



Monthly Management Report – 6th March 2017

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 a monthly Management reports to Council. Please find this month's report

Taking feedback from councillors at the Corporate Policy Group and with the consent of Protocol Committee we are trialling a new format for this report

If you have any observations or suggestions on how this report could be improved, please contact Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh, Meetings Administrator.

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Chief Executive

22nd February 2017

Culture, Recreation and Economic Services

1.1 New Policy / Strategy

- **Parks & Open Spaces Strategy.** Public Consultation closed on 28th February, 2017. Final draft will be presented to the SPC in May.
- **Strategic review of the City Play Plan 2012 – 2017** will commence in Q2, 2017
- **STRIDE 2017 – 2020.** First strategy for the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership. Launched 20th February 2017 – <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-sports-facilities/our-role>
- **Digital Marketing Strategy** –Used to inform an implementation plan setting out actions required to continue to improve our digital communication with clients. (Local Enterprise Office).
- **Local Enterprise Development Plan (LEDP) 2017 – 2020** – The three year plan is being drafted setting out targets for the delivery of services over the coming three years. The plan includes details of events and competitions to be held and targets for training, mentoring and grant assistance along with other support services.

1.2 Departmental Priorities

- **Implementation of Workforce Plan.** Restructure of Parks operational districts completed, interviews held for park supervisors and successful candidates have been re-assigned.
- **1916 Play Garden** – work on this joint Department of Children and Youth Affairs and Dublin City Council project has progressed to draft concept design stage
- **The Dublin Bay Biosphere Biodiversity Conservation and Research Strategy 2016 – 2020** - The Biodiversity Team continue to deliver on the objectives contained in this Strategy including the delivery of educational and awareness activities and events, holding regular meetings of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership and continued liaison with the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.
- **Development of a core suite of programmes to be rolled out across the city by the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Sport Officers** – Core programmes agreed and will be finalised by end of March 2017.
- **Creative Ireland** – At the request of the Minister for Arts, Heritage Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and under the Government's national Creative Ireland plan, a City Council Creative Ireland Team has been convened. The Team is led by City Librarian, Margaret Hayes.
- **Pilot national delivery Service for Inter-Library Loans** –The LGMA decided to extend the current pilot to include deliveries between all library authorities. The 4 Dublin Library services will join this 6 month pilot delivery scheme from 1st March 2017. Once the pilot is in place Dublin City borrowers will have access to the stock of all library services in the country (and vice versa).
- **Home Energy Kit – LAMA Award and Expansion** – Dublin City Council won a LAMA award for Best Energy Smart Initiative for the Home Energy Saving Kit project on 4th February 2017. The kit was piloted with success in Dublin City Public Libraries over the last year and in a second phase the kits will be available to borrow from all Dublin City library locations.
- **Dublin One City One Book** – *Echoland* by Joe Joyce, published by New Island, is this year's choice for Dublin: One City One Book. The Festival launch will take place at Collins Barracks on March 22nd.

- **Donation of Japanese Translations of Irish works** – At a ceremony to mark sixty years of diplomatic relations between Japan and Ireland, Her Excellency Mari Miyoshi presented Japanese translations of Irish literary works to the Central Library on 18th February.
- **Swift 350th Anniversary** – A travelling version of the exhibition *Jonathon Swift and Dublin* will go on display in branch libraries throughout the rest of 2017. Failte Ireland has convened a workshop to plan an inaugural *Jonathon Swift Festival*, planned for late November. The City Library & Archives Service will participate along with other sections of the Council.
- **Cruinniú Na Cásca – Easter Monday 17th April** – New national day of culture, which will take place for the first time on Easter Monday 17th April. Dublin city’s comprehensive programme of events will feature outdoor musical performances, craft exhibitions, ethnic food stalls, funfairs etc. Events will take place in four main venues across the city – Dublin Castle, Smithfield Square, Custom House Square and St. Stephen’s Green. The Dublin programme is led by The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs along with Dublin City Council and Office of Public Works.
- **Eugeen Van Mieghem: Port Life 9th February – 11th June 2017** – Sponsored by Dublin Port and curated and delivered by the gallery, *Port Life* forms part of the Dublin Port Company *Port Perspectives Programme*. The exhibition of 71 works is accompanied by a 96 page hardback catalogue with essays by Julian Campbell, Erwin Joos, Jef Vrelust and Lenore Van Der Veer.
- **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 to the regional co-ordinator. A call has been put out for competitive funding to support actions under the Action Plan for Jobs.
- **Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur Awards 2017** – This national initiative run through the Local Enterprise Office to encourage and support a culture of entrepreneurship among young people in Ireland saw the hosting of the Dublin regional finals on 25th January. Two of the three regional finalists are from the Dublin City Local Enterprise Office and will represent Dublin City in the Best Idea and Best Start Up category at 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.

