

Monthly Management Report - March 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 March 2021 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

Environment & Transportation

Please see attached report.

Planning & Property Development

Please see attached report.

<u>Culture, Recreation & Economic Services</u>

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.

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.

Housing & Community Services

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

Owen P. Keegan

Chief Executive Dated: 19th February 2021

Environment and Transportation

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

Moby stationless bike hire operator's licence was renewed in January 2021. Moby now have a fleet of 140 electric bikes available for public hire. Bleeper continue with their successful operations withover 700 bikes now available for public hire. Both operators have provided free bikes for healthcare workers throughout 2020 and this is continuing in 2021. The ongoing roll out of additional bike parking continues which will facilitate the expansion of stationless bike operations. A total of 744 additional on-street cycle parking stands at 152 locations were installed during 2020 providing an additional of 1,488 new cycle parking spaces. A target has been set for the installation of 819 stands at 168 locations during 2021 which will facilitate the expansion of the Stationless bike hire schemes. Bleeper's membership increased by 125% in 2020 and stood at over 76,000 at the end of 2020. Users of Bleeper bikes cycled almost 867,000 km in 2020 burning 145 Million calories. In their first 6 months of operations Moby's members cycled the equivalent of 4 times around the earth. Stationless bike hire operations saved the equivalent of almost 200 Tonnes in Carbon emissions in 2020.

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. By week ending 07/02/2021 the week's revenue was €127,879 which was a reduction to the €137,571 recorded in the previous report for w/e 10/01/2021. There has been a rise in the number of live accounts from 256,334 for week ending 10/01/2021 to 257,589 for week ending 07/02/2021.

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) had been placed on hold until further notice. This was initially due to government guidelines which prohibited petitions being signed from door to door. This subsequently remained closed arising from the workload surrounding the implementation of the new COVID 19 on street measures being implemented throughout the city. Existing applications in the system were prepared for ballot from January 2021 and we can confirm that petitions are now being accepted via the online application form for Residential Parking Permit schemes. To comply with Covid 19 Guidelines some changes have been made to the online application process.

One new Residential Permit Parking scheme was sent to ballot in February 2021.

Name of Rd	<u>Days</u>	Time	Closing date for	r Ballot
Rialto	Mon- Sat Mon-Sun	7am – Midnight 7am - Midnight	05/03/2021	OR

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.

Claims Liaison Section

The Claims Liaison Section's primary objective is to assist Irish Public Bodies Insurance to effectively manage the investigation and defence of public liability and employee liability claims against Dublin City Council. The Section deals with claims spreading across Drainage, Roads Maintenance Division, Waste Management, Wastewater Services, Water Services, Public Lighting and Traffic management. All Employee claims from all departments against the Council are also investigated within the Section.

DCC is obliged under its contract for insurance with IPB to adhere to agreed protocols in liaising with IPB and their legal representatives. It is also in the public interest that the successful management and the best defence of claims against DCC is presented. The unit is also tasked with devising and overseeing risk strategy within the relevant sections to assist with a comprehensive programme of hazard identification and elimination. Assisting those Departments to identify the risk patterns and to devise controls and assist in putting such controls in place, supporting a proactive risk management strategy. The unit also liaises with IPB's Special Investigations Unit regarding possible fraudulent claims against DCC.

Investigation and determination of cases continued throughout the Covid Restrictions and in 2020 the Section dealt with 507 Cases against the Council.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services has drafted its Annual Works Programme for 2021. This will see an investment of €12 Million in the upgrade of 14kms of carriageway and 12kms of footpath infrastructure. This programme is presently being circulated and presented to the Councillors. Road Maintenance Services resolved almost 400 customer enquiries and service requests during January. Additionally, during the same period over 200 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe. Furthermore, a total of 24 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24-hours of being recorded. As a consequence of the restrictions in place due to COVID19, Road Maintenance Services' focus is currently on responding to critical defects and hazards on the road network and the delivery of the winter maintenance plan. There have been 33 winter maintenance callouts since the beginning of this winter season (up to 10th February 2021). This involves up to nine gritting crews spreading salt on 300km of the city's main roads between the hours of 2:30am and 6:30am.

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. A de-brief meeting with the Henry Street/Mary Street Christmas trading committee took place in January and all issues relating to Christmas trading were discussed. Each trader was written to following the meeting. Responsibility for Casual Trading transferred to the Area Offices under the Housing and Community Department in February 2021.

Street Performance

Due to Covid 19 level 5 restrictions Street Performance permits are currently suspended until further notice. Responsibility for Street Performers transferred to the Area Offices under the Housing and Community Department in February 2021

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. Responsibility for Licensing of Advertising Boards transferred to the Area Offices under the Housing and Community Department in February 2021.

