

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

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Report of the Chief Executive



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

Environment & Transportation

Please see attached report.

Planning & Property Development

Please see attached report.

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Please see attached report.

Human Resources

Please see attached report including Smart Cities/Smart Dublin update.

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: 23rd June 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 2020. 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 20/06/21 that week's revenue was €278,229.78 (up from the sum of €270,071.25 on we 30/05/21 – however still down from the week ending 6th December 2020 figure of €282,356.71). There has been a rise in the number of live accounts from 266,603 for week ending 30/05/2021 to 269,708 for week ending 20/06/2021.

Car Clubs

There are currently two Car Club companies (GoCar and Yuko) operating within the Dublin City Council administrative area. Both companies had requested and were approved for additional permits in order to expand their services. The total number of live Car Club permits currently issued is 376.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and the current Government restrictions which were announced on 27th March 2020 all new applications for Residential Parking Permit schemes (i.e. new schemes and extensions to hours of schemes) have been placed on hold until further notice. This is partly due to the workload arising from the implementation of the new COVID 19 on street measures being implemented throughout the city. However, existing applications in the system are being prepared to be sent to ballot from January 2021. The following Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme will have extended operational times with the following details:

Pay and Display Permit Parking scheme extension of operational times July 2021:

<u>Name of Rd</u>	<u>Days and Times</u>	<u>Date for new operational times</u>
Waverley Avenue, D3	Mon to Sun 7am to 12midnight	starting on 5/7/21
Melrose Avenue, D3	Mon to Sun 7am to 12midnight	starting on 7/7/21
Inverness Road, D3	Mon to Sun 7am to 12midnight	starting on 12/7/21.

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. It has been agreed that this strategy will be published shortly for public consultation to help inform the approach taken by the Dublin Local Authorities in this fast moving area.

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 e-scooter usage. The progress of a number of claims is now being monitored closely.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services resolved over 2,600 customer enquiries and service requests during the period January to May inclusive. Additionally, during the same period 1,280 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe by our direct labour crews. Furthermore, a total of 103 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 footpaths. Resurfacing works and footpath reconstruction works are progressing on-site to deliver this programme this year. Works will continue through to December of this year.

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, 29 of the 38 organisations/groups approved in principle have completed their projects and drawn down their grant funding to a total sum of circa €1.4m. The remaining 9 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

160 surveys were undertaken on 157 streets across the six waste management areas in May 2021. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. 65% of streets graded received a Grade A, 16% Grade B, 19% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. Streets Graded	No. Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Central	35	35	18	7	10	
South East	18	18	12	4	2	
South Central	24	24	18	5	1	
North Central	23	24	17	3	4	
North West	37	37	21	4	12	
City Centre	20	22	18	2	2	
TOTALS	157	160	104	25	31	0

26 on-street recycling facility surveys were undertaken in May 2021. 62% received a Grade A, 5% Grade B, 35% 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	2	2		1	1	
South Central	12	15	11		4	
North Central	5	5	4		1	
North West	3	3	1		2	
TOTALS		26	16	1	9	0

Recycling Services

Waste Management Services intend to trial polystyrene recycling at Ringsend Civic Amenity site in July 2021. Commercial SME Waste Matters will supply a polystyrene recycling machine that compacts polystyrene to 1/90th of the original volume. Patrons will deposit polystyrene in bins and CA site staff will then feed the polystyrene into the machine, where it is heated, shredded, compacted and reformed as compact briquettes. The output is then collected by Waste Matters and made available commercially for re-use.

Waste Management Services recently undertook a review of the Textile Recycling Service currently available. A number of sites were identified where ongoing and extraordinary levels of illegal dumping occur and removal of textile banks from these sites is currently underway. The removal of textile banks from these sites was only considered as a last resort. 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. Notices have been erected at all such sites to inform patrons of nearby textile recycling locations.

South East Area: Textile banks have been removed from St. Vincent Street Housing Complex. Additional capacity has been introduced nearby at Marrowbone Lane, and textile recycling is also available nearby at Dolphins Barn Fire Station.

South Central Area: Textile banks have been removed from Newmarket Square. Additional capacity has been introduced nearby at Marrowbone Lane.

North West Area: Textile banks have been removed from Ballymun Library. Additional capacity has been introduced nearby at Collins Avenue Bring Centre.