1.3 Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Greening Project Nicholas Street and High Street	Nicholas Street completed High Street in progress	Complete High Street project
Weaver Park: new park	Contractor on site	Complete works
Peace Garden - re-design	Part 8 on display until March 5 th	Prepare Report for Area Committee
St. Audeon’s Park & Church: Upgrade Park & Grounds	Tender submissions due in March 6 th	Appoint contractor
Liffey Vale Liffey Valley Park	Conservation plan and historical study of house and grounds completed	Present to Area Committee

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Bushy Park - Tearooms	Part 8 presented to Area Committee	Advertise Part 8 – March 2017
Bull Island: Causeway traffic and car parking improvements	Issue of report following Part 8 in progress	Report to City Council – Q2
Herbert Park : Implementation of Conservation Plan	Works ongoing	Complete works
St Anne's Park: a) Conservation works on Follies b) Re-development of Sealawn Lodge	a) Retender Q2 b) Work in progress	a) Tender assessment b) Complete works
Merrion Square Park: a) Implementation Conservation Plan b) Tearooms	a) 50% of path surfaces replaced. North East entrance fully renovated b) Pre-Part 8 consultation underway.	a) Continue improvement works on footpaths and park infrastructure. b) Part 8 to be lodged Q2
Mountjoy Square Park: Implementation of Conservation Plan	a) Conservation of railings ongoing b) Preparation of Part 8 re restoration of historic layout in progress	a) Complete work b) Draft Part 8 to Area Committee
Wolfe Tone Park: Renovation /greening of Park and Public Realm to include Wolfe Tone Street	Part 8 completed. Comments being assessed by Planning Dept	Report to be presented to Area Committee
Bushy Park: a) Upgrade of Tennis Courts b) Pavilion & Padel Courts	a) Tenders assessed and preferred bidder selected b) Licence approved Feb 2017	a) Commence works Q2 b) Official opening Q2
Le Fanu Park: Skatepark/ Playground	Part 8 process completed	Tender to issue Q2
Changing Rooms Pavilion Poppintree, Springdale, Tolka Valley,	Contractor appointed and/or construction commenced	Complete Works Q2/3 2017
All Weather Pitches Glendale, Trinity Leisure Centre, St. Anne's Park, Brickfields	Construction commenced.	Due for completion Q2/3 2017
Rockfield Park -Resurfacing of Tennis Courts/ Training area	Tenders assessed – preferred bidder selected	Commence works

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Outdoor Gyms - Poppintree, Mellows, Griffith, Ellenfield and Martin Savage Parks	Installation March 2017	Installation completed
Playgrounds Cherry Orchard: Replace surface, Herbert enhancement works, Darndale and Bluebell additional play equipment, Ring Street, upgrade, Ranelagh Gardens, New Playground	Work commencing March 2017	Completion Q2/3 2017
Business case for Dalymount Park Redevelopment	Business case report being compiled at present	Business case will be presented to relevant central government departments
Women's Rugby world Cup 2017	Welcoming ceremony in the Mansion House, city dressing/branding and fan zones during tournament currently being organised	Event in August 2017
Euros 2020	Organising committee in place for tournament which will include 4 games in Dublin City.	Ongoing project
Proposed New City Library, Parnell Square	Site investigations works commenced on site on 20 th February 2017 and will last approximately 8 weeks.	Site investigation works to be completed.
Kevin Street Library – Refurbishment	Construction works began on 8 th February 2017	Completion of works/handover.
Library Management System	The remaining 13 library services began joining the national system (managed by Dublin City Council) on 2 nd February	All library services will have joined on 22 nd March.
DJEl Migrant Integration Strategy	Establishment of an Integration Network for migrant groups to engage with Government and public bodies.	Actions for implementation by local authorities (PPN, LEO, local integration strategies, voter registration, JPC) and specifically for DCC. Ongoing.
EU Welcome Cities	Currently preparing a toolkit for organisations hoping to apply to DCC's Integration fund	Published in March 2017
Dublin City Interfaith Forum Planning Workshop	Following the Lord Mayor's launch of the Interfaith Charter in December, the Dublin City Interfaith Forum held a workshop in the Wood Quay Venue on 17 th February to prepare a strategy to build understanding, respect and co-operation among the various religious denominations and faith groups in our community.	Prepare draft strategy.

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
North Inner City Community Based Artists Collectives Project – Partnering Creative EU Initiative CAPP – March 2017 – May 2018	Following an open call to artists and/or arts collectives, 41 applications were received and are currently under assessment.	Successful applicant to be announced and project to proceed. March 2017
Hugh Lane and Dublin Port Perspectives 10 Local Schools Project.	10 schools were selected to work on the project.	A series of classroom workshops to take place over the coming months
Dublin Culture Connects : Cultural Audit Mapping Project – Survey	Currently identifying and recording information on the city’s culture spanning arts, heritage, sport, recreation, food, the environment science and more.	An on-line map will be developed.

