



Monthly Management Report – February 2021

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 February 2021 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

Environment & Transportation

Please see attached report.

Planning & Property Development

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Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

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Human Resources

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Law Department

Freedom of Information

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

Annual Service Delivery Plan

Please see attached report in relation to quarters 4 Performance Report

Housing & Community Services

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

Finance

Please be advised that December 2020 Local Fund Statement will be provided at the March City Council meeting.

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 continue to make bicycles available to healthcare workers free of charge. MOBY's allocation of their 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 continue to offer 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 17th 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 2020. However, by week ending 10/1/21 that week's revenue was €137, 571 (down from the w/e 6th December 2020 figure of €282,356.71). There has been a rise in the number of live accounts from 253,636 for week ending 6th December 2020 to 256,334 for w/e 10/1/2021.

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 27th 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, existing applications in the system are being prepared to be sent to ballot from January 2021.

Two new Pay and Display Permit Parking schemes were sent to ballot in January 2021.

Name of Rd	Days	Time	Closing date for receipt of Ballot
Arran Road	Mon to Sun	7am to 7pm	15/02/2021
Mount Drummond Ave (Nos 1-35)	Mon to Sun	7am to 7pm	19/02/20201

Electric Vehicles

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area. This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys. In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required. When the study is completed a report will be presented to the City Council.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services resolved over 6,700 customer enquiries and service requests in 2020. Additionally, during the same period over 5,200 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe. Furthermore, a total of 416 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24-hours of being recorded.

Road Maintenance Services delivered a €12.5-Million Annual Works Programme in 2020. This investment has resulted in upgrade of 12km of footpath and 16km of carriageway, including 4km of shared bus and cycles lanes and/or dedicated cycle lanes. These schemes have benefitted all road users including pedestrians and cyclists.

Road Maintenance Services is currently drafting its Annual Works Programme for 2021. This will see investment of €12 Million in the upgrade of carriageway and footpath infrastructure. It is planned that the works programme will be finalised and circulated to the Councillors during January/ February.

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. No event trading has taken place since 7th March 2020. The Expert Group on Moore Street have produced a draft report. A copy of the report has been sent to all the Moore Street traders inviting feedback. The farmer's market part of the Temple Bar Markets is taking place in Meeting House Square with a reduced number of stalls for the month of January. 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. Due to Covid 19 restrictions Christmas Trading commenced on 7th December 2020 with a reduced number of stalls with 15 on Henry Street and 10 on O'Connell Street on a rota basis. A de-brief meeting will take place with the Henry Street/Mary Street Christmas trading committee on Thursday 21st January 2021.

Street Performance

Due to Covid 19 level 5 restrictions Street Performing are currently suspended until further notice.

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 2,423 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 320 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 South William Street and South Anne Street. In addition another 60 businesses have been approved for temporary street furniture permits free of charge for a 6 month period.

Restaurants, cafés and pubs that serve food can apply to utilise the public footpath, designated car parking spaces and other areas of the public domain under the control of City Council provided they comply with standard conditions. Operations will continue/cease subject to public health guidelines.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

All 67 beneficiaries in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2016 and 2017 have now completed their grant-aided projects and a total of circa €9m has been drawn down.

With regard to the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2019, 38 projects were approved in principle and circa €1.1m of the €1.7m approved has been drawn down to date. 20 organisations/groups have yet to complete their project and drawdown their grant funding. The grant drawdown expiry date for these projects was the 31st December 2020 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.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

131 surveys were carried out on 126 streets across the six waste management areas in December 2020. No surveys took place in weeks 52 or 53.

Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 64% of streets graded received a Grade A, 11% Grade B, 24% Grade C, 0% Grade D,

AREA	No of Streets Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
CENTRAL	28	30	18		12	
SOUTH EAST	27	30	29	1		
SOUTH CENTRAL	23	23	6	7	10	
NORTH CENTRAL	17	17	12	3	2	
NORTH WEST	16	16	8	1	7	
CITY CENTRE	15	15	11	3	1	
TOTALS	126	131	84	15	32	0

Recycling Services

Paystations at Bring Centres and Civic Amenity Sites have been upgraded to facilitate contactless payment in line with social distancing best practice. The annual Christmas tree disposal program is ongoing at present. A number of bring centres capable of storing trees are open on Sundays in January to facilitate the program and trees are also being disposed of at a number of DCC Parks. Waste Management Services are working with the South Central Area Office to identify locations for tree disposal in the area for the 2021/22 program.

Small WEEE recycling is now available at eight of our nine Bring Centres. Small WEEE includes any electrical items no bigger than a standard microwave oven. 10.2t of Small WEEE was processed at Bring Centres in December 2020. The total WEEE recycling figure for October, including larger items deposited at Civic Amenity sites was 49.6t.

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 17th August. The closing date was Friday 16th October, and four submissions were received. Starrus Eco Holdings Ltd were the preferred tenderer. The standstill period expired on 2nd January, 2021 and the contract will be awarded on 1st February, pending manager's order.

Waste Management Services have completed a review of our Textile Recycling Service. A number of sites have been identified where ongoing and extraordinary levels of illegal dumping occur and a phased program of removal of textile banks from problematic sites is planned to begin in early 2021. A range of alternative locations and/or arrangements have been identified to ensure that sufficient capacity to recycle textiles is available relatively close by to any banks scheduled for removal.

The Bring Centre at Kylemore Park is currently closed due to a fire at a site adjoining the bring centre. Required refurbishment works are currently being assessed.

Community Environment Action Fund

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications have extended the completion date for projects funded under the Community Environment Action Fund 19/20 until 30th June 2021. The scheme for 2021 is expected to be announced in the second half of the year. For more information about the CEAF, please contact ceaf@dublincity.ie

Relove Fashion

The Relove Fashion Competition run in cooperation with the Rediscovery Centre, open to all secondary school students in Dublin is now in the judging stages. The competition encourages students to take a deeper look at how their clothing is made and to explore 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 have now submitted their entries, which will be judged by a panel from the Rediscovery Centre. A virtual final will be held at the end of January with the overall winner being announced. All finalists will receive a school tour and fashion workshop at the Rediscovery Centre, with the overall winner receiving a fashion design pack to the value of €1,000.

MODOS Pathways to the Circular Economy webinar series

Following on from the success of the MODOS Circular Economy Training Programme for small and medium enterprises, the Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan Office has developed a series of four free webinars that focus on particular aspects of the circular economy. The circular economy, a system designed to reduce waste, retain value in resources and regenerate natural resources and the Circular Economy Package forms the foundation of the EU New Green Deal. Achieving a circular economy requires widespread

collaboration from business, citizenry and government and therefore initiatives to promote awareness and understanding of the concept are important. The webinar series features a range of experts and practical business case studies. The series runs for four weeks, beginning on Wednesday 20th January (4pm-5pm). The topics covered are explaining the circular economy concept, food and the bio-economy, financing the transition to a circular economy and packaging.

