City Council, Parks and Landscape Services and formulates policy and intended actions for them into the future. Following public consultation a revised draft of the Strategy will be put for adoption to the Special Policy Committee of the City Council.

Green Flag Award



The Green Flag is awarded in recognition of achieving quality standards for the presentation of parks and recreation facilities. It promotes high horticultural and environmental standards and is a benchmark for excellence in park management based on acknowledged international best practice. The award scheme, already established in more than 50 countries was trialled in the Republic of Ireland in a limited number of parks in 2015. The scheme is administered here by An Taisce. Dublin City Council now holds 5

Green flag awards for the following parks: Poppintree Park, Bushy Park, Markievicz Park, Blessington Street Basin and St. Anne's Park.

UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere



Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership worked with Comhairle na nÓg to co-create an awareness campaign for the Biosphere. Nineteen members (aged from 12 to 17 years of age) volunteered to get involved. They chose to make a short video, aimed at young people, to celebrate Dublin Bay and to tell the story of the Biosphere in their own words. They had talks and guided walks in the area so that they could experience nature in Dublin Bay for themselves. They wrote the

script for the video and it was filmed onboard a Dublin Bay Cruise from the City Centre to Dun Laoghaire and Howth, with drone footage from North Bull Island. The video was launched on July 12th 2016 by Lord Mayor Brendan Carr. The video is available on [Youtube](#) and has already had over 1,000 views. It has also received positive coverage in the [national media](#).

This was a pilot project for the UNESCO Brand & Story Toolkit and was showcased as an example of international best practice in Biosphere communications at the World Congress of Biosphere Reserves in Lima, Peru raising the international profile of Dublin Bay Biosphere.

Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yo6INxSPdRc>



The Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership has worked collaboratively with Dublin Bay Cruises to develop guided Biosphere Discovery Tours, which raise awareness of the Biosphere while giving passengers an enjoyable visitor experience. This is an exciting ecotourism initiative which provides employment while enabling people to observe the fascinating habitats and species of Dublin Bay from a distance, thereby reducing ecological impacts.

Biodiversity

Our Biodiversity Team continued to deliver on a number of initiatives and actions in the Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan 2015 – 2020. A key part of their work is engaging with a range of organisations, communities and interest groups to develop greater awareness and understanding of biodiversity. The team engaged in a number of events and projects in 2016 including the Celebration of World Wetlands Day, the Brent Goose Schools Project and collaboration with students from the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and participants from the Coolmine Therapeutic Community Recovery programme. Activities included talks and workshops, invasive species management activity, talks and instruction to school students on identifying the Light Bellied Brent Goose and winter waders at North Bull Island and display stands and workshops at events including the Rose Festival and the Battle for the Bay.



Wood Quay is one of several examples across Dublin City of how our nature, our biodiversity, can reinvigorate a grey urban space. The environs of the civic offices have been invigorated with wildflower meadows over the roof of the car park and vibrant, colourful herbaceous planting in the grounds. This planting provides a rich source of food for the resident hives of honey bees that have made the rooftop of the Civic Offices their home. Thanks to specially designed nest boxes, the rooftops are also home to annual visitors to the city – the Swift and with the help of St Audoen’s National School, the once-bare rooftops of the carpark pavilions have been transformed into a bugs paradise.



The Biodiversity team were also involved in a very successful collaboration with RTE Radio 1 to promote the RTE Radio 1 Dawn Chorus with the provision of banners and flags and an associated artwork installation and the “sounds” of the Dawn Chorus in the Atrium, Civic Offices

Historic Parks: Implementation of Conservation Plans

In 2016, work continued on the production of Conservation Plans and the implementation of recommendations in those Plans for our historic and heritage parks. A Conservation Plan for

St. Patrick’s Park was completed. *Merrion Square* saw the addition of new seating, completion of the reinstatement of the perimeter footpath around the park, enhancement

works at the Oscar Wilde corner of the park and the relocation of sculptures in the park to create a Sculpture Walk, while in *Herbert Park* an upgrade of the tennis pavilion/ bowling clubhouse was completed with the addition of a new facility “The Hive” in the park and the official opening of our most recent Seomra Tae operated by Lolly and Cooks in the park. Refurbishment of the Courtyard at the Red Stables in St Anne’s Park, was completed, together with the engagement of consultants on the upgrade of the Follies in the park and work commenced on the restoration of the railings at *Mountjoy Square Park*. These works and new initiatives are supporting the conservation and restoration of our historic parks while at the same time encouraging and promoting the use of parks as part of healthy living and wellbeing

Seomra Tae



Councillor Dermot Lacey, on behalf of the Lord Mayor of Dublin Brendan Carr, officially opened our new seomra tae in Herbert Park on Monday the 25th July. This is the latest addition in our ongoing initiative to refurbish older buildings in parks and transform them into more useable spaces for the public. This new facility in Herbert Park has created a real focal point and socialising space within the park. *Lolly and Cooks* who operate the seomra tae, were established in 2008. They are a family run business dedicated to creating and producing artisan food to the highest quality. Summertime opening hours 9.30am - 9pm, 7 days a week.

