

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

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Report of the Chief Executive



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Dublin City Council

Monthly Management Report – May 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 May 2021 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

Finance

Please be advised that there are no additions or changes to the Monthly Local Fund Statement & EU/IMF Report listed on the City Council Agenda.

Environment & Transportation

Please see attached report including two extracts from the EPA Air Quality Bulletin

Housing & Community Services

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

Planning & Property Development

Please see attached report.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Please see attached report.

Human Resources

Please see attached report.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

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

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive

Dated: 28th April 2021

Environment and Transportation

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

Moby now have a fleet of 140 electric bikes available for public hire. Bleeper continue with their successful operations with over 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 target has been set for the installation of 819 stands at 168 locations during 2021. 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. Research is progressing regarding integration/interoperability options with other mobility/transport services.

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking

Due to the Covid 19 Virus Isolation, the number of transactions per week in April 2020 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 25/4/21 that week's revenue was €209,266.16 (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 260,008 for week ending 21/3/21 to 262,396 for w/e 24/4/2021.

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) were delayed partly due to the workload arising from the implementation of the new COVID 19 on street measures being implemented throughout the city. The following Pay and Display Permit Parking scheme was sent to ballot in April 2021.

<u>Name of Rd</u>	<u>Times:</u>	<u>Closing date for Ballot</u>
Gilford Drive Dublin 4	Mon-Fri 7am-7pm	28/04/2021

The following Pay and Display Permit Parking Schemes will go to ballot early May 2021 with closing date in June that will be confirmed when sent to ballot.

Name of Rd

Annesley Park, Dublin 6
Brighton Avenue, Dublin 3
Cecil Avenue, Dublin 3

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. 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. 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 continues throughout the Covid Restrictions and in 2020 the Section dealt with 507 Cases against the Council. The Section is currently closely monitoring trends in relation to claims arising from to e-scooter usage. The progress of a number of claims is now being monitored closely.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services resolved over 1,400 customer enquiries and service requests during the period January to March inclusive. Additionally, during the same period almost 550 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe. Furthermore, a total of 61 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24 hours of being recorded. Road Maintenance Services will deliver a €12 Million Annual Works Programme in 2021. This will see the resurfacing of 14kms of carriageway and the reconstruction of 12kms of footpath. The Division is currently in the process of preparing contract documentation for the purpose of running tender competitions for the appointment of contractors for these works. Works are scheduled to commence on-site during May 2021 and will continue to December 2021.

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.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

With reference to the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2019, 27 of the 38 organisations/groups approved in principle have completed their projects and drawn down their grant funding to a total sum of €1.4m. The remaining 11 organisations/groups have until the 1st June 2021 to complete their projects and draw down their approved grant funding.

At the Community Gain Liaison Committee's April meeting the members discussed and agreed that a Dublin Waste to Energy Projects Grant Scheme would be launched in the autumn of 2021. The details of the 2021 Scheme will be advertised publicly in due course.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

222 surveys were undertaken on 199 streets across the six waste management areas in March 2021. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 74% of streets graded received a Grade A, 4% Grade B, 22% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. Streets Graded	No. Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Central	32	39	20		19	
South East	26	28	26	1	1	
South Central	29	29	25		4	
North Central	29	31	25	2	3	
North West	40	47	22	4	21	
City Centre	43	48	46	1	1	
TOTALS	199	222	164	8	49	0

55 on-street recycling facility surveys were undertaken in March 2021. Overall 51% of on-street recycling locations received a Grade A, 20% Grade B, 27% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. Bottle Banks Graded	No. Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Central	1	1			1	
South East	9	9	5	4		
South Central	13	13	5	3	5	
North Central	23	23	13	3	6	
North West	9	9	5	1	3	
TOTALS		55	28	11	15	0

Recycling Services

The Bring Centre at Kylemore Park North is currently closed due to a fire at an adjoining site. Refurbishment works are currently underway with an anticipated timeframe for completion of 19 weeks. Patrons are currently being advised to use Windmill Road Bring Centre.

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 was planned to begin in April 2021, following a presentation at the March Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC. However, this presentation did not take place and will now be given at a special meeting of the SPC in May.

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 Textile Recycling Limited has begun a program of gradual replacement of single unit textile banks with double units, capable of hosting wheeled clothes bins. This has led to a visible improvement in the textile recycling service provided by the council and a marked decrease in instances of overflowing textile banks.

Green Schools Programme

The deadline for schools to renew/apply for the Green Flag has been extended until 25th June 2021. Renewal visits will take place in an online format. Support for schools involved with the programme is ongoing. For more information about the Green Schools Programme, please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

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

Commercial Waste Campaign

The three Regional Waste Management Plan Offices (RWMPOs) have recently launched a suite of materials to help businesses and workplaces to improve waste management and waste segregation. This project is funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. The impetus for the project arose from a waste characterisation study produced by the EPA. This study concluded that while most people segregate well at home, waste segregation in businesses and work places was not as working as well. The study found that 70% of material in non-household general waste bins could (and should) have been either recycled or composted. In addition, where recycling and/or food waste bins were provided, these displayed significant contamination.

The campaign materials were developed following intensive stakeholder engagement with both business and waste industry representatives to firstly ensure that it addressed the needs of those using it and, secondly to ensure buy-in from various sectors. The materials include internal posters and external bin stickers indicating items that can be placed in each of recycling, compost and general waste bins, extra bin stickers for other waste streams (eg. glass, WEEE, hazardous), training animations for staff members and a guidance booklet on waste segregation and waste prevention. The campaign has recently gone live at www.mywaste.ie/business, where the materials can be download in printable form and/or ordered for delivery.

A number of pilots to trial the materials are currently being set up. One such trial will take place in the DCC Civic Office in the coming months. These pilots will help to refine and monitor the campaign as it moves forward. For more information, please see www.mywaste.ie/business.

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 temporarily 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.

Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020

In regards to Phase 4 of the Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020, DCC is implementing the 30km/h speed limit signage in residential areas as per the approved Phase 4 - Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020. This will be completed by August 2021.

