

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

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Report of the Chief Executive



Monthly Management Report – May 2020

Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 places an obligation on the Chief Executive to prepare Monthly Management Reports for Council. The monthly report for the May 2020 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

Finance

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

Environment & Transportation

Please see attached report.

Housing & Community Services

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

Planning & Property Development

Please see attached report.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Please see attached report.

Human Resources

Please see attached report.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

Please see attached Report in relation to Freedom of Information statistics.

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive

Dated: 29th April 2020

Environment & Transportation

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

MOBY's public launch has been postponed in light of the Covid 19 crisis. Both MOBY and Bleeperbikes have made their stock of bicycles available to healthcare workers free of charge. MOBY's all electric fleet has been fully subscribed by healthcare workers and MOBY have also facilitated the sharing of private electric bikes with healthcare workers. Bleeperbikes have offered a free 3 month subscription to all healthcare workers and uptake to date has been quite strong. The Council has agreed to waive the permit fees of both operators for as long as this initiative lasts.

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking

Due to the Covid 19 Virus Isolation, the number of transactions per week in April has reduced to 10,500 from a recent high of 126,155 at the beginning of March. The current Covid 19 situation means that the numbers using the parking Tag has dropped very significantly in line with the reduction of parking meter usage. The weekly revenue on average of €400,000 in now reduced to €25,000 for Pay and Display parking. However, there are still 227,652 active accounts in April, an increase of 3,211 since last February.

The Council have issued a Request for Tender for provision of the Parking Tag service for all Dublin Local authorities, Meath County Council and Kildare County Council. The assessment of the applications and notifications to the applicants of the results and who is awarded the new contract will take place by the end of April 2020.

Car Clubs

There are currently two Car Club companies (GoCar and Yuko) operating within the Dublin City Council administrative area. Both companies had requested and were approved for additional permits in order to expand their services. The total number of live Car Club permits currently issued is 376.

Electric Vehicle Parking/Charging

There are currently 35 dedicated EV only bays located on street and further sites are being reviewed for suitability. The Council is currently working on a project on trialling 4 on-street EV charge points installed in Q4 2019.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and the current Government restrictions which were announced on 27th March 2020 all Residential Parking Permit schemes (i.e. new schemes and extensions to hours of schemes) have been placed on hold until normal office business resumes.

Electric Vehicles

Dublin City Council took delivery of 11 electric light commercial vehicles in March 2020. This brings the total number of electric vehicles in the City Council fleet to 30.

Coach Parking Charges

Coach Parking Charges has being introduced from the 30th of March 2020. All the details can be found at <http://www.dublincity.ie/coachparking>.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services' resolved approximately 1,500 enquiries and service requests during the first three months of the year. Additionally, during the same period approximately 1,500 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe. Furthermore, a total of 169 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24-hours of being recorded.

As a consequence of the restrictions arising from the COVID-19 emergency, Road Maintenance Services, is presently ensuring the continued delivery of essential services only. This includes winter maintenance and responding to critical incidents on the road network such as the repair of serious defects such as potholes, the treatment of oils spills, tending to collapsed manholes, removal of damaged bollards and traffic signs, removal of fallen trees and other obstacles.

Licensing Unit

Casual Trading

There are approximately 260 Casual Traders Licenced in designated pitches in DCC. The number of expected event licences will be reviewed following the Covid 19 crisis as a number of events were cancelled. The EURO2020 is postponed until 2021. The Expert Group which was set up to examine the future of trading on Moore Street held its first meeting in March. A workshop with interested parties will take place as soon as possible. The review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws will commence shortly.

Street Performance

It is expected (subject to Covid 19 restrictions) that up to 500 Street Performance permits may issue in 2020. The most popular areas for Street performers are Grafton Street and Henry Street. The permits are issued in accordance with the Street Performers Bye-laws 2016. The Assistant Inspectors are on Grafton Street/Henry Street and other areas daily to enforce the bye-laws.

Licensing of Advertising Boards

The system of licensing for Advertising Boards commenced from the 1st September 2019. Since then the Ad Board Unit: has issued 596 official warning notices, seized 158 Ad Boards from 139 businesses and issued 4 Ad Board licences. A total of 2,223 premises have been inspected for compliance.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme

Circa €8m of the €9m approved in principle in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2016 and 2017 has been drawn down to date. Only three projects of the 67 approved remain outstanding, however works are ongoing in relation to these and they should be completed by Q3 2020.

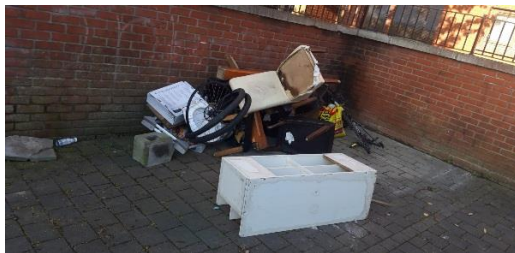
Circa €382K of the €1.5m approved in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2019 has been drawn down. The 38 projects approved in principle have until December 2020 to drawdown their grant funding.

The Community Gain Liaison Committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 2020.

Waste Services Update

Waste Management Services are continuing to provide a daily service throughout the city. High levels of illegal dumping are being experienced. Local management teams are working in conjunction with the area based Public Domain Officers to address blackspot areas and complaints promptly. Each operational team is reporting back daily with photographic evidence of removal of waste and dumping in each area. Waste Management Services also continue to address all service requests received via customer services on our CRM systems.

Working with the Media Relations and Communications Departments social media and radio content has been used to deliver anti-dumping messages and provide updates on waste services.



All bottle bank locations are being cleaned daily and increased servicing of the banks has been introduced by Glassco Recycling. CCTV remains in operation to identify offences of dumping at a number of bottle bank locations.



Recycling services have reopened at Shamrock Terrace and Pigeon House Road Civic Amenity sites. Bring Centres are currently being assessed to address social distancing requirements and begin reopening of these facilities on a phased basis from the 27th April.

Pride of Place 2020 Competition

Co-Operation Ireland are planning to proceed with Pride of Place 2020 competition and have extended the closing date to 30 June 2020.

Community groups that enter the IPB Pride of Place 2020 competition will be asked to develop and upload a powerpoint presentation to the POP website and this will replace, for this year only, the judges visit to the community. Further details will be circulated, regarding presentations and judging over the coming weeks.

City Neighbourhoods Competition

The Waste Management Division in conjunction with Public Domain Officers are currently exploring ways in which the City Neighbourhoods Competition may continue to take place in 2020 to ensure we continue to be able to acknowledge and reward the efforts of communities to enhance and support their local neighbourhoods.

Green Schools / Community Environment Action Fund

The Green Schools Officer is examining how planned and funded projects due to be delivered in 2020 such as Master Composter workshops and RELove Fashion competition may be provided remotely or digitally in the event that current restrictions impact on the successful delivery of projects in the normal manner

Litter Management Plan

The draft replacement 3-year litter management plan 2020 – 2022 statutory public consultation period commenced on the 24th February and was completed on the 6th April 2020. The City Council will proceed to invite further submissions for an additional 6 week period following the easing of COVID 19 restrictions in order to allow for any submissions that may not have been submitted due to the focus on the pandemic response.