Circle City Recycling Initiative

The Circle City recycling on the go initiative was launched on the 19th October 2020 with 25 recycling bins installed in the Grafton St and Henry St areas to facilitate recycling of plastic bottles and cans 'on the go' in the city centre. Waste audits of the installed bins are being carried out to assess the success of the initiative to date and the project is ongoing.

Housing Waste Recycling Project

The Housing Waste Project has been suspended due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

The bulky household waste collection service has been temporarily suspended due to staffing issues related to Covid 19. The service will be resumed as soon as it is possible to do so.

Leaf Collection Project

Approximately 800 tonnes of leaves were collected during the Autumn Winter season in 2020 and these have been diverted to compost production

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. Environmental and topographical surveys of the catchment are nearing completion

- 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. On the 18th December 2020, candidates were informed of the results of the assessment of the Expressions of Interest stage. The statutory cooling off period expired on the 19th January 2021. It is envisaged that successful candidates will be invited through to Stage 2: Request for Tender early to mid Q1 2021.

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 severe 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 and reducing flows into the City's combined sewer network.

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 have been procured for other pilot projects on the Dodder and Santry river catchments.

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

significant misconnections and areas for further investigation but field work is delayed due to Covid-19. A number of problems with the sewer network have been identified and resolved. A Combined Sewer Overflow in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area was identified as a particular problem. Irish Water have appointed a contractor to remove this before the start of this year's bathing season. New flow and water quality monitoring equipment has been installed at the outlet of the Elm Park stream.

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" and is expected to retain that designation this year.

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team has completed 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 was submitted to the Department of Energy, Climate and Communications at the end of October.

The first phase of the engagement strategy is has been completed and work on the second phase is progressing. From this first phase a potential H2020 Green Deal call has been identified and work is ongoing on the application with the lead partner, the project will be focused on creating a positive energy neighbourhood.

Two additional applications for the EU Green Deal Call projects with academia and private sector, are going ahead. Both are considering citizen engagement, one focus is waste, and the other is noise and air pollution.

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 received a request from DCU to provide research projects for the MSc in Climate Change. The Team submitted 9 proposals of which 4 were selected. The remaining projects are being compiled into a list of projects that may be considered for future requests from other third level institution. A meeting with the students has been held.

Several of the original projects submitted to DCU have been forwarded to UCD for consideration.

The Climate Action Team is progressing a small Creative Ireland funded project considering food and climate change. A meeting has been held with the Lord Mayor, project manager – Michelle Darmody, and local chefs to progress the project and consider a COVID friendly format.

Energy Management

By end 2019, DCC had improved its energy performance by 36.5%, compared to the baseline years 2006-2008, surpassing its 2020 efficiency goal of 33% one year ahead of target. In 2019, DCC consumed a total of 172 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this is the equivalent of 32,247 tonnes of CO₂ with an associated energy cost of €11.8 million. This represents an absolute reduction of 75 GWh in primary energy when compared to the baseline, (17,315t CO₂). Our Energy Review (to be published shortly) will detail how we consume energy across the Council as well as setting out our targets for 2030. While this

is a very encouraging achievement, it should not be seen as “job done” with even more challenging 2030 targets. Energy savings are not guaranteed from year to year, and effort must be maintained to improve upon these savings through ongoing monitoring and analysis. This will require continued and increased focus across all departments on the energy performance of DCC’s buildings and operations over the coming decade.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Air Quality Management Plan

The four local authorities in the Dublin region have been formally notified by the Environmental Protection Agency requiring them to produce a Regional Air Quality Management Plan by the end of 2021. This arises as a result of the reporting to the EU Commission of exceedance of nitrogen dioxide levels during 2019 at the St. John’s Rd. West monitoring station.

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

- A new PM10 and PM2.5 monitoring station commenced operation in December 2020 at Weaver Park on Cork St.
- Preparations are at an advanced stage for the installation of a PM10 and PM2.5 monitoring station at Gilford Road/Sandymount Green as part of the cycle path project in Sandymount before the end of January 2021.
- The EPA commenced a yearlong nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube survey in Dublin in January 2021 and Dublin City Council is collaborating in this project with the placement of ten tubes.
- Dublin City Council and TU Dublin are planning to install an air monitoring station on the Grangegorman Campus at Park House, North Circular Rd, when construction work on the site is complete.

Air Quality November – Elevated air pollution levels over 27-29 November

A meeting of the Air Quality Sub Committee of the Energy, Climate Action Environment and Energy SPC will be convened to report on this and other matters.

Working Group on the Review of the Air Pollution Act 1987

A Working Group comprising of representatives of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication, the Environmental Protection Agency and local authorities (including Dublin City Council) has been established to review the Air Pollution Act 1987 with a view to reporting to the Minister by the end of November 2021. The first meeting of the working group took place on 11 January 2021.

Innovation in Air Quality Monitoring Technologies

Dublin City Council is currently in discussion with both Google and DPD Ireland on separate projects to utilise emerging technology on street fleet vehicles as mobile air quality sensors.

Electrification of DCC Fleet

The Council's fleet continues to migrate to electric vehicles with 41 electric vehicles currently operating in the city. In addition a survey of depots and offices is underway to establish suitable locations for charge points to facilitate further electrification.

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 was carried out during October-November 2020 using 150 volunteers.

Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City

The Chief Executive issues regular Covid Mobility report to all Councillors. All reports to date (since June 18) are available on the [Covid Mobility page](#) on the website.

In addition details of schemes and consultation around the schemes are now being undertaken via the DCC consultation hub.

A new webpage has been set up for the [Strand Road Cycle Route Trail](#). This contains all information relevant to the trial.

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 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.

The Council is also working with the three other Dublin Authorities, SMART Dublin and the CARO to publish an overarching electric vehicle charge point deployment strategy within the context of our sustainable urban mobility strategy and the Government's vehicle electrification targets.