North Central Area: Textile banks have been removed from Whitehall Car Park. Additional capacity has been introduced nearby at Collins Avenue Bring Centre. Textile banks will be removed from Alfie Byrne Road later this week. Additional capacity has been introduced at Clontarf All Weather Pitches and textile recycling is also available nearby at Shamrock Terrace Civic Amenity Sites.

A number of other sites identified during the review have been addressed by the replacement of existing banks with newer model wheeled units that allow for reduced service times, resulting in a noticeable reduction in illegal dumping and overflowing banks at these locations. Waste Management Services continue to monitor these sites.

The Bring Centre at Kylemore Park North remains closed due to a fire at an adjoining site. Refurbishment works are currently underway with an anticipated timeframe for completion of approximately 6 more weeks. Patrons are currently being advised to use Windmill Road Bring Centre. A cashless green waste fee trial is currently underway in Grangegorman Bring Centre.

Green Schools Programme

Renewal visits for schools renewing/applying for their Green Flag will continue to take place online until the end of the 2020/21 school year. For more information about the Green Schools Programme, please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

Community Environment Action Fund

Projects funded under the 2019/2020 scheme should be completed by 30th June 2021. The scheme for 2021/2022 is expected to be announced within the next quarter by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. 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 Street and Henry Street 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. Phase 2 of the project is planned in for mid-August.

Housing Waste Recycling Project

The Housing Waste Project remains suspended due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

The bulky household waste service has been resumed since the 10th May.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards 2021 /Pride of Place Competition

The City Neighbourhoods Competition will only be organised at Area level this year in accordance with Government Health Guidelines.

Dublin City Council entered Bloomin' Crumlin/Kimmage and Finglas Tidy Towns to the IPB Pride of Place 2021 competition.

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.

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 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 June 2021. This project is in collaboration with Parks, Landscape Services & Biodiversity and a proposed Greenway. Fingal County Council and Inland Fisheries Ireland are very supportive of this scheme. Funding is mainly from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

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 completed a sewer upgrade downstream of this site to allow Dun Laoghaire Rathdown staff to remove the CSO 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 designated "Satisfactory" for this year. A consultant has been appointed and has commenced in collating all existing information on the Elm Park and make recommendations.

Irish Water, in partnership with DCC and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown are appointing a contractor to develop a predictive modelling system for Dublin Bay. This will give an advanced estimate of water quality at six beaches.

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 Water Framework 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 Water Framework Division/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 and are working on preliminary scenario's 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 30mm+ 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 the Canada-EU exchange: Supporting local action organised by BPIE. The Team also engaged with members of Dublin Friends of the Earth. 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 20th June. Project team has finalised the festival schedule for June which will mark the end of the project. The Festival format is primarily on line, with a series of activities that can be done offline by families.

The Press Office and the Climate Action Team are working on a communication strategy for Dublin’s European Green Capital bid for 2023. In February it was confirmed that Dublin is one of 16 cities running for EGCA 2023. Finalists were to be announced in April, but we are still awaiting a response.

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. The Climate Action Team completed a submission to the CAP Climate Conversations.

Climate Action Regional Office

CARO is continuing the roll out of the Local Authority Climate Action Training programme for local authority staff, organised on a grade/role basis. The training programme was developed by 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>

Climate Awareness Training for Grade VI training was offered to DCC staff over the April- May period. Climate Action team training for the Dublin Local Authorities commenced on June 16th and 17th and will continue on 23rd and 24th June and July 1st and 2nd. Dublin CARO and Eastern Midlands CARO are also working with Age Friendly Ireland, to develop Age Friendly workshops on Climate Action to older persons councils.

Dublin CARO is leading on the development of Green Public Procurement training for local authorities. A number of detailed meetings have taken place and a steering group has been set up with LA, LGMA, and OGP representatives.

An expression of interest was issued to 4 Dublin Local Authorities by Dublin City Council HR Department to backfill a vacant position in the Dublin CARO lost through promotion of a staff member to another Dublin Local Authority in 2020. Applicants were shortlisted and interviewed in late May 2021. Position was offered and awaiting formal notification of acceptance

CARO collaborated with Local Authorities in the closed call and artists and 3rd Levels for the Creative Ireland Climate Action funding call. The fund is €2m in total. The submission deadline was 31st May and applicants will be announced in July.

Dublin CARO, has contributed to the EV (Electric Vehicle) Fleet and EV Charging Guidance Document currently being finalised by the CCMA for circulation to the LA sector.