Following the rejection of Phase 5 of the Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (Covid-19) at the September 2020 Council meeting DCC is currently working on a new proposed Speed Limit Bye-Law April 2021. There was a 2 week Non Statutory Public Consultation carried out from Friday the 9th of April 2021 to Friday the 23rd of April 2021. This 2 week Non Statutory Public Consultation has concluded and we are in the process of reviewing it at the moment. A full report will be presented in the May 2021 SPC meeting.

Quality of Water Bodies

DCC is working to integrate a number of projects to ensure that the opportunities to meet DCC's Water Framework Directive (WFD) obligation of achieving "good" status for all our water bodies 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" what is now seen as an over engineered river where possible so that it can, over time, be restored to a more natural state, as far as reasonably possible. 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 in Q2 2021. This project is in collaboration with Parks, Landscape Services & Biodiversity and a proposed Greenway.

Bathing Waters

A Task Force has been established including Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, the DHPLG and Irish Water to deal with the long-standing problems regarding the quality of the bathing waters in the south city area. We are 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 a contractor on site 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. Sandymount beach is now designated "Satisfactory" and is expected to retain that designation this year. A consultant has been appointed to collate all existing information on the Elm Park and make recommendations.

Drainage Planning

In addition to providing drainage input on planning applications, including SHDs, we are advising on LAPs, SDZs and the City's New Development Plan. We are providing drainage input on major new infrastructure projects such as Metro, Bus Connects and various cycle schemes. We are assisting Irish Water with new planning applications/ connection applications.

The SuDS Working Group is now established with multi-disciplinary representation from Drainage, WFD, Roads, Climate Change, Parks, City Architects and Planning. A consultant is drawing up SuDS Guidance Documents to cover best practice in this area with draft chapters currently being reviewed by the Working Group.

Flood Defence

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.

The WFD/Drainage Planning team has continued to liaise with their colleagues in Environment and Transportation, 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. Consultants have been procured for other pilot SuDs projects on the Dodder and Santry river catchments. Introductory meetings on this project with many sections of DCC have taken place and initial scenarios are being formulated. 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.

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team participated in Future Earth Ireland talk, NESC Roundtable on Resilient Cities, and the Climate Summit. The Team also engaged with students in Trinity's Certificate in Climate Entrepreneurship.

There is ongoing engagement with the Development Plan to embed climate action into the development plan. Engagement is also ongoing with the Heritage Plan and the Biodiversity Action Plan.

The Climate Action Team has recently launched the Creative Ireland funded project "Eat the Streets!" that is focused on food and climate change. The project will run until June 20th. Project team is currently in the process of finalising the festival in June which will mark the end of the project.

The Press Office and the Climate Action Team are working on a communication strategy for Dublin's European Green Capital 2023 bid. In February it was confirmed that Dublin is one of 16 cities running for EGCA 2023. Finalists will be announced in April.

The Climate Action Team is reviewing actions in the CCAP with respective teams to account for changes in staff, and progress in actions. New actions have been added to better reflect the work of the Council. Further reporting on progress now aligns with requirements from department, prior to the release of the Climate Amendment Bill.

Dublin City Council is working with Codema, the other three Dublin Local Authorities, Smart Dublin and the Dublin CARO to develop the Dublin Energy Transition Roadmap, which aims to motivate a range of stakeholders such as citizens, businesses, transport groups, academia and public bodies to commit to action and work together towards the same goal of developing Dublin as a sustainable, healthy, leading carbon-neutral region by 2050. The Dublin Transition Energy Roadmap is being developed with the support of the EU Horizon

2020 funded 'TOMORROW' project. To date, Codema has carried out the following activities to advance the roadmap on behalf of Dublin City Council and the wider transition team:

- Actor analysis of stakeholders in Dublin who need to be engaged in Dublin's energy transition
- Development of an extensive Work Plan for the development of the roadmap
- Development of a Marketing Strategy, setting out a clear plan of action to engage and mobilise stakeholders for implementation in 2021
- Regular participation in TOMORROW workshops and partner meetings to discuss plans and progress and learn from pilot and lighthouse cities across the EU

As citizen and stakeholder engagement will be at the heart of the roadmap development, Dublin City Council will work with the rest of the Transition Team to roll out an extensive programme in 2021 to get input from the public and key stakeholders in the best pathways forward for Dublin's energy transition. An invitation to stakeholders to support the roadmap has been signed by the 4 Dublin LA Chief Executives.

Climate Action Regional Office

CARO has been working with all 4 DLAs and Codema on the identification of possible 'Decarbonising Zones' (a requirement from Action 165 from the Governments National Climate Action Plan 2019). Every Local Authority is to make a submission to DHLGH by end April 2021.

The first regional session of the "Planning for Climate Change" training course was run over 4 sessions for the Dublin LAs on 12, 13, 19, 20th April. This course was specifically aimed at planners in the DLAs and is part of the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme in response to Action 150 of the Climate Action Plan 2019 developed CARO in conjunction with the Local Authority Services Training Group and other expert partners such as Climate Ireland. Further information is available on the CARO website <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/training>

[An expression of interest was issued to 4 DLAs by DCC HR to backfill a vacant position in the Dublin CARO lost through promotion of a staff member to another DLA in 2020. Applicants are being shortlisted and aim to go to interview before end May 2021.](#)

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). The 2019 Energy Review detailed how energy is consumed across the Council as well as setting out the councils 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.

The progress highlighted by the energy review is due the efforts of each significant energy user within the council of which are represented on the councils Energy Oversight Committee (EOC). The EOC was set up in 2017 by Céline Reilly, who was the Executive Manager within DCC's Environment and Transportation Department and was the Council's appointed Energy

Performance Officer (EPO) (and is now replaced by Liam Bergin). The Committee members continued to meet in 2020 to help progress energy efficiency initiatives in DCC and put a huge amount of time and effort into drafting DCC's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The EOC will continue to work to identify further potential energy efficiency and carbon saving projects, based on the findings of the Energy Review process and the actions outlined in DCC's CCAP. Significant focus is currently being placed on the development of an internationally-accredited energy management system throughout the whole of DCC as part of this process. DCC is aiming to be certified with the ISO 50001 standard in 2021.

