

Dublin Canals Strategic Meeting

Draft Terms of Reference

March 2020

Purpose:

To act as a strategic forum for engagement between Waterways Ireland (WI) and Dublin City Council (DCC) as the key statutory stakeholders along the canals in the Dublin City area:

- a. Addressing key issues around the Royal and Grand Canals
- b. Monitoring of overall management
- c. Facilitating improved communication
- d. Communication around development (ongoing and planned) along the canal corridors

The forum was established in February 2020 arising from meetings between WI and DCC Management and Dublin City Councillors to address gaps in the timely sharing of information around the management and maintenance of canals in the city. This structure replaces the two canal sub-groups and the Operational Liaison Group (OLG) as was.

Membership:

Core membership is comprised of representatives of WI Docklands Development and Eastern Region Management and DCC South East, South Central and Central Area Management. The meetings will be held quarterly in April, July, October and January. There will be one Local Councillor representative for each of the three areas attending every second meeting. Quarterly meetings will deal with statutory and strategic issues attended by officials from DCC and WI, with other stakeholders attending as required: Gardaí, NTA, Irish Rail, LUAS, Croke Park, Fáilte Ireland and others.

Accountability:

This group replaces the original structure as recommended in Scott Wilson's **Dublin City Canals** Study in 2010. Minutes of meetings will be circulated to all attendees, DCC Area Managers, and Councillors for relevant areas. Agreed minutes will be posted on the Dublin City Canals website and Dublin City Council website.

Working methods:

The meetings will be an opportunity for close communication between statutory bodies in relation to the maintenance, management and development of the canals in the city.

The meetings will be administered by Dublin City Council and chaired by a DCC Area Manager. Items for agenda will be put forward by WI and DCC and circulated one week ahead of date of meeting including any relevant or supporting documentation. If non-members / other agencies are to be invited to meetings they will be given adequate notice to attend.

Agenda will include, inter alia: 1. Reports on infrastructural projects (WI & DCC), 2 Progress on strategic projects (WI & DCC), 3. Correspondence, 4. Matters arising, 5. Planning Permissions / Developments.

Review:

These terms of reference will be reviewed by WI and DCC management after a full year of meetings have been held.