The Tram Café also opened in Wolfe Tone Park in 2016 following public tender. This has proven to be a very welcome addition to this important public space for local people and business and has alleviated a great deal of anti-social activity that previously took place here. These tearooms are a further addition to the ones in Harolds Cross Park, St Annes Park (Red Stables) and St Patricks Park.

The ‘seomra tae’ brand signifies Dublin City Councils commitment to promoting local business operators and home made quality offerings in its Park tearooms.

Public Realm and ‘Greening’ Improvements

A landscape scheme has been completed on the site of some old derelict shops in Dolphin’s Barn. The planting includes species particularly attractive to bees and other insects. In another project the concrete median in St Nicholas St was excavated to introduce a hedge and other planting which has the benefit of greening this area and providing greater urban drainage capacity.



2016 Centenary



Parks and Landscape Services co-ordinated, designed and arranged for installation of a new flagpole and plaque in O'Connell Street for the ceremonial flag raising that was carried out by the Defence Forces at noon daily throughout 2016.



Our Play Development team also engaged in the 1916 centenary programme with the provision of Playday events and activities in Merrion Square on Easter Monday and at Aras on Uachtarain in June. As part of the 'Imagining 2016' Project DCC and DCYA have collaborated in realising a legacy project proposed by children and young people throughout Ireland; as part of the Imagining 2016 Consultation process, the development of a 1916 Commemorative Play Garden was agreed to be located and developed at St. Audoen's Park, the

play garden will be dedicated to the memory of the children who died during the 1916 Rising. This project is due for completion in 2017. We also supported Article 31; the child's right to play by hosting National Playday 2016 for the 11th year running, this event took place at Merrion Square Park.

Play Development

Play Development joined in with the Annual Rose Festival at St Anne's Park and has been an excellent addition to the event in making it an even more child-friendly and playful event.

The 2016 Runamuck Summer Project support play programmes ran successfully during July and August involving over 2,500 children from across the city.

A number of Community Play Facilities Projects were delivered in 2016 as part of the "Outside the Box" play project which involves a consultative process with communities that includes children and young people in redesigning local outdoor space for 'play'; in August a 3rd site - Poplar Row was completed. Works have also commenced at a 4th Site - Ceannt Fort and the newly refurbished play area is due to be completed by the end of January 2017. This will coincide with the programme of events for the 100 year celebration of this housing development. Additionally play development also provide support and expertise in the development of the new playground at Constitution Hill which featured on RTE 2nd August, 2016.

Shelter Play: Collaborative work with DCC Homeless unit is ongoing in developing practical play resources for children and young people experiencing homelessness; the provision of 'Play Resource Backpacks' and the ongoing development of child-friendly and playful installations as part of the refurbishment of Parkgate Hall.

Events and Creative Animation of Parks



The annual Rose Festival held in St. Anne's Park, Raheny on the 17th & 18th July, 2016, continues to grow in popularity and is a key highlight of our annual event programme with visitor numbers increasing year on year. Other animation in parks organised or supported by Dublin City Council included pop up theatre, drawing, music performances and circus workshops and events hosted as part of the International Literature Festival Dublin and Offset Festival. Parks remain extremely popular as venues for large scale and local events with a total of 366 applications for events received in 2016. We were delighted to welcome the Dublin Maker and Tiger Dublin Fringe to Merrion Square in 2016 and performances as part of the Bram Stoker Festival to St. Patrick's Park and the Red Stables in St. Anne's Park. Other popular events in parks and at North Bull island include the Laya City Spectacular, The Big Grill, Battle for the Bay, Happenings Outdoor Cinema, Opera in the Open and The Dublin Kite Festival.

Our park markets are a great opportunity for families and visitors to shop for a diverse range of high quality organic and artisan produce, enjoy a lunchtime break and avail of the other amenities that parks offer. Weekend 'farmers' markets are held in St. Anne's Park, Herbert Park and Bushy Park. A Thursday lunchtime food market is also held in Merrion Square Park during the summer months.



In addition to events and festivals that were hosted in city parks, a number of creative and pop up installations appeared in city parks in 2016 and included a Street Art installation in Diamond Park created by artist, Solus, our Fairy Door and light installation in the Blessington Street Basin and Christmas dressing of Chancery Park and our pop up park at Church Street.



Tree Care Programme

A significant programme of tree pruning has been implemented in local roads and housing estates throughout the city and along roads such as Baggot Street and the North Circular Road (see view below towards the Wellington Monument, Phoenix Park)). This is a multi-annual programme to ensure that the city trees are properly monitored and managed and that the City Council avails of opportunities for new tree planting in accordance with best practice as set out in the City Tree Strategy.



New Parks and Capital Projects

Croppies Acre Park was officially opened in June 2016 by An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh as a public park. This park was originally designed as a Memorial Park by the Office of Public Works but due to anti-social behaviour it was not open to the public. Following improvements by Dublin City Council in 2015 and 2016 it was opened and now provides opportunity for recreation and relaxation along the north city quays.