Building Upgrades

Dublin City Council is part of a €1.2M project led by Codema to test and develop a one-stop-shop project implementation unit for energy-efficient and renewable energy projects in Dublin, which will include over €5.5 million worth of upgrades to Dublin City Council buildings. The project was approved for support funding from the EU Horizon 2020 programme in January 2021. The 'DeliveREE' project will support the retrofit of a range of council facilities such as leisure centres, fire stations, libraries, offices and community buildings. This pilot pipeline of projects will be completed over the next four years, and is expected to reduce carbon emissions in Dublin by almost 1,700 tonnes.

A key part of the project will involve creating an innovative, standardised finance and delivery system for rolling out energy-efficiency and renewable energy projects at mass scale in Dublin. This will work by processing and assessing potential projects quickly and efficiently, in order to identify the most suitable buildings to upgrade. Once identified, these buildings of various types and sizes will be bundled together to gain large-scale impact on the efficiency of Dublin's building stock. The retrofit work will then be carried out using energy performance-based contracts, which will ensure long-term, guaranteed energy savings and will make the project more financially attractive to the client, the contractor and to private investors.

The DeliveREE project will officially begin in June 2021 and, in addition to Codema as lead partner, the consortium includes the four Dublin Local Authorities, alongside a range of legal, procurement and financial experts such as Resourceful Futures Ltd, Philip Lee Solicitors Ltd and Sustainable Development Capital LLC. The project will also be supported by a strategic Advisory Board made up of national government departments and authorities, financial institutes and advisors, experienced European energy agencies and European experts.

Decarbonising Zones

In response to the All of Government Climate Action Plan 2019 Action No.165 and the recent circular issued by DHLGH in February on Decarbonising Zones, the Council are in the process of identifying potential Decarbonising Zones (DZs) across the city area, which have to be submitted by 30th April 2021. The Council are being assisted by Codema and the Dublin CARO, who are providing the evidence base of local level emissions, energy use and low-carbon resources, overlaid with other location based data which will help in decision making such as locations of housing retrofit programmes, sustainable energy communities, public buildings etc. The four Dublin Local Authorities are developing a regional based approach to defining DZs.

Electrification of DCC Fleet

The Council's fleet continues to migrate to electric vehicles with 43 electric vehicles currently operating in the city.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Dublin Region Air Quality Plan and Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan

The Chief Executives of the four local authorities in the Dublin region have approved a governance structure and the appointment of a project manager to prepare the Regional Air Quality Plan and the Noise Action Plan.

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

Dublin City Council is finalising arrangements with external partners for the launch of a number of new initiatives in air monitoring which will be officially launched in April 2021.

Air Quality Updates

The Environmental Protection Agency publish such monthly bulletins at <https://www.epa.ie/air/quality/reports/>. The summary of the latest report they provide for Dublin city is enclosed as supplementary to this report.

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, 2020) 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.

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 (TPD) supports the Planning Authority in carrying out its statutory Forward Planning and Development Management functions. In 2021, the main Forward Planning focus is on the review of the 2016-2022 Dublin City Development Plan which commenced mid December 2020. The review takes up to 2 years and will conclude with the adoption of the final City Development Plan 2022-2028 towards the end of 2022.

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 was 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 online consultation process and associated tools to facilitate department wide input to the development plan review process. Initial internal consultation within the Department finished on 26th March. Following a review of input received, further consultation with various divisions may be required. A collated report with responses to all input given will be circulated in the coming weeks within the department. It is envisaged that this bespoke consultation process and associated tools can be used as a mechanism for future department wide consultation and engagement.

In tandem with the internal consultation within the Department, the Transportation Planning Division is also involved in the preparation of the Chief Executive (CE) Reports on the public consultation for the Development Plan. In total, three phases of public display and wide ranging consultation will take place throughout the two year review process. The consultation for the Pre-Draft stage finished on the 22nd of February 2021 with over 750 submissions received. The Transportation Planning Division was responsible for reviewing and responding to over 190 submissions relating to Sustainable Movement and Transport on behalf of the Chief Executive. The final CE Report on the Pre-Draft Consultation Stage was issued by the City Planner to the Elected Members for their consideration on the 19th April 2021.

Following a review of the draft chapters by the Assistant Chief Executive, he will issue the relevant draft chapters to the Planning Department in May 2021. The Planning Department will finalise the Draft Development Plan ahead of issuing it to the Chief Executive for review in August 2021. The Draft Development Plan will then be put on public display in November 2021.

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 regarding relevant transport issues, including the impacts of Bus Connects and the 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, consideration is being given to the possible inclusion, within the project, of the section of Dame Street up to South Great Georges Street. A non – statutory public consultation process on this proposal was recently completed and the submissions received will inform our deliberations. A report on the submissions received will be brought to the next Traffic and Transport SPC Meeting.
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 Q3 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 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 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. 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.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

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 2021 with completion in 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	Detailed design complete and tender documents being reviewed for issue Q2 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.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

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)	<p>Stage 1 Completed: Suitability Assessment and Options Report signed-off by DCC.</p> <p>Stage 2 Detailed design at 17 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed. 4 sites are on the Finglas River, 3 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.</p> <p>Stage 3: Tender Action, Evaluation & Award commenced on 3rd December 2020. DCC is reviewing the draft Tender Documents to Procure the Construction Contractor submitted by Tobin Consulting Engineers.</p>
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.

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. Contractor for sealed manholes onsite.
3.	Balbutcher Lane Junction reconfiguration	DCC	Clonmel Enterprises Ltd	January 2020	Q1 2021	The junction was opened to traffic on 8 th March 2021. Construction works are now complete apart from final landscaping; additional raised flowerbed still outstanding. The junction will be monitored to assess its performance.
4	Silloogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov'20	Aug'22	Construction recommenced on site on 12 th April.
5	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	October 2020.	Dec 2021	All parties are waiting to see if Construction can restart after 5 th May 2021.

Extract from EPA Air Quality Bulletin – PM10 March 2021

The daily limit for PM₁₀ is 50 ug/m³. The limit is deemed breached if more than 35 exceedances occur during the year. The table below shows the number of exceedances at stations in Dublin City based on available data to 31st March 2021. This data is provisional and subject to future revision following any further data validation.

