

To the Lord Mayor and  
Members of Dublin City Council

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Report of the Chief Executive



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

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## Monthly Management Report – November 2020

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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 November 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: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

## **Environment and Transportation**

### **Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws**

Moby bikes are now available for public hire in Dublin City. 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 had reduced to 10,500 from a high of 126,155 at the beginning of March. This rose to 22,097 weekly transactions for week ending 17<sup>th</sup> May. 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 had reduced to €25,000 for Pay and Display parking in March and April. However, by week ending 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 this has risen to €252,692.61 – (slightly down from €257,359.73 on week ending 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020). There has been a rise in the number of live accounts from 245,530 for week ending 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 248,336 by week ending 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020.

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 have taken place. When the new contract is signed the name of the winner of this new contract will be made known.

### **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.

### **Permit Parking, Pay & Display**

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and the current Government restrictions which were announced on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 all new applications for Residential Parking Permit schemes (i.e. new schemes and extensions to hours of schemes) have been placed on hold until further notice. This is partly due to the workload arising from the implementation of the new COVID 19 on street measures being implemented throughout the city. However, from October some schemes are being implemented and those that will be implemented during November 2020 are as follows:

**The following are new schemes:**

**Date of Start**

Palmerston Gardens, Dublin 6  
02/11/2020. Mon- Friday 7.00 – 19.00

Millmount Avenue, Dublin 9  
16/11/2020 Mon- Friday. 7.00-19.00

Clarence Mangan Road, Dublin 8  
30/11/2020 Mon – Sat 7.00 – 24.00

**The following proposed new scheme is gone to ballot:**

Havelock Square, Dublin 4 Date for return of ballot papers 19/11/2020

**Electric Vehicles**

Dublin City Council took delivery of four electric light commercial vehicles in October 2020. This brings the total number of electric vehicles in the City Council fleet to 37.

**Road Maintenance Services**

Road Maintenance Services' resolved almost 5,300 customer enquiries and service requests during the period January to September 2020. Additionally, during the same period almost 3,900 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe. Furthermore, a total of 367 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24-hours of being recorded.

Road Maintenance Services' annual works programme is progressing on site. Carriageway resurfacing works and footpath upgrade works are being progressed across the City. The annual works programme when delivered will result in the upgrade of 14km of carriageway and 11km of footpaths.

**Bridges & Other Road Structures**

Bridge Maintenance have completed all of the 2019 Principal Inspection on bridges and the follow up urgent works and other routine maintenance works. Remedial works were carried out to boundary and retaining walls. Special Inspections are underway on Butt & Matt Talbot Bridges and special inspections are being planned on three other bridges. Scour inspections are being planned on all Bridges on the Liffey, Dodder and Tolka Rivers.

**Licensing Unit**

**Casual Trading**

There are approximately 260 Casual Trading designated pitches in DCC. Approximately 23% of designated traders have renewed their licences to date. It would be anticipated that there will be no major sporting events/concerts in 2020 so therefore no event licences will be issued for the rest of the year. The EURO2020 is postponed until 2021. A draft report has been drawn up by two of the Expert Group on Moore Street and their findings were reviewed by the group at a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. The Temple Bar Market is getting busier with trading now taking place in Meeting House Square, Curved Street, Cows Lane and Barnardo's Square every Saturday. Temple Bar Company and the Licensing Unit continue to work together to ensure the traders and customers have a safe and enjoyable market experience whilst ensuring compliance with all government guidelines. Operations will continue/cease subject to public health guidelines.

## **Street Performance**

It is expected (subject to Covid 19 restrictions) that up to 250 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 Licensing Unit are working with all the relevant City Council Staff and An Garda Síochána to ensure compliance with social distancing from the Street Performers and the crowds that gather to watch the performers as the City reopens. Operations will continue/cease subject to public health guidelines.

## **Licensing of Advertising Boards**

The system of licensing for Advertising Boards commenced from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2,423 premises have been inspected for compliance.

## **Street furniture Unit**

The CE has established the Public Spaces Working Group to assess applications for temporary Covid 19 street furniture permits (free for 6 months) to assist cafes/restaurants etc. in reopening. In addition all existing street furniture licence holders are being offered a free 6 month extension on existing licences. Over 200 applications have been received to date. The Council will facilitate applications where there is adequate space in the public realm to ensure pedestrian and traffic safety, social distancing, fire safety requirements, and ensure access for mobility/sight impaired and emergency services. Following on from the pedestrian trials a number of businesses have now been provided with 7 day street furniture permits on Dame Court, Drury Street, Exchequer Street and South Anne Street. In addition another 40 businesses have been approved for temporary street furniture permits free of charge for a 6 month period.

With the commencement of Level 3 restrictions in Dublin the City Council announced new measures to increase its support to businesses. Restaurants, cafés and pubs that serve food can utilise the public footpath, designated car parking spaces and other areas of the public domain under the control of City Council immediately provided they comply with standard conditions. Applications are being accepted retrospectively from these businesses. Operations will continue/cease subject to public health guidelines.

## **Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund**

Circa €1.1m of the €1.7m 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, however, due to government restrictions in respect of Covid-19 it is anticipated that these projects will require an extension to their drawdown expiry date.

Crusaders AC and St. Patrick's CYFC have drawn down all of their €2.05m Dublin Waste to Energy grant funding and the Irishtown Stadium redevelopment project is nearing completion. The water is pending connection and the clubs are also awaiting the installation of the ESB meter. Once this is done the new clubhouse building can be handed over.

## **Waste Services Update**

### **Street Grading**

Street Grading inspections resumed in May. Reduced staffing levels have had a slight impact which we are currently working to resolve. A programme of grading on street recycling facilities is currently in development. There has been a noticeable improvement in grades achieved across the city since staffing and service levels returned to almost full capacity following an understandable downturn during the early part of the pandemic.

### **Recycling Services**

All Bring Centres and Civic Amenity Sites are open and fully operational. Paystations at Civic Amenity Sites have been upgraded to facilitate contactless payment in line with social distancing best practice. Bring Centre paystation upgrades are due to be completed during October.

There has been a significant increase in recycling activities during the pandemic. The clearest increase is in the collection of glass, with 75.4% of the total figure for 2019 collected in the first six months of 2020. There were increases of 65.5% and 87.2% in May and June 2020 respectively, compared to 2019.

An increase of 107% in bulky waste, over twice as much inert Construction & Demolition waste and four times as much WEEE was collected at Civic Amenity sites in June 2020 compared with June 2019.

Following a successful pilot Small WEEE programme at Oscar Traynor Road in Q1 & Q2, Small WEEE collection has now been rolled out to a number of other Bring Centres citywide – Collins Avenue, Gullistan Terrace, Kylemore and Windmill Road. Small WEEE includes any electrical items no bigger than a standard microwave oven. 1.9t of Small WEEE was processed at Bring Centres in August 2020.