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. Responsibility for Street Furniture transferred to the Area Offices under the Housing and Community Department in February 2021.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

With regard to the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2019, 24 of the 38 organisations/groups approved in principle have completed their projects and drawn down their grant funding to a total sum of €1.35m. The remaining 14 organisations/groups have until the 1st June 2021 to complete their projects and draw down their approved grant funding. Some notable grant aided projects completed to date include:

- The extension to Irishtown Stadium to which the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund contributed €2.05m.
- The refurbishment of Enable Ireland's hydrotherapy pool.
- St. Patrick's Church stained glass window restoration.
- The installation of a playground in Star of the Sea Boys National School as part of their Green Star Initiative Project.
- The purchase of the boat named 'The Liffey Sweeper' by The Irish Nautical Trust. The boat has a dual purpose acting as a river cleaner to remove floating debris and to allow the marine training apprenticeship project to commence.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

AREA	No. Streets Graded	No. Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Central	16	18	14		4	
South East	16	16	14	1	1	
South Central	18	21	16		5	
North Central	12	15	10	1	4	
North West	18	26	14	2	10	
City Centre						
TOTALS	80	96	68	4	24	0

Covid related staff absences hampered our ability to carry out a full program of surveying in January 2021. **80** surveys were carried out on 96 streets across the six waste management areas. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm, Monday to Friday. Overall 70% of streets graded received a Grade A, 5% Grade B, 25% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

Recycling Services

The Bring Centre at Kylemore Park North is currently closed due to a fire at an adjoining site. Required refurbishment works are currently being assessed. Potential to relocate to an alternative site is also being investigated.

Grangegorman Bring Centre is currently being repainted, de-cluttered and rearranged. Signage will also be consolidated and updated. This program will roll out to all other Bring Centres in succession.

Small WEEE recycling is now available at seven of our nine Bring Centres. Small WEEE includes any electrical items no bigger than a standard microwave oven. Additional WEE cages have been ordered for a number of bring centres to cope with demand. 11t of Small WEEE was processed at Bring Centres in January 2021. The total WEEE recycling figure for January, including larger items deposited at Civic Amenity sites was 36.8t.

Waste Management Services have competed 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 February 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. Additionally, service provider TRL has begun a program of gradual replacement of single unit textile banks with double units, capable of hosting wheeled clothes bins. Introduction of wheeled bins reduces collection and service times at each location from two to three hours to approximately 20 minutes. The new units also allow for greater storage capacity. These measures will ensure a more effective service.

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

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 remains temporarily suspended due to staffing issues related to Covid 19. The service will be resumed as soon as it is possible to do so.

Christmas Tree Collection Project

Approximately 150 tonnes of Christmas Trees were collected during the 2020/21 Christmas period all of these trees have been diverted to compost production.

Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2019

Following the 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 meets 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 "deculvert" 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 out 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.

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 have been procured for other pilot SuDs 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.

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.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Air Quality Management Plan

The first meeting of the four local authorities in the Dublin region to begin the process of producing a Regional Air Quality Management Plan will take place in February 2021.

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

- The new PM10 and PM2.5 monitoring station at Gilford Road/Sandymount Green as part of the cycle path project in Sandymount is now operational.
- Dublin City Council and TU Dublin are at an advanced stage to install an air monitoring station on the Grangegorman Campus at Park House, North Circular Rd, in Quarter 1 of 2021.

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.

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 <u>Covid Mobility page</u> 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 <u>Strand Road Cycle Route Trail</u>. 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.

Environment & Transportation Department Input to the Development Plan Review

Transportation Planning Division supports the Planning Authority in carrying out its statutory Forward Planning and Development Management functions. In 2021, the main Forward Planning focus will be on the review of the 2016-2022 Dublin City Development Plan which commenced mid December 2020. Transportation Planning Division has direct responsibility for writing the Sustainable Movement & Transport chapter and supporting appendices, guidance documents and standards. This will be done in consultation with all of the relevant divisions across Environment & Transportation Department.

As the largest department within the Council, it is considered important to streamline the consultation process in order to ensure that information gathering and sharing is collated and managed in an effective manner. Transportation Planning Division has developed a bespoke consultation process and associated tools to facilitate department wide input to the development plan review process. All directorates within the Department will be involved in a 3 week internal consultation period commencing in January where they will be invited to review the current Development Plan and set out any changes they wish to put forward for the next Plan. Access to a shared folder will be provided with a consultation form and supporting resource material to help guide and inform their feedback. Following receipt of feedback and input from the various divisions during the consultation period, the relevant parts of the draft development plan will be drafted. Following a review of the draft chapters by the A/Assistant Chief Executive, he will issue the relevant draft chapters to the Planning Department in April 2021. The Planning Department will finalise the Draft Development Plan ahead of issuing it for public consultation in November 2021.

It is envisaged that this bespoke consultation process and associated tools can be used as a mechanism for future department wide consultation and engagement.

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 Street up to South Great Georges Street. A public consultation process on this proposal was recently completed and the submissions received will inform our deliberations.
2	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Detailed design works are complete and following a tender process, 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 is 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	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 been amalgamated into that of BusConnects. Land acquisitions & Land Owner agreements are still being progressed by DCC.
7.	Blood Stoney Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	Received An Bord Pleanala decision on 21st Sept '20 not to approve the amendment to the SDZ to relocate the bridge to Blood Stoney Road. Awaiting a NTA report on the future plans for the DART Underground project. Project team will liaise with Planning Dept. to decide how to proceed.

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	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 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.
13.	Belmayne Main Street 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/DCC/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 th June. 25 submissions received by An Bord Pleanala, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 th October. Awaiting ABP response.
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 significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded.

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
16.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OPW	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's ongoing. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home . Culvert surveys completed. Some difficulties with topographical surveys due to COVID restrictions.
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 3rd December 2020. Tobin Consulting Engineers are finalising for DCC's review the Tender Documents to Procure the Construction Contractor.
19.	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.
20.	Traffic Minor Works – Package 7.	NTA / DCC	Atkins	Consultant appointed. Finalising Designs.
21	Traffic Minor Works – Package 8.	NTA	TBC	Consultant to be appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.

Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contract or	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 Roadston e and KN Network Services	October 2014	Nov 2019	Scheme is operational and all outstanding minor elements completed in 2019. Contractor for sealed manholes onsite.
3.	Balbutcher Lane Junction reconfiguration	DCC	Clonmel Enterprise s Ltd	January 2021	Q1 2021	Construction works are now complete apart from minor landscaping and snagging. It has not been possible to complete coloured surfacing to the cycleways due to adverse weather conditions. Currently rescheduled for the w/c 15th February. The junction will then be opened up to traffic.
4	Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	O'Connor Sutton	Nov'20	Aug '22	The Contractor had commenced setting up their site compound on Sillogue Avenue but had to cease with the introduction of the new lockdown on construction activities on the 8th January. An application has been made to get the works classified as essential.
5	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	DBFL	October 2020.	Dec 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 8th 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.

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	 Review commenced on the 15th December 2020; public notices issued, All documents plus two background papers (i) Retail and (ii) height, up on website with two videos (a) on Dev Plan and (b) how to make a submission. 5 thematic webinars completed on the 25th and 26th of Jan, now viewable after on the website- attendance and activity high for all, average over 200 attendance. Major push on social and traditional media continues, focus now on closing dates and watching back the webinars Almost all SPCs now received a presentation on the review. Work on RPS recommendations for pre-Draft stage and Draft stage continuing 	Closing date is 22 nd February Continue to highlight closing date on social media. Remaining SPCs to get presentation, and PPN. List of RPS additions being prepared to process in advance of the Draft. Preparation work on Chief Executives Report to start and reading of early submissions.

Site 3: Lidl shop open & student to proceed to Part 8. accommodation completed.	Development Plan 2016- 2022	 Proposal for Variation at Ballsbridge prepared and SEA and AA screening reports in preparation. Preparation work underway for a variation for lands at Finglas, and drafting underway for the SEA and AA Reports. 	SEA & AA screening consultation to take place with environmental agencies prior to variations being placed on display Aiming for both draft variations to go on display following the closing of the Pre-Draft Public Consultation for the Draft Plan; to avoid overlap.
Carton rezoned from Z9 to Z1, Sept 2020. Metro – liaison with NTA on-going. New intersection with Hampton Wood near completion. Sillogue Avenue road realignment onsite. Site 1: Shopping centre: demolition near completion. Site 3: Lidl shop open & student accommodation completed. ongoing to establish land take for Metro. Affordable Housing Sites: Design team appointed to proceed to Part 8.	Planning/Housing Studies	on Council owned flat complexes now complete and presented to Housing	and concept design
 (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 Housing Dept. preparing a report to DHPLG re: funding for sites 5, 15, 16, 17, 18 (bundled together, Mair Street – Balcurris Park) Site 8 (Coultry Park), Sites 11 & 13 (Sillogue Ave / Road); plus new	Ballymun LAP	 Carton rezoned from Z9 to Z1, Sept 2020. Metro – liaison with NTA on-going. New intersection with Hampton Wood near completion. Sillogue Avenue road realignment onsite. 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 	ongoing to establish land take for Metro. Affordable Housing Sites: Design team appointed to proceed to Part 8. 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 (Sillogue Ave / Road); plus new site at Carton (variation

Dark Waster Observed	Sites currently on-hold: Site 2 (Disposal not approved); 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.	to extend feasibility study. Masterplan for Site 31 to be finalised
Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP	 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 6, 7 & 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, phase 1 SHD submitted to An Bord Pleanala on the 17th December 2020 Cherry Orchard Park: public consultation to commence 2021. Led by Parks Dept. 	URDF application made for LAP implementation. Site 1: design ongoing. Site 6: SHD with An BP. DCC opinion to be submitted by 27 th January 2021
Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP	 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. 	Design of LIHAF funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently being progressed. URDF application made for LAP/masterplan implementation
Finglas	 Finglas Strategy 2021 presented to Area Committee 16 December 2020. Finglas Strategy 2021 – being finalised. 	Finglas 2021 Strategy preparation deferred until Jamestown Variation is progressed. Jamestown rezoning – display of draft March 2021.
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	 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. High Court quashed An Bord Pleanála decision for a second time. 	Await decision of ABP. Ongoing meetings.

	 Planned works on Campshires public realm. Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum to resume in 2021. 	Bimonthly meetings organised.
Poolbeg West SDZ	Pre-application meeting held for Irish Glass Bottle Site.	Further pre-app meetings
Public Realm Strategy	 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 	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
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	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.	Meet advisory Group. Issue tender for redevelopment of the Markets Building
Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	 Call 1 – Awarded Naas Road / Ballymount / Park West / Cherry Orchard Masterplan – Joint DCC / SDCC project. Kilmainham / Inchicore Development Strategy. 16 October 2020 - Stage 2 Stakeholder consultation commenced 	Stage 1 Baseline Study due Q4 2020. Landowner briefings completed. Stage 2 Strategic Framework – Commence Q1 2021. Draft Baseline Report received and being reviewed Stage 2 Report – being finalised. Report to be presented to South Central Area Committee in February 2021.