Station Name	Number of values greater than 50 ug/m³ (year to date)	Data available to	Station Operator
Ballyfermot	0	31st March	Dublin City Council
Davitt Road	2	31st March	Dublin City Council
Dublin Airport Authority	0	31st March	DAA/EPA
Dublin Port	9	31st March	EPA/DPA
Finglas	0	31st March	Dublin City Council
Marino	0	31st March	Dublin City Council
Phoenix Park	0	31st March	Dublin City Council
Rathmines	0	31st March	EPA
Ringsend	3	31st March	EPA
St. Anne's Park	0	31st March	EPA
St. John's Road West	0	31st March	Dublin City Council
Winetavern Street	0	1 st March	Dublin City Council

Dates on which levels exceeded 50 ug/m³

Dublin Port	Davitt Road
22/02/2021	01/03/2021
25/02/2021	03/03/2021
26/02/2021	
01/03/2021	Ringsend
02/03/2021	01/03/2021
03/03/2021	02/03/2021
05/03/2021	03/03/2021
06/03/2021	
07/03/2021	

Extract from EPA Air Quality Bulletin - Nitrogen Dioxide March 2021

The hourly limit for NO₂ is 200 ug/m³. The limit is deemed breached if more than 18 exceedances occur during the year. The table below shows the number of exceedances at stations in Ireland based on available data to 31st March 2021. This data is provisional and subject to future revision following any further data validation.

Station Name	Number of values greater than 200 ug/m³ (year to date)	Data available to	Station Operator
Rathmines	0	31 st March	EPA
Ballyfermot	0	31 st March	Dublin City Council
St. John's Road	0	31 st March	Dublin City Council
Pearse Street	0	31 st March	EPA
Winetavern Street	0	31 st March	Dublin City Council
Davitt Road	0	31 st March	Dublin City Council
Ringsend	0	31 st March	EPA

Dublin Port	0	31st March	EPA/DPA
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Planning and 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 were submitted to the DHPLG based on the North Inner City, South Inner City, Clongriffin/Belmayne and Cherry Orchard; two of which have been allocated funding in this round – North Inner City and South Inner City.

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. Closing date was 22nd February; 750 submissions received which are currently being assessed. 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 resulted in 750 submissions received. SPCs have now received a presentation on the review. Chief Executives Report on submissions circulated 19th April. 	<p>List of RPS additions being prepared to process in advance of the Draft.</p> <p>Workshop with Councillors on 6th May. Council Meeting on 22nd June.</p>

Development Plan 2016-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variation no. 32: For lands at Pembroke Road, Ballsbridge went on public display March 15th 2021. Closing date 15th April. CE Report prepared Proposed variation for Jamestown lands in Finglas went on public display 18th March 2021 (Proposed variation no. 33). 	<p>CE Report to be considered at May City Council Meeting.</p> <p>CE Report to be prepared for June City Council Meeting.</p>
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. c. 6 weeks of work remaining once site reopens. Site 3: Lidl shop open & student accommodation completed. Site 6: Cost rental, AHB consortium (Housing Dept) Site 9: “Empowering the Family” presented to NWAC on 16/02/21 and Pre-planning held 26/02/21. Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: for senior citizens (Housing Dept) meeting between design team & planning took place Feb 21. 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. (27 no. of 35 no. units completed) Site 25: To be given to O’Cualann (Housing dept). 	<p>Meetings with NTA ongoing to establish land take for Metro.</p> <p>Sites 12 & 14: Part 8 expected Q3 2021</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</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 27 (part of): Decathlon opened, June 2020 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 	<p>new site at Carton (variation no. 30).</p> <p>Site 19 (St. Josephs' Church): City Architects to extend feasibility study.</p> <p>Masterplan for Site 31 to be finalised</p>
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. Application unsuccessful. LAP update & LDA presentation to Cllrs 25/03/21. Site 1: Serviced site fund: Part 8 application being prepared for site. Site 6, 7 & 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, SHD pre-planning held with ABP, 17/02/21. Cherry Orchard Park: redesign scheduled for delivery 2021 Equine centre to extend boundary: works to be carried out by DCC. Site 3B: talks underway with CDETB re St. Oliver's Training Centre. 	<p>Site 1: design ongoing, Part 8 expected Q3 2021. Site 4 & 5: LDA to Secure agreement with DCC regarding planning, design for next stage</p> <p>Site 6: SHD for Phase 1 expected shortly. Cherry Orchard Park: Parks Dept to commence scoping works once level 5 restrictions lifted. Design to be completed Q1 2022. Site 2: delivery mechanism to be agreed.</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. Application unsuccessful. 	<p>Design of LIHAF funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently being progressed. Revision to Belmayne Masterplan being desktop published.</p>
Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finglas Strategy 2021 presented to Area Committee 16 December 2020. Finglas Strategy 2021 deferred until Jamestown variation is progressed. Talks on Finglas LUAS on-going with TII 	<p>CE Report scheduled for 14th June City Council</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed variation no. 33 for lands at Jamestown on public display 18/03/21 to 16/04/21. 160 submissions received 	
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Bord Pleanála refused proposed amendments to building heights in SDZ DCC undertook Judicial Review of Bord Pleanála's grant of permission under the SHD process for development at City-Block 2 Planned works on Campshires public realm. Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum met 12th April Report submitted to ABP in relation to high rise SHD application on City Block 9 	<p>Content and implications of the refusal now being examined in detail.</p> <p>Await final judgement</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Next meeting in June</p> <p>Await ABP decision</p>
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd pre-application meeting held for 638 residential units on portion of Irish Glass Bottle Site. 	Await application lodgement
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wolfe Tone Square, Francis St – and Greening interventions are not on site as yet. Design and preparatory work is continuing on College Green, South Anne's St Duke St, Suffolk Street, Cathal Burgha St Work is continuing to bring Temple Bar Square and Liffey St Projects to construction tender. 	Projects are impacted by Covid measures since survey work and movement analysis are not practical and construction remains closed. Temporary measures and needs are also a factor in project delivery.
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting of the Members Advisory Group will be held in advance of issuing Tender. The Market building is being used temporarily by building sites in the area. 	Meet advisory Group. Issue tender.
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 completed.</p> <p>Stage 2 Strategic Framework – Commenced. Following studies commenced:</p> <p>i) Housing Study.</p> <p>ii) Economic Study.</p> <p>iii) Branding.</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>Project costing exercise being finalised.</p> <p>North Inner City and South Inner City bids successful.</p>
DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)	Meeting held 12 th April in relation to preferred option, mainly substations and compounds.	Further work & public consultation to follow.
DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)	Meeting held 12 th April in relation to preferred option, mainly in relation to clearances and bridges.	Further work & public consultation to follow.
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 regarding preferred route option.

2. Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage																		
Active Land Management																				
Derelict Sites Register	<p>21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3.</p> <p>ABP consented to the compulsory acquisition 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 Acquisitions Phase 9</p> <p>A further ten derelict sites have been identified for possible acquisition.</p>	<p>21, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3. No judicial review proceedings. Vesting Order made on 22/04/21; the site will vest in the Council on 22/05/21.</p> <p>68B St Brendan's Park, Coolock, D5.</p> <p>Notice of Intention to Acquire Compulsorily was made on 15/04/21. The latest date for making objections is 19/05/21.</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>49</u> sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register (22/04/2021). <u>16</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>Outstanding</td><td>€900,600</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €2,935,650</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>€903,000</td></tr><tr><td>Outstanding</td><td>€5,007,800</td></tr></table>	2018 Demands		Paid	€640,950	Cancelled	€1,394,100	Outstanding	€900,600	Total Demanded: €2,935,650		2019 Demands		Paid	€227,500	Cancelled	€903,000	Outstanding	€5,007,800	<p>DCC received a payment of €8,400 in respect of an outstanding 2018 Levy. This payment will be receipted shortly and</p>
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City Valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions with developers on Pembroke Quarter lands commenced. Cost proposal sought from Developers. Meetings with DOH and NAMA have taken place also.• Successful bidder for Pigeon House Power Station site chosen by assessment panel.• 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. Further iterations to Gulistan proposal agreed with HSE. Housing to advise on Councillor stipulations on Social Housing elements.• Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Markiewicz Pool re-location coming back into focus.• 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. JV proposal also rejected. Possibility of DCC acquiring O'Callaghan lands. Possibility also of DCC leasing units at Sandwith Street to be constructed by O'Callaghans.• TII have submitted an expression of interest in Port Tunnel site at junction of Swords Road and Collins Avenue for	<p>Ryders Row CPO. Notices for Possession served.</p>														

	<p>temporary relocation of football pitch for Home Farm & perhaps also Whitehall Rangers FC. Interaction commenced with James Nolan on PPP bundle aspects. Possibility of agreement to mutual benefit between DCC and TII.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposal of retail site at St. Michael's Estate being considered. • Consideration of future uses for School of Music building. • Inpection planned of Civil Defence depot at Wolfe Tone Quay • Offer made for the acquisition of 119/119A Emmet Road for regeneration purposes. Acquisition of 9 other adjoining properties also being actioned. • Strong growth in fee income from other Dublin Authorities. • Terms agreed for the acquisition of a key site at Ship Street in the soon to be published Werburgh Street CPO. Discussions with another plot owner proceeding. • Building search for Stanley Street/Civil Defence Depot re-location running into difficulties. Meeting with DFB to consider way forward. Poor response from market soundings. DCC site/building project solution to be further examined. • Rent review for Irish Times building agreed. • DRHE instruction to explore possibility of acquiring modern block(s) of Student Accommodation buildings. • Family dispute slowing acquisition of Sean O'Casey house at NCR. 	
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3. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Record Protected Structures	<p>Buildings at the five addresses below were added to the RPS by resolution of City Council on 12th April 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>Statutory notifications were issued on the 31st March 2021 for the proposed addition to the RPS of the two buildings below and inviting the making of submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Player Wills Factory, Nos. 276-288 South Circular Road, Dublin 8 No. 134 Thomas Street, Dublin 8 <p>Closing date for submissions is 14th May 2021</p>	CE Report on submissions to City Council
Built Heritage investment Scheme 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2021 Dublin City Council received an allocation of €369,600 under this year's BHIS Scheme. A total of 112 BHIS applications were received by the closing date of 24th February, Following an assessment process, 88 proposed projects have been granted funding by the Department. An additional 11 projects have been placed on a waiting list. 	The Minister has approved grant funding for the 88 recommended BHIS applications. The applicants have been notified by letter of their provisional grant offer of funding. Inspections will be carried out on all 88 successful projects.
Historic Structures Fund 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021 A total of 17 applications were received by the closing date of 24th of February. Following an assessment process, 5 proposed projects have been recommended for funding to the Department. 	

Finance

Planning Application Fees

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2020
Total income from fees	€396,338				Down 46%
Total refunds issued	€8,043				Down 88%
Net fee income	€388,295				Down 42%

Development Contributions

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2020
<i>No. of New invoices issued</i>	165				+7.84%
Total value of invoices issued	€11,737,605.68				-24.53%
No. of payments made	213				-27.80%
Total payments received	€4,378,820.85				-29.44%

Collection of outstanding**Development Contributions (utilising enforcement tools)**

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2020
No. of Inspections	Nil				-100%
No. of Section 152 Warning letters issued	Nil				-100%
No of Section 154 Enforcement Notices issued	-				-
No os Section 157 referrals to District Court	-				-

Planning Enforcement

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2020
No. of New complaints opened	324				-37.45%
No. of S152 Warning Letters issued	351				-32%
No. of S154 Enforcement Notices issued	31				-56%
No. of S157 Referrals to District Court	5				-73%
No. of files closed/resolved	353				-22.75%

Total number active planning enforcement files at 31/03/2021	Total	% change 2020
% change	3430	+17%

Building Control

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2020
No. of multiple dwellings commenced	112					-92%
No. of single dwellings commenced	30					-65%
Total dwellings commenced	142					-90%

Disability Access Certs

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2020
Valid Applications	81					-28%
Certs issued within 2 months	66					1.5%
Info requested	23					-38%

Derelict Sites Section

Statutory Notices Served

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2020
Number of sites inspected	10				-91
Section 10 (warning letters)	3				-91
Section 8 (2) Notices (Intention to enter on Register)	13				1300
Section 8 (7) Notices (Entry on Register)	1				100
Sites removed from Derelict Sites Register	1				-83