A Request for Tender for the Operation and Management of Civic Amenity and Recycling Services at Pigeon House Road and Shamrock Terrace was published on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Site visits for prospective tenderers took place in early September. Closing date was Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This tender will form a framework agreement for the awarding of contract for 24 months, with the option of two further 12 month periods.

### **IPB Pride of Place 2020 Competition**

Judging of IPB The Pride of Place 2020 competition is now complete. The four entrants, Better Ballymun, Donnybrook Tidy Towns, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Stone Soup Project in Cherry Orchard uploaded their presentation online and had a 40 minute Zoom call.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, there will be no awards ceremony this year. The 2020 entrants will be invited to the 2021 awards ceremony.

### **City Neighbourhoods Competition**

As the normal annual City Neighbourhoods Competition 2020 cannot take place due to ongoing Covid 19 restrictions, the Waste Management Division in conjunction with Public Domain Officers and Community Development Officers explored ways in which to acknowledge and reward communities for their continued work in the community during COVID 19. Local City Neighbourhoods competition is being held in each area and funds have been redirected from the citywide competition for the awards.

All the entrants made a special effort this year to showcase their work and are to be congratulated in how they presented their projects.

Meanwhile, the Waste Management Division continue to support local groups carrying out clean-ups in communal areas while maintaining social distancing to ensure our city is kept clean for all of us.

### **Green Schools / Community Environment Action Fund**

The Green Schools Officer and Litter Prevention officer continue to examine how planned and funded projects due to be delivered in 2020, may be provided remotely or digitally in the event that current restrictions impact on the successful delivery of projects in the normal manner. Funding claims for CEAF projects continue to be processed. Photos of CEAF funded projects are being shared through our social media outlets

### **Relove Fashion**

The Relove Fashion Competition run in cooperation with the Rediscovery Centre is open to all secondary school students in Dublin. It encourages students to take a deeper look at how their clothing is made. The competition explores creative reuse options such as up-cycling, repairs, alterations and mending. Students use their design and repair skills to make their own fashion statement. Entrants should source clothing from a charity shop, swap shop or reuse items already available at home. This competition is a great opportunity for any students interested in the field of fast fashion, reuse, design or upcycling. Students had to submit their Expression of Interest Form by email to their Local Authority Representative no later than 5pm on October 2nd 2020.

### **Litterer Management Plan**

A full report on the public consultation submissions, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment of the Litter Management Plan is being prepared for the Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC.

### **Housing waste recycling project**

The Housing Waste Project has resumed with inspections ongoing in housing complexes in the South Central Area. Social Distance requirements will preclude the hosting of information workshops, and alternative methods of delivery of this aspect of the project are being investigated.

### **Covid 19 Interim Summary Report – Waste Sector Operations**

The restrictions introduced by Government to combat Covid 19 had a profound impact on the economy and public activities. Waste management services were designated as an essential service and arrangements were made to ensure the continuity of services.

Restrictions led to an increase in household waste produced while commercial and construction waste decreased significantly. Waste collection services continued as normal and public waste infrastructure remained operational. Waste processing at materials recycling facilities was maintained and waste recovery at waste to energy plants continued as normal. Waste recovery at Cement Kilns reduced and ultimately ceased while waste recovery at composting facilities continued with increases in food waste. Waste disposal at landfill was in line with expectations while the export of waste as fuel continued with strong demand. Key decisions assisted the sector including the establishment of the High-Level Advisory Group

for Waste, the designation of the Regional Waste Management Offices, RWMO's, as the sectoral lead and the establishment of the Local Authority Business Continuity Group.

The RWMO's produced a risk based Monitoring and Early Warning System and issued weekly updates throughout the period. The cooperation of a wide range of key stakeholders including government and regulatory bodies, representative associations, industry operators and observers, ensured that the response of the sector was effective and efficient.

The sector proved to be remarkably resilient and the collective response was assisted using established structures and arrangements. The risk-based approach, rigorous monitoring and reporting and continuous capacity analysis provided an important reference framework for the sector.

The development and implementation of robust business continuity measures by the sector ensured that services were maintained while clear guidance was provided where required supported by national and regional awareness.

The response of the waste sector in Ireland to the Covid 19 crisis in the initial phase of restrictions was robust, reliable and resilient. The strength of established structures, arrangements and relationships was evident throughout and ensured that waste as an essential service was maintained during the period.

### **Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2019**

Following recent rejection of Phase 5 Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (Covid-19) at the Council's meeting DCC is currently assessing the best course of action before any decisions in relation to the above are made.

In the meantime, DCC will continue to implement 30km/h speed limits in residential areas as per approved Phase 4 - Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2019. This process was delayed due to temporary redirecting resources to Covid-19 related actions.

### **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 Restoration and Greenway Project. A restricted procedure to engage consultants is currently underway. Stage 1, Expressions of Interest was published on e-Tenders 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Approval for the Assessment Board has been received and the scoring system has been finalised. Expressions of Interest are being assessed. Successful candidates will be invited through to Stage 2: Request for Tender in November.

## **Coastal, 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 Division 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 and local flooding, as well as improving the water quality of that runoff through percolating the runoff in 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 and construction stages.

A consultant has been procured to draw up a SuDS Guidance Document to cover best practice in this area. Consultants are being procured for other pilot projects on the Dodder and Santry rivers.

Coastal flood risk has increased dramatically in the City over the last 20 years with an estimated 125mm+ increase in average sea level in Dublin Bay. This also leads to increased wave heights during some storm conditions. All of these factors are being included in proposed flood alleviation measures for the City.

## **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 delayed due to Covid-19. A Combined Sewer Overflow in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area has been identified as a particular problem. Irish Water have agreed to remove this before the start of next year's bathing season. New monitoring equipment is currently being procured.

Merrion Strand has been closed/ declassified after five successive years of "Poor" quality. DCC will continue to monitor water quality at this beach and aim to improve it. Sandymount is now designated "Satisfactory" so is now open for bathing and Dollymount is designated as "Excellent".

## **Climate Action Team**

The Climate Action Team has been working on completing the first progress report on the CCAP in partnership with the CARO and Codema. The report is a requirement under the National Adaptation Framework and will be submitted to the Department of Energy, Climate and Communications at the end of October.



The first phase of the engagement strategy is has commenced. Following advice from Area Managers, and due to the workshops being held online the number has been reduced to 2 workshops with the area offices.

The Climate Action Team attended a matchmaking event organised by Enterprise Ireland to facilitate identifying partners and consortiums for the EU Green Deal Call. There are a few subjects of interest that will be explored, primarily around energy, nature based solutions and citizens engagement.

A short research project on car sharing funded via the Smart City Innovation has commenced and will consider how DCC will better support the shift to car sharing.