	 Call 2 – Bid 4 bids submitted 29th May 2020, in collaboration with Departments across DCC i. North Inner City ii. South Inner City iii. Park – West Cherry Orchard iv. Clongriffin- Belmayne 	Awaiting decision of DHPLG Assessment Panel.
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 held in late 2020.	Irish Rails public consultation phase expected early this 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.

2. <u>Departmental Priority</u>

Major Current Issues		Progress in Previ	ious Quarter	Next Stage
Active Land Management				
Derelict Sites Register	Acquisi	itions _Phase 9	21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3.	
		er ten derelict sites has bette sible acquisition.	ABP consented to the compulsory acquisition	
Vacant Sites Register	Owners have been informed of the Council's intention to acquire their properties unless they submit acceptable proposals to remediate their sites			of the above derelict site on 15/1/21. The owner has 8 weeks to make an application for judicial review of the Board's decision.
	•	Notices of Proposed in relation to 201 sit Notices of Entry have to 134 sites. 157 submissions hadate. 54 sites currently or Register (19/10/202 City Council owners)		
	2018 Demands			
		Paid	€640,950	In accordance with Section 15 of the Urban
		Cancelled	€1,394,100	Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 (as
		To be cancelled	€48,000	amended) Notices of
		Outstanding	€900,600	Demands for payment of Vacant Sites Levy
	Total Demanded: €2,983,650			will issue at the end of February 2021.
		2019 Demands		
		Paid	€227,500	
		Cancelled	€402,500	
		Outstanding	€5,508,300	
		Total Demand	ded: €6,138,300	

City Valuers

- Exchange of lands with Cairn Homes / Stanley at Belmayne, negotiations reported but advancing slowly at solicitor's stage.
- Proposed CPOs at Ryders Row, Werburgh St, Exchange St 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 with O'Callaghan hotels re: exchange proposal for St. Andrews Court. Not proceeding.
- TII preparing revised expression of interest in Port Tunnel site at junction of Swords Rd and Collins Ave 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 St, 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 agreed for the acquisition of a key site at Ship St in the soon to be published Werburgh St CPO. Discussions with another plot owner to commence.
- Building search for Stanley St re-location running into difficulties. Meeting with DFB to consider way forward.
- Rent review for Irish Times building may go to Arbitration.
- Derelict Site at Park Ave Sandymount referred to Valuation Tribunal.
- Major acquisition of 1-3 Nelson Street for use as Homeless accommodation.
- Family dispute slowing acquisition of Sean O'Casey house at NCR.
- Major Traveller site redevelopment programme, liaison Valuer nominated.
- Part V construction sites re-opened.

Ryders Row CPO. Notices for Possession served.

3. <u>Departmental Projects</u>

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Record Protected Structures	The following reports (for proposed additions to the RPS) were published for public consultation on 14 th January 2021. Nos. 6, 7, & 8, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8 No. 31 Old Kilmainham, Dublin 8 No. 139-149 North King Street, Dublin 1	Submissions / observations invited until 24 th February after which Chief Executive's report on submissions received will be prepared.
Built Heritage investment Scheme 2021	• 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 24 th February and all information is available on our website at https://bit.ly/ConservationGrants21	Deadline for receipt of applications has been extended until 24 th February by Department Housing Local Government and Heritage.
Historic Structures Fund 2021	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	Deadline for receipt of applications has been extended until 24 th February by Department Housing Local Government and Heritage.

<u>Finance</u>

Planning Application Fees

2020	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2019
Total income from fees	736,044	601,314	629,606	968,482	Down 18%
Total refunds issued	67,771	8,334	24,850	71,533	Down 75%
Net fee income	668,272	592,980	604,756	896,949	Down 4.5%

Development Contributions

2020	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 2019
No. of New invoices issued	153	132	188	152	-36%
Total value of invoices issued	€15,552,779.27	€7,784,014.76	16,362,916.00	8,092,234.82	-45%
No. of payments made	295	188	259	263	-30%
Total payments received	€6,206,244.73	€4,243,484.33	4,728,251.00	6,605,213.29	-53%

Collection of outstanding Development Contributions (utilising enforcement tools)

2020	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2019
No. of Inspections	15	13	45	60	-45%
No. of Section 152 Warning letters issued	13	Nil	0	Nil	-92%
No of Section 154 Enforcement Notices issued	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	No change
No. of Section 157 referrals to District Court	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	No change

Planning Enforcement

2020	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 2019
No. of New complaints opened	518	233	446	298	-1%
No. of S152 Warning Letters issued	518	198	451	341	21%
No. of S154 Enforcement Notices issued	71	15	39	51	-43%
No. of S157 Referrals to District Court	19	4	12	15	-38.5
No. of files closed/resolved	457	106	315	407	-17.5%

Total number active planning enforcement files at	Total	% change 2019
31/12/2020	3447	20.5%
% change		

Building Control

2020	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2019
No. of multiple dwellings commenced	1287	684	561	669	3270	19%
No. of single dwellings commenced	236	53	72	34	244	73%
Total dwellings commenced	1523	737	633	703	3514	22%

Disability Access Certs

2020	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2019
Valid Applications	112	107	74	80	383	-26%
Certs issued within 2 months	65	92	65	64	206	-31%
Info requested	37	25	28	17	107	+32%