Number of Sites on Derelict Sites Register at 31/03/2021	73
Number of derelict sites acquired in Q1 2021	

Property Management

Revenue & Receipts

Revenue Raised				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2020	2,659,364	2,131,269	2,485,080	2,331,156
2021	2,542,675			

Income Received				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2020	1,718,417	3,044,216	588,896	2,503,298
2021	2,556,383			

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

LEO - EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 - 2027 was presented to the Housing SPC on 14th April; and will be presented to the remaining 2 SPCs during May. The implementation of the strategy is continuing with the development of the establishment of the European support Office for the organisation. The full council approved allocation of €400,000 to the European Support Office in March. Night Time Economy Strategy currently developing a brief to engage a night time economy specialist to assist in developing a strategy for the Dublin city. Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee took place on 20th April 2021 remotely via Zoom with live streaming enabled. Presentations were provided on the organisations submission to the National Recovery & Resilience Plan 2021 – 2023, the Local Enterprise Plan 2021 – 2024, Reset Summit Outcomes Report, Smart Tourism, Completion report from the SPC Working Group on Tourism and City Markets, including Night Time Economy and an extension request from the SPC Working Group on International Relations & EU Affairs. Local Enterprise Development Plan has been completed for the period 2021 – 2024 for the continued development of the SME sectors across Dublin City.

Departmental Priority

LEO - Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) scheme 2021 received 148 applications, and approved 436 applications in the same period. Value of the TOV approved to date is €1,010,649

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants in 2021 20 approved grants to date to value € 362,450 supporting creation of 37 jobs. Training Programmes have run exclusively online since March 2020. 2,262 participants attended 53 training programme from 1st Jan – 31st March 2021. Mentoring assignments have run exclusively online since March 2020. 524 hours of mentoring were completed 1st January – 31st March 2021 – group, individual & Brexit specific. Start Your Own Business: 198 participants in 5 courses & 1 Bootcamp, 1st January – 31st March 2021

Dublin City Council Tree Strategy -Internal consultation is currently taking place on proposed changes to the existing strategy.

Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) - This plan (2015 – 2010) is currently being reviewed and a report will be submitted to the SPC in May. Following that a public consultation process will commence in late May.

Parks Burial places Strategy - This draft strategy will be presented to the SPC in May.

World Biodiversity Day (50th Anniversary) The UNESCO MAB (Man and Biosphere) Programme was launched in 1971 and is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. To mark this milestone the Dublin Bay Biosphere is launching a Dublin Bay Biosphere Award which encourages young people to immerse themselves in nature, learn about the process going on around them, including the impacts from humans, and to take action to protect our biosphere, which can be achieved through nature conservation or awareness raising. Our aim is to launch the Dublin Bay Biosphere Award on 22nd May 2021, World Biodiversity Day, when we will ask young people to demonstrate their interest and understanding of our natural environments and actively participate in its protection via an action project.

Irish Hedgehog Survey - A joint project with the NUI Galway, National biodiversity Data Centre and other Local Authorities to encourage members of the Public to become citizen scientists and participate in the Irish Hedgehog Survey 2021 – 2022. Project to launch in Q2 with a completion date of 2022.

Dublin Literary Award - The winner of the 2021 Dublin Literary Award will be announced as the opening event of International Literature Festival Dublin (ILFDublin) on May 20th at 1:00pm. A free online interview event with the winner will take place on the closing day of the festival, 30th May. See www.dublinliteraryaward.ie and www.ilfdublin.com for full details.

One Dublin One Book: The April reading campaign featuring Leonard and Hungry Paul by Ronan Hession drew to a close at the end of the month. Attendance at digital events was excellent, with borrowing of ebook and eaudio versions of the book from libraries at record levels, thanks to a great promotional campaign. More on: www.onedublinonebook.ie

Music Events: In conjunction with the Irish Traditional Music Archive, the Music Library will be hosting a series of live Q&A sessions with renowned musicians following their appearances in the ITMA's streamed series "Drawing from the Well". Taking place two weeks after the date of first screening of the series, the Q&A sessions will take place live on Zoom with the musicians being interviewed by Liam O'Connor, Director of ITMA. Interviews will feature Steve Cooney (2nd June), Aoife Ní Bhríán (30th June).

Work Matters Events - May 18th, 12 -1.30 Susan Keating will lead an online workshop (hosted by the Business Library) on using social media for personal branding when looking for employment. In June Ballyfermot, Cabra and the Business Library will host 3 online demonstrations of the Europass Digital Profile tool, facilitated by QQI Quality Qualifications Ireland (useful for developing your CV with related credentials for employment in Europe (dates to be confirmed).

History and Heritage - The Irish Revolution 1916-1923 Lecture Series is a 12 part free online history lecture series on the Irish Revolution. It will examine the key events and personalities from the 1916-1923 era in an engaging and accessible manner. More details [here](#)

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Green For Micro	New initiative to prepare small businesses for the low carbon/more resource efficient economy of the future. Launched by Tánaiste 1/3/21 www.localenterprise.ie/Green	Processing first applications.
Dublin Reset Summit	The Dublin Reset Summit outcomes report, identifying key findings & calls to action from the Summit, were presented to the SPC on 20 th April.	These findings and outcomes report will be circulated to the Department & all external stakeholders.
Your Dublin Your Voice	The second YDYV survey of 2021 was dissemination 23 rd March – 2 nd April. The survey focused on the Dublin place brand; a collaboration with Dublin.ie.	Results of the second survey, will be collated and cleansed. Final report to be circulated to stakeholders.
Dublin Economic Monitor (DEM)	Dublin's IHS Markit Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), was circulated on 14 th April, showed a decline in business activity in Q1 2021 as both new orders and employment levels reduced. The overall PMI for the Capital stood at 40.4, down from 49.2 in Q4 2020. Full details www.dublineconomy.ie	The Q2 Dublin Economic Monitor will be published in June.
MODOS	The MODOS Innovation Award pilot continued to receive applications throughout April. The pilot includes mentoring & training elements. The MODOS Innovation pilot will run in collaboration with the Regional Waste Office. Full details at www.modos.ie	Modos D8 Programme will be delivered in May & June in collaboration with the Area Office and Digital Hub.
Dublin Place Brand	Review and update all content across our Live, Work, Invest and Study sections.	Complete the updates by June 1 st .
DCSWP Virtual Hub	Supportive online approach for ongoing delivery of DCSWP programmes during Covid-19 restrictions & provide resource for increased participation/reach. Change For Life - pilot programme for initial rollout.	Planning of further rollout of Virtual Hub programmes/initiatives ongoing.
Change For Life 2021	8-week flagship DCSWP programme in its 9th year	Programme delivery via Virtual Hub. Ongoing
Keep Well Campaign	National initiative to support communities. Funding secured from Healthy Ireland to support three DCSWP multi-sport initiatives multi-sport Older Adult campaign launched on 25 th January Classes delivered three times	Remaining Keep Well initiatives to be launched following easing of Covid-19 restrictions.Weekly