An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh also officially opened the newly refurbished sports pavilion and new playground at Willie Pearse Park, Crumlin in February, 2016. A variety of sports clubs including Crumlin United Football Club, Crumlin GAA and Crumlin Boxing Club avail of the new changing pavilion at the Park.

A number of other capital projects commenced in 2016 including the upgrade of tennis and padel facilities at Bushy Park, sports field drainage and the commencement of construction on

a number of all weather pitches and changing room pavilions in addition to renewal of playgrounds in several parks.

A number of Part 8 processes were also completed or commenced for new parks and park improvement works including for new parks Chocolate Park, Docklands and Weaver Park and improvement works in St. Audoen's Park.

Parks and Landscape Services have an ambitious and exciting programme of capital projects for which the planning has been substantially completed in 2016. A highlight of this programme is the development of a new skatepark for Le Fanu Park, that saw design teams from around the world submit proposals in a design competition. The design competition and consultation was organised by the Irish Architecture Foundation and funded by The Matheson Foundation in partnership with Dublin City Council. The construction cost in the order of €1,000,000 will be funded by Dublin City Council with a contribution from Sports Capital Grants making it one of the most significant investments in a play space in Ireland in 2017.



Capital Projects Completed in 2016

Location	Description	Status
Willie Pearse Park	New Changing Room Pavilion, Refurbished Boxing Clubhouse and new childrens Playground.	Opened February
Croppies Acre	New Public Park	Opened 14 th June
Herbert Park	New tearoom; Bowling Clubhouse and Tennis courts	Opened 20 th May

Capital Projects brought through planning in 2016

Location	Description	Status
Weaver Park	New Public Park	Construction in progress
St. Audeons Park/ Church	Up-grade of Park and grounds of church	Going to tender Q1, 2017
Peace Garden, Christchurch	Park re-design,	Part 8 process in progress
Bull Island	Phase 1 of car parking traffic improvements on Causeway. Interpretive Centre feasibility study. Design for recreation facility at North Bull Wall	Part 8 public display process completed Q4 2016 Presentation at North Central Area Committee and SPC Q4 2016 Design commenced for Part 8 in 2017
St Annes Park	Red Stables refurbishment Sealawn Lodge refurbishment Toilets	Part 8 approved 2016 Part 8 approved July 2016 Design being finalised for part 8 in 2017
'Chocolate' Park, Docklands	New Public Park	Part 8 public display and submission period complete.
Liffey Vale House, Liffey Valley Park	Phase 1 of new Park on north bank of river from Chapelizod to Memorial Gardens.	Plan in preparation.
Bushy Park	New Tearooms	Design prepared for Part 8 Q1 2017

Human Resources Department Workforce Numbers

The total number of employees at 31st December 2016 was 5,618 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of worksharing arrangements) was 5,290.15. The total workforce number of 5,618 represents a reduction of 23.2% since December 2008. Reduction in resources has taken place in Management grades where numbers have reduced by 34%, Clerical/Admin have reduced by 28.8%, Professional/Technical grades (e.g. engineer, planner, architect grades) where numbers have reduced by 22.4%. Numbers in Operational grades have reduced by 24.2% and in Firefighter operational grades by 8.3%. Throughout recent years, and on a continuing basis, managers and staff have undertaken restructuring, reassignment and prioritisation of work to continue service delivery to citizens and customers despite reduced workforce numbers. Managers and staff are continuing to review how services are delivered to optimise customer service, within constrained resources.

Ref No	Request Details	Name(s)	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/5017/2016	seeks records re debt and debt collection	Sunday Independent	Press	20/12/2016	24/01/2017
FOI/5016/2016	seeks planning enforcement records	David Carey	Client	20/12/2016	24/01/2017
FOI/5015/2016	seeks records re hostel accommodation in D8	Barry Doyle	Solicitor	20/12/2016	
FOI/5014/2016	seeks records re Kilmainham Civic Space	Cian Ginty	Client	20/12/2016	
FOI/5013/2016	seeks records re Royal Canal Greenway	Cian Ginty	Client	20/12/2016	
FOI/5007/2016	Seeks records relating to social housing	KOD Lyons Solicitors	Solicitor	15/12/2016	04/01/2017
FOI/5005/2016	Seeks records regarding emergency accommodation and costs	Dublin Inquirer	Press	14/12/2016	18/01/2017
FOI/5004/2016	Seeks records regarding food provided at council meetings	Dublin Inquirer	Press	14/12/2016	12/01/2017
FOI/5003/2016	Seeks records regarding specific enforcement file.	Margaret Connolly	Business	14/12/2016	18/01/2017
FOI/5000/2016	seeks records re Markievicz Leisure Centre	Westwood Club	Business	08/12/2016	
The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in December 2016					

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2016 is outlined below.	
Carried forward from 2015	28
Total opened at December 2016	512
	540
Total closed at December 2016	511
Live cases	29