The Climate Action Team is starting a Creative Ireland project exploring Dublin's Vegetable Roads. The project aims to answer the question: What is Dublin's role in Ireland's food security in a time of climate change? The objective is to connect people with the sources of food to increase their understanding of food production and distribution, and prevention of food waste.

### **Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit**

#### **Exceedance of air quality limit value**

The EPA have issued their Air Quality Report for 2019 which indicates, an exceedance of EU limit values for nitrogen dioxide at St. Johns Rd. West.

- <http://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/air/quality/Air%20Quality%20In%20Ireland%202019.pdf>
- The EU Commission, once notified of this exceedance, will require that an air quality management plan is developed to address this exceedance

#### **Citizen science**

Dublin City Council will participate in the EPA-An Taisce 'Clean Air Together' project. This Citizen Science project involves recruiting volunteers in the deployment of 1,000 NOx tubes in the Dublin Area during 2021. A pilot of the project will be carried out during October-November 2020 using 150 volunteers (ideally including DCC officials and members).

### **Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City**

The Chief Executive issues a weekly Covid Mobility report to all Councillors. All reports to date (since June 18) are available on the website: <https://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-dublin-city-covid-mobility-programme/covid-mobility-webpage>

### **Sustainable Mobility Communications and Promotion**

The Covid Mobility team provides updates each week to councillors via the chief executive, in addition details of schemes and consultation around the schemes are now being undertaken via the DCC consultation hub.

### **Sustainable City Centre Strategy**

The Covid Crisis and the changes that it has brought to the city and its likely knock on consequences on the cities transport needs and the overall mobility movements in the city require that the existing City Centre Transport Strategy document to be updated. This will require us to both look at the pattern of mobility in the city pre covid and what is now needed for the next number of years.

In addition projects such as Metro link, bus connects, Dart + Luas extension to Finglas and the increase in cycling funding allocation will require a coordinated view of how these projects will work together and what is required over the next 5- 6 years.

It is anticipated that a draft of the sustainable city centre strategy will be available by December 2020.

### **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. Workshops due to take place in-person have been postponed due to Covid-19. We are looking into options for online engagement now instead.

### **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. Schools can currently express interest in becoming a School Street on the DCC BETA Projects website: <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/school-streets>

### **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, has been rescheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of November. 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	The review of this project is ongoing and discussions are continuing with the NTA regarding relevant transport issues, including Bus Connects and the recently published Bus Network Redesign. This will inform the preparation of a new College Green proposal and the intended re-submission of an appropriate planning application as soon as possible. As part of the preparation of a revised proposal, it is intended to bring a report to the upcoming Transportation SPC meeting and to commence a short public consultation process thereafter.
2	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Detailed design works are nearing completion and a tender process should commence before the end of the year. It is planned to be in a position to commence works after completion of the major private development currently under construction and affecting Clarendon Row. This was expected in Q1 2021 but was delayed by Covid-19 and is now expected in Q2 2021.
3	Grafton St. Quarter Phase 5 – Duke St. / South Anne St Area	DCC	DCC	Preliminary design works are continuing. 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 are continuing. 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/LIHAAF/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan	Preliminary design is near completion. The draft EIAR will be complete by October. Land acquisitions and Land Owner agreements are being progressed. Traffic modelling for the Business Case is complete and a consultant has been appointed to commence the full Business Case report. The NTA are considering amalgamating this project with the BusConnects project.
7.	Blood Stoney Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	Received An Bord Pleanála decision on 21st Sept'20 not to approve the amendment to the SDZ to relocate the bridge to Blood Stoney Road. Project team will liaise with Planning Dept. to decide how to proceed.

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### Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
8.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	New Competition	5 Tenders were received before the 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the Tender Assessment has commenced.
9.	Silloogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	O'Connor Sutton	Letter of Acceptance issued to Contractor on 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020. Hoping to commence work on site before the end of the year, starting with Gateway Crescent extension. Tree felling and Pest control measures will be carried out on site prior to commencement of the works.
10.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	DCC	The Main Works (e.g. repaving, public lighting, green infrastructure etc) will commence in August 2021 (after Euro 2021 event) with completion in May 2022.
11.	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	DBFL	Letter of Acceptance issued to Contractor on 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020. Hoping to commence work on site before the end of the year.
12.	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.
13.	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 complete and tender documents being reviewed for issue Q3 2020.
14.	Castle Street /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme	DCC	DCC	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 have made a submission to the CPSO.

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### Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
15.	Belmayne Main Street and Belmayne Ave	DCC/NTA/LIHAF	DBFL Consulting Engineers	6 Tenders were received before the 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the Tender Assessment has commenced.
16.	Finglas Area Roundabouts Improvement Scheme	DCC/NTA	Aecom	Public Consultation commenced 14/09/20 and closed 09/10/20. Preparation of the Public Consultation Report in progress. The design is now being reviewed to factor in the proposed Finglas LUAS Project which is in conflict with the St Margaret's Road design. Internal Stakeholder Consultation to take place in Q4 2020.
17.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DCC/OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR developed. Structural Infrastructure Development programmed for late January 2020 as joint SDCC/DCC submission presented to SE Area Committee on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September. Part X application closing date the 11 <sup>th</sup> June. 25 submissions received by ABP, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Preparing responses to ABP by 11 <sup>th</sup> October.
18.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECOM	AECOM appointed, kick off meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019. Environmental and topographical surveys underway. Computer modelling of catchment ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.camacfas.ie">www.camacfas.ie</a> Environmental surveys have revealed more flora and fauna in the river than previously recorded.
19.	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 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019. Building web-site. Public info session - comments being analysed. Environmental and topographical survey's ongoing. Computer modelling ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home">www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home</a> .

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### Projects at Design Stage – Continued

20.	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.
21.	Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works	DCC	Tobin Consulting Engineers (TCE)	Stage 1 Completed: Suitability Assessment and Options Report signed-off by DCC. Stage 2 commenced on 26/07/19. Draft Drawings and Work Requirements submitted by Consultants TCE have been reviewed by DCC's Project Team and feedback provided. Consultation with stakeholders is ongoing. Works are required 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 Stream, one each on the Naniken River, Elm Park Stream and a tributary of the Wad River.
22.	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. The scheme is currently on hold. The project engineer has been reassigned to priority Covid – 19 Interventions. The project is currently on hold.
23.	Grangegorman Road Lower interim Safety Measure	NTA/GDA	DBFL	Construction has started for two Toucan Crossings. Civil works are expected to be completed by the end of November.
24.	Sandymount Green	DCC	DBFL	The tenders are being assessed at the moment. Construction to start in late October 2020.
25.	Finglas Village	DCC	Atkins	The tenders are being assessed at the moment. Construction to start in early November 2020.
26.	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme	DCC	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Consultant appointed. Landowners and major stakeholders being contacted. Ecological, site investigation and topographical surveys ongoing.