The 4 Dublin LA in conjunction with the Dublin CARO and Codema formally launched Dublin Climate Action Week 2021 #DCAW21 which will take place between September 13th and 19th. A programme will be announced in August including online and face to face events across the regions. Further information on www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie

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

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

New data published by the European Environment Agency on 17 June 2021 <https://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/air/urban-air-quality/european-city-air-quality-viewer> indicates that Dublin ranks 38th out of 323 cities in Europe for air quality in terms of fine particulate matter (PM2.5). More than half of the cities monitored in 2019 and 2020 exceeded the WHO criteria for fine particulate matter.

Work on the preparation on the plan to address nitrogen dioxide levels in Dublin is ongoing and will be completed by the end of 2021.

Air Quality Updates

The Environmental Protection Agency publish monthly bulletins at <https://www.epa.ie/air/quality/reports/>.

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. A review of input received is currently underway and will inform the Sustainable Movement & Transport chapter and supporting documentation. Further internal consultation will be undertaken as required. A collated report with responses to all input given will be circulated when complete 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.

Transportation Planning is currently working with the Planning Department to review the motions submitted at pre-draft stage by the Elected Members. In total over 1000 motions were received. A report from the Chief Executive with responses to motions will be issued to the Elected Members in June.

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 all relevant matters are being considered in advance of the preparation of a new College Green proposal and the intended submission of a planning application as soon as possible. The revised proposal is intended to include the section of Dame Street up to South Great Georges Street.
2	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Construction tenders have been received and are being assessed. Works will commence as soon as possible, following completion of the private development currently underway at Chatham Street / Clarendon Row.
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 2020 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.
8.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	The contract for a design consultant for this scheme has been awarded
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.

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Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
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. The proposed public lighting is being reviewed at present
12	Castle St /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme	DCC	DCC	Due to a significant increase in the estimated costs for this project the project has been suspended pending review. Road Design have reviewed the cost and the extent of the proposed works and have made a submission to the CPSO.
13	Belmayne Main 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/DC C/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 th June. 25 submissions received by An Bord Pleanála, 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/SDC C/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.
16	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLR CC/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.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
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. 7</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	Contract or	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2.	ARUP DCC	OPW	August 2007	Dec 2021	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 works. 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 2021. DCC are trying get stakeholders on board to assist in the progress of the project.
5	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	October 2020.	Dec 2021.	Construction is expected to commence in June 2021

Planning & Property Development

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.• Chief Executives Report on submissions circulated 19th April.• 1,040 motions received from the elected members. CE Report on motions circulated on the 4th of June.• Special Council meeting on 22nd June.	<p>Prepare draft Plan and circulate to Councillors in September.</p> <p>List of RPS additions being prepared to process in advance of the Draft.</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. Variation approved at May City Council Meeting• Variation, 33 for Jamestown lands in Finglas went on public display 18th March 2021. CE report on public submissions circulated to members, 14th May 2021. Variation adopted on the 14th of June.	<p>Implement Variation, prepare Masterplan for Finglas lands.</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"> M50 Lands: Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31st May 21. Metro – liaison with NTA on-going. New intersection with Hampton Wood completed. Sillogue Avenue road realignment on-site. Deport: On site as of 3rd May 2021. Site 1: Shopping centre: demolition near completion, expected end May- Site 6: Cost rental, AHB consortium (Housing Dept) – on hold. 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) Design underway Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: design underway Site 21: O’Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. On site Site 22/23: O’Cualann site: near completion. (27 no. of 35 no. units completed). On site Site 25: To be given to O’Cualann (Housing dept). Pre-planning held 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 31: Feasibility Study from consultants completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with NTA ongoing to establish land take for Metro. Awaiting decision on HSE bid. To discuss long term plans for Shopping Centre site. To discuss Poppintree NC re GP requirements in area. Plaza: Park 8 from Parks Dept. expected June/July 2021. Need to prioritise with Roads and Traffic next phase of outstanding infrastructure. Sites 12 & 14: Part 8 expected Q3 2021 Site 25: to discuss community element of this site. Site 9: Empower the family to revert back to NWAC. Site 10: Part 8 expected Q3 2021. Site 19: land swap to be finalised with church. Site 5: DCC senior citz site. Site 18: to be offered to AHB protocol for cost rental. Site 8: to be offered to the AHB protocol for general housing. Site 13: DCC senior citizens housing. Carton site: DCC arch preparing analysis. Masterplan for Site 31 to be finalised.

Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAP adopted at City Council meeting 7th October 2019. • Site 1: Serviced site fund: Part 8 application being prepared for site. Pre-planning held, May 2021. • 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 CDET re St. Oliver's Training Centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: design ongoing, Part 8 expected Q3 2021. • Site 4 & 5: LDA to bring site to Planning Stage. • 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.
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.</p> <p>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. • Talks on Finglas LUAS on-going with TII • Proposed Variation No. 33 Jamestown Z6 to Z14 - CE Report on Councillor Motions to be considered at June Council Meeting. 	<p>Finglas Strategy 2021 – being finalised as Background Paper to support Review Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028.</p> <p>Variation approved with material alterations.</p>
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Bord Pleanála refused proposed amendments to building heights in SDZ • Planned works on Campshires public realm. • Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum met 12th April • High rise SHD application on City Block 9. refused by ABP on grounds that it was debarred from issuing grant by Court decision. 	<p>Next meeting 6 July.</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. 	Pre planning on going.
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolfe Tone Square, Francis St – and Greening interventions are mobilising • Minor works to tie into private Development on Chatham St being completed • 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 Week of June 7th 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. • Councillor Workshop held. • Kilmainham / Inchicore Development Strategy. 16 October 2020 - Stage 2 Stakeholder consultation commenced • Call 2 – Bid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare preferred option. • Steering Group on 9 July - Development Scenario sign off. • Project website due to go live end of June. <p>Project costing exercise being finalised.</p> <p>North Inner City and South Inner City bids successful.</p> <p>€164 million awarded to 19 projects. Awaiting</p>

	<p>4 bids submitted 29th May 2020, in collaboration with Departments across DCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. North Inner City ii. South Inner City iii. Park – West Cherry Orchard iv. Clongriffin- Belmayne 	DHLGH direction on next steps.
DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)	Irish Rail working on Preferred Option.	Further work & public consultation to follow with Irish Rail.
DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)	Irish Rail commenced consultation on Emerging Preferred Option.	Inputting into submission being prepared by Environment & Traffic. Deadline 25 June.
Metrolink	Current pre-Railway Order discussions with TII. Series meetings scheduled in relation to Traffic Impact Assessment Methodology for each station.	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 meetings with TII re Preferred Option.

Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Active Land Management</p> <p>Derelict Sites Register</p>	<p>1, 27 & 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3. 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. The site vested in the Council on 22/05/21.</p> <p>68B St Brendan's Park, Coolock, D5. File has been forwarded</p> <p>An Bord Pleanála for their consent to the compulsory acquisition of the site under Section 16 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990.</p>
<p>Vacant Sites Register</p>	<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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>48</u> sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register (18/06/2021). Previous report stated 49. Site removed from the VSR following receipt of ABP notice to cancel entry, VS-0070 refers. <u>17</u> of which are in City Council ownership 	<p>Notice of Intention to Acquire Compulsorily was made on 15/04/21. An objection was received which is under consideration.</p> <p>Reminder notices in respect of outstanding VSL Demands for 2018, 2019 and 2020 issued to site owners on 17/06/2021.</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.Development Agreement terms issued to the successful bidder for the Pigeon House Power Station site chosen by the assessment panel. Debrief session held with unsuccessful bidder.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. HSE disposal approved by City Council vote.	<p>Ryders Row CPO. Notices for Possession served.</p>																												

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Markievicz Pool re-location Letter received from TII, funding of site search/design aspects by TII confirmed. • 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. Proposal for DCC leasing units at Sandwith Street to be constructed by O'Callaghans not proceeding due to excessive rents sought. • TII have submitted an expression of interest in Port Tunnel site at junction of Swords Road and Collins Avenue for 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. • Disposal of retail site at St. Michael's Estate being considered. • Consideration of future uses for School of Music building. • Inspection of Civil Defence depot at Wolfe Tone Quay carried out. Civil Defence to move to Unit 29 Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate when NCOD opens. • Negotiations at a very advanced stage to acquire the front car park site at Werburgh Street. • 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. • 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. Report prepared for CE on top two options on market to purchase a new or second hand property, both in Finglas area. • 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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<p>Record Protected Structures</p>	<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 was 14th May 2021</p> <p>51 submissions received re: Player Wills proposal</p> <p>17 submissions received re: 134 Thomas Street proposal</p> <p>Submissions were sent to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for his observations to be received no later than 19th June 2021.</p>	<p>Both reports to go to July City Council meeting.</p>
<p>Built Heritage investment Scheme 2021</p>	<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. <p>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.</p>	<p>The Minister has approved grant funding for the 88 recommended BHIS applications. Of these 88 projects 4 will not be proceeding but these funds will be re-allocated. The applicants have been notified by letter of their provisional grant offer of funding. Inspections will be carried out on all successful projects.</p>
<p>Historic Structures Fund 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021 4 of the 5 proposed projects have been approved by the Department for a combined total of €180,000. 	<p>The next BHIS return to the Department is due on 30th June 2021. Inspections will be carried out on these successful projects.</p>