1.4 Dates/Events for your Diary

Event	Location	Date / Time
Irish Specialist Nursery Association Plant Sale	St. Anne’s Park	25/03/2017
Barnardo’s Easter Egg Hunt	Merrion Square Park	15/04/2017
Cabra Parkside Schools Cross Country	Cabra Parkside	08/03/2017 from 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
Launch of Home Energy Savings Kit Phase 2	Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street	07/03/2017 at 9.00 a.m.
Launch of the 2017 Dublin One City One Book Festival	Collins Barracks (TBC)	22/03/2017 from 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Announcement of 2017 International Dublin Literary Award shortlist	The Mansion House	11/04/2017
St. Patrick’s Day Festival	Citywide events – www.stpatricksfestival.ie	16/03 – 19/03/2017
Head of the River Rowing Race	River Liffey http://www.rowingireland.ie	25/03/2017
Focus Ireland Port Tunnel Run – 5K Fun Run for charity	Dublin Port Tunnel https://www.focusireland.ie/get-involved/dublin-tunnel-run/	26/03/2017
Find Your Way – Updating the guide to key services in Dublin City for Migrants to the City	Libraries / Citizens Information Offices, Dublin	Throughout February and March

Event	Location	Date / Time
Let's Walk and Talk – Jonathon Swift guided walk	Meeting House Square	04/04/2017 at 2.30 p.m.
<p>Dublin's Culture Connects will showcase Arts and Cultural events across the City in Neighbourhoods and National Cultural Institutions such as</p> <p>Out and About – People from Coolock have worked together with artist Dorothy Smith to create a drawing and sonnet about their village.</p> <p>Out of the Box Videos Each week in March a video will be released detailing the stories of participants in the Out of the Box Project.</p> <p>'We Pressed Play, now let's REWIND' Featuring on stage chats, music, video screenings and performances.</p> <p>Ships Passing in the Night – An Art and Video Installation</p> <p>ALIGHT! Tell Your Story – Illustration Workshop & Reading</p>	<p>On display at Dublin Bus Stop No 1200 on the Malahide Road.</p> <p>Check out our Dublin's Culture Connects YouTube Channel</p> <p>Axis Theatre, Ballymun Road, Ballymun.</p> <p>Pembroke Library, Anglesea Rd., D. 4</p> <p>Pearse St. Library</p>	<p>25/02 – 25/03/2017</p> <p>2/9/16/23/30 March 2017</p> <p>Thursday 23rd March – 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.</p> <p>20/03/17 – 20/03/18 During Library opening hours.</p> <p>29/03/17 12 noon – 1.45p.m.</p>
Eugeen Van Meghem Exhibition	Hugh Lane Gallery	Continues to 11 th June 2017
Coffee Conversations	Hugh Lane Gallery	Every Wednesday at 11.00 a.m.
Forthcoming Public Lecture – Eric Van Hoydonk, Port Law Professor at Ghent University in conversation with Eamonn O'Reilly, CEO of Dublin Port.	Hugh Lane Gallery	09/03/2017 at 5.30 p.m.
Local Enterprise Week Full details of events are available through the LEO website	https://www.localenterprise.ie/dublincity	05/03 – 10/03/2017

2. Environment and Transportation Department

2.1 Policy/Strategy

Traffic Management Changes, North and South Quays

A report on the introduction of bus priority measures following on from the 2016 City Centre Transport Survey was presented to the February Transportation SPC meeting. Due to the introduction of LUAS Cross City it is expected that a LUAS will cross both the North and South Quays at O'Connell Bridge every 90 seconds. The following is a brief summary of proposals;

The proposals for the **north quays** include a new dedicated bus lane from Ormond Quay to Bachelors Walk and across to Eden Quay, with buses stops being extended. It is proposed that general traffic which turns left onto O'Connell St, will be allowed to access Bachelors Walk as far as O'Connell Bridge. This will facilitate access to car parks and deliveries into the O'Connell Street, Henry Street and Abbey Street areas. General vehicular traffic on Bachelor's Walk at O'Connell Bridge will not be allowed to go straight on to Eden Quay or to turn right to O'Connell Bridge. Eden Quay as far as Marlborough Street will be reconfigured as a public transport, cycling and pedestrian only link.

Eden Quay is to consist of two eastbound bus lanes (one for buses stopping) on the north side of the road and the taxi rank will remain on the building side. The right turn from Bachelors Walk onto O'Connell Bridge will be removed for general vehicle traffic, but will remain for buses, taxis and cyclists.

South Quays: It is proposed to provide an additional bus lane along Burgh Quay, Aston Quay and Wellington Quay. This will facilitate the provision of additional bus stopping points, and the overtaking of stopping buses. One lane of general traffic will be retained along this length of the south quays, which will limit the level of westbound through traffic while facilitating access for retail and commercial premises.

In order to line the bus up to access the bus lane on the North Quays, a new dedicated bus lane is planned on Winetavern Street.