## 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	Q3 2020	This project is complete with only some minor works remaining.
2	Dodder Flood alleviation works	ARUP DCC	OPW	August 2007	Dec 2020	Construction of new RDS wall ongoing. Programmed for completion Q2 2021. Construction commenced at Beech Hill road. Programmed completion Q4 2021. Instream fisheries works on Beaver row completed.
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 completed in 2019. Tree planting on George's Quay completed. Tenders for sealed manholes assessed.
4.	Balbutcher Lane Junction reconfiguration	DCC	Clonmel Enterprises Ltd	January 2020	Q4 2020	Works have moved onto Phase 3 of the Traffic Management Plan with traffic now moved onto the newly aligned Balbutcher Lane. Works progressing at the South East area of the site, constructing new footpaths and installing utilities. Revised date for completion of Nov'20.

## Planning

### **New Policy/Strategic**

The National Planning Framework 2040 provides for 265,000 additional 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.

Urban Regeneration Development Fund bids have been submitted to the DHPLG based on the North Inner City, South Inner City and Cherry Orchard

<b>Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC</b>	<b>Progress in Previous Quarter</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
<b>Development Plan 2016-2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Variation currently being finalised for adding the North Great Georges St ACA</li></ul>	Proposed to go on public display in November.
<b>Development Plan 2022-2028</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed to commence review in mid December 2020.</li><li>• Draft background papers being finalised and text for public issue paper being prepared for translation and design.</li><li>• Retail study consultant appointed and work progressing well.</li><li>• Communications strategy- work progressing on designing public consultation and webinars</li><li>• SEA &amp; AA tender process being finalised</li><li>• Work on RPS recommendations for pre-Draft stage and Draft stage underway</li></ul>	<p>PR company and design/print company in place to assist with pre-draft consultation preparation, design of pre-draft Strategic Issues Paper to take place in November. .</p> <p>First workshops for Councillors to take place in November and December.</p> <p>List of RPS additions being prepared to process in advance of the Dra</p>
<b>Planning/Housing Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment of Housing land potential on Council owned flat complexes now complete and presented to Housing SPC.</li></ul>	Moving into feasibility and concept design phase.



<b>Ballymun LAP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro – Link details for public consultation published by NTA, show Route to be underground at Ballymun.</li> <li>• June 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 Decathlon opened.</li> <li>• Oct 2020 Lidi and student accommodation (Ref. 3930/17) nearing completion.</li> <li>• Demolition of shopping centre underway;</li> <li>• Housing Sites 22 &amp; 23 (Oileáin na Crannóige) O’Cualann Co-Operative housing on-site.</li> <li>• New intersection with Hampton Wood near completion.</li> <li>• Affordable Housing Sites; expressions of interest advertised for all 3 sites. Market analysis (Lisney) and social economic survey (Kanter) commissioned.</li> <li>• Site 2: Winning Bidder has withdrawn.</li> </ul>	<p>Meetings with NTA ongoing to establish land take for Metro.</p> <p>Affordable Housing Sites: Agreed to progress sites to Part 8 planning consent stage.</p> <p>Review situation</p>
<b>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAP adopted at City Council meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.</li> <li>• URDF application for funding submitted, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020</li> </ul>	<p>LDA to present to the Housing SPC re LDA constitution and revert to Area Committee regarding sites 4 &amp; 5</p> <p>URDF application made for LAP implementation.</p> <p>Site 1: Serviced site fund: Part 8 application being prepared for site.</p>
<b>Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life of LAP extended to 2022</li> <li>• Part 8 Approved for ‘Main Street’ Belmayne in March 2019.</li> <li>• DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library.</li> <li>• Public Consultation running from 16<sup>th</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020</li> <li>• URDF application for funding submitted, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.</li> </ul>	<p>Design of LIHAF funded ‘Main Street’ Belmayne is currently being progressed.</p> <p>URDF application made for LAP/masterplan implementation</p> <p>Assessment of submission on Belmayne draft Masterplan</p>
<b>Finglas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Concept Masterplan for Finglas to be prepared. Presentation given to local councillors Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019.</li> <li>• Update Briefing given to Local councillors 23 July 2020. Draft Community and Social Audit prepared.</li> <li>• Population &amp; Housing Analysis report drafted.</li> <li>• A number of proposals received from some owners of Jamestown Industrial lands.</li> <li>• Draft Finglas Concept Plan to be and presented to Area Committee November 2020.</li> </ul>	<p>On-going:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i, Fergal's Field Masterplanning.</li> <li>ii. Jamestown Industrial Estate masterplanning/ SDRA..</li> <li>iii. Two audits to be completed and circulated.</li> <li>iv Concept Plan to be completed.</li> <li>v. Urban Design analysis of key sites:</li> </ul> <p>- Fergals’s Field</p>

<b>Luas Finglas</b>	Emerging Preferred Route.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fingals West village</li> <li>- Barry Road shops</li> <li>- Finglas Village</li> <li>- Mellows road/ intersection with Luas</li> <li>- Valley site with Luas</li> <li>- Luas Village stop</li> <li>- other sites as set out in Concept plan.</li> </ul> vi. Luas consultation.  17 September 2020 submission made to TII.
<b>North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report submitted to An Bord Pleanála in December 2019 in relation to public consultation on amendments to building heights.</li> <li>• DCC pursued a Judicial Review of Bord Pleanála's grant of permission under the SHD process for development at City-Block 2 of the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock planning scheme.</li> <li>• Proposed SDZ amendment to relocate a planned pedestrian/cycle bridge from Forbes Street to Blood Stoney Road refused by An Bord Pleanála.</li> <li>• Planned works on Campshires public realm</li> </ul>	Await decision of ABP.  Case now concluded. DCC's position accepted.  Full report considered. Options under review.  Ongoing meetings.
<b>Public Realm Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grafton St Quarter –Sth Anne St/ Duke St Lemon St design to go to stakeholder consultation once agreed and Suffolk St will initiate Part 8 shortly</li> <li>• Wolfe Tone Square – on site for Construction Phase in the next week or two when Ministerial Order is signed. Temporary Public toilets will be retained for as long as possible, Ups facility will relocate.</li> <li>• Liffey Street Upper/ Lower Tender docs being finalised with view to going to construction tender and onsite by Q1 2021</li> <li>• Public Realm Plan for the Markets Area being developed to identify improvements to the pedestrian and residential experience of the area and guide redevelopment</li> </ul>	Following internal and external consultations, proposed to initiate Part 8.  On site shortly  Project Design and planning for projects is continuing, however, a number of projects are impacted by Covid measures and the CIF construction requirements. This will need to be fully evaluated financially and contractually. Current priority is to provide space for pedestrians and cyclists in the city.
<b>Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Markets Soundings process complete and agreed with the Members Advisory Group to proceed to tender.</li> </ul>	Issue tender for redevelopment of the Markets Building