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Ireland's Draft National Recovery and Resilience Plan - Summary

The EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) aims to mitigate the economic and social impact of the pandemic and make European economies and societies more sustainable, resilient and better prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the green and digital transitions. The RRF is the key element of €750bn Next Generation EU / Recovery Plan Package agreed by EU and accounts for €672.6bn of Next Generation EU - €360bn loans and €312.5bn in grant.

Ireland has drafted a National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) for approval by EU, which sets out priorities for funding to a total value of €915m in grants that will be used to support investment between now and 2026. The draft plan was published on 1st June 2021 along with the government's Economic Recovery Plan.

Dublin City Council made a submission under the consultation processed led by the Department of An Taoiseach in February 2021, a copy of the full submission was circulated to all Councillors. Below is a summary of the key areas that are identified for funding under the draft NPPR and a summary of the submission made by Dublin City Council. The draft NPPR makes no reference to the role that local authorities will play in the NRRP process, and mentions 5G technologies, Social & Affordable Housing however it does not appear that any of the content contained in the DCC submission have been incorporated into the draft national plan.

Summary of NPPR:

- The National Plan falls under 3 priority areas with investments & reforms identified under each. The draft NPPR was submitted to EU Commission on 28th May 2021. Further details will be published in due course.
- The NRRP has 16 investments & 9 reform commitments to the value of €915 million.
- The main focus is on Green, Digital & Skills development.
- Cork Commuter Rail; Peatlands; Irish Water River Basin Management; Science Foundation Ireland; Solas; Public Sector Office Retrofit; Enterprise Sector; Shared Government Data Centre; Schools; Census; eHealth initiative; Tus Transformation; SláinteCare; Social & Affordable Housing all get specific mention

Summary below of the 3 priority areas:

Priority 1: Advancing the Green Transition

Investments in: Low Cost Residential Retrofit Loan Scheme; Decarbonisation of Enterprise Sector; Public Sector Retrofit (Public Sector Offices); Investment in Cork Commuter Rail; National Grand Challenge Programme; Irish Water River Basin Management Plan
Reform in: Climate Action & Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill.

Priority 2: Accelerating and Expanding Digital Reforms & Transformation

Investments in: Shared Government Data Centre; Programme to Drive Digital Transformation of Enterprises in Ireland; Provide digital infrastructure & Funding in Schools; Online Response Option for the Census of Population; 5G technologies to drive a greener more innovative Ireland; Suite of eHealth Projects.
Reform in: Digital Divide & Enhancing Digital Skills.

Priority 3: Social & Economic Recovery & Job Creation - Investments in: Work Placement; Solas Recovery Skills; Technological Universities Transformation Reform in: Reduce Regulatory Barriers to Entrepreneurship; Enhance Ireland's Anti-Money Laundering Capacity; Address Aggressive Tax Planning; Advance supplementary pension provision; social & affordable housing and progress SláinteCare.

Summary of Dublin City Council Submission:

Dublin City Council made a submission to the NRRP that prioritised Capital projects that could fall into the various flagship areas identified and set out key priorities for the city with details of policy alignment. For example Green and Digital are two of the priorities that are common to Dublin City Council's submission and that the Commission identified.

The full DCC submission followed the format set out below, with recommendations made under the six pillars and seven flagship areas, for inclusion in the NRRP.

The NRRP 6 EU pillars:

1)	Green transition
2)	Digital transformation
3)	Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, including economic cohesion, jobs, productivity, competitiveness, research, development and innovation, and a well-functioning single market with strong SMEs
4)	Social and territorial cohesion
5)	Health, and economic, social and institutional resilience, including with a view of increasing crisis reaction and crisis preparedness
6)	Policies for the next generation, children and youth, including education and skills

NRRP's were also required to address seven EC flagship areas [identified for reforms and investments by the European Commission](#) namely:



Dublin City Council made its submission to inform Ireland's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) as per [the invitation from the Department of the Taoiseach](#) published on 2nd February 2021. The submission outlined a number of practical proposals which Dublin City Council considered would significantly contribute to these target areas. This submission also spoke to some of the key actions needed to keep the Dublin economy performing as the engine room of the Irish economy and to ensure its recovery and long-term resilience.