Housing waste recycling project

Dublin City Council is committed to ensuring all waste is disposed of in the correct manner at all council owned complexes. At the beginning of 2019, a project team was established to introduce both green (mixed dry recyclables) and brown (food waste) bins at all complexes. Given the scale of the project (192 complexes with almost 10,000 units), it was agreed that the introduction of segregated bins would be completed on an area by area basis and that the project would commence in the South East area.

A priority focus for this project is ensuring that residents understand how to recycle and to easily identify what items can be recycled. To this end unique signage for recycling was created for this project. At each complex, this signage is installed on wall signs in the bin area and on stickers placed on green and brown bins. While the designs are mainly visual, text on wall signs is in English and text on stickers is in Irish.



Figure 1 : Wall signs for green and brown bins

When the bins arrive at each complex, residents are invited to a recycling workshop held at a convenient nearby location. Workshops are delivered by a recycling ambassador from the environmental charity *Voice Ireland*. At these workshops, best practice recycling is explained and residents have an opportunity to ask questions. Reusable recycling bags, a 10 Ltr food caddy and a roll of compostable bags are given to each resident at the workshop and available on request thereafter for residents unable to attend a workshop.

The introduction of segregated bins in the South East Area is now complete.

The project required the introduction of additional bins to all complexes - 47 (1,100 Ltr) green bins have been introduced to date and 59 (240 Ltr) brown bins. While all brown bins were purchased, only 11 green bins needed to be purchased. This is due to increased usage of the green bins which meant that there was less waste going to general waste bins. 32 (1,100 Ltr) general waste bins were removed from complexes, cleaned & sprayed and re-introduced as green recycle bins.

Location surveys were carried out at each complex initially to identify the number of bins required. Surveys continued after workshops to assess any increased usage with recycle bins, reduction in usage of general waste bins and whether additional recycle bins were required. Minor adjustments were required at some complexes to facilitate recycle bins.

Mixed dry recyclables tonnage figures for 2019 were compared with 2018 and indicate an increase of 2 tonne per week. As green bins were introduced on a phased basis, this figure is expected to rise.

Brown bin waste figures for the last 8 weeks of 2019 indicate an average 0.78tonne per week.

Next phase of recycling project

The next area for introduction of recycle bins is the South Central Area where bin area assessments began before the current Covid-19 situation. The project will then move to Central, North West and then North Central.

Clear communication and kitchen caddies hold the key to introducing the brown bin for apartments.

Introducing food waste segregation to apartment complexes can be successfully achieved through a combination of clear communications, an engaged management company and the

provision of inexpensive kitchen caddies to residents, according to a study recently published by the Regional Waste Offices.

The study, which took place in an apartment complex in the Santry area of Dublin, Temple Gardens and Temple Lawns, from April to September of 2019, examined the best ways to introduce segregated food waste collection to apartment complexes. In particular, the study looked at the measures required to encourage maximum participation by residents.

The number of households living in apartments in Ireland has grown significantly in the past decade and in the Dublin area over 35% of households currently live in apartments. Although households are legally obliged to segregate food waste, the vast majority of apartment complexes in Ireland do not have the facilities to do so, such as a brown bin collection or a system for the residents to begin segregating their food waste. In addition, for residents and management companies who wish to put a system in place, the process can seem complex. In countries that do have such collections, factors such as restricted kitchen space, inadequate monitoring of communal bin areas, unclear signage and a high turnover of residents all present particular problems for food segregation.

Hugh Coughlan, co-ordinator of the Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Management Office said, "In the Dublin study we set out to introduce a collection for food waste while simultaneously tackling issues that might arise. We also carried out surveys and focus groups of the residents to learn as much as possible about how they were reacting to the new system, what was working for them and what needed to be changed."

"We found that the two most important factors in encouraging residents to begin segregating their food waste was the provision of the kitchen caddy, an inexpensive item, and signage clearly stating what could be placed in the brown bin. Other factors that facilitated the change included good housekeeping in the communal bin areas, a contact number or email where residents could ask for information and having a management company that is engaged and interested in the process."

The study recommends the instigation of a national programme to introduce brown bin collections to all apartment complexes. Specific recommendations for local authorities include raising awareness about regulations concerning the segregation and collection of food waste, increased enforcement of the regulations and the use of planning conditions to ensure adequate storage space both in apartment kitchens and communal bin areas.

To request a full copy of the report email hugh.coughlan@dublincity.ie or joanne.rourke@dublincity.ie

Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2019

The North West Area is substantially completed. The completion of the Southern Area and the North East Area will depend upon resumption of work after COVID19 restrictions are lifted.

Water Framework Directive (WFD) Greenways and River Flood Protection

DCC is working to integrate a number of projects to ensure that the opportunities to meet DCC's WFD obligation of achieving "good" status for each river by 2027 are maximised. Current examples are:

- Consultants have been appointed by DCC to deal with flood risk across the DCC and SDCC sections of The River Camac and this is being integrated into a desire to “de-culvert” this over engineered river where possible so that it can, over time, be restored to a more natural state. The project will also involve identifying and remedying urban pollution sources, where possible. This is also being done in conjunction with an existing Greenway proposal and also in tandem with Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) funded projects in the area.
- The River Santry where DCC is preparing a brief to engage consultants as part of a URDF funded project to restore the river to a more natural state, and investigate and remedy sources of pollution. Again this work is being designed in conjunction with a proposed Santry River Greenway Project.

Surface Water and Pluvial (Rainfall) Flood Risk Management

It has become increasingly apparent that, as a result of climate change, rainfall patterns in Dublin have changed from the previous low intensity long duration type rain to shorter and far more intensive rainfall events. The existing drainage infrastructure was not designed to deal with this type of rainfall and, as a result, there have been a number of localised flood events in recent years.

Arising from work initiated by the DCC Flood and WFD teams in close liaison with the DCC Climate Change Action Plan team, it has been agreed that DCC should progress a number of nature based water retention measures using a sustainable urban design approach at different locations across the City. These will have the dual effect of reducing the rate of surface water runoff into sewers, thus reducing the risk of downstream flooding, as well as improving the water quality of that runoff through percolating the runoff through natural media with a green infrastructure approach.

In recent months, the WFD / Surface Water team has continued to liaise with their colleagues in E&T Roads, in the Parks Department and in the City Architect's Office to facilitate the implementation of this approach in particular public realm projects that are at design stage.

Procurement is underway for a consultant to draw up a Guidance Document to cover best practice in this area.

Bathing Waters

Dublin City Council has appointed a Senior Engineer to lead a joint effort with our colleagues in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown to deal with the long-standing problems regarding the quality of the bathing waters in the south city area. A Task Force has been established including the two local authorities, the DHPLG and Irish Water and investigations are ongoing. DCC is also working in close liaison with the EPA, the HSE, and experts from UCD in relation to this matter. An enhanced programme of water quality testing has identified a number of areas for further investigation but field work is on hold due to Covid-19.

Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) update

All staff are currently working remotely and are using communication tools such as Microsoft Teams and Zoom to progress projects with stakeholders in accordance with the 2020 CARO Work Programme.

Dublin CARO has presented at the relevant Climate Change Strategic Policy Committees of SDCC, FCC and DCC and will present to the Committee of DLR in due course.

The Dublin CARO presented to the Water Framework Directive National Technical Implementation Group where the roles and responsibilities of the CARO and the implementing bodies were shared and opportunities for engagement were discussed. Dublin CARO participated in the River Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme Risk Identification Workshop where they contributed on climate adaptation measures.

Dublin CARO have led on and contributed to work for the CARO Management Group including '*Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plans - A Review of Local Authority & CARO Interaction*', '*Funding Opportunities for Climate Action Research, Project Development and Capital Funding*' & '*CARO 2020 Work Plan*'.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

The new DCC website to disseminate air and noise data in real time to the public was launched on 2nd March 2020 see www.dublincityairandnoise.ie

Traffic Management and Control

Due to the Covid 19 situation a program of works has commenced to address some specific pinch points where there is not sufficient footpath widths for social distancing. The first iteration of these measures involve taking out loading bays or paid parking in order to provide opportunity for pedestrians to use these spaces to maintain social distancing. Locations including Stoneybatter, Dorset Street, Capel Street, Fairview Rathmines, Ranelagh will have a number of interventions made to assist pedestrians. On Nassau Street on the South Side it is intended to remove the parking and make more pedestrian space and install contra flow cycle track. On the North side of the street it is intended to examine how the current bus stop positions and spacing could be altered to reduce potential queuing issues here. Also the issue of providing temporary build outs to assist with maintaining social distancing both at this location and throughout the city centre area is now being investigated.

At a number of locations temporary protected cycle tracks are also being investigated with a view to determining if they can be quickly installed to assist essential workers using cycling to commute to work.

The Traffic request form on the DCC website has now been enhanced to allow for Covid 19 social distancing measures to be requested by both elected members and the general public.

Sustainable Mobility Communications and Promotion

Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)

A SUMP is a strategic plan designed to satisfy the mobility needs of people and businesses in cities and their surroundings for a better quality of life. It builds on existing planning practices and takes due consideration of integration, participation and evaluation principles. The European Commission strongly recommends that European towns and cities of all sizes embrace the concept of SUMP in order to vastly improve the overall quality of life for residents by addressing major challenges such as congestion, air/noise pollution, climate change, road accidents, unsightly on-street parking and the integration of new mobility services. DCC propose to develop a citywide SUMP for Dublin for the period up to 2030.

In order to provide input into the development and implementation schedule of other existing policies and strategies, namely the “Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028” and the review of the NTA “Transport Strategy of the Greater Dublin Area”, the draft SUMP document must be completed by December 2020. The Plan development will be led by Planning and Development and Environment and Transportation Departments.

The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division commenced the engagement process in February with presentations at Area Committee meetings. The remainder of these presentations and follow on workshops with Councillors and communities – focusing on sustainable transport modes - will re-commence once safe to do so. Dublin City Council continues to collaborate with Trinity College Dublin in the design of these workshops. The outcome of this process will inform the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan and provide a complete suite of measures that will be implemented during the lifetime of the policy document. It will include a comprehensive list of key performance indicators. Online engagement strategies are being considered in the interim.

Active Mobility Action Plan

The purpose of the Active Mobility Action Plan is to create a clear plan of action to support Dublin’s transition to an active travel city. It will be developed for a period of four years (2021-2024) and feed into the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan. This plan will also be informed by the workshops with Councillors and local communities, which will give voice to issues faced in the current transportation infrastructure, culture and behaviour and seek solutions to create space for more active modes of transport to thrive.

Safe routes to schools

An internal focus group has been set up to devise a strategy to present to Councillors on Safe Routes to School. This is an action highlighted in the Dublin Agreement. The Communications & Promotion Unit are developing a closer working relationship with Green Schools and Cycling Ireland as part of this project. It is expected that safe routes to school will be a key action in the Active Mobility Action Plan. As part of this project, primary schools in the Dublin City Council administrative area have the opportunity to express their interest in developing a school street at their location. School Streets is an initiative where the area surrounding the school gate is turned into a car-free zone during school drop-off and pick-up times. The aim of this is to improve the safety and well-being of pupils whilst encouraging more pupils to walk and cycle to school. It is intended to trial the concept in a limited number of schools in the city.

Handshake Symposium

The Handshake project brings thirteen European cities together with established cycling cities providing mentoring and expert advice to future cycling cities to support their development. Amsterdam is the allocated Dublin Mentor and as part of this project, a symposium which was due to take place in Dublin in April 2020, is now being rescheduled for later in the year. The Dublin team is working closely with Amsterdam to identify and invite the most relevant Amsterdam Cycling experts to attend the symposium – which will provide the opportunity to address some of the cycling challenges facing Dublin.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green	NTA/DCC	DCC	Discussions are continuing with the NTA regarding relevant transport issues, including Bus Connects, to inform the preparation of a new College Green proposal and the intended re-submission of an appropriate planning application as soon as possible.
2	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Detailed design underway with tender process to follow. It is proposed to commence works after completion of the Clarendon Street project and the major private development currently under construction and affecting Clarendon Row. This was expected in Q1 2021 but is likely to be delayed because of the impact of Covid-19. The extent of the delay is not yet known.
3	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	Preliminary design works underway. Following internal and external consultations, a Part 8 Planning Application will be submitted as soon as possible.
4.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk Street	DCC	DCC	Preliminary design works underway. Following internal and external consultations, a Part 8 Planning Application will be submitted as soon as possible.
5.	Cathal Brugha Street/Findlater Place	DCC	DCC	Consultation with local stakeholders has commenced for the upgrading of the public realm in this area. Depending on the scope of the work a Part 8 may be required.
6.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAFF/NTA	Roughan O'Donovan	Preliminary design is near completion. Ground Investigation works are complete. Land acquisitions and Land Owner agreements are being progressed. Traffic modelling required for the Business Case is progressing.
7.	Blood Stoney Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	Report on the public consultation submissions for the amendment to the SDZ plan was returned to ABP on 23rd March to be carried out. Awaiting a decision on this. Draft EIAR and NIS has been prepared and is being reviewed by DCC.
8.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge	DCC/NTA	New Competition	DCC finalising brief for competition to appointment of design consultants and set up a new Framework for design of opening bridges. This will take account of recent developments in Dublin Port.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
9.	Sandymount Promenade	OPW/DCC	Aecom/Lotts Architecture	OPW appointed to carry out works. Proposal to raise promenade wall by up to 360mm north of Martello Tower. 13 new flood gates at openings. Second Part 8 Planning required for 800mm high flood wall on seaside of Martello Tower approved at September Council meeting. Contractor mobilising. Main construction programme revised to July 2020 – April 2021 due to COVID virus.
10.	Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Route	DCC	ROD	<p>The tender package is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2020 once surface-water drainage and sustainable drainage systems are incorporated into the design proposals.</p> <p>The current programme is to go to tender in April/May 2020 and commence construction in September/October 2020. This is dependent on a number of approvals being in place and on the current Covid-19 restrictions being lifted for certain construction works. The business case required further revision and will now be finalised by end April 2020.</p> <p>Once the tender has issued, consultation on traffic management proposals and diversions will commence, and relevant licences processed.</p>
11.	Dodder Greenway	DCC	RPS	RPS has issued a revised Cost Estimate for the scheme using the NTA latest cost estimate tools of €28,400,000 plus VAT. RPS have also issued updated drawings for the preferred route and an Options Summary report. Once the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted it is proposed to have a meeting between DCC, RPS, the NTA and the NTA's Cycle Design Office(CDO) at which RPS will hand over the Preliminary Design of the Project to the CDO. Herbert Park to Donnybrook section: tender documents are ready to issue pending agreement on the Way Leave.
12.	Fitzwilliam Cycle Route	DCC	Aecom	Tender documents are currently being finalised, and will be issued in Q2 2020.
13.	S2S	DCC	ROD/DCC	Drainage works at Manresa now complete but awaiting for the Drainage Department to confirm compliance. Kincora Rd drainage remedial measures outstanding due to current situation.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