Derelict Sites Section

Statutory Notices Served

2020	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1-Q4 2019
Number of sites inspected	109	22	63	69	-55
Section 10 (warning letters)	32	0	12	11	-63
Section 8 (2) Notices (Intention to enter on Register)	0	0	3	1	-92
Section 8 (7) Notices (Entry on Register)	0	0	2	0	-88
Sites removed from Derelict SitesRegister	6	2	3	3	40

Number of Sites on Derelict Sites Register at 30/09/2020	73
Number of derelict sites acquired in Q1-Q3	1

Property Management - Revenue & Receipts

Revenue Raised	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019	2,412,653	2,069,493	2,430,492	2,492,989
2020	2,659,364	2,131,269	2,485,080	2,331,156

Income Received	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2019	2,465,955	2,165,703	3,149,568	1,916,388
2020	1,718,417	3,044,216	588,896	2,503,298

Reports on Planning Enforcement, Building Control, Derelict Sites, Property Management and Finance are updated on a quarterly basis.

Culture, Recreation and Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

National Recovery & Resilience Plan Submission – A submission on behalf of the organisation is being prepared across departments and co-ordinated by the Economic Development & International Relations Offices within CRES. The submission was progressed via Senior Management, group leaders & CPG and submitted to the Department of An Taoiseach by the deadline of 22nd February. The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor group have developed a website to highlight the corridor and the 8 Local Authorities involved in the process. The Economic Development & Dublin Place Brand team supported the development with online content for the project website. A launch event is scheduled for March 24th.

Departmental Priority

We are continuing to offer a home delivery service for older people and those who are long-term isolating. Book deliveries have also been made to the Iveagh Trust hostel (300 items) and a City Council Older Person's Unit in Coolock (100 items). Library users can also access a diverse range of e-books, e-audiobooks, lots of interesting on-line courses as well as digital comics, e-magazines and newspapers. The 'Ask a Librarian' service continues. This feature 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.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library a government led initiative, is the national strategy to improve health and wellbeing, placing a focus on prevention, individual awareness and keeping people healthy for longer. During March 2021, Dublin City Libraries will host an online 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. Please follow link here to events listing.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering Art and Maths) will be the focus of a series of workshops for teenagers in March and early April. Themes will include:- Caring for our planet, Biodiversity, Science, Space, Coding and website creations. Please follow link here to events listing.

Creative Hubs: Workshops on visual thinking, visual art and creativity in response to The Record Keepers, an online art exhibition created by artist Barbara Knezevic for children will be co-ordinated for classes during March when schools resume. Please follow link here to events listing.

Spring into Storytime: For the month of April, library staff will deliver a programme of story times and activities for children online as part of this National Programme with book bags delivered to Libraries and all Early Learning Centres across the city.

The Spring Start Your Own Business Series continues in March with a series of free business virtual sessions designed to empower potential entrepreneurs. It is a partnership between the Dublin City Local Enterprise Office and the Central Library. Subjects will include:

- Market Research Identifying Clients, Competitors and Resources
- Creating the Best Plan for Your Business
- Digital Marketing Strategy & Online Presence
- Tax, VAT & Revenue

All of these Free Library Talks can be booked at: https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/

History and Heritage - The 2021 City Hall Lecture series will commence in April, online around the theme of Death and Disease in Dublin. On the 6th of April, Dr Ida Milne, lecturer in European History in Carlow College will be speaking about the Spanish Flu in Dublin. On the 13th of April we'll be joined by Professor Brendan Kelly, professor of Psychiatry in Trinity College Dublin, and author of 'Hearing Voices: The History of Psychiatry in Ireland' to explore the history of psychiatric hospitals in Dublin. For more details and how to book, see the library events page here

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature - The announcement for shortlist of Dublin Literary Award 2021 will take place on March 25th. The six novels on this year's shortlist will be made public via a press release and social media promotion on this day. The next winner which will be announced on 20th May 2021 as part of the opening day programme of International Literature Festival Dublin (ILFDublin), also funded by Dublin City Council. More details can be found at dublinliteraryaward.ie The One Dublin One Book campaign kicks off on April 1st with online events, competitions, author interviews and book club meetings all relating to Leonard and Hungry Paul by Ronan Hession. More details on onedublinonebook.ie. A launch announcement will be made in mid-March to alert the public to activities and ways to get involved.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Social Media Reach	Twitter: Impressions: were 170% from the previous month Profile visits were 151% from the previous month Instagram: Impressions grew by 113% Facebook: Impressions: 121% of the previous month	Maintain current online audiences. Continue to provide programmes and podcasts on YouTube and Soundcloud
Refurbishment of 1930s wing	Tender now closed.	Review tenders and award contract
Collection displays	Installation of new collection displays in 2006 wing. Present in Time Future a centenary exhibition celebrating the life of Cecil King opens in February.	Opening of exhibition is planned for February 22 subject to Covid 19 Restrictions
Offsite storage	Urgently required in advance of the refurbishment project commencing in May 2021. A feasibility study is being carried out on a section of DCC building on Dominick Street with a view to creating museum standard fine art storage.	On-going
Online programme of art education	March 2021: 20 x online art education programmes and virtual resources for a variety of audiences including Coffee Conversations, Culture Clubs, art activity films, Artists Takeover, VTS Sculpture Club, art lectures series in collaboration with UCD Adult	Continue to create online art education and learning programmes. http://www.hughlane.ie/lec