URDF Submissions: This submission also included some Dublin City Council projects that were originally submitted for the Urban Regional Development Funding URDF scheme. The Council was awaiting an announcement of URDF projects at the time of this submission. A number of these have since been successful in obtaining funding.

The submission addresses challenges and identified opportunities to reimagine the city and its neighbourhoods and identified how key parts of the city could be regenerated, through investment, city greening and improved connectivity and quality of living.

Policy Guidelines and Criteria

The Council's goals and objectives articulated in the [Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024 of Dublin City Council](#) provided a framework to realise these opportunities.

The type of actions to deal with the main challenges in the Dublin economy and for social cohesion in the city were furthermore addressed by [the country-specific recommendations from the European Commission](#) for the post-Covid19 recovery in Ireland. These can be summarised as follows:

- Support employment through developing skills.
- Increase the provision of social and affordable housing.
- Support SMEs through measures ensuring liquidity.
- Frontload mature public investment projects and promote private investment to foster economic recovery.
- Focus investment on the green and digital transition, in particular on clean and efficient use of energy, sustainable public transport, water supply and treatment, research and innovation and digital infrastructure.

(In each of the above mentioned areas, Dublin City Council is a key provider)

Proposals

Five criteria were applied to assist in the selection of key practical proposals that would address the challenges, while tapping into the opportunities and aligning with the recommendations from the European Commission, namely:

1. Choose existing actions/plans that can be accelerated to create a much more significant impact.
2. Scale successful pilots, especially innovations which are proven to make the city smarter and more efficient.
3. Ensure delivery in a short to medium term timespan – not further out than two years.
4. Give a projection of the strategic benefits of each proposal ranging from stimulating local jobs to providing new training and skills development opportunities to having multiplier effects in local supply chains and in cost savings for families.
5. Identify key stakeholders for collaboration and support.

The following 6 areas were prioritised and used to assess which proposals to include in this submission.

- Energy efficiency
- Digital transformation
- Greening and biodiversity
- Flood defences (digital and nature-based solutions)
- Public realm
- Wellbeing

The following 6 proposals were included in the submission:

Project	Ask
a. Energy efficiency – District Heating	€89.5M
b. Retrofitting	€95M (Phase Two and Three)
c. Low Carbon Construction	€20M
d. 5G Digital Transformation	€69.7M
e. Greening and Biodiversity	€43.7M
f. Flood Defences & Resilience	€23.9
g. Public Realm	€34.6
Total	€376.4M

Conclusion

If supported by national government and the European Union via the Recovery and Resilience Facility, Dublin City Council sought to demonstrate with this submission how the grant funding of a set of specific practical proposals would significantly contribute to the recovery and resilience especially in Dublin city centre. The multiplier and secondary effects has not been processed due to time limitations, but The Council was confident that these interventions would be a catalysts and create positive momentum in the Dublin economy to the benefit of local residents, local businesses, the bigger population in the metropolitan area as well as the country as a whole. The below table set out how the proposals would create a broad impact as per the framework provided:

Pillars	Flagships							Other
	Power Up	Renovate	Recharge & Refuel	Connect	Modernise	Scale Up	Reskill & Upskill	
Green transition	A	B		D			E	C, F, G, H, I,
Digital transformation				D			E	C, G
Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth	A	B		D			E	C, F, G, I
Social and territorial cohesion	A	B					E	C, F, G, H, I
Health and economic, social and institutional resilience	A	B		D			E	C, F, G, H, I

Policies for next generation, children & youth				D			E	F, G, I
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Following the completion and return of the submission by the deadline set in late February, Dublin City Council sought to discuss the contents with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, but we have not yet received a response to this request.

Next Steps

Ireland's draft NRRP will now be assessed by the European Commission which will, within two months make a recommendation to the Council of the European Union, on the basis of which implementation of the plan will commence, and EU financial support will start to flow. A NPPR Implementation Body will be established by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to oversee implementation of the Plan. Reporting to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Body will act as the lead authority for Ireland and as the single point of contact with the European Commission.