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14.	Point Junction Improvement Scheme	DCC	Arup	Following review of the Part 8 planning permission in place for East Wall Road, an alternative design was agreed for the scheme in 2019, for which a new Part 8 application is required. Pre-Part 8 consultation on the alternative design highlighted the need for additional space to facilitate improved public realm and tie-in with Dublin Port improvement plans. Additional details need to be agreed prior to submission of a revised Part 8 application and negotiation with all stakeholders is ongoing, in order to ensure that an optimum design solution can be achieved.
15.	Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	O'Connor Sutton Cronnin	The Tender Assessment Report has been prepared and the Most Economically Advantageous Tenderer has been selected. The tendered sum is higher than the original project budget so will go to CGB for approval prior to appointing a Contractor. The Office of Government procurement have advised against the award of any new contract due to the effect of Covid 19.
16.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	DCC	Preliminary enabling works including assessment of existing water mains, site investigations and topographical survey have been completed. Irish Water had started on site but then had to stop works due to Covid 19 restrictions. Road Design are examining how the works can be completed and the main repaving /reconfiguration works are scheduled to start in Q3 2020. (this is dependent of the impact of Covid 19.
17.	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	DBFL	Irish Water to install new water main in January 2020 in advance of road scheme. Two tenders were received. The Office of Government procurement have advised against the award of any new contract due to the effect of Covid 19.
18.	Cathedral Street / Sackville Place	DCC	DCC	The Joint Working Group of the Public Participation Network Disability Linkage Group and Dublin City Council have concluded the examination of design options for the Cathedral Street / Sackville Place scheme and a design option has been chosen to progress to Part 8 Planning.
19.	Liffey Street Public Realm Improvements	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	Part 8 Planning Approval received at the September City Council Meeting. Detailed design and tender documents being prepared for issue Q2 2020.
20.	Castle Street /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme	DCC	DCC	Redesign of aspects of the Detailed Design ongoing and preparation of tender drawings and documents underway. Due to a significant increase in the estimated costs for this project the project has been suspended pending review. Road Design have reviewed the cost and the extent of the proposed works and will make a submission to the CPSO.

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Projects at Design Stage – Continued

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21.	Royal Canal Phase 3	DCC	OCSC	The issuing of the contract documents for RCP3 by OCSC has been delayed partly due to the difficult working conditions imposed on the consultant by Covid 19. It is expected that the documents will be issued in mid to late April and following a review the project should be ready to go to tender in May 2020.
22.	Royal Canal Phase 4	DCC	ROD	Design of the advanced works involving the Broombridge bus & cycle contra-flow is complete. Following a tender process, a contractor has been selected. Works will be commenced once the current restrictions in place due to Covid-19 are relaxed. Construction commencement had been scheduled for April 2020 but will now be delayed until May 2020 at the earliest. Agreements with Developers, Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail are being finalised and detailed design for the towpath mainline is scheduled to be completed in Q2 2020. Construction commencement for Phase 4B is scheduled for Q3 2020.
23.	Belmayne Main Street and Belmayne Ave	DCC	DBFL Consulting Engineers	Tender documents are near completion. Following agreement with Irish Water the scheme will go to tender.
24.	Finglas Area Roundabouts Improvement Scheme	DCC/NTA	Aecom	The Options Selection Report has been submitted by the consultant. The preferred design option combined with a revised financial estimate has been forwarded to the NTA for their comments. Lidl has submitted their comments. The Options Selection Report will be forwarded to Fingal CoCo for their comments. A detailed appraisal will then be sent to the CPSO when the NTA responds to the updated financial estimate. Internal Stakeholder Consultation to take place in Q3 2020.
25.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DCC/OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR being developed. Structural Infrastructure Development programmed for late January 2020 as joint SDCC/DCC submission presented to SE Area Committee on Monday 9 th September. Part X application closing date the 11 th of May.

26.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECOM	Tenders for appointment of service provider assessed and consultant appointed in September 2019. AECOM appointed, kick off meeting 3 rd October 2019. Public Consultation sessions 4/12/2019 Kilmainham and Clondalkin. Some surveys commenced.
27.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OPW	Byrne Looby	Tenders for appointment of service provider assessed with consultant appointed in September 2019. Consultant appointed as PSDP. Kick-off meeting 25th November 2019. Building web-site. Public info session - comments being analysed. Survey's commenced.
28.	Mary's Street Pedestrianisation	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	Integrated Design Team appointed, preliminary design options being developed. Internal consultation continuing. External consultation to resume following lifting of restrictions.
29.	Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works	DCC	Tobin Consulting Engineers (TCE)	<p>Stage 1 Completed: Suitability Assessment and Options Report signed-off by DCC. Stage 2 commenced on 26/07/19. Drawings and Work requirements have been submitted to DCC and currently under review by DCC's Project Team who are working remotely now due to the COVID-19 crisis. The Consultants TCE have advised that they too have converted to full remote operational capability and are continuing to run their projects remotely and any office based inputs that are required on this project will continue uninterrupted. However, there is a potential programme risk as consultation meetings required with residence groups, before going to tender cannot now as planned take place face to face. TCE has now proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending drawings to contacts within the residence groups. • Holding Skype calls to explain the proposals to the residence groups. • Receiving written comments from stakeholders and making the necessary amendments to the Works Requirements. <p>DCC will proceed to tender should no issues arise with the review. Works are to be carried out at 19 culvert screens located throughout the city. 4 are on the Finglas River, 4 on the Santry River, 4 on the Poddle River, 2 on the Claremont Stream, 2 on the Gallblack</p>