	Education; Peoples College Avenues into Modern and Contemporary Art, Artists and Their Travels art history series; online audio description discussion for visually impaired in association with Arts and Disability Ireland seminar; Study of Online Programmes of Cultural Engagement throughout DCC as part of our Creative Ireland programme is underway with by Franziska Zibert, graduate of School of Art History and Cultural Policy, UCD. Online exhibition of work made by teens during our online TY programme.	http://www.hughlane.ie/transitionyear http://www.hughlane.ie/outreach-projects/current/2330-zoom
HLG citywide arts project with primary schools. Zooom@hughlane gallery	Curation and delivery of our live online our city-wide project Zooom@Hugh Lane Gallery including art resources, specially commission art activity films, posters. Resumption once primary schools back in classroom. Following submission, our Zoom@Hugh Lane Gallery film by artist Liliane Puthod has been showcased on the European wide 'Museums in Short' initiative:	To be confirmed when Covid restrictions allow schools to be re-opened. https://www.museumsinsh ort.eu/partecipanti/partecip anti_2020.asp
20 & 21 Parnell Square Development of Hugh Lane Gallery	Safety works in 20 &21 Parnell Sq North Feasibility study which will form part of the development plan for Hugh Lane Gallery	Feasibility study will be carried out in 2021.
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions continues 24/7.	Ongoing
Branding	Upgrade gallery branding.	Due to be completed end of 1st quarter 2021
Inchicore Library Refurbishment	Commencement of construction suspended due to restrictions in place for non-essential construction work	Commence Construction upon lifting of current restrictions
Finglas Library Development	Public consultation phase of Part 8 Planning Application currently underway. Closing date for submissions is 3 rd March.	Complete detailed design following consideration of submissions and return to Area Committee prior to full Council in May.
Ballymun Library Roof Refurbishment	Works are substantially complete, with snagging to take place over the coming weeks.	Library will re-open in line with other branches in the city network.

Online/Social Media Supports/Advisory Booklets	DCSWP continues to support communities to stay active and healthy in a safe environment. Support via dedicated social media platforms, online programmes and distribution of advisory booklets for Older Adults.	Ongoing.
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.	Working group established. Launch scheduled for February/March 2021
Change For Life 2021	8-week flagship DCSWP 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.	Timeline of 2021 programme extended due to Covid-19
Keep Well Campaign	National initiative to support communities. Funding secured from Healthy Ireland to support three DCSWP multi-sport initiatives. Keep Well campaign launched with online Older Adult multi-sport classes delivered three times per week. 90 older adults across city communities registered.	Remaining initiatives to be launched following easing of Covid-19 restrictions
Lord Mayor's 5 Alive (Virtual) Challenge 2021	Continues in 2021. DCSWP/LM Office has linked in with adapted virtual race challenges. 400 approx participants registered to date.	Communication on remaining 3 races to be circulated.
Operation Transformation Walks 2021	OT walk to proceed virtually in 2021 for safety reasons.	Full details TBC
Orienteering	Programmes to be all-inclusive. 400 approx participants registered to date.	In planning process. To commence in late Feb/March
Training	Disability Inclusion/Autism in Sport Training in partnership with Cara Ireland Safeguarding Online Training.	Ongoing (Monthly)
Couch to 3k Programme 2021	6-week virtual Walk to Jog programme. DCSWP Officers providing support to participants via weekly plans.	Over 1000 participants registered.
Co-Funded Programmes	Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Rugby programmes in schools and communities	To resume once restrictions lifted. Online

	across city delivered by 27 Co-funded Officers.	supports continue.
Dublin Reset Summit	Key findings from the Dublin Reset Summit are being collated into an overall outcomes report which will be completed in Q1.	Report will be presented to the SPC on 20 th April.
Your Dublin Your Voice – Citizen engagement	Results of the December (Q4) YDYV survey, focusing on Dublin's biodiversity, were collated and cleansed and will be disseminated to all stakeholders in February. These results will feed into the DCC Biodiversity Action Plan 2021. The Q1 YDYV Survey was launched from 11 th – 19 th February, as part of the Planning Dept City Development Plan Public Consultation.	Q1 City Development Plan Survey results will be cleansed & collated & disseminated to stakeholders in March. The Q2 Survey is already being prepared for dissemination in April on the Dublin place brand.
Dublin Economic Monitor DEM	The first 2021 edition of the Dublin Economic Monitor is being prepared for publication in March. The DEM website has undertaken a redevelopment. Q1 Publication will be available at www.dublineconomy.ie	A remote launch event for the new look DEM and recently updated DEM website is scheduled for 10 th March.
MODOS	Modos Programme delivered a webinar series during January & February in collaboration with the Regional Waste Office.	The MODOS Innovation Award pilot will develop in March; launched in Feb for MODOS participants.
ENFUSE	Enfuse launched in January with 57 applications. Enterprise have been matched with student teams from DCU, TU Dublin and NCI	The programme will continue throughout March – May; with award date of 27th May 2021.
Dublin Place Brand	Review of project. Putting in place framework for creating a new strategy for the Dublin Place Brand.	Framework and steps for new strategy under review
	Collaborative project with National College of Art and Design (NCAD) to design & manufacture face masks using the Dublin Place Brand complete. Designs by NCAD students will be manufactured by Dublin co.	Placed an initial order for the production of 500 of the seven different designs selected - due end February.

DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

See details of all library events <u>here</u>

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Event	Location	Date & Time
St Patrick's Festival	Virtual	12/3/21 – 17/3/21
	www.stpatricksfestival.ie	
Local Enterprise Week	https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Du	1st – 6th March
2021	blinCity/Enterprise-Development/Local-	
events for planning, starting	Enterprise-Week/Local-Enterprise-	
or growing your business	Week.html	
Business Advice Clinic	https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Tr	Range of dates
& Start Your Own Business	aining-Events/Online-Bookings/	
Course		
Dublin Economic Monitor Launch	www.dublineconomy.ie	10 th March 2021

Human Resources

Human Resources Department - February 2021

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 February. Positions advertised included, Community Safety Administrator, Senior Systems Officers, Systems Officers, Assistant Systems Officer and Executive Environmental Scientific Officer. The HR department is engaging with successful candidates on the recently formed Senior Executive Engineer panel, through the PAS.

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 and has recently advertised for the position of Executive Manager.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

		Requester	Date	Date
Ref No	Request Details	Туре	Opened	Closed
	Records regarding Anti racism or diverse training with Council staff from 01/01/2018			
FOI/8223/2021	to present.	Press	29/01/2021	
101/0223/2021	Request records of review of procurement	11033	25/01/2021	
FOI/8222/2021	breach	Press	29/01/2021	
FOI/8221/2021	Seeks records regarding breach	Press	29/01/2021	
FOI/8219/2021	Seeks records re Labre Park	Solicitor	29/01/2021	
	Records between CIE and DCC regarding			
	infrastructure at Heuston Station - bridging			
FOI/8218/2021	& boardwalk over River Liffey	Press	28/01/2021	
FOL/0247/2024	Seeks records regarding Pearse Brother Park and Glenmore Park.	Client	20/01/2021	20/01/2021
FOI/8217/2021	Seeks records re: DRHE inspection reports	Client	28/01/2021	28/01/2021
	where potentially serious issues were			
FOI/8216/2021	identified.	Press	28/01/2021	
FOI/8214/2021		Press	27/01/2021	
	seeks records re: copies of any records held			
	referring or relating to maintenance or			
	repair of the lights of the Dublin Spire in the			
FOI/8213/2021	period 1 Jan 2020 to date	Press	27/01/2021	
FOI/8212/2021	Records regarding white water rafting at Georges Dock	Client	26/01/2021	
FOI/8211/2021	seeks records re: Planning enforcement	Client	26/01/2021	05/02/2021
FOI/8211/2021 FOI/8210/2021	Records regarding Crumlin Area Office	Client	26/01/2021	17/02/2021
FOI/8210/2021	Records regarding Buy and Renew scheme	Client	20/01/2021	17/02/2021
FOI/8209/2021	and social housing allocation	Client	25/01/2021	17/02/2021
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FOI/8208/2021	Georges Dock	Press	25/01/2021	
	Records regarding personal injuries claims			
FOI/8206/2021	against DCC by employees from 2011-2020	Press	25/01/2021	15/02/2021
FOL (020F /2024	Records regarding Buy and Renew Scheme		25 /04 /2024	45/02/2024
FOI/8205/2021	and derelict buildings seek records re: All records and documents	Client	25/01/2021	15/02/2021
	relating to fire safety at 9 North Frederick			
	Street and 13 North Frederick Street,			
	generated in the last five years.			
FOI/8204/2021	,	Press	25/01/2021	
FOI/8203/2021	Request planning file	Client	22/01/2021	05/02/2021
FOI/8200/2021	Records regarding Libraries	Press	21/01/2021	16/02/2021
	seeks records re: all documented			
	information and records relating to the			
FOI/8198/2021	discovery of restricted access to the ESB	Client	21/01/2021	

	substation currently located in rear garden			
	San de l'			
	seeks records re: details for planning			
FOI/8196/2021	permissions granted	Client	20/01/2021	12/02/2021
FOI/8195/2021	Records regarding co-living scheme sites approved for construction by DCC	Press	20/01/2021	11/02/2021
FOI/8193/2021	Requests records between DCC Housing and	FIESS	20/01/2021	11/02/2021
FOI/8192/2021	Bartra from 1st November 2020 - to date	Press	19/01/2021	29/01/2021
FOI/8191/2021	Records regarding Community CCTV Scheme	Press	19/01/2021	15/02/2021
FOI/8189/2021	Requests Planning Enforcement File	Client	19/01/2021	05/02/2021
	seek records re: • All records in relation to			
	the postponement of the Dublin Fire Brigade			
FOL/04.07/2024	Covid-19 vaccination scheduled for	Cliant	10/01/2021	
FOI/8187/2021	14/1/2021 Requests records regarding no. of hotels and	Client	19/01/2021	
	b & b's paid to provide emergency			
	accommodation to Homeless and Amt of			
FOI/8186/2021	money paid to hotels and b&b's	Press	18/01/2021	
	Records regarding newly created Topiary			
501/0405/2024	garden in St Patricks Garden in St Patricks		10/01/2021	42/22/2224
FOI/8185/2021	Cathedral	Client	18/01/2021	12/02/2021
FOI/8184/2021	Seeks records regarding white water rafting facility	Client	18/01/2021	
1 01/010 1/2021	seeks records re: Correspondence between	Circit	10,01,2021	
	Derek Kelly and chief executive Owen			
	Keegan on the topic of the proposed white			
FOI/8181/2021	water rafting facility	Press	18/01/2021	12/02/2021
FOI/8180/2021	Seeks records regarding professional fees paid for staff.	Client	18/01/2021	
FOI/8180/2021	Seeks copies of all Internal Audits from	Client	16/01/2021	
FOI/8178/2021	2019/2020	Press	15/01/2021	11/02/2021
	Records regarding clamping/ appeals		· · ·	
	between 1st January 2020 - 31st December			
FOI/8177/2021	2020	Press	14/01/2021	17/02/2021
	seeks records re: Copies of the Travel and Subsistence claim forms submitted by/on			
	behalf of the Councillor listed and the			
FOI/8174/2021	declarations signed by the Councillor	Press	14/01/2021	11/02/2021
	seeks records re: Section 5 application made			
	by Creative Real Estate Limited and/ or their			
FOI/8173/2021	agent Brabazon Street	Client	14/01/2021	10/02/2021
EOL/9172/2021	seeks records re: documents related to the	Drocc	14/01/2021	04/02/2021
FOI/8172/2021	Ashton Pound. seeks records re: Records held by Dublin City	Press	14/01/2021	04/02/2021
	Council concerning the country of origin of			
	those who have applied for social housing			
	support for any given day in January 2021 or			
FOI/8171/2021	day for which the statistics are available	Press	13/01/2021	02/02/2021
EOL/8160/2021	Requests records regarding Buy and Renew	Client	12/01/2021	19/01/2021
FOI/8169/2021	Scheme	Client	12/01/2021	18/01/2021