New Policy/Strategy

Libraries: Following a review of the mobile library service, the **Library in the Community service** will provide improved access to books and library programming for communities without local access to a branch library. The service will comprise a number of service elements (i) Library lockers and book collections in community locations (ii) Home delivery and supported housing service (iii) Programming in the Community (iv) New smaller, more flexible, Mobile Library Van(s) (v) Enhanced schools service. First of the self-service library lockers will be installed in Our Lady's Hall, Mourne Road, Drimnagh.

EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 - 2027 has been presented to all 7 SPC's. The strategy will be officially launched in July. The implementation of the strategy is continuing with the establishment of the European support Office for the organisation.

Local Economic & Community Plan working group is being established to develop timelines on the development on the next LECP.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan Project Working Groups have been established in advance of the development of the next renewed Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024.

Departmental Priority

Libraries: 16 branches offering browsing and borrowing and 4 branches offering Call and Collect service. There is no seating for reading or studying and Public PCs are not currently available for use. The library Family Summer Event Programme in July will feature a mixture of performances & creative workshops in our 3 Creative Hub libraries (Ballyfermot, Cabra and Coolock). There will also be outdoor events at selected libraries together with a virtual online event programme. The programme is a collaboration between Dublin City Libraries, the ARTS Office and The Ark. Details [here](#)

Right to Read National Programme: *Summer Stars* (mid June-August). Children will be encouraged to join the library and commit to read a number of books during the Summer holidays.

The Uplift Project (working title) will involve Public Engagement on how culture and libraries can contribute to wellness will occur in July/August with partners Axis, Ballymun and Dublin City Council Culture Company.

Decade of Commemorations: To mark the 100th anniversary of the Truce, the Mansion House and DCL presents an online free lunchtime lecture series from 5– 9 July 2021 at 1pm daily. The series will cover the Truce; national and international press coverage of the Truce; the Ballyfermot troop train ambush and Lord Mayor Laurence O'Neill and the revolutionary Mansion House. Booking [here](#)

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) scheme 2021 received 211 applications, and approved 483 (incl. carryover applications from 2020). Value of the TOV approved in 2021 is €1,103,331 Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals in 2021: 30 approved grants to value €587,070 supporting creation of 58 jobs.

Training –3,082 participants attended 72 training programme from 1st Jan – 31st May 2021, +1,070 participants year on year.

Mentoring – 898 hours of mentoring were completed 1^s January – 31st May 2021 – group, individual & Brexit specific. Target of 1,000 for the year.

Start Your Own Business: 286 participants in 9 courses & 1 Bootcamp, 1^s January – 31st May 2021. +108 participant's year on year.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Hugh Lane Gallery	Planning is underway for Hugh Lane Gallery Art and the Outdoors event on Parnell Square on the Saturday and Sunday of the August Bank Holiday Weekend adhering fully to Covid guidelines. Hugh Lane Gallery presents open-air concerts in the grounds of IMMA. HLG is hosting 6 special versions of its renowned Sundays@Noon concerts in the grounds of IMMA. This initiative is part of a wider programme being led by Dublin City Council's Office of City Recovery. Light Boxes Smithfield: 10 Light Boxes have been installed, containing images of paintings / sculptures from the Gallery.	Continue to provide a safe and rich visitor experience
Refurbishment of 1930s wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.	Construction to begin Q2 2023
Collection displays/ Exhibitions	Present in Time Future a centenary exhibition celebrating the life of Cecil King. 11 th May - 28 Nov Lane Legacy exhibition reopened to the public. <i>Maud Cotter: a consequence of – a dappled world</i> 2 June – 8 th August 2021 is a solo exhibition <i>Joseph Beuys: From the Secret Block to Rosc</i> , 14 July – 31 October 2021- Fall Freely: A collaboration with Street Artist Asbestos on temporary installation on O'Connell Street Upper	Exhibitions now open