				Stream, one each on the Naniken River, Elm Park Stream and a tributary of the Wad River.
30.	East Coast Trail North: Alfie Byrne Road to North Wall Quay	NTA	New Competition	Tender documentation has been prepared for a competition to appoint design consultants. A stakeholder workshop will be arranged once it is established that the preliminary design ties in with the East Wall Road/Point Junction Scheme.
31.	Liffey Cycle Route	NTA	New Competition	Report on the feasibility of the Interim scheme was approved at the March meeting. Interim route design is currently being worked on.
32.	East Coast Trail South – Ringsend to Merrion Road	NTA	New Competition	The environmental assessment of the project area is progress done in conjunction with DLRCC. Sustainable Mobility & Projects division prepared a feasibility report for an Interim Scheme which minimises the impact on environmental designated areas. The report was submitted to the NTA and they are happy with us to advance the proposal on condition we submit more details and the estimated cost.
33.	Grangegorman Road Lower interim Safety Measure	NTA/GDA	DBFL	Consultant has submitted the Detailed design drawings which have been forwarded to the internal stakeholders for comments.
34.	Sandymount Green	DCC	DBFL	The detailed design of the scheme has being finalised. The tender is ready to be published. This has being temporarily postponed due the Covid 19 pandemic.
35.	Finglas Village	DCC	Atkins	The detailed design of the scheme has being finalised. The tender has being published. This has being temporarily postponed due the Covid 19 pandemic.
36.	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme	DCC	New Competition	Tender Documents being assessed for tunnel under Howth Road and river outlet in Clontarf Promenade. Board has met.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4 – Clarendon Street	DCC	Actavo (Ireland) Ltd.]	June 2019	Q2 2020	Works are progressing well. Work on site has stopped due to Covid 19 restrictions.
2	Dodder Flood alleviation works	ARUP DCC	OPW	August 2007	May 2020	Construction of new RDS wall ongoing. Programmed for completion Q4 2020. Site investigations completed at Beech Hill Road. Landowner issues near resolution. Construction commenced.
3	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECOM	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	October 2014	Nov 2019	Scheme is operational and all outstanding minor elements programmed to be completed in 2019. Granite facing on estuary side and capping stones completed. Quay wall outlet survey completed. Tender documents being completed.
4	On- Street Cycling Parking	DCC	Richard Nolan Civil Engineering (RNCE)	2013	Rolling Contracts	Batch 13 was awarded to RNCE on March 18 th and installation work started on March 23 rd . However on March 30 th RNCE suspended work on the installation of Batch 13 in compliance with government restrictions due to Covid 19 Design work is continuing on Batch 14 and 15.
5.	Royal Canal Greenway Phase 2	DCC	ROD	January 2019	Q2 2020	Construction site closed since 28 th March following Government Directive. Programme to be assessed once restrictions have been lifted.
6.	Balbutcher Lane Junction reconfiguration	DCC	Clonmel Enterprises Ltd	January 2020	Q3 2020	Works have been progressing well on the north side of the junction with road build-up and gully connections. Works have

						now been stopped due to the Covid 19 lockdown
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Planning & Property Development Department

1. New Policy/Strategic

The National Planning Framework 2040 provides for 265,000 extra population and associated infrastructure in the Dublin Area.

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy which includes a Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) was approved by the Regional Assembly in May 2019.

The Cherry Orchard LAP was approved by the City Council in October 2019 meeting and an Implementation Group has been set up. The implementation of the Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP is being progressed, including a proposed masterplan for the Belmayne lands.

The City Council has embarked on a major review of Z6 industrial land banks, following a presentation to the Planning SPC and the City Council in March 2019. A first tranche of 20 smaller individual sites was considered for rezoning at the March meeting of the City Council, 16 of which were rezoned for Residential/mixed use.

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"> Variation Report updating Development Plan to take on board Regional, Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES) prepared and put on public display. 9 submissions received; most in support of the change. Variation approved by City Council at its March meeting. Z6 study – At the City Council Meetings of 2nd and 10th March 16 sites were rezoned by resolution to Z1 (Residential) and Z10 (Mixed Use) with masterplans to be submitted. Variation report preparation underway for 3 further changes to Development Plan (i) Lutyens Bridge, (ii) Tolka Road; (iii) Ballymun Road objective. Naas Rd/Kylemore Z6 Lands URDF funded study- tender closed for multi-disciplinary team in partnership with SDCC. Work on background papers for Development Plan. 	<p>Implement new Regional Strategy.</p> <p>Environmental Reports to be finalised.</p> <p>Finalise reports and place all three on display for 4 weeks post Covid – 19.</p> <p>Brief consultants to undertake baseline study.</p> <p>Continue work on research to inform new CDP.</p>
Planning/Housing Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of Housing land potential on Council owned flat complexes now complete and presented to Housing SPC. 	Moving into project phase.

Ballymun LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro – Link details for public consultation published by NTA, show Route to be underground at Ballymun. • Consultants appointed to assess potential of Site 31. • A number of developments on site e.g. Lidl and Student Accommodation Scheme (Ref. 3930/17); Decathlon; Demolition of shopping centre; Housing Sites 22 & 23: O'Cualann Co-Operative housing. • Affordable Housing Sites; expressions of interest advertised for all 3 sites. Market analysis (Lisney) and social economic survey (Kanter) commissioned. • Site 2: Preferred Bidder selected 	<p>Meetings with NTA ongoing to establish land take for Metro.</p> <p>Site 31: Consultants to advise on the potential of site following consultations with stakeholders and the TII.</p> <p>Affordable Housing Sites:</p> <p>Agreed to progress sites to Part 8 planning consent stage.</p> <p>DHPLG issued Circular on 23/12/19 for next stage of Serviced Sites Fund verification. Submission issued to Dept on 07/02/20</p> <p>Site no. 2 – S183 deferred at Full Council 06/01/20.</p>
Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAP adopted at City Council meeting 7th October 2019. 	<p>First meeting of implementation group held, 13/02/2020.</p> <p>LDA will present to the Housing SPC in April re LDA constitution and revert to Area Committee regarding sites 4 & 5.</p> <p>URDF application to be made for LAP implementation.</p>
Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life of LAP extended to 2022. • Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019. • DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library. • Briefing on Belmayne Masterplan for Area Committee finalised. 	<p>Design of 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently being progressed.</p> <p>Public Consultation to commence post Covid-19</p>

Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Concept Masterplan for Finglas to be prepared. Presentation given to local councillors Monday 9th December 2019. 	<p>Work on-going.</p> <p>Matter of Fergal's Field to be addressed.</p>
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report submitted to An Bord Pleanála in December in relation to public consultation on amendments to building heights. DCC is pursuing a Judicial Review of the recent Bord Pleanála grant of permission under the SHD process for development at City-Block 2 of the planning scheme. In relation to proposed SDZ amendment to relocate a planned pedestrian/cycle bridge from Forbes Street to Blood Stoney Road, the public consultation phase ended 26th February. 	<p>Await decision of ABP.</p> <p>ABP issued new decision in light of High Court Decision; Approved Application again</p> <p>Report submitted to An Bord Pleanála.</p>
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 for Liffey Street Upper Lower granted and design detail being finalised to go to construction tender. Mary Street west at design stage, minor works proposed. Wolfe Tone Square – construction tender deadline extended due to shut down. Still hoped that contract can be assessed and assign in coming weeks. Temple Bar Square- enabling works complete awaiting report to progress with water mains rehabilitation works, impact of the deferral of UEFA 2020 is not yet clear. The Docklands Public Realm Plan –A design concept being developed for the Campshires to include the other projects on site or proposed, such as the Flood Defences bridges and Liffey Cycle Route Clarendon St under construction for completion July 2020 delayed. Clarendon Row, Part 8 in place and due to go to construction tender. South Anne St/ Duke St preliminary design concept and engagements advanced. Part 8 anticipated shortly. Suffolk St preliminary design concept and engagements advanced. Part 8 anticipated shortly. 	<p>Work is continuing, a number of projects are impacted by the level of private development in the city and the need to delay public realm works until construction traffic and congestion has lessened</p>
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 is complete and Muga and car park currently closed. Management are engaged with the Members Advisory Group on the Markets regarding the tender process for Phase 2 and hope to advance to tender shortly. 	

Liberties Local Area Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan due to expire 10th May 2020 (extended by Council in April 2014, Report No 112-14). Report on Local Area Plan went to March South Central Area Committee. 	Progress renewal of Liberties through SDRA policies in Development Plan
Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call 1 – Awarded Naas Road / Ballymount / Park West / Cherry Orchard Masterplan – Joint DCC / SDCC project. Kilmainham / Inchicore Development Strategy. Call 2 – Bid Applications currently being prepared with collaboration with Departments across DCC. 	<p>Urban Design / Place making Team procured. Project to commence April 2020.</p> <p>Urban Design / Planning / Transportation consultants appointed. Stage 1 - Baseline survey report submitted for review.</p> <p>Deadline for submission to DHPLG 12 noon 31st May 2020</p>

2. Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Active Land Management Derelict Sites Register	Thomas Court, 37, D8 An Bord Pleánala (ABP) granted their consent to the compulsory acquisition of the above derelict site on 21/11/19. Arrangements made to vest the site in the Council.	Thomas Court, 37, D8 The property vested in the Council on 30 th March, 2020 under the control of the Housing & Community Services. It will be refurbished and used for social housing purposes. 21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3. Decision of ABP is awaited for the compulsory acquisition of the above derelict site.

Vacant Sites Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to <u>201 sites.</u>• Notices of Entry have issued in relation to <u>134 sites.</u>• <u>157</u> submissions have been received to date.• <u>62</u> sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register (18/02/2020). <u>15</u> of which are in City Council ownership <table><tr><th colspan="2">2018 Demands</th></tr><tr><td>Paid</td><td>€640,950</td></tr><tr><td>Cancelled</td><td>€1,233,600</td></tr><tr><td>To be cancelled</td><td>€63,000</td></tr><tr><td>Outstanding</td><td>€998,100</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €2,935,650</td></tr></table> <table><tr><th colspan="2">2019 Demands</th></tr><tr><td>Paid</td><td>€227,500</td></tr><tr><td>Outstanding</td><td>€5,683,300</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €5,910,800</td></tr></table>	2018 Demands		Paid	€640,950	Cancelled	€1,233,600	To be cancelled	€63,000	Outstanding	€998,100	Total Demanded: €2,935,650		2019 Demands		Paid	€227,500	Outstanding	€5,683,300	Total Demanded: €5,910,800		<u>6</u> sites scheduled to be removed from the Register: 1 ABP decision 4 Under construction 1 Lease holder contacted in error
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City Valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchange of lands with Cairn Homes/Stanley at Belmayne, negotiations advancing.• Proposed CPOs at Ryders Row, Werburgh Street, Exchange Street and Eden Quay proceeding.• Transactions involving the HSE at The Church of the Annuciation and Fergal's Field Finglas, St. Michael's Estate, Cherry Orchard and Gulistan Terrace advancing.• Acquisition of lands at Belcamp Lane being pursued• Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink Bus Connects projects• Heightened focus on Long Term Leasing of residential properties and hospitality sector for temporary Homeless accommodation.• Valuation estimates for URDF applications completed.	Ryders Row CPO. Notices to treat served and under negotiation. Acquisition of Gulistan Depot Rathmines complete.																				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further enquiry for 8 acre site adjoining Decathlon Ballymun. • Site enquiry from Dublin Region Electric Vehicle SG for Potential sites and charge point sites in DCC. 	
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3. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Record Protected Structures	<p>Proposed Additions to RPS public display closed 24th January: i.e. 24 St. Stephen's Green, D2 (former Lisney's building); 92 James's Street, D8 (Roe & Co. former Guinness Power Station); R&H Hall Silo, Alexandra Road, D1 (but excl. more modern additions, structures and gantry).</p> <p>Proposed amendment to RPS display closed 24th January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Burlington Road, D4 – include 1971 structure and historic boundaries. • Reports on the above to be brought to the next available City Council Meeting for decision. 	
Built Heritage investment Scheme 2020 Historic Structures Fund 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2020.</i> The Minister has allocated €308,000 to Dublin City Council under the BHIS 2020. • Historic Structures Fund 2020. 6 applications were submitted to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for their approval. The HSF applications put forward for approval are: 27 – 28 Parnell Square North, Dublin 1 (LA); St Audeon's Church, High Street, Dublin 8; St. Mobhi's Church, Glasnevin, Dublin 9; St. Werburgh's Church, Glasnevin, Dublin 9; Charlemont House (The Hugh Lane Gallery), 22 Parnell Square, Dublin 1 (LA); The Gate Lodge, Cottage Orne, Dublin Zoo Road, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8 	<p>54 BHIS applications were submitted to the DCHG for their approval and expects to notify us of decision as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Department has advised of a delay in sanctioning the grants and expects to notify us of decision as soon as possible</p>

Culture Recreation and Economic Services

New Policy/Strategic

The Regional Enterprise Plan for Dublin to 2020 has not met recently due to Covid 19 restrictions but an on line meeting is planned. Reports updating progress on each of the 24 actions and setting out plans for 2020 have been submitted to the Minister.

Departmental Priority

LEO

The North Eastern Economic Corridor groups met to progress its agenda. Economic Modelling on the Dublin Belfast Corridor, Economic Profiles Paper and Branding of the Corridor were items for discussion. The work of this group is designed to support the objective of enhancing the economic benefits for the eight local authority areas located on the corridor.

Dublin City Council plans to establish a forum inviting stakeholders to examine issues relating to the further development of a Night Time Economy in the Dublin city area are being reviewed in light of Covid 19 restrictions. A Your Dublin Your Voice survey was completed in Q1 2020.