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed temporary uses have not been possible due to national guidance re congregating. The Proposed Mistletoe Market in December has not been adjudicated yet by the HSE Event Planning team.</li> </ul>	
<b>Urban Regeneration and Development Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call 1 – Awarded</li> <li>Naas Road / Ballymount / Park West / Cherry Orchard Masterplan – Joint DCC / SDCC project.</li> <li>Kilmainham / Inchicore Development Strategy. 16 October 2020 - Stage 2 Stakeholder consultation commenced</li> <li>Call 2 – Bid 4 bids submitted 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, in collaboration with Departments across DCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. North Inner City</li> <li>ii. South Inner City</li> <li>iii. Park – West Cherry Orchard</li> <li>iv. Clongriffin- Belmayne</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Urban Design / Placemaking Team appoint and Stage 1 Study commenced and to be completed by Q1 2021. November 2020 Councillor Visioning Workshop.</p> <p>Stage 2 Report – deadline for completion November 2020.</p> <p>Awaiting decision of DHPLG Assessment Panel.</p>
<b>DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)</b>	Irish Rail's Emerging Preferred Options in relation to "Dart + West" were published and submissions invited.	Final date for receipt of submissions is 21 October.
<b>DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)</b>	Irish Rail commenced Briefing on Emerging Preferred Options.	Dates for Irish Rail confirmation with DCC Departments to be organised.
<b>Metrolink</b>	Current pre-Railway Order discussions with TII.	Ongoing planning input.
<b>BusConnects</b>	<p>Street Audit of 3 routes finalised.</p> <p>Next round of public consultation due to commence in November 2020.</p>	Issue findings of Street Audit to Steering Group
<b>Finglas LUAS</b>	Public consultation on preferred route. DCC submission made 17 <sup>th</sup> sept 2020.	Ongoing consultations with TII

## 1. Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage																						
<b>Active Land Management</b>  <b>Derelict Sites Register</b>          <b>Vacant Sites Register</b>	<b>Thomas Court, 37, D8</b> The property vested in the Council on 30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020 under the control of the Housing & Community Services. It will be refurbished and used for social housing purposes.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to <b><u>201 sites</u></b>.</li><li>• Notices of Entry have issued in relation to <b><u>134 sites</u></b>.</li><li>• <b><u>157</u></b> submissions have been received to date.</li> <li>• <b><u>54</u></b> sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register (19/10/2020). <b><u>15</u></b> of which are in City Council ownership</li></ul> <table><tr><th colspan="2">2018 Demands</th></tr><tr><td>Paid</td><td>€640,950</td></tr><tr><td>Cancelled</td><td>€1,394,100</td></tr><tr><td>To be cancelled</td><td>€48,000</td></tr><tr><td>Outstanding</td><td>€900,600</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"><b>Total Demanded: €2,983,650</b></td></tr></table> <table><tr><th colspan="2">2019 Demands</th></tr><tr><td>Paid</td><td>€227,500</td></tr><tr><td>Cancelled</td><td>€402,500</td></tr><tr><td>Outstanding</td><td>€5,508,300</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"><b>Total Demanded: €6,138,300</b></td></tr></table>	2018 Demands		Paid	€640,950	Cancelled	€1,394,100	To be cancelled	€48,000	Outstanding	€900,600	<b>Total Demanded: €2,983,650</b>		2019 Demands		Paid	€227,500	Cancelled	€402,500	Outstanding	€5,508,300	<b>Total Demanded: €6,138,300</b>		<b>21, 27 &amp; 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3.</b>  Decision of ABP is awaited for the compulsory acquisition of the above derelict site
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<b>City Valuers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exchange of lands with Cairn Homes/Stanley at Belmayne, negotiations advancing slowly.</li><li>• Proposed CPOs at Ryders Row, Werburgh Street, Exchange Street and for new Abbey Theatre project at Eden Quay proceeding.</li><li>• Transactions involving the HSE at The Church of the Annunciation and Fergal’s Field Finglas, St. Michael’s Estate, Cherry Orchard and Gulistan Terrace agreed with HSE and reported for receipt of approvals</li><li>• Acquisition of lands and houses at Belcamp Lane being pursued, CPO required, instruction and map from Housing Dept. awaited.</li></ul>	Ryders Row CPO. Notices to treat served and under negotiation.																						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible acquisition by agreement of lands at Northern Cross Traveller site being discussed with Department of Housing.</li> <li>• Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink and Bus Connects projects</li> <li>• Heightened focus on Long Term Leasing of residential properties and hospitality sector for temporary Homeless accommodation.</li> <li>• Disposals to Hines at St. Teresa's Gardens approval by City Council.</li> <li>• Assessment of O'Callaghan hotels exchange proposal for St. Andrews Court Senior Citizens complex being prepared for decision on way forward.</li> <li>• Retail rents strategy to be formulated.</li> <li>• TII preparing formal expression of interest in Port Tunnel site at junction of Swords Road and Collins Avenue.</li> <li>• Disposal of retail site at St. Michael's Estate being considered.</li> </ul>	
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## 2. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<b>Record Protected Structures</b>	<p>Proposed Additions to RPS on public display until 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. The documents for both proposals are available for inspection on the DCC Website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Richmond House (in the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital), to include former chapel and courtyard with outbuildings at Richmond Road, Dublin 3.</b></li> <li><b>'Brooklawn' (within the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital), bow-fronted House, with 19<sup>th</sup> century red brick wall to its western boundary and two gate piers, at Richmond Road, Dublin 3</b></li> </ul>	CE Report and recommendation to go to full Council for decision
<b>Built Heritage investment Scheme 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2020.</i></b> The Minister has allocated €308,000 to Dublin City Council under the BHIS 2020.</li> <li>54 BHIS applications were submitted and approved by the DCHG. The 1<sup>st</sup> Progress Report on the projects was sent to the Department on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Progress Report on the Projects was sent to the Department on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.</li> </ul>	Works completed or nearing completion. Preparing paperwork for payment of grants and drawdown of funding.
<b>Historic Structures Fund 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2020.</b> 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</li> <li>The Minister for CHG has approved 4 HSF applications. Applicants have to accept the letter of offer by Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.</li> <li>3 Applicants have accepted the grant funding and the projects going ahead are; St. Audeon's Church High Street, Dublin 8, St. Mobhi's Church, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 and St. Werburgh's Church, Glasnevin, Dublin 9</li> </ul>	Works completed or nearing completion. Preparing paperwork for payment of grants and drawdown of funding.

## **Culture Recreation and Economic Services**

### **New Policy/Strategy**

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor: Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Chair of Economic Development & Enterprise SPC, Cllr Claire O Connor and Cllr Mary Freehill have been nominated to represent Dublin City Council on the Political Advisory Group. Each of the 8 participating local authorities are represented on the advisory group. Enterprise Ireland's Green Committee has been established with representatives from LEO Dublin City, Cork City, Mayo, Leitrim, Sligo and Kilkenny to review green initiatives and pilot opportunities. SPC Working Group on EU Affairs and International Relations are developing a European funding strategy, gathering baseline data on expertise and knowledge across the organisation. Information sharing meetings and seminars will take place during November.

### **Departmental Priority**

Libraries - Dormant Accounts Funding has been approved for DCC to the amount of €88,621.33 The funding will support literacy for marginalised communities, digital literacy for people with low literacy levels and programmes to embrace culture and arts as a sustaining purpose during COVID-19 period in the Winter 20/21. The funding will also support UPLIFT a co-ordinated programme of webinar events on how art and culture can sustain us. It will be a discovery programme about stories, music, dance, theatre, film and visual art. The programme will be curated by two programmers-in-residence in partnership with Dublin City Libraries (one for north city and one for south city) and will have a social inclusive approach in reaching participants. Library Programming - Annual and new programming is continuing on-line.

Children's Book Festival presents a range of book themed events and activities with authors, illustrators and storytellers. Schools programme will feature 46 online events with classes from primary level invited to attend by their local library. Short promotion videos with selected authors and libraries will encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading and promote children's books and stories. Family Time at the Library (via Zoom) and will feature library staff and other participants bringing a family friendly event celebrating the feeling of Christmas in the first couple of weeks of December. (Both Children's book Festival and Family Time at the Library are part of Right to Read, national library programme).

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature-Readers' Day 2020 is on November 28. This year Dublin City Libraries will partner with the Dublin Book Festival to present events online, in a reimagined programme. On November 28 international bestselling author Marian Keyes will be in conversation with Irish Times journalist Roisin Ingle from the beautiful surroundings of Farmleigh House. This is a pre-recorded online event available to view for free from 11.00am through the DBF website programme. The other featured event as part of Readers' Morning is the Emerging Writers panel taking place at 2.00pm in Kevin Street Library. Full details see <https://dublinbookfestival.com/programme/>

Decade of Commemorations - The Department of Planning, Housing and Local Government commissioned the local archivists in Ireland (including staff at Dublin City Archives) to produce two booklets – one in Irish, one in English- to mark the centenary of Local Elections 1920. Copies of the two booklets will be circulated to all elected members by the CEO's office. November 21 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bloody Sunday. Dublin City Libraries have a commemorations programme to mark this momentous event: BOOK: History on Your Doorstep (volume 3) – Bloody Sunday 21 November 1920 A series of essays by DCC Historians in Residence, and historian Liz Gillis. The book is free and will be distributed through branch libraries. EXHIBITION: working in partnership with Dublin GAA, DCL has created an exhibition which focuses on the events in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday. This will be available for GAA clubs in Dublin to display (hard copy and electronic version). The

exhibition will be supported by a series of lectures by historians in residence which Dublin clubs can deliver online and a reading list and images which clubs can use on social media. City Hall – there will be a formal event in City Hall with the Lord Mayor and the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to launch the History on Your Doorstep book and remember Dick McKee, Peadar Clancy and Conor Clune on the anniversary of their killings. (Subject to public health guidelines/requisite Level restrictions).

Business Continuity Voucher received 1302 applications by LEO Dublin city, with 839 applications approved to the value of €2,097,500. Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) scheme received 1007 applications to date. Value of the TOV approved to date is €1,990,277.35.

Covid – 19 Micro Enterprise Assistance Scheme was launched by the Tánaiste in September, with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The criteria for this scheme is being developed by the Dept. currently with 2,000 vouchers available nationally. Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants 58 approved grants to date to value €954,333. Training – 3989 participants across all training programmes year to date. Mentoring – 1311 businesses have availed of mentoring supports to date. LEO Lunch and Learn <https://www.localenterprise.ie/response/Lunch-and-Learn-Training-Webinar-Series/> BREXIT supports <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Discover-Business-Supports/Brexit/>

## **Departmental Projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress/Current Status</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
Inchicore Library	Tender analysis complete and all appropriate approvals in place. Contractor appointment in train	Construction phase to commence approx. programme of 4 to 5 months
Finglas Library	Complete initial design work and progress through pre-part 8 consultations with DCC technical departments. Plans presented to Area Committee at October Meeting	Complete consultations with technical departments/lodge Part 8/launch Part 8 Process
Small Scale Capital Works	Dublin City Libraries awarded €100,000 under the Small Scale Capital Works Grant scheme by Dept. of Rural & Community Development. Grant will be used to fund glazing system upgrades at Central and Raheny Library	Procurement of contractors for each project through DCC frameworks. Works to be completed by year end
DCSWP Online/Social Media Supports/ Advisory Booklets	Support provided via dedicated social media platforms and through the distribution of advisory booklets for Older Adults. Booklets provide critical advice on how older people in our communities can maintain physical activity if at home or return to exercise safely outside the home. Booklets produced by DCSWP in partnership with Age Friendly Ireland, HSE and Irish Society for Chartered Physiotherapists and Local Sports Partnerships	DCSWP Online supports/initiatives continue. <i>Let's Get Moving Again'</i> booklet in circulation in communities as follow up to the <i>Stay Home. Stay Healthy, Stay Active</i> Covid 19 Older Adults response initiative



Marathon Kids 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of collaboration with Marathon Kids, SDCC & Fingal County Council 8-week initiative with children running their final mile in Morton Stadium in November	25-30 schools across 3 Dublin areas to participate in 2020 programme
Community Fitness Programmes	DCSWP Sport Officers continue to deliver multi-sport outdoor programmes in line with COVID-19 level 3 restrictions including walking, hiking, orienteering, swimming, cycling and general fitness programmes	Ongoing
Co-Funded Programmes	DCSWP has 27 dedicated Co-funded officers working across communities in the delivery of Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Rugby programmes. School and youth programmes have resumed across the city following the return to school period	Ongoing
Sport Ireland Club Small Grant Scheme	The COVID-19 club small grant scheme implemented through Sport Ireland and the Local Sports Partnerships to support the sports sector during the COVID-19	109 clubs approved for funding. Final decisions to be made by November 2020
Wolfe Tone Pk	Construction tender assessed and contractor appointed	Contractors on site early Nov
Merrion Square	Contractor appointed	Commence in Q1 of 2021
Kilmainham Mill	Construction tender assessed and contractor appointed for phase 1 enabling works	Contractor to be appointed in early November
St. James Linear Park	Construction tender assessed and contractor appointed for phase 1 works	Delays due to Covid-19 so Contractor on site Q1 2021
Liffey Vale Hse	Design development ongoing	Part 8 Submission in Q4
Ventry Park Redesign	Public consultation complete	Presentation to Area Committee in November
Ballyfermot Peoples Park	Tender published for minor works	Assess tenders
Reinstatement Historic Lamps	Lamp standards restored and ready for placement	For installation in November
Green Flag	Awarded the Green Flag status in 11 parks Citywide	
NEIC Greening Strategy	Kings Avenue Biodiversity Garden; Gloucester Place Plaza; Cluid Housing main entrance; Georges Quay	Projects recently complete
NEIC Greening Strategy	Annesley Avenue; Fourth Road; Sean Mac Dermott Street; Summerhill Central Median; Royal Canal phase 2; Mountjoy Parade	All schemes to commence with contractors onsite in November/December
Refurbishment 1930s wing	Pre -tender estimate being completed; completing preparations for gallery refurbishment, art movement to offsite storage	Tender will be published 27 October
Online programme of art education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bi-monthly Culture Clubs</li> <li>• Weekly Coffee Conversations with live post-lecture chat</li> <li>• Specially produced online art activity films for a variety of ages</li> <li>• 16 week Portfolio Course on Sunday mornings;</li> </ul>	Ongoing art education programming and development of virtual resources for a variety of audiences and Culture Pop films as part of our learning programmes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• live online 24 week <i>Avenues into Modern and Contemporary Art</i> lectures series on Sat mornings with Peoples College</li> <li>• Junior Open House online activities</li> <li>• monthly online VTS discussions on artworks with Sculpture Dublin</li> <li>• Online talks exploring <i>Worlds without End</i> exhibition.</li> <li>• <i>Artists Takeover</i> series bi-monthly</li> <li>• Online monthly lunchtime class using VTS to look at Sculpture</li> <li>• Artists and their Travels: A new 6 week online lecture series for Adults beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	
Zoom@HughLane Gallery city-wide project with primary schools	Preparing live and online materials and filming for Phase III: 12 primary schools involved	Phase III is now underway
Your Dublin Your Voice – YDYV Citizen engagement	The Your Dublin Your Voice survey results on Building Back Better has been published; identifying changes Dubliner's behaviour & hopes for future <a href="http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-business-economic-development-local-enterprise-office/your-dublin-your-voice">http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-business-economic-development-local-enterprise-office/your-dublin-your-voice</a>	The fourth Your Dublin Your Voice survey for 2020 will be disseminated in Q4
Dublin Economic Monitor DEM	The 22 <sup>nd</sup> edition of the DEM was published in Sept containing Q2 stats <a href="http://www.dublineconomy.ie">www.dublineconomy.ie</a>	A future vision for the DEM is being developed in advance of the December edition
Covid 19 Supports	LEO Dublin city is providing a wide range of critical supports to assist businesses in developing Covid 19 strategy	Covid 19 supports are promoted, through e-zine, social media and on line <a href="http://www.localenterprise.ie/dublincity">www.localenterprise.ie/dublincity</a>
Dublin Place Brand	The team are delivering a Stop the Spread Campaign	The Dublin Place Branding site <a href="http://www.dublin.ie">www.dublin.ie</a>
MODOS circular economy training	An expression of interest have been received from Cork Chamber of Commerce to run a MODUS programme	NOAC have chosen MODUS as a best practice case study to be showcased nationally to all other LA's on 4 November

## **DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
Readers Day 2020	<a href="https://dublinbookfestival.com/programme/">https://dublinbookfestival.com/programme/</a>	28 November 2020
Sustainable Days	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/sustainabledaysdublin">https://www.facebook.com/sustainabledaysdublin</a>	28 November 2020
WWE exhibition online education programme	See Hugh Lane Website for scheduled events <a href="https://www.hughlane.ie/phocadownload/programme%20of%20talks%20%20%20worlds%20without%20end.pdf">https://www.hughlane.ie/phocadownload/programme%20of%20talks%20%20%20worlds%20without%20end.pdf</a>	1 October – 31 Jan 2021
Newly created virtual education programme of art activity films and online art talks	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ul2v2RVcfveDklAcwWtQ/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ul2v2RVcfveDklAcwWtQ/videos</a>	
Worlds Without End: Coffee Conversation	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/coffee-conversation-worlds-without-end-stories-around-borders-tickets-123696685115">https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/coffee-conversation-worlds-without-end-stories-around-borders-tickets-123696685115</a>	25 November @ 11am
Worlds Without End: Artist Talk	Live online talk with artist Dragana Jurisic	26 November @ 5pm
Evaluation & Approvals Committee	Local Enterprise Office EVAC is scheduled virtually with 21 grant applications for review	5 Nov
EU Funding Programme 2021 – 2027 Programme Workshops	Information sharing meetings on European projects and opportunities	5 Nov – 30 Nov
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Next SPC meeting is planned for City Hall but will be in line with government guidelines	10 Nov
Social Enterprise Awards	Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards 2020	12 Nov
Dublin City Summit Series	The Summit Series 2020 will focus on the COVID19 Economic Recovery & Sustainability	26 Nov
Pendulum Summit	Emerging from Disruption Conference	27 Nov
Dublin Economic Monitor	Publication via <a href="http://www.dublineconomy.ie">www.dublineconomy.ie</a>	December

## **Human Resources**

### **Workforce Numbers**

The total number of employees at 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was 5920 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work-sharing arrangements) was 5598.15.

On a continuing basis, and in the context of the impact that Covid-19 has had on the operation of the City Council, managers and staff have undertaken restructuring, reassignment and prioritisation of work to continue service delivery to citizens and customers. Managers and staff are continuing to review how services are delivered to optimise customer service as safely and effectively as possible.

The Human Resources Department has run a small number of open competitions for the purpose of filling critical vacancies. Campaigns recently closed include Executive and Assistant Engineer and Executive Planners.

## Law Department

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/7993/2020	seeks records re: I would be grateful if you could provide me with a copy of a report that I prepared in response to a planning enforcement complaint.	Client	30/09/2020	20/10/2020
FOI/7992/2020	seeks records re: The cost to the council of cleaning up illegally-dumped items and related fines in its area.	Client	30/09/2020	
FOI/7991/2020	Records on staff sacked or suspended 2018 and 2019 and reasons why	Client	30/09/2020	
FOI/7990/2020	seeks records re: vote by Dublin City Council on 3 March 2014 on an amendment of Dublin's Development Plan	Client	30/09/2020	12/10/2020
FOI/7989/2020	Seeks records regarding segregation of cycle lanes in Ranelagh/Rathmines/Rathgar	Client	30/09/2020	
FOI/7988/2020	Records regarding Dublin Business Improvement District	Business	29/09/2020	
FOI/7987/2020	Requests all communications between developer and its agents re Pembroke Place and Herbert Pk Road	Client	29/09/2020	
FOI/7986/2020	Statistics regarding traffic	Client	29/09/2020	
FOI/7985/2020	Seeks records regarding garage at rear of clients property.	Solicitor	29/09/2020	
FOI/7983/2020	Requests pre planning costs incurred by DCC in relation to Dominic Street and the project summary of costs	Business	29/09/2020	
FOI/7982/2020	Requests pre planning costs incurred by DCC in relation to Cornamona Court and the project summary of costs	Business	29/09/2020	
FOI/7981/2020	Requests pre planning costs incurred by DCC in relation to St. Teresas Gardens and the project summary of costs.	Business	29/09/2020	
FOI/7980/2020	Requests pre planning costs incurred by DCC in relation to St Marys Mansions and project summary of costs	Business	29/09/2020	
FOI/7979/2020	Request pre planning costs incurred by DCC in relation to Charlemont Street and project summary costs.	Business	29/09/2020	
FOI/7978/2020	Requests pre planning costs by DCC in relation to Dolphin House	Business	29/09/2020	
FOI/7977/2020	Requests pre planning costs incurred by DCC regarding Clongriffin and project summary of costs	Business	29/09/2020	
FOI/7976/2020	Seeks records regarding statues at Shelbourne Hotel	Press	29/09/2020	20/10/2020

FOI/7974/2020	Records held by DCC in relation to the Fruit and Vegetable market on Marys Lane in Dublin	Councillor	28/09/2020	
FOI/7972/2020	Requests records regarding trees on Palmerstown Road	Client	25/09/2020	
FOI/7970/2020	Seeks records regarding parking permits at specific location.	Client	25/09/2020	
FOI/7969/2020	Number of complaints received by DCC in last 12 months in relation to roadworks occurring outside of normal hours.	Client	25/09/2020	
FOI/7967/2020	Correspondance between individual and DCC in relation to the provision of emergency accommodation	Press	24/09/2020	
FOI/7966/2020	Correspondance, reports and any other documents detailing impact of Stationless bike hire in Dublin City on the Just Eat Dublin bikes business and operational model	Press	24/09/2020	
FOI/7965/2020	Records regarding public toilets at Strand Road, St. Stephens Green and Wolfe Tone Sq.	Press	24/09/2020	
FOI/7964/2020	Requests planning enforcement file	Client	24/09/2020	12/10/2020
FOI/7963/2020	Communications between DCC and Ashton Dog Pound and internal communications.	Press	24/09/2020	20/10/2020
FOI/7962/2020	Seeks records regarding complaints made about Ashton Pound.	Press	24/09/2020	08/10/2020
FOI/7960/2020	Seeks records regarding tenders for dog pounds.	Press	24/09/2020	20/10/2020
FOI/7958/2020	Seeks copy of Enforcement Notice	Client	22/09/2020	08/10/2020
FOI/7957/2020	Total no. of parking tickets issued in each of the first 6 months of this year and same months in 2019. The revenue those tickets raised for each month.	Client	21/09/2020	15/10/2020
FOI/7956/2020	Seeks records regarding waste movement records from a site at Spancer Dock	Business	21/09/2020	19/10/2020
FOI/7954/2020	Records relating to Dublin Planning Enforcements review/investigation of Botanic Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9	Client	17/09/2020	08/10/2020
FOI/7953/2020	Records relating to the pre 63 declaration & affidavit regarding properties at Botanic Road including a copy of the actual pre 63 declaration & affidavit	Client	17/09/2020	08/10/2020
FOI/7952/2020	Copies of all electronic and written inspection records carried out by DCC at Ashton Pound from 1st January - 30th June 2020	Client	17/09/2020	13/10/2020
FOI/7950/2020	seeks records re: correspondence between See.Sense and DCC in relation to the smart light pilot scheme. - any reports compiled by the data collected from the scheme.	Press	16/09/2020	20/10/2020

FOI/7949/2020	Requests details of all correspondence between DCC and Gaswise.	Client	16/09/2020	
FOI/7948/2020	seeks records re: copy of inspections report on adj property Naas Road, dwelling without planning permission.	Client	16/09/2020	06/10/2020
FOI/7944/2020	Request records re cycle routes and speed bye laws	Client	15/09/2020	
FOI/7943/2020	Records of grants received by DCC for major infrastructure projects in Dublin for the years 2000-2006	Client	15/09/2020	09/10/2020
FOI/7942/2020	Seeks records re: Any plans implemented between the local area office Eblana House and An Garda to deal with antisocial behaviour. Complaints made to Eblana House from any resident in Basin Lane flats, regarding drug abuse	Client	14/09/2020	20/10/2020
FOI/7941/2020	seeks records re: laws, building codes etc by Planning Dept to grand permission on planning appeal Leinster Street East	Client	14/09/2020	06/10/2020
FOI/7940/2020	Request planning enforcement file	Client	14/09/2020	02/10/2020
FOI/7939/2020	Request planning enforcement file	Client	14/09/2020	02/10/2020
FOI/7938/2020	seeks records re Ballymun Master Plan	Client	11/09/2020	07/10/2020
FOI/7937/2020	Seeks records regarding planning enforcement file.	Client	11/09/2020	02/10/2020
FOI/7935/2020	seeks planning enforcement records	Client	10/09/2020	02/10/2020
FOI/7933/2020	seeks records re: info re complaint unauthorised site entrance at Church Park Avenue	Client	09/09/2020	06/10/2020
FOI/7932/2020	seeks records re: info on road closure at Grangegorman Lower	Client	09/09/2020	09/09/2020
FOI/7931/2020	seeks records re: DFB accident information	Client	09/09/2020	16/09/2020
FOI/7930/2020	seeks records re: water supply interruption which caused PI.	Solicitor	09/09/2020	
FOI/7929/2020	seeks records re inspection reports on emergency homeless accommodation	Client	08/09/2020	02/10/2020
FOI/7926/2020	seeks planning enforcement records	Client	07/09/2020	22/09/2020
FOI/7924/2020	Seeks records regarding fines issued for dog fouling.	Other	07/09/2020	28/09/2020
FOI/7921/2020	Request planning enforcement files	Client	04/09/2020	29/09/2020
FOI/7920/2020	seeks records re permeability, road closure initiative at Grangegorman Lower	Client	03/09/2020	
FOI/7919/2020	Records held referring to monitoring of red light running and the cessation of enforcement by An Garda Siochana from 1st Jan 2020 to date of receipt	Press	03/09/2020	16/10/2020
FOI/7918/2020	Requests amount of fees paid to hotel owners for accommodating homeless.	Client	03/09/2020	

FOI/7915/2020	Correspondance between Neuron Mobility & CEO Owen Keegan from 01.05.20 - 31.08.20	Press	01/09/2020	28/09/2020
FOI/7914/2020	seeks records re meetings between CE and Minister Eamonn Ryan, Cllr. Michael Pidgeon, Clllr. Claire Byrne.	Press	01/09/2020	24/09/2020
FOI/7912/2020	Minutes of meeting between Hines Real Estate Irl & Dave Dinnigan re Players Wills, Bailey Gibson and St. Teresas Gardens	Press	01/09/2020	16/10/2020

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

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

Carried forward from 2019	26
Total opened at September2020	560
	586
Total closed at September 2020	544

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