It is proposed that the works should be carried out under Section 37 (traffic signage and lining) or Section 38 (traffic management measures) of the Roads Traffic Act 1994, which are executive functions.

DCC will commence a non statutory public consultation under Section 37 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994, for a 6 week period beginning the 27th of February 2017.

Canal Cordon Counts 2016

The results of the 2016 Canal Cordon Count were presented to the February Transportation SPC meeting. In summary the following are the main points ;

In percentage terms mode share for **bus travel** across the canal cordon in 2016 is 27.1%. This is a slight decrease on 2015 (1.7%) and down 3.2% from the peak bus mode share of 30.3% in 2008. In overall terms bus patronage decreased in 2016 by almost 2,900 person trips. However bus carries almost 55,000 people into the City Centre in the AM peak period. This represents 56% of all public transport trips into the City Centre in the peak period.

The mode share for **rail** across the canal cordon in 2016 was 15.5%. This is the highest it has been since 2008. However it is still some 2% below the peak rail mode share of 17.5% in 2007. Intercity, Suburban Rail and DART had lost a significant share of travel into the City Centre between 2007 and 2014. However this trend was reversed in 2015 and rail mode share increased again between 2015 and 2016 by almost 1%.

Car mode share (excluding taxis) declined in 2016, continuing a year on year decline since 2010. Overall since 2006 car usage has declined by almost 16%. Car use declined by almost 1% between 2015 and 2016, on census day 2016 almost 12,000 less cars entered the City during the AM peak period than on census day 2006.

Walking increased by almost 15% between 2015 and 2016. Walking levels are now at their highest since the cordon count began; the walk mode share is now 10.6%. Over 33,500 “active trips” (walking and cycling) cross the canal cordon during the AM peak period, more than is carried by the entire heavy rail network for the same period.

Cycling has continued its steady trend of increasing usage and now represents a mode a share of 6%, up half a percentage point from 2015. Whilst overall cycle numbers are up 150% on 2006 levels, the cycle mode share has more than doubled in the same period and has increased year on year since 2010.

Over 2,700 people entered the City by **taxi** in 2016 - this represents an 8% decrease on 2015 levels. In 2016 more than double the amount of people entered the City by taxi than did in 2006.

The number of **motor cyclists** entering the City has reduced significantly in the last 10 years (by almost 40%). However the trend remained relatively flat between 2015 and 2016 (5% increase). Motor cycle mode share has been flat at 0.7% for the last four years.

The number of **goods vehicles** entering the City during the AM peak period has declined by over 50% since 2006. The mode share for goods vehicles has remained relatively unchanged since 2007. Between 2006 and 2007 the goods vehicle mode share fell by almost 40%. Goods vehicle volumes in 2016 are unchanged in the year following a slight increase in goods vehicles in 2015 relative to 2014.

Since 2010, there has been a trend of increasing mode share for sustainable transport modes, with a consistent level of increase each year. In 2016 the overall mode share for sustainable transport modes – walking, cycling and public transport was 67% (up one percentage point on 2016), its highest level since the canal cordon counts began. Goods vehicles and journeys by car and motorbike now account for only one third of the trips crossing the canal cordon.

4.2 Progress Report on Road Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green	NTA	DCC	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. Part 10 Planning submission on proposed Traffic Management Measures and Civic Plaza scheduled to be lodged with An Bord Pleanala in March 2017.
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

4.3 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.
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.

4.4 Progress Report on Dublin 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. Environmental monitoring and mitigation measures continued to be implemented during the construction phase of the DWtE facility.

3. Housing & Community Services

3.1 New Policy/Strategic

Homeless Housing Assistance Payment (Homeless HAP)

A total of 187 tenancies were created using Homeless HAP in 2017 up to February 6th, with an average of 37 tenancies being created per week. This is in line with the Rebuilding Ireland target of sourcing 1,200 tenancies in 2017.

Private Emergency Accommodation – Governance and Standardisation

To ensure that there is good corporate governance, standardisation of practices and value for money for services provided across all Private Emergency Accommodation, Dublin City Council has embarked on a process of communication with all PEA Landlords with a view to engaging them in the creation of a more consistent, coherent and streamlined approach to the provision of these services.

Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2017-2020

A proposed process for the development of the new statutory action plan for homelessness has been prepared for the consideration of the Homelessness Statutory Management Group and the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum. A draft will be brought to the Strategic Policy Committee on Housing later this year.

Housing Management

- A differential rent analysis being carried out by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, and a report is due in late Q1/Q2
- The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is to be introduced for new applicants only on 1st March 2017. A document will issue to all Councillors to assist them in responding to enquiries.
- An IT System to facilitate Choice Based Lettings is to be procured.
- An Annual Housing Needs Assessment will be carried out on the 4th May 2017
- Rent Pressure Zones were introduced in the Dublin City Council area on the 24th December 2016.

3.2 Departmental Priorities

Use of Commercial Hotels for homeless families

The DRHE continues to work towards the Rebuilding Ireland mid-year deadline to end the use of commercial hotels for families experiencing homelessness. Opportunities for new Family Hub facilities are being explored.

Homelessness – People at risk of Sleeping Rough

The DRHE continues to explore opportunities to secure new facilities and ensure that there is an adequate number of beds available for people at risk of sleeping rough

PASS Application System

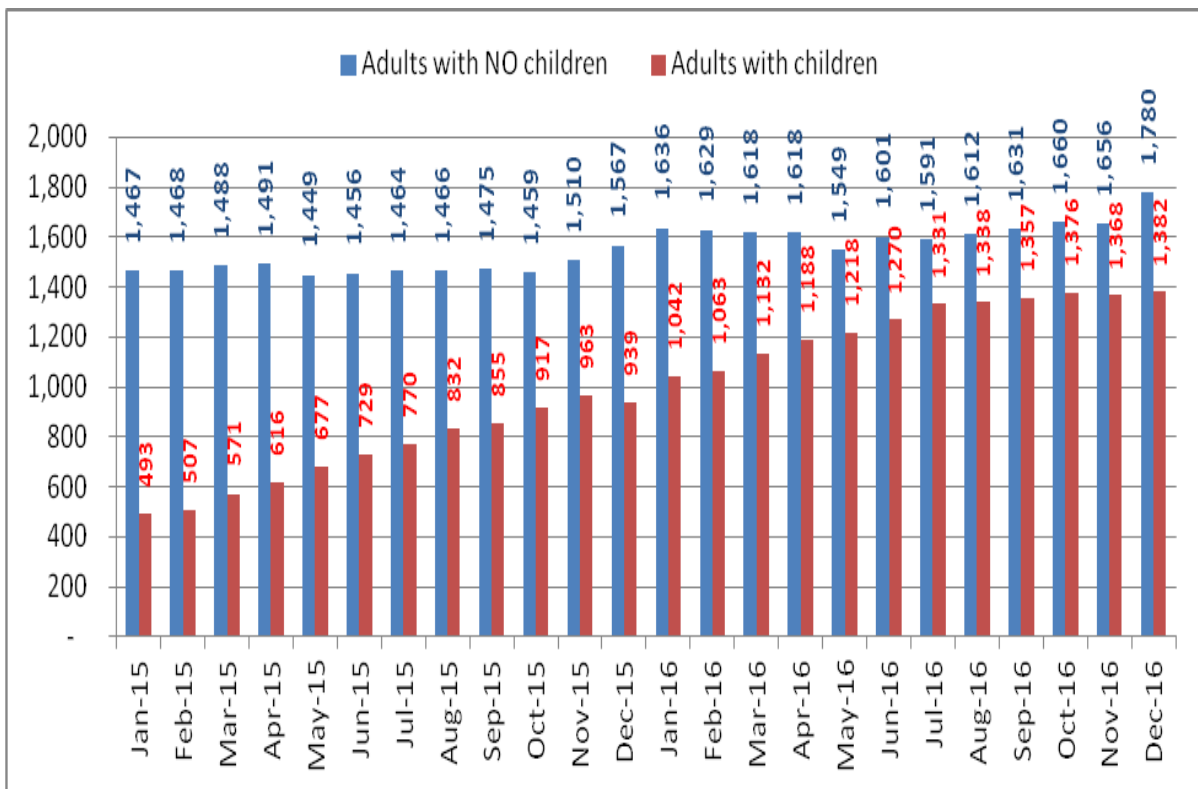
Work has commenced on upgrades to the infrastructure of the system, to include the addition of new features in relation to the National Quality Standards Framework for homeless services and for future reporting capabilities.

3.3 Departmental Projects see also Housing Supply Report

Project Name	Status	Update
DRHE - Supported Temporary Accommodation facilities at Carman's Hall, Little Britain St. and Ellis Quay now operating at full capacity		
DRHE - Family Hub on Clonliffe Rd. – 50 Families (Mater Dei)	Works Commenced	
St Bricins Court Senior Citizens (Two into one)	On Site	Completion Q2
Verschoyle Court Senior Citizens (Two into one)	On Site	Completion Q2
Richmond Road Senior Citizens (Two into one)	On Site	Completion Q2
Greendale Court Senior Citizens (Two into One)	On Site	Completion Q1
St Andrews Court Senior Citizens (Two into One)	On Site	Completion Q2
St Mary's Place (Two into one)	Preliminary Cost Report submitted to Department	No formal response from Department
Estate Retrofit Proposal Dorset Street; Constitution Hill; Tyrone Place; Bernard Curtis House	Brief submitted to Department	No formal response from Department
Energy Improvement Phase 2 External insulation & other energy improvements	Await Confirmation of funding	

3.4 Homelessness data

Monthly figure show a decrease in the number of families in emergency accommodation in the Dublin region in January 2017. The number of singles / couples has increased as new services opened in the region for adults without accompanying children.

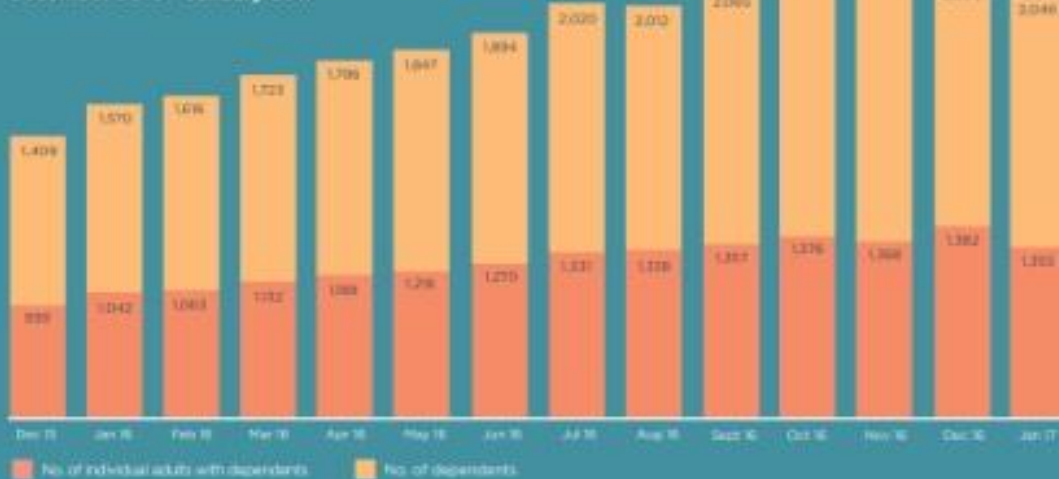


DUBLIN REGION FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS

January (week of 23rd - 29th) 2017



Number of adults with dependent children who are homeless in Dublin
December 2016 - January 2017



The Dublin Region Homeless Executive is provided by Dublin City Council as the lead statutory local authority in the response to homelessness in Dublin and adopts a shared service approach across South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

For more information please see www.homelessdublin.ie



4. Human Resources Department -Workforce Numbers

The total number of employees at 31st January 2017 was 5610 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of worksharing arrangements) was 5,279.45. 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.

5 Planning & Property Development

5.1 New Policy/Strategic

Progress on the draft Poolbeg SDZ, draft Ballymun LAP and draft Phibsborough LEIP will significantly contribute to the continued regeneration of the city. In particular the potential of the Poolbeg SDZ to provide for housing, employment, community facilities and improved infrastructure should lead to that part of the city being transformed into a vibrant sustainable urban area.

Sustainable travel is on the increase with Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes attracting over 68,000 annual subscribers. The network will be expanded further this summer with the addition of 15 stations to include the Grangegorman catchment area and 100 extra bikes

Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Development Plan 2016-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Development Plan now being implemented. 	Implementation of plan objectives. Hard copies being finalised.
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. Finalised Plan now up on DCC website. 	Implementation Group to have first meeting 07/03/2017.
	<p>Ballymun LAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail survey carried out by consultants. Chief Executive's Report on Issues Paper presented to March Area Committee Meeting and April Council Meeting. Sports & recreation workshop held 18th May. Tenure report presented to Area Committee 8th November. 	Draft LAP nearing completion. Presentation to Area Councillors on pre-Draft, 01/03/2017.
Architectural Conservation Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCAC have agreed to proceed with proposed 2 x ('deletion') ACAs for (1) Hollybrook Road and (2) Haddon Road & Victoria Road, - in conjunction with proposed deletions from RPS (see also RPS below). Survey and assessment underway for proposed Temple Bar ACA (in accordance with Built Heritage priorities of the 2016-2022 City Development Plan). Consultants study on proposed Aungier Street ACA underway (in accordance with Built Heritage priorities of the 2016-2022 City Development Plan). 	<p>Commence statutory procedures for public display.</p> <p>Continue survey work and prepare draft, internal discussion document by Autumn-2017.</p> <p>Preliminary draft document received for discussion and review in coming weeks.</p>
Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage

DCC		
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information meeting for members of full Council was held 08th February. Consultations with stakeholders and communities to continue until 08th March. 	Chief Executive's report on submissions to be drafted by mid April and circulated to Members.
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Centre Masterplan provides guidance to other projects with public realm elements & sets out DCC priorities for the term of next 3 development plans. Work has commenced on a number of Luas Associated projects which will go through Part 8 shortly. Projects such as Wolfe Tone Sq, Peace Garden & Cork Hill have been reviewed by the group and they input into corporate submissions on major infrastructure projects. The group support pilots & smart /eco trials to achieve efficiencies & additional gains, currently ibeacons, SUDs measures & smart tech which negate need for fixtures on the street. 	Work is continuing.
Section 49 – Luas Cross City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public display of Draft Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for Luas Cross City –commenced 9th January for 6 weeks to 20th February 2017. 	Members report on submissions to be prepared & brought to April Council meeting for decision.