LEO was categorised as a critical service by the LGMA and staff are operating remotely to provide services to new and existing clients. Training and Evaluation Committee meetings have been moved on line. Staff are working hard to provide existing and new products to support businesses in responding to Covid 19. The following new or enhanced products were launched in April:

- Business Continuity Voucher of up to €2,500 for business consultancy to assist business in planning to continue their business and support retention of staff, with 210 applications received up to 20th April.
- MicroFinance Ireland loans of up to €50,000 are being applied for through the LEO at new low rate of 4.5% with an initial moratorium on loan repayment.
- Trading online Vouchers (TOV) scheme has been improved with 90% of costs refundable to businesses who are trading on line and have successfully applied for the voucher. Businesses can now also reapply for a 2nd TOV. 120 Businesses are booked on the on line Training programme on 30th April.

All training and networking is now online and has been well received with 157 participating in initial sessions held in the first 3 weeks of April. The website has been updated with new products and on line training dates www.localenterprise.ie/dublincity

A Covid 19 Impact on Your Business Survey was circulated to 174 clients of the LEO Dublin city office with a deadline in May. The findings of this survey will assist Enterprise Ireland and the LEO's in better understanding the needs of businesses in response to this pandemic.

Hugh Lane Gallery

In response to the Covid restrictions, Hugh Lane Gallery' has created a new and dynamic online programme. Each week the programme changes on our website, on Hugh Lane Gallery You Tube and Sound Cloud. We have talks, mini pod casts, sketching and drawing classes, curator's choice and #flashbackfridays (see www.hughlane.ie)

The Gallery newsletter goes out weekly and currently has a readership of over 3,500.

The Gallery has significantly increased followers and engagement across our three social media channels during the COVID restrictions:

- Facebook : Q1 saw a 43% increase in 'reach': from 76,000 in Q4 last year to 109,000 in Q1 2020
- Twitter: in the first 3 weeks of April Hugh Lane Gallery had 155,000 'impressions'.
- Instagram: 18 % increase in followers, and 28% increase in 'reach' from Q4 (57,000) to Q1 (74,000).

<https://twitter.com/TheHughLane>
<https://www.instagram.com/thehughlane/>
<https://www.facebook.com/thehughlane/>

Our online resources include:

- Leaving Certificate Programme support for art students who are remote learning: exploration of the Leaving Cert "Gallery Question" and the Francis Bacon Studio resource
- New recorded talks by artists and lecturers from home as part of our #museumfromhome series;
- An online art history series exploring Irish Women artists
- A New 'Artists Takeover' series with a thoughtful selection of readings, films and music and more;
- New specially commissioned art resources and films that encourage family and young people's creativity

Libraries

Due to Covid 19, all Dublin City Library branches are currently closed to the public. In response to these temporary closures, Dublin City Libraries have increased access to services in the digital space. In order to facilitate use of online resources, libraries have carried out bulk renewal of library memberships to ensure ongoing access for library members.

At this time Library social media streams offer the public an easy way to keep up-to-date with what's happening in Dublin City Libraries:

<http://www.dublincity.ie/library-blog>
<https://www.instagram.com/DublinCityLibraries/>
<https://www.facebook.com/DublinCityLibraries/>
<https://twitter.com/dubcilib>

Branch libraries have also set up Facebook pages to connect with their local communities and share up-to-date library information, children's activities, book reviews and local area information e.g. <https://www.facebook.com/RathminesLibrary/>

Healthy Ireland @ Your Library

Videos have been commissioned and shared via social media channels to promote mental and physical wellbeing during the pandemic.

Work Matters @ Your Library - see

<https://www.netvibes.com/dublincitypubliclibraries-workmatters#Employment>.

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature is supporting the Words Ireland National Mentoring Programme. Full application details – see <http://wordsireland.ie/national-mentoring-programme-2020/> Deadline is noon on 4th May 2020.

City of Books Podcasts will continue throughout May. The series is being funded by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature. Links: www.dublincityofliterature.ie

National Library Management System – Dublin City Library staff manage and support this system for the LGMA and library authorities on an agency basis and continue to offer helpdesk and technical support during this time.

DEPARTMENTAL PROJECTS

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Le Fanu Park – Skate/BMX & Play park	Contractor on site with works suspended during Covid-19	Works complete but snagging to be carried out once restrictions are lifted.
Bridgefoot Street Park	Contractor on site with works suspended during Covid-19	Expected completion date will be Q1 2021
Liffey Street improvement works	Tender to issue May 2020	Works to commence Q3
Wolfe Tone Park refurbishment	Tender issued pre Covid-19 with tender deadline extended to end May 2020	Assess Tenders
People's Park, Ballyfermot	April Area Committee meeting postponed	Design / Plan to be presented to Area Committee when restrictions lifted.
Hugh Lane Capital Refurbishment Project: 1930s Wing	Programme is proceeding: Pre- Qual Tender stage: Published in e-Tenders 7 th April 2020 https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/supplier/publictenders	Closing date for submissions: 8 th May 2020.
Conservation & Restoration Projects:	Research and treatment underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunther Uecker, Grosse Spirale, 1967 • Niki the Saint Phalle, Big Bird, 1982 • Walter Bayes, The Bathers, c.1912 	To be completed when restrictions are lifted.
Capital Project: Upgrade to Lighting in 2006 Wing	Works are in progress, almost completed, but on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions.	Works will be completed when restrictions are lifted.
Artist Residencies	Following public advertisement, artists from a variety of backgrounds have now been awarded residencies for periods from several months to one year	Various Locations - 6 & 7 Albert Cottages, Hampstead Park. 9 Wooden Buildings, Temple Bar St Patricks Lodge, St Patricks Park Duration May 2020 – August 2021 Occupancy will occur once HSE Guidelines permit
Your Dublin Your Voice – YDYV Citizen engagement	The Your Dublin Your Voice survey on the Night Time Economy is complete and the report is being finalised	Four surveys are being planned for 2020. The second survey will ask questions related to the impact of Covid 19 with a closing date in early May
Dublin Economic Monitor DEM	The 20 th edition of the DEM was produced by the Economic Development team and launched in Feb www.dublineconomy.ie	The 21 st edition will examine the impact of Covid 10 on the economy of the Dublin Region and will be available in May

Covid Supports	19	The LEO Dublin city is providing a wide range of critical supports to assist businesses in developing Covid 19 strategy, including Business Continuity Vouchers, free mentoring and Trading on Line Vouchers which are 90% redeemable.	Covid 19 supports are promoted, through e-zine, social media and on line www.localenterprise.ie/dublincity An article was published in the Business Plus magazine setting out the LEO Dublin city suite of supports.
On Line Grants Process LEO		The on-line grants process which was successfully introduced early this year is now assisting with on line Evaluation Committee Meetings – first held 30 th April.	The on line grant system is now live for all new feasibility, priming and business expansion grants from 2020
Dublin Place Brand		The content on the Dublin Place Branding site www.dublin.ie has been rewritten to inspire local and attract international site users to live, work, study and invest in Dublin	Content has been created to promote business supports and buy local initiatives. A campaign to celebrate front line workers is also underway with images of these workers on the site. The site attracts 1m visitors annually.
MODOS circular economy training		Work is progressing to provide a series of on line workshops for businesses who wish to apply sustainable and circular economy principles to their products	Appointment of trainers to deliver a suite of MODOS sessions.
Inchicore Library		Part 8 adopted. Project Architect instructed to mobilise the design team to finalise tender documents.	Tender to issue Q3
Finglas Library		Acquisition of the site for the new library has been completed.	Site surveys & initial feasibility study
City Library at Parnell Sq.		Project paused during Covid crisis	Ground investigation works when site restrictions are lifted.

DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Location	Date & Time
MusicTown – 2 x week music celebration	Various locations	September 9 – 27, pending further advice from Government. www.musictown.ie
International Literature Festival Dublin 2020	Various locations	October 2020, pending further advice from Government. www.ilfdublin.com
Permission to Wonder Erasmus + Project Conference	Series of online events to share the findings of a 3-year European project, initiated by the City Arts Office supported by Erasmus+.	On line events to take place during May 2020 www.permissiontowonder.com
Publication of 21 st edition of the Dublin Economic Monitor	On-line www.dublineconomy.ie	Late May – date to be agreed

Quarter 1 2020 Statistics

Events	
Filming Applications	40
Parks & Landscape Services	
No. of e-mails received (Parks Admin)	3,347 (includes 976 relating to Parks Events)
No. of e-mails received from City Councillors	141
No. of service requests on CRM	327 (Trees 186 - Litter & Illegal Dumping 89 – Grass 33 – Other 19)
No. of phone calls received	2029
No. of park events applications processed	976
Sports	
No. Attendees in Sport in the Community Programmes	23,194
No. of Individual Programmes	557
Libraries	
Number of Items issued (including e-resources)	
Reserves satisfied	
Visits to libraries	
Online visits	
Programmed Events* – held	
Attendance at programmed events	
Regular branch events held	
Internet sessions & Wi-Fi	
Printing & reprography (pages)	
City Hall	
Visitors to Rotunda	10290
Visitors to Exhibition	3764
Weddings	17
Events	16
Hugh Lane Gallery	
No. of Visitors	26,800
Arts Office	
No. of Lab Studio Rehearsals	1914
No. of visitors to Gallery	941

Human Resources Department

Workforce Numbers

The total number of employees at 31st March 2020 was 5995 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5656.75

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 as the workforce profile changes. Managers and staff are continuing to review how services are delivered to optimise customer service as effectively as possible.

The Human Resources Department will shortly commence the process of preparing a City Council Workforce Plan for the four-year period 2020 - 2024. This process will be informed by a detailed review of the staffing requirements across the organisation. The Plan will set out in broad terms the projected level of employment over period 2020 – 2024.

Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/7649/2020	Seeks records relating to another named individual.	Client	31/03/2020	09/04/2020
FOI/7648/2020	Seeks records regarding clamping.	Press	31/03/2020	20/04/2020
FOI/7647/2020	Seeks records regarding property at Slaney Road being used as homeless accommodation.	Press	31/03/2020	
FOI/7645/2020	seeks planning records	Client	27/03/2020	
FOI/7642/2020	seeks records re: Planning enforcement props in Glasnevin	Client	26/03/2020	
FOI/7639/2020	Seeks records regarding planning enforcement file.	Solicitor	24/03/2020	
FOI/7638/2020	seeks records re: housing situation/file	Other	23/03/2020	
FOI/7637/2020	Risk management software system for DCC	Client	20/03/2020	
FOI/7635/2020	seeks records re: illegal dumping of waste figures	Client	19/03/2020	
FOI/7634/2020	seeks records re: transfer of DCC land to another entity charity etc.	Press	19/03/2020	
FOI/7632/2020	Seeks planning files on four named sites.	Client	18/03/2020	
FOI/7631/2020	Seeks planning records for two listed locations.	Client	17/03/2020	
FOI/7628/2020	Seeks planning enforcement file.	Councillor	13/03/2020	
FOI/7627/2020	Seeks records regarding family hubs.	Press	13/03/2020	
FOI/7626/2020	information relating to S0198/20 82 Corn Mill, Distillery Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3	Client	12/03/2020	20/03/2020
FOI/7625/2020	Correspondence/reports/inspections/financial reports re Ashton Dog Pound	Client	12/03/2020	19/03/2020
FOI/7624/2020	Information on Cherrywood site boundary NEAR LAUGHANSTOWN ROAD,	Business	12/03/2020	
FOI/7622/2020	Request files	Client	12/03/2020	16/03/2020
FOI/7621/2020	Correspondence re planned Liffey Cycle Route	Client	12/03/2020	09/04/2020
FOI/7619/2020	No. of emergency calls to DFB January, February and March 2020. No. of emergency calls in relation to suspected corona virus Jan, Feb ,Mar 2020 No. of ambulances/fire vehicles dispatched to suspected corona virus cases in Jan, Feb, Mar 2020	Press	10/03/2020	

FOI/7616/2020	Records from meeting re election posters and records from meetings raising concerns over how election posters negatively impact on environment.	Press	09/03/2020	
	correspondence between council and BAM to clean local residents windows and cars			
FOI/7614/2020	Breakdown of cost for cleaning duties	Press	05/03/2020	06/04/2020
FOI/7610/2020	seeks records re: utility cover outside Snax in the City, Aungier St	Solicitor	05/03/2020	
FOI/7609/2020	seeks records re: how many allocations for one beds Area B	Client	05/03/2020	25/03/2020
	Amt. spent on private detectives in 2017/18/19.			
FOI/7607/2020	if possible reasons why local authority uses such services	Press	05/03/2020	09/04/2020
	personal injury claims - due to construction works on Luas			
	personal injury claims - due to people walking over Luas tracks			
FOI/7605/2020	how much money did DCC pay out for these injuries	Press	04/03/2020	
	Access to minutes, briefings & correspondence re: Frances Ruane of Abbey Theatre & Owen Keegan on Oct 23.			
FOI/7604/2020	Any further correspondence between DCC & The Abbey Theatre since October 2019	Press	04/03/2020	30/03/2020
FOI/7603/2020	request for details if any of meeting management system used for council and committee meetings	Client	03/03/2020	22/04/2020
FOI/7602/2020	Seeks records re lighting in public parks since Jan 19	Press	03/03/2020	27/03/2020
FOI/7601/2020	seeks records re: minutes of meetings Abbey Theatre & O Keegan	Press	02/03/2020	30/03/2020
FOI/7599/2020	seeks records re: money paid to landlords RAS & HAP	Client	02/03/2020	
FOI/7598/2020	seeks records re: Drone technology 2018-present	Press	02/03/2020	20/03/2020
FOI/7597/2020	seeks records re: minutes of meeting redevelopment of Abbey Theatre	Press	02/03/2020	30/03/2020
FOI/7593/2020	seeks records re: pavement works Hawkins Street	Solicitor	02/03/2020	

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in March 2020.

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2020 is outlined below.

Carried forward from 2019	26
Total opened at March 2020	<u>216</u>
	242
Total closed at March 2020	<u>202</u>
Live cases	40