	per week. 70-90 older adults across city communities registered and participating.	statistical report submitted to the LGMA.
Sport for Young People Small Grants 2021	Sports clubs operating within the administrative area of DCC and affiliated to a National Governing Body invited to apply for financial assistance from the Sport for Young People – Small Grant Scheme (4-21 years of age) which is funded and administered by Sport Ireland / DCSWP.	Closing date Friday 23 rd April.
Orienteering	Mapping of Dublin parks complete. Ongoing consultation on progress via Orienteering Ireland/DCSWP sub-group.	Planning process continues.
Training	Disability Inclusion/Autism in Sport Training in partnership with Cara Ireland Safeguarding Online Training.	Ongoing (Monthly) Ongoing.
Governance Code	Process on achieving compliance has commenced. External consultation and working/ sub-group established.	Ongoing. Deadline on (voluntary) compliance end of 2021
Sport Inclusion & Integration	Cara Xcessible Bronze Award submission. DCSWP application in progress.	Application ongoing. Training for DCSWP
Co-Funded Programmes	Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Rugby programmes in schools and communities across city delivered by 27 Co-funded Officers.	Co-funded officers re-engaging with schools in line with Return to Sport Guidelines from Sport Ireland and in keeping with Central Government/DCC Covid-19 Guidelines. Online supports continue.
Hugh Lane Gallery	The gallery remains closed due to current Government Public Health Restrictions.	Reopen to Public on May 4 th
Refurbishment of 1930s wing	Tender stage: Main Contractor submissions received.	Construction to begin Aug 2021, & completed Aug 2022.
Offsite storage	Plans are in place to identify approved temporary offsite storage to museum standards in advance of the refurbishment project commencing in May 2021.	Ongoing

Online programme of art education	<p>In May 2021: 20 x online art education programmes and virtual resources for a variety of audiences including Coffee Conversations, Culture Clubs, art activity films, VTS Sculpture Club, audio description for people with a visual impairment, International Museums Day and National Drawing Day on 15 May. Our Artist's Takeover in May is by Maud Cotter.</p> <p>http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures</p>	Ongoing development of innovative art education programming.
Teen Culture Club	As part of our Teen Culture Club in May students from Ard Scoil La Salle, Raheny will be participating in online art discussion-art activity with artist Marie Farrington	Also developing new Teen Takeover series.
20/21 Parnell Sq. / HLG	Regular monitoring of the neighbouring buildings following completion of safety works until feasibility study which will form part of the development plan.	Date of Feasibility to be secured.
Public Art	New Public Art Programme to be launched	May 2021
City Library, Parnell Square	Dublin City Council appointed a project manager in January 2021 who is currently examining in detail the scope of Phase 1, and will be working closely with the architects and design team over the coming months to finalise the design and assess costs.	Given the complex design history, taking time to ensure that the scope of the works is accurate/ functional before proceeding
Inchicore Library Refurb	Commencement of construction suspended due to restrictions in place for non-essential construction work	Construction will begin upon lifting of current restrictions
Finglas Library Development	Public consultation phase of Part 8 Planning Application currently underway and will be presented to the Council in May for approval.	Complete detailed design following consideration of submissions & approval
Terenure Library	Since 2019, in collaboration with DCC Planning & Development, Dublin City Libraries has been working to acquire the freehold title for the site on which the library is located. In light of the slow progress through legal channels, and other demands placed on funding the project is not currently on the capital programme.	The Law Dept. expect a court hearing on the matter in October 2021, after which the status of the project will be reviewed.
Libraries Programme of Works	<p>Ballymun Library: Works are substantially complete, with snagging to take place over the coming weeks. Roof repairs completed at Walkinstown and Terenure libraries.</p> <p>Window/roof light replacement works tendered for Central Library and Raheny.</p>	<p>Ballymun Library will re-open along with other branches.</p> <p>Commence when Covid restrictions allow.</p>

DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

See details of all library events [here](#)

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Event	Location	Date & Time
Business Advice Clinics & Variety training courses	https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/	Range of dates
Student Enterprise Awards Final	https://www.sealeodublin.com/about-us	14 th May
International Literature Festival Dublin 2021 80+ events featuring a line-up of 130+ international/Irish authors.	www.ilfdublin.com	20 th - 30 th May 2021
Creative Climate Action — Creative Ireland Creative Climate Action is looking for proposals which can use creative and artistic approaches, to transform connection and awareness into climate action and behaviour change	The Strand 2 proposals are sought from Local authorities individually, or in collaboration with other local authorities or with external partners, who can connect with and support creative and cultural practitioners	Closing date for applications Friday 21 st May 2021 www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/
Mapping Dalymount - The Arts Office is supporting artist, Dorothy Smith, with her publication, Mapping Dalymount on the ability of drawing and mapping to convey the soul and character of this unique football stadium and club and to deepen our understanding of place of community within the city	www.dorothysmith.ie www.dublincityartsoffice.ie	Publication to be launched May 2021
A Consideration of All Bodies – Group exhibition at the LAB Gallery in partnership with Arts and Disability Ireland	www.dublincityartsoffice.ie and at the LAB Gallery pending reopening of cultural spaces	Until 30 th June 2021

Statistics Q1 2021

Parks & Landscape Services	Totals	Comments
No. of emails received (Parks Admin)	4966	Incl. 633 relating to Parks events
No. of emails received from City Cllr.	67	
No. of Service Requests on CRM	215	Trees (114), Litter & Illegal Dumping (81), Grass (16), Other(4)
No. of phone calls received	427	
No. of Council Questions & Motions	186	
DCSWP		
No. attendees in Sport & Community Prog	8,439	
No. of Individual Programmes	135	
Libraries		
eResources	143,657*	
Online Visits	106,553	
Social Media Engagement	220,859**	
Zoom individual events (all programmes)	356	
Zoom Event Attendees	6,148	
Ask a Librarian online chat	189	
Home delivery service	593	
	enquiries	
	deliveries	
	(6 items	
	per	
	delivery)	

Human Resources

Human Resources Department – April 2021

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

The Human Resources Department continued implementation of the programme of recruitment and promotion during the month of April. Positions advertised include Administrative Officer. The following competitions recently concluded and panels were formed – Senior Systems Officer (Digital Services) Senior Systems Officer (IS Dept), Sheet Metal Worker, Plumber and Business Analyst.

The HR Department continues to engage with successful candidates on the recently formed Senior Executive Engineer panel, through the PAS. It is also engaging with the successful candidates on the Executive and Assistant Engineer panels. PAS is progressing the selection process for the posts of Executive Manager. The interviews for Senior Accountant have commenced.

The interview process for the Graduate programme was finalised in March and all candidates have been notified. The process of liaising with the LGMA and the three Dublin Authorities to place the graduates is ongoing.

Law Department

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/8281/2021	seeks records re: management consultants.	Client	01/03/2021	
FOI/8282/2021	Seeks records re communications with Failte Ireland re Outdoor Dining Scheme	Business	01/03/2021	
FOI/8283/2021	seeks records re: an agreement reached between the Hugh Lane Gallery and the National Gallery in London with regard to the Lane Bequest.	Press	01/03/2021	
FOI/8284/2021	Seeks records regarding Ashton Pound	Press	01/03/2021	24/03/2021
FOI/8285/2021	Seeks records re housing allocations for 2020	Client	02/03/2021	25/03/2021
FOI/8286/2021	seeks records re: housing allocations	Client	03/03/2021	06/04/2021
FOI/8289/2021	Seeks records re: fire safety at the named addresses since the start of 2018	Press	03/03/2021	
FOI/8291/2021	Seeks records re specific building in Rathmines.	Business	04/03/2021	31/03/2021
FOI/8292/2021	Seeks access to enforcement file	Client	08/03/2021	14/04/2021
FOI/8294/2021	Records between Assistant Commissioner and DCC	Client	09/03/2021	08/04/2021
FOI/8296/2021	Request records re Poolbeg Chimneys	Press	09/03/2021	
FOI/8297/2021	Requests Financial details	Client	09/03/2021	08/04/2021
FOI/8298/2021	seeks records re:personal injury claims brought against Dublin City Council	Press	10/03/2021	09/04/2021
FOI/8299/2021	seeks records re: relating to the enforcement action on Ormond Road, Rathmines	Client	10/03/2021	31/03/2021
FOI/8300/2021	seeks records re: named development at Harolds Cross	Solicitor	10/03/2021	23/03/2021
FOI/8301/2021	seeks records re: The total number of derogations granted by year since 2016 inclusive	Client	11/03/2021	12/04/2021
FOI/8303/2021	Seeks records re numbers on housing list/in emergency accommodation	Client	12/03/2021	08/04/2021
FOI/8306/2021	seeks records re: antisocial behaviour at Inchicore/Bluebell	Client	15/03/2021	23/03/2021
FOI/8314/2021	Records regarding parking	Client	16/03/2021	
FOI/8316/2021	seeks records re: acquisition & refurbishment cost house in Artane.	Client	18/03/2021	
FOI/8318/2021	seeks records re: Covid-19 Mobility Requests	Press	18/03/2021	
FOI/8319/2021	Seeks records re grants paid by LEO to specific company	Client	19/03/2021	14/04/2021
FOI/8320/2021	seeks records re: CBL system in Dublin city council	Client	22/03/2021	
FOI/8321/2021	seeks records re: procurement of goods & services supply to named company	Client	22/03/2021	
FOI/8322/2021	Seeks records re works at property on Shrewsbury Road	Press	22/03/2021	12/04/2021
FOI/8323/2021	Seeks records re Disability Steering Group	Client	26/03/2021	

FOI/8324/2021	seeks records re: White Water Centre planned at George's Dock in the IFSC	Solicitor	22/03/2021
FOI/8326/2021	seeks records re: Any correspondence from Barka	Press	24/03/2021
FOI/8330/2021	seeks records re: whitewater rafting facility.	Client	24/03/2021
FOI/8331/2021	seeks records re: traffic management at Mayor Street Upper, Dublin 1	Solicitor	24/03/2021
FOI/8332/2021	seeks records re: HAP transfer list.	Client	25/03/2021
FOI/8335/2021	seeks records re: public toilet facility in Dublin City	Client	25/03/2021
FOI/8337/2021	seeks records re: maintenance works at Pearse House	Client	29/03/2021
FOI/8338/2021	seeks records re: cycling infrastructure or cycling policy	Press	29/03/2021
FOI/8339/2021	seeks records re: the proposed Strand Road Cycle Route	Press	29/03/2021
FOI/8340/2021	seeks records re specified planning enforcement reports.	Client	29/03/2021
FOI/8341/2021	seeks records re: the proposed George's Dock Water Centre	Client	30/03/2021
FOI/8342/2021	seeks records re: long term leases completed in 2020 and 2019	Client	30/03/2021
FOI/8343/2021	seeks records re: fines relating to parking spaces reserved for people with a disability.	Press	31/03/2021
FOI/8345/2021	seeks records re Strand Road Cycle Trial public consultation	Client	31/03/2021
FOI/8346/2021	seeks records re: white water rafting centre at George's Dock	Press	31/03/2021

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in **February 2021**

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2021 is outlined below.

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2021 - 31/03/2021	199
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Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2021 - 31/03/2021	152
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