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, a report was presented to the November meeting of the Transportation SPC on the possible inclusion, within the project, of the section of Dame St up to South Great Georges St. A public consultation process on this proposal was recently completed and the submissions received will inform our deliberations.
2	Grafton St Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Detailed design works are complete & following a tender process, it is planned to commence works after completion of the major private development currently under construction and affecting Clarendon Row. Expected in Q2 2021.
3	Grafton St Quarter Phase 5 Duke St / Sth 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 St Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk St	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 St/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/LIHA AF/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan	The planning application for this project will now be lodged as part of the NTA BusConnects project. Preliminary design is complete and the draft EIAR is being amalgamated into that of BusConnects. Land acquisitions and Land Owner agreements are still being progressed by DCC.
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.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
8	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge & Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works	DCC/NTA	New Competition	The Tender Assessment is now complete and the contract for a design consultant for this scheme will be awarded shortly.
9	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.
10	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.
11	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 Q1 2021.
12	Castle St /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.
13	Belmayne Main St and Belmayne Ave	DCC/NTA/ LIHAF	DBFL Consulting Engineers	The tender assessment is complete and the contract will be awarded once funding approval is in place from LIHAF, NTA and Irish Water. Transfer of the required lands is also being finalised.
14	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DC C/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 th June. 25 submissions received by ABP, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 th October. Awaiting ABP response.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
15.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC /OPW	AECOM	Environmental and topographical surveys substantially completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment ongoing. Website www.camacfas.ie Environmental surveys have revealed more flora and fauna in the river than previously recorded.
16.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRC C/OPW	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's ongoing. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home .
17.	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.
18.	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 Detailed design at 18 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed. 4 sites are on the Finglas River, 4 on the Santry River, 3 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. Stage 3: Tender Action, Evaluation & Award commenced on 3 rd December 2020. <i>Tobin Consulting Engineers</i> are finalising for DCC's review the Tender Documents to Procure the Construction Contractor.
19.	Sandymount Green	DCC	DBFL	Construction is underway on these two crossings and a ramped area.
20.	Finglas Village	DCC	Atkins	Construction is due to start shortly.
21.	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme	DCC	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Consultant appointed. Landowners and major stakeholders being contacted. New Ecological, site investigation and topographical surveys ongoing at Howth Road and Clontarf Promenade.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2.	ARUP DCC	OPW	August 2007	Dec 2020	Construction of new RDS wall ongoing. Programmed for completion Q2 2021. River restoration works Q3. Construction ongoing at Beech Hill road. Programmed completion Q4 2021.
2	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 and preferred tenderer appointed.
3.	Balbutcher Lane Junction reconfiguration	DCC	Clonmel Enterprises Ltd	January 2021	Q1 2021	Construction works are now complete apart from minor landscaping and snagging. The planned opening on the 7 th January had to be postponed due to adverse weather conditions. It has been decided to add coloured surfacing to the cycleways and this will be completed in the coming weeks. A flashing amber arrow signal will be in operation to warn left turning drivers to check for cyclists on their left. It is proposed to open the junction at the end of January.

4	Silloge Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	O'Connor Sutton	Nov'20	Aug'22	The Contractor had commenced setting up their site compound on Silloge Avenue but had to cease with the introduction of the new lockdown on construction activities on the 8 th January. An application has been made to get the works classified as essential.
5	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	DBFL	October 2020.	December 2021.	The Contractor had commenced some works on site but had to cease with the introduction of the new lockdown on construction activities on the 8 th January. An application has been made to get the works classified as essential.
6.	Sandymount Green	DCC	Actavo (Ireland) Ltd.	November 2020	Q1 2021.	Works are ongoing.
7.	Finglas Village	DCC	Coffey Construction	November 2020	December 2020	Works are ongoing.

Planning & Property Development

1. 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

Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Development Plan 2022-2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review commenced on the 15th December 2020; public notices issued, etc All documents plus two background papers (i) Retail and (ii) height, up on the website with two videos (a) on Dev Plan and (b) how to make a submission up. Retail study completed and published on website. 5 thematic webinars being broadcast on the 25th and 26th of Jan, which will be viewable after on the website 	<p>Closing date is 22nd February</p> <p>Host webinars and save to website. Number of interviews and articles in media going ahead.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major push on social and traditional media taking place to draw attention to the process during Level 5+ Covid. Work on RPS recommendations for pre-Draft stage and Draft stage continuing 	List of RPS additions being prepared to process in advance of the Draft.
Development Plan 2016-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACA at North Great Georges St passed by Council at January 2021 meeting. Preparation work underway for a variation for lands at Finglas. 	Document to be published and OPR notified. Aiming for a draft variation to go on display following the Pre-Draft Public Consultation for the Draft Plan; to avoid overlap.
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 feasibility and concept design phase.
Ballymun LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCDP Variation No. 30: lands at Carton rezoned from Z9 to Z1, Sept 2020. Metro – liaison with NTA on-going. New intersection with Hampton Wood near completion. Silloogue Avenue road realignment on-site. Site 1: Shopping centre: demolition near completion. Site 3: Lidl shop open & student accommodation completed. Site 6: Cost rental, AHB consortium (Housing Dept) Site 9: “Empowering the Family” expressions of interest (Housing Dept) Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: for senior citizens (Housing Dept) Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: design team appointed for part 8. Site 21: O’Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. Site 22/23: O’Cualann site: near completion. Site 25: To be given to O’Cualann (Housing dept). 	<p>Meetings with NTA ongoing to establish land take for Metro.</p> <p>Affordable Housing Sites: Design team appointed to proceed to Part 8.</p> <p>Housing Dept. preparing a report to DHPLG re funding for sites 5, 15, 16, 17, 18 (bundled together, Main Street – Balcurris Park); Site 8 (Coultry Park), Sites 11 & 13 (Silloogue Ave / Road); plus new site at Carton (variation no. 30).</p> <p>Site 19 (St. Josephs’ Church): City Architects to extend feasibility study.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 27 (part of): Decathlon opened, June 2020 Sites currently on-hold: Site 2 (following failure of section 183); Site 4 Main Street; Site 7 Boiler House (Bennets); Site 20 (Poppintree NC); Site 24 (Belclare Way); Site 26 (industrial site); Sites 27-31: M50 lands. 	
Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAP adopted at City Council meeting 7th October 2019. URDF application for funding submitted, 29th May 2020 Site 1: Serviced site fund: Part 8 application being prepared for site. Site 2: not progressed to date Site 3: not progressed to date Site 4 & 5: LDA proposals Site 6, 7 & 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, phase 1 SHD submitted to An Bord Pleanala on the 17.12.2020, reference number is ABPSHDPAC0038/20 Cherry Orchard Park: public consultation to commence 2021. Led by Parks Dept. 	<p>Site 4&5: LDA to present new feasibility study to Planning Dept. 20/01/2021.</p> <p>URDF application made for LAP implementation.</p> <p>Site 1: design ongoing.</p> <p>Site 6: SHD with An BP. DCC opinion to be submitted by 27.01.21</p>
Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belmayne Masterplan approved by Area Committee 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. URDF application for funding submitted, 29th May 2020. 	<p>Design of LIHAF funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently being progressed.</p> <p>URDF application made for LAP/masterplan implementation</p>
Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finglas Strategy 2021 presented to Area Committee 16 December 2020. Finglas Strategy 2021 – being finalised. 	<p>Editing Finglas 2020 Strategy for publication, and send out for Feb NWAC meeting.</p>

		<p>Jamestown rezoning & SDRA: end Q1 2021.</p> <p>Other rezonings to feed into DCDP Review. Agree way forward for mother sites.</p>
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report submitted to An Bord Pleanála in December 2019 in relation to statutory public consultation on amendments to building heights. DCC took 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. DCC High Court Decision against ABP but granted leave to appeal. Planned works on Campshires public realm. Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum to resume in 2021. 	<p>Await decision of ABP.</p> <p>Notice Party given licence to appeal High Court decision.</p> <p>Ongoing meetings.</p> <p>Meeting to be held 11 January 2021.</p>
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wolfe Tone Square, Francis St – and Greening interventions all stopped due to shut down College Green – proposals re inclusion of Dame St out to public consultation until Jan Work continuing on projects at design/ tender stage 	<p>Project Design and planning for projects is continuing, however, a number of projects are impacted by Covid measures since survey work and temporary measures are in place</p>
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting outcome of URDF Grant Announcements. Tender documents being refined. Meeting with Members Advisory Group in Feb. Building is being used temporarily by building sites in the area. 	<p>Meet advisory Group.</p> <p>Issue tender for redevelopment of the Markets Building</p>
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. 	<p>Stage 1 Baseline Study due Q4 2020. Landowner briefings completed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kilmainham / Inchicore Development Strategy. 16 October 2020 - Stage 2 Stakeholder consultation commenced Call 2 – Bid 4 bids submitted 29th May 2020, in collaboration with Departments across DCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. North Inner City ii. South Inner City iii. Park – West Cherry Orchard iv. Clongriffin- Belmayne 	<p>Stage 2 Strategic Framework – Commence Q1 2021. Draft Baseline Report received and being reviewed</p> <p>Stage 2 Report – being finalised. Report to be presented to South Central Area Committee in February 2021.</p> <p>Awaiting decision of DHPLG Assessment Panel.</p>
DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)	Irish Rail's Emerging Preferred Options in relation to "Dart + West" were published and submissions invited.	Comments issued on 21 October.
DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)	Irish Rail briefings on Emerging Preferred Options are continuing, with further briefings scheduled into January.2021.	Continuing input from various DCC departments in advance of Irish Rails public consultation phase early next year.
Metrolink	Current pre-Railway Order discussions with TII.	Ongoing planning input.
BusConnects	Stage 3 Public consultation phase 4 November to 15 December 2020. Preparing Planning Policy response for Steering Group.	DCC Bus Connects Steering Group notified of strategic issues.
Finglas LUAS	Public consultation on preferred route. DCC submission made 17 th sept 2020.	Ongoing consultations with TII. Findings will

		inform Jamestown rezoning.
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2. Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage																				
Active Land Management																						
Derelict Sites Register	<p>Thomas Court, 37, D8 The property vested in the Council on 30th March, 2020 under the control of the Housing & Community Services. It will be refurbished and used for social housing purposes.</p> <p>Acquisitions _Phase 9 A further ten derelict sites have been identified for possible acquisition. Updated references of ownership and site inspections are being arranged.</p>	<p>21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3.</p> <p>Decision of ABP is awaited for the compulsory acquisition of the above derelict site</p> <p>Acquisitions _Phase 9 Owners have been informed of the Council's intention to acquire their properties unless they submit acceptable proposals to remediate their sites.</p>																				
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>54</u> sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register (19/10/2020). <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>€1,394,100</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">Total Demanded: €2,983,650</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></table>	2018 Demands		Paid	€640,950	Cancelled	€1,394,100	To be cancelled	€48,000	Outstanding	€900,600	Total Demanded: €2,983,650		2019 Demands		Paid	€227,500	Cancelled	€402,500	Outstanding	€5,508,300	
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City Valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchange of lands with Cairn Homes/Stanley at Belmayne, negotiations reported but advancing slowly at solicitors stage.• Proposed CPOs at Ryders Row, Werburgh Street, Exchange Street and for new Abbey Theatre project at Eden Quay proceeding.• 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• Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink and Bus Connects projects• Heightened focus on Long Term Leasing of residential properties and hospitality sector for temporary Homeless accommodation.• Settlement terms O'Callaghan hotels re: exchange proposal for St. Andrews Court. Further informal meeting to address Area Councillors concerns to be arranged by Brendan Kenny.• TII preparing revised expression of interest in Port Tunnel site at junction of Swords Road and Collins Avenue for temporary relocation of football pitch for Home Farm FC• Disposal of retail site at St. Michael's Estate being considered.• Approach from Marlin Hotels Re: Derelict building at 25 Aungier Street, Glover's Court Flat Scheme and Glover's Court Depot. Exploratory discussions underway.• Terms agreed for the acquisition of 203 Emmet Road for CRES.• Strong growth in fee income from other Dublin Authorities.• Terms provisionally agreed for the acquisition of a key site at Ship Street in the soon to be published Werburgh Street CPO	Ryders Row CPO. Notices for Possession served.	

3. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Record Protected Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richmond House and Brooklawn (within the grounds of St Vincent's Hospital, Richmond Road, Fairview, Dublin 3) were approved for addition at City Council meeting on 11th January 2021. <p>The following reports (for proposed additions to the RPS) were published for public consultation on 14th January 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nos. 6, 7, & 8, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8 No. 31 Old Kilmainham, Dublin 8 No. 139-149 North King Street, Dublin 1 	<p>Richmond House and Brooklawn added to the Record of Protected Structures.</p> <p>Submissions / observations invited until 24th February after which Chief Executive's report on submissions received will be prepared.</p>
Built Heritage investment Scheme 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021 The Minister has allocated €369,600 to Dublin City Council under the BHIS 2021 (€61,600 increase in funding this year compared to 2020). Letter of acceptance issued to Minister. The closing date for applications to be made to the BHIS 2021 Scheme is Wednesday 24th February and all information is available on our website at https://bit.ly/ConservationGrants21 	<p>Deadline for receipt of applications has been extended until 24th February by Department Housing Local Government and Heritage.</p>
Historic Structures Fund 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Structures Fund 2021. The same level of funding is potentially available to the City Council with the opportunity for additional funding with additional streams this year for shopfronts and vernacular buildings. The closing date for applications to be made to the HSF 2021 Scheme is Wednesday 24th February and all information is available on our website at https://bit.ly/ConservationGrants21 	<p>Deadline for receipt of applications has been extended until 24th February by Department Housing Local Government and Heritage.</p>

Culture Recreation and Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 - 2027 This strategy document contains baseline data on expertise and knowledge across the organisation, programme details and processes collated from 5 Information sharing meetings and seminars and consultations taken place with elected members & senior management. The strategy includes the recommendation to establish a dedicated European Programme Office in the City Council, Research to identify best practice to provide information to management for the appropriate structure of EPO is now being researched.

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor - The recently established Political Advisory Group representing the 8 participating local authorities will hold their inaugural meeting in Q2 2021. Three elected members will represent Dublin City Council on this group including the Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu, Cllr Claire O'Connor and Cllr Mary Freehill.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan - The Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment completed a DREP Stakeholder meeting held on 8th January with input from EDO & LEO on Dublin City's developments and feedback on activities to date.

Departmental Priority

The Local Enterprise Office is now categorised as a critical service by the LGMA and staff are working hard to support businesses and are experiencing a high level of demand for supports.

Business Continuity Voucher received 1305 applications by LEO Dublin city, with 844 applications approved to the value of €2,107,500. Micro Enterprise Assistance Fund received 37 applications by LEO Dublin city with 17 applications approved to the value of €16,049 – Scheme now closed.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) scheme received 1,476 applications of which 1,094 have been approved to date. Value of the TOV approved to date is €2,656,390.35. Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants in 2020 - 74 approved grants to date to value €1.3 million.

Training – 4378 participants across 130 training programmes year to date. Training Programmes have run exclusively online since March 2020.

Mentoring – 1570 hours delivered during 2020. Mentoring assignments have run exclusively online since March 2020.

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/>

Ongoing review of Arts Grants. Partnership Framework Agreement with the Arts Council.

All parks and playgrounds continue to be open to the public during this time. Parks staff are carrying out essential services such as inspection, litter collection and urgent repairs. Please note that numerous site works have now been delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Due to Covid 19, all Dublin City Library branches closed to the public on 24 December 2020. The Home Delivery Service continues to support older members in the community and those who are long-term isolating. Thanks to support from Dublin Volunteer Centre. Dublin City Libraries continue to provide increased access to online resources. During 2020 downloads of eBooks and eAudiobooks increased by 125%, downloads of digital newspapers by 200%, and online learning on Universal Class by 235%.

In order to facilitate access to our online resources, libraries have carried out bulk renewal of library memberships to ensure ongoing access for library members. Anyone joining the library online during this time will have immediate access to e-resources. The 'Ask a Librarian' service continues. This feature on the library [homepage](#) allows the public to ask and get answers to their questions online and in real time during the hours of 10am - 12pm and 2 - 4pm, Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours, people can leave a message and email address and library staff will get back to them. Branch libraries use Facebook pages to connect with their local communities and share up-to-date library and local information, book reviews, uplifting storytelling and crafting videos to support children and families in their community e.g. [facebook.com/Rathmines Library/](https://www.facebook.com/RathminesLibrary/) Dublin City Libraries creative writing groups, book clubs and storytelling groups are being facilitated online via Zoom.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library provides valuable health information and support to communities and individuals at all life stages. From February to April 2021, Dublin City Libraries will host a free webinar series of presentations and workshops on the themes of #Be Well #Eat Well #Think Well focusing on positive wellbeing, physical health and keeping active, eating well, switching off and being creative.

The Record Keepers at Cabra Creative Hub Dublin City Arts and Libraries presents 'The Record Keepers' an exhibition on responding to objects in nature, in this case, the amethyst. The art exhibition was created by Barbara Knezevic artist and educator and can be viewed online and at Cabra Library until 26 March (Government guidelines permitting). A programme on the exhibition will be available for local Cabra schools with artist Claire Halpin.

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Following an announcement on 11 January, Dublin One City, One Book has been rebranded as One Dublin One Book, see <http://www.onedublinonebook.ie>. The chosen book for #1dublin1book 2021 is Leonard and Hungry Paul by Rónán Hession published by Bluemoose Books in 2019. The International Dublin Literary Award 2021 nominations list will be revealed on 4 February. There will be a press release, accompanied by images and a social media campaign to highlight the award, the nominating libraries and the books themselves.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Social Media Reach	Twitter Impressions 2020 total 3,544,524 (avg 300,000pm). Impressions 450,000-550,000 in Q4. Instagram Impressions 2020 total 1,498,870. Facebook Impressions total 922,874	Maintain current online audiences and continue programmes/podcasts on YouTube & Sound cloud
Refurbish of 1930s wing	Tender published in December. 4 EOI received. Closing date extended to 5/02/21.	Review tenders and award contract
New Sir Hugh Lane Bequest	Negotiations with National Gallery London completed.	Agreement 2020 due to be signed by Minister Martin
Collection displays	De-installation of entire 1930's wing due to commence. Installation of new collection displays in 2006 wing. Present in Time Future a centenary exhibition celebrating the life of Cecil King opens on 22 nd February.	De-installation to commence
Offsite storage	Urgently required in advance of the refurbishment project commencing in May 2021.	Feasibility study being carried out on section of building on Dominick Street with a view to creating museum storage.
HLG citywide arts project with primary schools. Zoom@hughlanegallery	Phase III: HLG live online project with Primary Schools citywide for art education and enjoyment. 1. http://www.hughlane.ie/outreach-projects/current/2330-zoom	Presentation Primary School George's Hill D7 Gaelscoil Baile Munna D.9 Naomh Finnin D11
Development plan for Hugh Lane Gallery	HLG is undertaking safety works in 20 & 21 Parnell Sq. North which will form part of the development plan for Hugh Lane Gallery.	Feasibility study will be carried out in 2021.
Branding	Upgrade gallery branding	Completion due Q1
Inchicore Library	Refurbishment construction currently suspended	Restart lifting of restrictions

Finglas Library	Presentation to Area Committee on 15 Dec with Part 8 to launch thereafter	Site notice & newspaper notice drafted in preparation for official launch in January
Ballymun Library Roof	Works substantially complete subject to snagging list.	Re-open in line with other branches in the city network
Arts Grants/ Bursaries 2021	The annual Arts Grants & Bursaries passed by Council	Applicants now notified www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028	Consultant on Arts and Culture appointed to the Development Plan Team	2021
Arts Office & Libraries - new partnership for Creative Hubs with The Ark	To support early years (under 5) programming and commissioning, residencies and CPD training and development for educators	Throughout 2021 www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
St. James Linear Park	Contractor appointed	Due to commence Spring 2021 subject to restrictions
Bridgefoot Street Park	Contractors remain on site	Works ceased due to restrictions
Wolfe Tone Park	Construction tender assessed and contractor appointed	Works ceased due to restrictions
Dublin Reset Summit	Key findings from the Dublin Reset Summit are being collated into an overall outcomes report. Video & article highlights are published on DCC website, https://www.dublincity.ie/business/	Findings feed into the ED Work Programme for 2021 and will continue to be disseminated in Q1.
Your Dublin Your Voice Citizen engagement	Results of the Q4 YDYYV survey focusing on Dublin's biodiversity, were collated and will be disseminated to all stakeholders in Q1 2021.	Survey findings will feed into the Biodiversity Action Plan launching 2021
Dublin Economic Monitor	The first 2021 edition of the Dublin Economic Monitor is being prepared for publication in Q1.	Q1 will be available at www.dublineconomy.ie in March

Dublin Place Brand	Review project strategy and governance for the Place Brand. A brief is being prepared at present.	Brief for review under development to inform strategy and governance for the project in Q1.
	Collaborative project with National College of Art and Design (NCAD) to design & manufacture face masks using the Dublin Place Brand. Designs by NCAD students manufactured by a Dublin based company.	Placed an initial order for the production of 700 of the seven different designs selected - due in February.
DCSWP Virtual Hub	Currently in development stage. Supportive online approach to enhance and support ongoing delivery of DCSWP programmes during Covid-19 restrictions and to provide a resource for increasing participation/reach.	DCSWP Flagship New Year programme Change For Life identified as pilot programme for initial rollout.
Change For Life 2021	8-week programme in its 9th year. Runs in tandem and emulates the format of RTE's Operation Transformation Programme.	Planning process ongoing. Virtual Hub to be utilised to support as above.
Keep Well Older Adults	Funding secured from Sport Ireland to deliver online multi-sport initiatives aimed at older adults. Officers engaging with groups regarding access and set-up.	Classes to be delivered 3 times per week. DCSWP
Lord Mayor's 5 Alive	DCSWP/LM Office has linked in with adapted virtual challenges. (Virtual) Challenge 2021)	400 approx. registered to date. Virtual AXA Raheny 8 mile to follow in late Jan/Feb
O T Walks 2021	Operational Transformation walk to proceed in 2021. Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge to host route starting point on Friday 19 th February.	Covid safety measures in place and walk leaders engaged.
Orienteering	DCSWP to roll out programmes in 2021 in partnership with Orienteering Ireland. Programmes all-inclusive.	DCSWP in planning process.
Training	Disability online Inclusion Training in partnership with Cara Ireland and Safeguarding Online Training.	Ongoing and in progress (February)
0-3k Prog 2021	6-week virtual programme.	Launch date Monday 18 January
Co-Funded Programmes	Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Rugby programmes in schools and communities across city delivered by 27 Co-funded Officers.	Resume when restrictions lifted. Online supports continue

DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Location	Date & Time
Dublin Chinese Lunar New Year - The Year of the Ox	Series of Online dublincityartsoffice.ie	9 - 14 February
Portrait of Kathleen Clarke 1st woman Lord Mayor of Dublin	City Council Chamber. 8 artists shortlisted to make proposals	Deadline for submissions 11.02.2021
Wonder Club - open to the public to look at Art together in a social way.	Online Visual Thinking Strategies workshops The LAB Gallery	11am - Wed 10 th & 24 th February Booking via www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Schools and public online programme will continue <i>The Record Keepers</i> visual arts exhibition for children	The 3 x Creative Hubs - Coolock, Ballyfermot and Cabra. Libraries	3 x Month Educational Programme February – April 2021 www.dublincityartsoffice.ie
Business Advice Clinic & Start Your Own Business Course	https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/	Range of dates
Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards 2021 Programme Launch	Inner City Enterprise & funded by DCC & Dept. R&CD programme for the awardee social enterprises	March 2021

Human Resources

The total number of employees at 31st December was 5933 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5618.3.

The Human Resources Department continued implementation of modest programme of recruitment and promotion over the month of January. Interviews were held, using tested technologies, for a number of posts including the position of District Officer. The HR department is engaging with successful candidates on the recently formed Executive Engineers and Executive Planner panels.

The Public Appointment Service, on behalf of DCC, is progressing the interview process for the posts of Assistant Chief Executive, Law Agent and Director, DRHE.

Law Department
Freedom of Information

<u>Ref No</u>	<u>Request Details</u>	<u>Requester Type</u>	<u>Date Opened</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>
FOI/8145/2020	Request regarding invoice processes	Client	24/12/2020	
FOI/8144/2020	seeks records re: documents relating to extinguish the public right of way over section Shamrock Villas to rear of Harolds Cross Road.	Client	23/12/2020	
FOI/8143/2020	seeks records re: A breakdown of expenditure as it relates to each item listed under 'Central Management Charge' in the Adopted budget for your Local Authority from the years 2017,2018 , 2019 & 2020	Client	23/12/2020	
FOI/8142/2020	Request records regarding noise levels at named property	Client	22/12/2020	
FOI/8141/2020	seeks records re busking	Press	22/12/2020	19/01/2021
FOI/8140/2020	Requests copy of questionnaire sent to employees regarding disabilities	Client	22/12/2020	18/01/2021
FOI/8139/2020	Requests records re DFB stocks and suppliers	Client	17/12/2020	13/01/2021
FOI/8138/2020	seeks records re: view/obtain all the information files/reports/records on the Planning Enforcement Case	Client	17/12/2020	12/01/2021
FOI/8136/2020	Seeks records re correspondence between DCC and StayCity	Press	17/12/2020	08/01/2021
FOI/8135/2020	Seeks planning enforcement records	Client	17/12/2020	06/01/2021
FOI/8134/2020	Seeks records regarding clamping of cars.	Business	15/12/2020	15/12/2020
FOI/8133/2020	Request planning enforcement file	Client	15/12/2020	14/01/2021
FOI/8132/2020	Records regarding risk assessment of balbutcher lane protected junction design	Client	14/12/2020	
FOI/8129/2020	Seeks records re road closure at Grangegorman	Client	11/12/2020	06/01/2021
FOI/8128/2020	Requests records regarding removal of statues outside Shelbourne Hotel	Other	10/12/2020	06/01/2021
FOI/8127/2020	Records regarding Oracle	Client	10/12/2020	06/01/2021
FOI/8126/2020	Records regarding Rockfield Tennis Club Licence	Client	10/12/2020	06/01/2021

FOI/8125/2020	Seeks records re event held in Mansion House	Client	09/12/2020	12/01/2021
FOI/8123/2020	Seeks records regarding illegal dumping trends	Client	08/12/2020	08/01/2021
FOI/8122/2020	Seeks records re: all notes, files, letters , emails and any other correspondence relating to the proposed white water rafting facility in George's Dock.	Councillor	07/12/2020	11/01/2021
FOI/8121/2020	Records regarding Grants	Client	07/12/2020	07/01/2021
FOI/8120/2020	seeks records re: All records relating to the Brown Thomas Car Park between 01/05/20 and present day	Client	07/12/2020	
FOI/8119/2020	Seeks records regarding correspondence on parking on footpaths and cycle paths	Client	04/12/2020	08/01/2021
FOI/8118/2020	Records regarding Strand Road Trial Cycle Route	Press	03/12/2020	
FOI/8116/2020	Records regarding decision to reduce size of the redevelopment of Labre Park	Other	03/12/2020	07/01/2021

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

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

Carried forward from 2019	26
Total opened at December 2020	713
	739
Total closed at December 2020	718
Live cases	21

Annual Service Delivery Report

Q4 2020 Performance Report

SDP01 Housing Maintenance

Dublin City Council has a rented housing stock of circa 25,600 units and provides a management and maintenance service for those units in compliance with relevant policies, plans, legal and regulatory requirements. Housing Maintenance Services incorporates a significant planned work programme of capital repairs and scheduled maintenance in relation to mechanical services, energy efficiency upgrades, void refurbishments and adaptations.

	Performance Measurement	Annual target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total number of repair requests received		17,882	12,100	14,974	16,756	61,712
	% change in repair requests received			-32%	24%	11.9%	
	Emergency	<i>24 hours</i>	0 requests	0 requests	0 requests	1 request	
	Urgent	<i>5 working days</i>	76%	55%	40%	67%	59.5%
	Routine		37%	55%	45%	56%	48.25%
<i>Planned Work Programme</i>	% of available housing that is void		1.91%	1.66%	1.61%	1.67%	1.71%
	Average time from date of vacation of dwelling to date tenancy commences		18.5 weeks	18.5 weeks	18.5 weeks	18.5 weeks	18.5 weeks
	Fire Protection Works	<i>15 complexes over 3 yrs</i>	1	1	2	2	6
	Precinct & Infrastructural Improvement (roof repair)	<i>16 complexes</i>	3	2	3	3	11
	Precinct & Infrastructural Improvement (steps)	<i>16 complexes</i>	3	2	2	0	7
	Legionella Management	<i>Pilot 25 units</i>	7	3	15	0	25

	Performance Measurement	Annual target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
	Fall prevention Systems	9 complexes	4	2	3	12	21
	Window/Door replacement	100 units and 3 complexes	20	7	4	10	41
	Marrsfield Apartments	36 units	4	5	6	3	18
	Refurbishment Schemes	5 complexes	1	1	0	0	2
	Refurbishment of CPO Acquired Properties	8-10 properties	5	0	2	3	10
	Condensation Trials and Installation of filterless fans	300 units & 5 complexes	63	74	68	68	273
	Domestic Gas Boiler Servicing	17,000 units	3,590	358	5,422	2,070	11,440
	Domestic Gas Boiler Repairs/ Replacement	1,000 replaced	3,189	870	1,937	3,109	9,105
	HVAC Servicing	141	121	357	254	110	842
	Voids Refurbishment Programme	1,000 units	443	1,124	1,727	2,502	5,796
	Extensions & Adaptations for Person with Disabilities - Adaptations	250	96	41	70	28	235
	Extensions & Adaptations for Persons with Disabilities - Extensions	12	3	3	1	29	36

SDP02 Bulb Repair & Replacement

This service maintains normal operation of over 46,000 streetlights across the City. This involves night scouting of patrol routes, repairs to faults detected through patrols and through service requests from the public.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Routine Work Programme</i>	Number of street lights out at any one time*	<i>Less than 2%</i>	0.62%	0.42%	0.54%	0.56%	0.53
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total number of faults reported in the period		997	447	465	900	2,809
	% change in faults reported since last period			-55%	4%	94%	
	% repairs carried out within timeframe **	<i>10 working days</i>	83%	69%	89%	89%	82.5%

Note: * These figures do not include routing night scouting activities and corresponding repairs as the complaint was not initiated by a Service Request.

** This is a worst case figure as there are jobs included which could not be repaired for reasons beyond DCC's control (e.g. ESB/Luas/parked cars)

SDP03/04 Roads & Footpath Maintenance

Road Maintenance Services is responsible for the maintenance of 1,350km of public roads and streets throughout Dublin City, together with associated footways, bridges and other structures.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total number of service requests/enquiries received		4,004	2,859	4,166	3,725	14,754
	Total number of service requests/enquiries resolved in the period		1,448	2,249	1,575	1,442	6,714
	Total number of defects recorded in the period		1,523	754	1,396	1,071	4,744
	Total number of defects repaired in the period		1,501	1,091	1,304	1,343	5,239
	% Priority 1 defects repaired within timeframe	<i>24hrs of inspection</i>	91%	90%	92%	93%	91.5%

SDP05 Renewal of Road Markings

This service provides the application and removal of road markings including a rolling programme of road marking renewal, renewals following carriageway maintenance and responding to customer service requests.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total*	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Planned Work Programme</i>	Renewal of markings every two years throughout the city*	10 areas	2	3	0	1	6
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total number of requests for road marking renewal received within the period		53	10	35	20	118
	% change in requests received since last period			-81%	250%	-43%	
	% renewal requests completed within timeframe	8 weeks of inspection	82%	100%	77%	50%	77.25%

Note: * Q2 figure for May and June only as no work was undertaken during April 2020 due to COVID-19 related measures in place

SDP06 Illegal Parking Enforcement

Dublin City Council, through its parking enforcement contractor, provides a parking enforcement service with an emphasis on using the service as a traffic management tool and to ensure compliance with the City Council's Parking Control Bye-laws. A key objective of the service is to keep primary routes clear particularly during peak hours.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total*	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Average 2020
<i>Parking Enforcement</i>	% of vehicles declamped within 1 hour of payment	85%	88.67%	95%	91.3%	92%	91.74%
	% of vehicles declamped within 2 hours of payment	100%	100%	100%	99.93%	99.53%	99.7%
	% of first stage appeals finalised within 21 days	95%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	% of first stage appeals refunded because time has elapsed	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Note: * Figure for May and June only as clamping operations were suspended for the month of April 2020 due to COVID-19 related measures in place

SDP07 Traffic Advisory Group Requests

The Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) recommends implementation of the Minor Capital Works Programme and examines local traffic management service requests (TAG requests) submitted by Elected Representatives, the public and statutory bodies. Minor Capital Works Programmes are prepared annually for the 5 City Council Administrative Areas and presented to Area Committees at the start of the year. TAG service requests are assessed by Area Traffic Engineers for each of the 5 Areas of the City who submit recommendations to monthly Traffic Advisory Group meetings. A progress report on TAG requests is submitted monthly to each Area Committee meeting.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	No of TAG requests received in the period		304	164	130	151	749
	% change in requests received since last period			-46%	-119%	101%	
	% of TAG requests decided on within 4 months of request*	4 months	68%	46.6%	46%		

Note:* 4-month look back for Q4 not yet available

SDP08 Gully Cleaning

There is an estimated 55,000 gullies within the Dublin City Council area which are cleaned on a continual basis by the Gully Cleaning Unit within the Surface Water & Flood Management Division. It typically takes 18 months to complete one full cycle of cleaning the 55,000 gullies in the city. There are a number of separate cleaning programmes continually in operation which run alongside the regular cleaning works.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total*	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Planned Work Programme</i>	% cleaning programme complete	12,000 gullies per quarter	203%	61%	218%	210%	173%
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total number of service requests received in the period		391	115	268	213	987
	% change in service requests received since last period			-71%	133%	-21%	
	% gullies inspected within timeframe	4/5 days of receipt	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Note: *Figure for May and June only

SDP09 Planning Enforcement

The Planning Enforcement Section provides the following services:

- To ensure that developments are carried out in compliance with the planning permission granted
- To take appropriate enforcement action in cases where a development (including a material change of use) has been or is being carried out without permission or in breach of permission granted
- To give general advice to members and the general public as to what type of development may or may not need planning permission

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	No. Enforcement complaints received in the period		516	233	446	298	1,195
	% change in number of complaints received since last period			-55%	91%	-33%	
	% complaints acknowledged within 10 working days	100%	100%	100% April 50% May to June	50% July to August 100% September	100%	
	% first inspections carried out within 6 weeks of receipt of complaint	100%	139%	47%	127%	129%	110.5%
	No. Warning Letters Issued		524	220	445	341	1,530
	No. Enforcement Notices Served		58	13	39	49	159
	No. of Legal Proceedings Initiated		10	4	7	14	35

Note: *May to August 50% of complaints were acknowledged within 10 working days and 50% within 15 days

SDP10 Illegal Dumping

Dublin City Council provides services to remove, investigate and carry out enforcement in relation to illegal dumping. In addition to Waste Management Crews, a team of Litter Wardens operates across the City and carries out patrols on a daily basis.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total*	Q3 Total*	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Routine Work Programme</i>	No. tonnes of illegally dumped household waste removed by the City Council in the period		705.74		301	964.96	1,971.7
	Cost of removal for the period including labour, fleet and disposal		€279,684		€82,797	€233,409	€595,890

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total*	Q3 Total*	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
	Number of enforcement actions taken		1,476	1,046	1,585	2056	6,163
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total no of reports of illegal dumping received in the period		3,325	4,183	3,706	3,513	14,727
	% change in number of reports received since last period			26%	-11%	-5%	
	% reports resolved within timeframe	24hrs of receipt	56%	64%	62%	60%	60.5%

Note: * Data not available for April to August as unable to separate dumping collections from general day to day cleaning and litter bin servicing during the period due to alternative working arrangements in place in response to COVID-19 related measures.

SDP11 Abandoned Vehicles

This service involves the inspection and removal of abandoned vehicles in response to customer service requests.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total no of service requests received		433	281	335	249	1,298
	% change in reports since last period			-35%	19%	-26%	
	% reports determined not to be abandoned following inspection		51%	49%	56%	23%	44.75%
	% Abandoned vehicles removed within timeframe: Burnt out	24 hrs	33%	66%	100%	100%	74.75%*

Note: * Total number burnt out vehicles removed Q1 – Q4 (N = 14)

SDP12 Street Cleaning

The Street Cleaning Service includes the servicing and maintenance of 3,200 litter bins and the collection of 17,000 tonnes of street cleaning and litter bin waste annually.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Routine work programme</i>	Results of Waste Management's Street Grading Programme *						
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	No of streets at Grade A		70%	67%	68%	73%	68%
	No of streets at Grade B		13%	6%	12%	8%	10%
	No of streets at Grade C		16%	25%	19%	19%	20%
	No of streets at Grade D		1%	2%	0%	0%	1%
	Total no of requests for street cleaning received in the period		1,042	1,400	1,335	1,247	5,024
	% change in number of requests since last period			34%	-5%	-7%	
	% inspected within timeframe	24hrs of receipt	70%	75%	77%	87%	77.25%
	Total no of requests for litter bin maintenance received in the period		278	1,980	1,657	1,215	5,130
	% change in number of requests since last period			612%	-16%	-27%	
	% resolved within timeframe	24hrs of receipt	83%	84%	80%	82%	82.25%

Note: * Ongoing IT issues in January and early February prevented surveys taking place during that time. Street Grading was suspended in line with the introduction of COVID-19 related measures on 23rd March and resumed on 2nd June.

SDP13 Community Clean Ups

Clean-ups are provided in response to a specific request for a planned activity with a representative of the local community contacting an Area Office or the Waste Management Services. Dublin City Council provides equipment for the clean-up and arrange for collection and disposal of rubbish collected.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total number of community clean-ups facilitated by the City Council in the period		131	266	105	932	1,434
	% change in number of requests since last period			103%	-61%	788%	
	% bag collections carried out within timeframe	3 days of request	90%	81%	76%	76.9%	80.9%

SDP14 Landscape Maintenance

Landscape maintenance includes litter picking, grass cutting and weed control of public open spaces and verges along with the maintenance of shrubs and other vegetation.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total / Average 2020
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total grass cutting/maintenance requests received		33	87	150	29	299
	% change in requests received since last period			163%	72%	-81%	
	% resolved/resolution planned within timeframe	7 to 10 days		Data not yet available			

SDP15 Tree Care

Dublin City Council's Tree Care Programme sets out planned tree maintenance work - tree and stump removal, tree pruning and tree planting. Tree Care is guided by best arboriculture practice and the Dublin City Tree Strategy 2016-2020.

	Performance Measurement	Target	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	Total to date
<i>Response to Service Requests</i>	Total number of tree pruning/maintenance requests received in the period		186	406	489	220	1,301
	% change in requests received since last period			118%	20%	-55%	
	% tree pruning requests investigated within timeframe *	5 days of receipt		Data not yet available			

Note: March - August: bird nesting season, under Wildlife Act 1976 all non-essential pruning is prohibited