5.2 Departmental Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
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.
Active Land Management Derelict Sites Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice of intention to acquire 10 derelict properties all of which are suitable for residential use was published on 8th December 2016. 	Vesting Orders made for 7 properties. Process will be completed on the 1 st March. One property will be advertised for sale and the remainder will be refurbished by the Housing & Residential Services Dept for housing purposes. Further properties

5.3 Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Record Protected Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of buildings to be added under review – in particular outstanding recommendations from already adopted ACAs (Thomas Street & Environs ACA and Capel Street ACA). Review of NIAH recommendations ongoing between Conservation Section & NIAH. List of RPS errors and clarifications being addressed (RPS updated, corrected and GIS referenced). Proposed additions to RPS for Central Bank, Stella Cinema, St. Mary's (Donnybrook) and Fumbally Exchange. Reports by consultants completed. NCAC have agreed to initiate process for deletions to RPS at Hollybrook Road and Haddon Road/Victoria Road, in association with proposed new ACAs for these areas (see also ACAs above). 	<p>Consultants reports being prepared. On completion to be brought to SCAC and CAC.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>To be brought to SEAC.</p> <p>Proceed with public notification and display (in conjunction with proposed ACAs).</p>
Buildings at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigations ongoing on the "Register"; with significant progress in a number of cases. 	Ongoing.
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.
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"> Part 8s for 4 no. Metropoles – approved by Council at November meeting. Membership price increase from €20 to €25 agreed at November SPC. Grangegorman expansion agreed with project partners. New Station required at Clarendon Row to replace existing Chatham Street station due to Public Realm upgrade. Update of Strategic Plan inc. Advertising Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Metropoles early 2017 Price increase in effect from 15th February and will generate 340,000pa Working group to be set up between Planning and E&T to design/ manage Grangegorman expansion. Construction commencing 15th Feb Update of strategic plan

	Options to be carried out.	to commence March 17
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 March. The car Park will continue as pay and display until the build program. Design Detail for Redevelopment of Markets building being progressed by City Architects and outside experts. 	Procurement process will continue in tandem with design elements being undertaken by DCC.
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. To date, take-up on the scheme has been lower than anticipated. Finance Act 2016 has removed restrictions in relation to floor area and reduces minimum spend threshold. Scheme has also been amended to include tax relief for landlords in respect of residential element. FAQs updated on DCC website. 	<p>Ongoing for the next 5 years.</p> <p>Active Land Management Unit are in the process of putting together a multi-disciplinary team to re-launch the scheme in light of changes made in Finance Act.</p>
Site development brief for Belcamp Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site brief/review to be developed for Belcamp Lane area (further to previous work contained in the Clongriffin Belmayne LAP). 	Progress/update research.

5.4 For Your Diary

Items of Interest	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Built Heritage Investment Scheme & Structures at Risk Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016 BHIS was very successful for DCC with 45 projects receiving grant funding ranging from €3k to €13k. All projects, project supervision and (now much more substantial) administrative paperwork required by the Department of AHRRGA completed on time DCC awarded €298k in grant funding to administer the BHIS for 2017. Structures-at-Risk 2017 grant funding application to DAHRRGA being prepared for their approval (In 2016 funding received for 2 projects at Goldenbridge Cemetery and Montpellier Hill). 	<p>Completed successfully.</p> <p>€298k for BHIS 2017 for Dublin City. Deadline for applications is 28th of February. Expect more applications than 2016. No of Consultants to be hired to assist DCC to be increased in 2017 due to increase in supervision and administrative workload associated with the scheme.</p> <p>Closing date 28th February.</p>