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FOI/8168/2021	Records regarding Parking Tag	Press	12/01/2021	
	seeks records re: Homeless families referred			
FOL/04.67/2024	to Garda Stations when no emergency	Dunna	11/01/2021	00/02/2021
FOI/8167/2021	accommodation available	Press	11/01/2021	08/02/2021
FOI/8166/2021	Seeks records on Beach Road consultation	Client	11/01/2021	
	seeks records re: all submissions for the			
	Strand Road Cycle Trial - Beach Road Consultation made via email and online			
FOI/8165/2021	through DCC's consultation hub website.	Client	11/01/2021	
101/8103/2021	seeks records re: request all Beach Road	Chefft	11/01/2021	
	public consultation submissions, i.e. emails			
	and online through DCC Website, which led			
	to the DCC decision to extend the public			
	consultation date from 08Jan21 until			
FOI/8164/2021	22Jan21	Client	11/01/2021	
	seeks records re: the amount of money			
	Dublin City Council spent on accommodating			
	homeless people in hotels, hostels or B&Bs			
	in (i) 2019 and (ii) 2020, and the amount of			
	people involved in each case, with a			
FOI/8163/2021	breakdown by the amount of adults and children, if possible.	Client	11/01/2021	11/01/2021
	Seeks records re Beach Road Consultation	Client	08/01/2021	11/01/2021
FOI/8162/2021	Records regarding new development at	Client	08/01/2021	
FOI/8160/2021	Labre Park	Press	07/01/2021	08/01/2021
101/0100/2021	Records regarding inspection reports from	11033	07/01/2021	00/01/2021
FOI/8158/2021	homeless hostels funded by DRHE	Press	07/01/2021	04/02/2021
FOI/8156/2021	Records regarding Councils Housing List	Client	05/01/2021	28/01/2021
FOI/8154/2021		Press	05/01/2021	29/01/2021
FOI/8153/2021	personal injury claims	Press	05/01/2021	25/01/2021
101/0133/2021	seeks records re: copies of all records held	11033	03/01/2021	23/01/2021
	referring or relating to a decision to ban			
	busking in Dublin City Council area. This			
	request to cover the period 1 Nov 2020 to			
FOI/8152/2021	date of receipt of the request	Client	04/01/2021	26/01/2021
	seeks records re: The total amount paid out			
	to third parties to provide emergency			
	accommodation to homeless people in			
FOI/8151/2021	2020.	Client	04/01/2021	
	Seeks records re: Minutes of meetings in			
	relation to the Sisters of Charity for the			
	building of the Telford Houses and Apartments			
	A copy of Dublin City Council's			
	agreement/contract with Sisters of Charity			
	related to the Telford Houses and			
FOI/8150/2021	Apartments	Client	04/01/2021	29/01/2021
	seeks records re: copy of records providing a			
	breakdown of annual payments to			
FOI/8149/2021	individual providers and type of provider	Client	04/01/2021	29/01/2021
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	(eg. hotel, B&B etc) for the provision of emergency accommodation in 2019 and 2020.			
FOI/8148/2021	seeks records re: all records relating to the clamping of vehicles within the local authority area of Dublin City Council for the 2020 calendar year with a breakdown by date, time and location, type of offence	Client	04/01/2021	28/01/2021
FOI/8147/2021	seeks records re: How many Pay & Display tickets dispensed/transactions from 01/01/20 to 31/12/20	Press	04/01/2021	28/01/2021
FOI/8146/2021	Records relating to payment of barristers through the Government Restart Grant Plus Scheme	Press	04/01/2021	26/01/2021

Live cases	35
Total closed at January 2021	52
	87
Total opened at January 2021	78
Carried forward from 2020	9
The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2021 is outlined below.	
FOI requests only, received in January 2021	
The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal	