

## **Discretionary fund 2020**

### **Total allocated to the North Central Area €810 .000**

**Attached table reflects Discretionary spending to date by colour category**

### **Profile of spending to date**

As referenced in the July 2020 interim report re update of the discretionary spend , the 2020 allocation focussed on clean up graffiti removal , street cleaning ,and a provision which has also allowed for the green aspect of public Domain to be supported i.e core public domain work across the North Central Area ,mostly in connection with requests for additional planting , signage , maintenance, litter picking and safety measures .Supports to environmental groups were in the early part of 2020 reflective of the extent of activity in the North Central Area and along with Public Domain enhancements in the overall sense and reflect submissions from Councillors . Public Domain demand if anything was accelerated during the period of Covid and ongoing.

There was a focus on Age Friendly activity in the context of Raheny Community Café and associated activity, and also in connection with the convening of the North City Age Friendly Alliance the partnership with DCU in the earlier part of 2020 .Throughout the year the link with Vantastic saw the fleet extend services to meals -on -wheels during Covid lockdown and to the provision of crisis-related delivery services. Likewise Community Law and Mediation services extended their provision and customised delivery to meet the increased demands on their services during the year.

Amenity activity outdoors came into sharp focus in 2020 .There has been interest in the provision of seating ref rest points while there is increased outdoor recreational activity ref walking routes etc being availed of. We have facilitated the above in the periods where this was possible during the year.

In the Sports context the funding contribution towards Boxing and Rugby coaching has been met during the period in line with our annual contribution to this activity.

Some essential security work ref CCTV was carried out at Mount Dillon Court.

Support was extended to the Stardust Victims Committee ref the significant Commemorative Anniversary Event and to the improvement of the Park itself, again, given the anniversary of the Stardust tragedy and the scope to improve the environs of the Park evident in huge visual and walker experience in the Park as noted below.

In all respects spend was reflective of Councillor requests, as part of the provision possible under the discretionary fund.

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### **Summary : Profile of spending Discretionary fund 2020**

- We retained focus on Public Domain spend given the priority need to address issues in this area
- We stalled our commitments on events during the year awaiting relaxation on safety restrictions ref Covid but on –line and alternative community programme activity in lieu was organised where it was possible to do so , and Community linked with Sports division relating to Health & Wellbeing again where possible to advance .

In reference to the scale of spend , we tried to have the bigger amounts stitched in to Corporate programmes where targets on mobility i.e etc were part of an infrastructural citywide roll out and the rationale existed otherwise to do so .

- We had to stall on proposals on sustainability projects and feasibility of larger projects in the North Central area given the work needed to advance these being subject to restrictions. We continued to meet the contribution to the Rugby and Boxing Officers
- Christmas constituted a big spend this year given the end of year appetite for marking what would normally be a live celebration throughout the North Central Area.
- Kilbarrack playground facility fencing was completed , a final enhancement to this facility and to ensure greater safety for users
- Finally, the fund enabled substantial works to be undertaken in both **Rockfield and Stardust Parks** in addition to security safety treatment and improved aesthetics by way of perimeter railing in **Edenmore park**.

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