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION February 2017

Ref No	Request Details	Name(s)	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/5072/2017	Seeks records regarding road safety audits in relation to Luas Cross City construction.	Dublin Inquirer	Press	27/01/2017	
FOI/5071/2017	Seeks records regarding consultants reports and value for money reports in the years 2015 & 2016	Irish Times	Press	27/01/2017	
FOI/5070/2017	Seeks records regarding removal of railings surrounding Viking Ship at Lower Exchange Street and communications regarding anti-social behaviour in the area.	Barry John Roch	Client	27/01/2017	
FOI/5069/2017	Seeks records regarding plot of land at corner of Chamber Street and Weavers Square	Lawrence McGartland	Client	27/01/2017	
FOI/5068/2017	Seeks records regarding newly opened homeless hostels	Dublin Inquirer	Press	27/01/2017	
FOI/5067/2017	Seeks records regarding additional resources for ambulance cover during December 2016	SIPTU	Other	27/01/2017	20/02/2017
FOI/5066/2017	Seeks records regarding wages, income and expenditure for the Markievicz Leisure Centre	Paul Begley	Business	26/01/2017	
FOI/5065/2017	Seeks records regarding external legal practitioners	Irish Independent	Press	26/01/2017	
FOI/5064/2017	Seeks all inspections carried out on emergency homeless accommodation.	Sunday Times	Press	26/01/2017	20/02/2017
FOI/5062/2017	seeks records re Fire Brigade service	Eamonn Patterson	Client	24/01/2017	20/02/2017
FOI/5061/2017	seeks records on Start Up Commissioners Office	Aaron Rogan	Client	24/01/2017	
FOI/5059/2017	seeks records re Homeless Services	RTE	Press	23/01/2017	
FOI/5056/2017	seeks records re IT network infrastructure	Karen Scott	Business	23/01/2017	
FOI/5055/2017	seeks records re housing rents	Daily Mail	Press	23/01/2017	16/02/2017
FOI/5054/2017	seeks records re Business Improvement District Levy	Restaurants Assoc of Ireland	Business	23/01/2017	16/02/2017
FOI/5053/2017	seeks records re cost of New Years Festivities	Mark Savage	Client	23/01/2017	
FOI/5052/2017	Seeks records regarding correspondence between council official and Bartra Capital	Sunday Times	Press	20/01/2017	22/02/2017
FOI/5050/2017	Seeks records regarding IT application/solutions	John Umney	Client	19/01/2017	15/02/2017

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FOI/5049/2017	Seeks records regarding acquisition of Tolka Park and Dalymount Park.	Irish Independent	Press	19/01/2017	
FOI/5048/2017	Seeks records regarding litter inspectors and dumping.	Independent	Press	19/01/2017	07/02/2017
FOI/5046/2017	Seeks records regarding inspections at two addresses	Independent	Press	18/01/2017	
FOI/5045/2017	seeks records re Liffey Cycle Routes	Cian Ginty	Client	17/01/2017	08/02/2017
FOI/5044/2017	seeks records re housing list	John O' Reilly	Client	17/01/2017	25/01/2017
FOI/5043/2017	seeks records re Apollo House	Laoise Neylon	Press	17/01/2017	13/02/2017
FOI/5042/2017	seeks NPPR records	Geraldine Hackett	Client	17/01/2017	15/02/2017
FOI/5038/2017	Seeks records on use of consultants in 2014, 2015 and 2016	Sunday Business Post	Press	12/01/2017	
FOI/5037/2017	Seeks records regarding building contracts	Builders Conference	Business	12/01/2017	
FOI/5036/2017	Seeks records regarding number of homeless people who died in 2016	Dublin Inquirer	Press	12/01/2017	08/02/2017
FOI/5035/2017	Seeks records relating to new homeless accommodation from January 2016 to present.	Dublin Inquirer	Press	12/01/2017	02/02/2017
FOI/5034/2017	Seeks records regarding websites staff are blocked from accessing	Stephen McDermott	Client	11/01/2017	08/02/2017
FOI/5032/2017	Seeks records regarding usage of Dublin Bikes	The Times	Press	11/01/2017	01/02/2017
FOI/5031/2017	seeks records re housing voids	Daily Mail	Press	10/01/2017	08/02/2017
FOI/5030/2017	seeks records re damage to Dublin Bus Stops	Niall O'Connor	Client	10/01/2017	17/01/2017
FOI/5029/2017	seeks records re Ballyfermot Leisure Centre	Gordan Deegan	Press	09/01/2017	
FOI/5028/2017	seeks records re UFOs	Sean Defoe	Press	09/01/2017	17/01/2017
FOI/5027/2017	Seeks records of annual inspection of footpaths for years 2014 - 2016	Natalia Shiel	Client	06/01/2017	27/01/2017
FOI/5026/2017	Seeks records on dog fouling since 2012	Dublin Live	Press	05/01/2017	13/01/2017
FOI/5025/2017	Seeks records regarding amounts spent on overtime in 2016.	Daily Mail	Press	05/01/2017	24/01/2017
FOI/5024/2017	Seeks information on hotel spend by homeless services	Gordon Deegan	Press	05/01/2017	01/02/2017
FOI/5023/2017	Seeks records on planning enforcement file	Stephen McCann	Client	05/01/2017	30/01/2017
FOI/5022/2017	seeks records re construction works at York St	Medical	Press	04/01/2017	02/02/2017
FOI/5021/2017	seeks records re clamping of vehicles	The Times	Press	03/01/2017	09/02/2017
FOI/5020/2017	seeks records re sleeping bags issued to homeless in 2016	Dublin Inquirer	Press	03/01/2017	30/01/2017
FOI/5019/2017	seeks records re public lighting at Grand Canal Dock/Square	Peter Fitzgerald	Client	03/01/2017	16/02/2017

	The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in January 2017				
	The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2017 is outlined below.				
	Carried forward from 2016	30			
	Total opened at January 2017	56			
		86			
	Total closed at January 2017	30			
	Live cases	56			