Offsite storage	A temporary offsite specialist fine art storage facility fitted out to museum standards is currently in preparation for HLG collection. Plans in place to move artworks from current fine art storage to new facility and initiate for permanent storage facility on Frederick St. Nth	Finalising contracts for temporary site. Artworks to move by end June.
Online programme of art education	In July 2021: 36 x online art education programmes including our three day <i>Exploring Art</i> Summer School for adults; a Study Morning exploring contemporary sculpture; a six part art appreciation course exploring <i>artists and the outdoors</i> ; specially commissioned artist podcasts exploring the outdoors; Coffee Conversations, Culture Clubs, art activity films, VTS Sculpture Club, audio description for people with a visual impairment exploring Maud Cotter's exhibition, collection displays and our Asbestos street art commission. Our Artist's http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures	Ongoing development of innovative art education programming.
20 & 21 Parnell Square	Monitoring of the neighbouring buildings following completion of safety works until feasibility study	Date of feasibility to be finalised as part of Plan
Wolfe Tone Pk	Contractors remain on site	To be completed late 2021.
People's Park	Contractor appointed	Works commence in July
Merrion Square Park	Revised bill of quantities will be issued to the preferred bidder for pricing for refurbishment of tearooms/toilets.	It is anticipated that works will start onsite Q3 2021
Eamonn Ceannt Depot	At end of Stage 1 Preliminary Design	Progress to stage 2 Detail Design & to Tender
Kildonan Park	Public Consultation ongoing	Progress Part 8 application
Resumption DCSWP programme in communities	Focus on outdoor spaces and facilities. Programmes include walking/running cycling, water sports, park yoga, youth multi-sport summer initiatives/camps and community sport days. Focus on all target groups. Athletics, Boxing (non-contact), Football, Rowing and Rugby Co-funded programmes have also resumed.	Compliant with Covid-safety restrictions, Government and Sport Ireland Return to Sport guidelines. Training provided by Sport Ireland.
DCSWP Virtual Hub	Supportive/blended approach for ongoing delivery programmes during Covid-19 restrictions and to provide resource for increased participation/reach in long-term.	Continue as resource tool. Working group established for programmes/initiatives.
Outdoor Programmes - Parks	DCSWP working with Parks & Landscape Services around accessibility for Sport Officers to city parks for the delivery of outdoor programmes.	In progress

Keep Well Campaign	National initiative to support communities. Funding secured from Sport Ireland for 3 multi-sport initiatives.	Remaining two Keep Well initiatives to be launched.
Sport for Young People Small Grants 2021	Sports clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body invited to apply for financial assistance for the Sport for Young People – Small Grant Scheme (4-21 years of age).	180 applications received. Assessment stage to conclude shortly and decisions made.
Marathon Families	Adaptation of Marathon Kids programme as a response to Covid. Partnership programme between DCC and Fingal County Council to encourage people to come together and set collective physical activity goals in supportive groups.	Registration from 1 st June. 8 week programme. https://marathonkidsireland.ie/marathon-families/
Orienteering	DCSWP to roll out programmes in 2021 in partnership with Orienteering Ireland. Programmes to be all-inclusive. Leadership training programmes for youth leaders and teachers in progress.	Provisional start date end of June. Trial programmes currently ongoing in parks across the city.
Sport Inclusion & Integration	Delivery water sports rowing progs//summer camps Disability in Sport Training and Education continues in partnership with CARA	July/ August 2021 Ongoing
Governance Code	Process on achieving compliance commenced.	Est. external consultation and working/ sub-group
City Library, Parnell Square	URDF funding announced on 5th March	Ongoing scoping of works. Details on funding tbc
Inchicore Library Refurbishment	Selected Contractor has withdrawn DT recommendation to follow.	Re-tendering prep. Resume library services when Richmond Barracks ceases as vaccination centre
Finglas Library Development	Final design work & tender prep. DAC application submitted and fire cert application imminent.	Following approvals tender will issue.
Look for Local Campaign	National Local Enterprise advertising campaign encouraging consumers & businesses to search for goods & services within their area.+4,500 participants businesses listed, including +200 from Dublin City, from a range of sectors. Highlights the quality & range of products as well as the economic benefit to the local economy.	Launched 5 th July. Promotion & supporting participating businesses
Green For Micro	A 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	4 Applications completed. 4 applications currently being processed.

Your Dublin Your Voice	The third YDYY survey for 2021 was published in collaboration with the Heritage Officer between 8 – 18 June.	Results are being cleansed & will be disseminated to all stakeholders in July.
Dublin Economic Monitor (DEM)	The Q2 Dublin Economic Monitor was published in June on 3 rd June with an accompanying video. The 25 th edition shows an economy that has suffered considerably in the first five months of 2021, yet which is demonstrating initial signs of recovery. Full details www.dublineconomy.ie	The Q3 Dublin Economic Monitor and video will be published in Sept.
MODOS	The MODOS Innovation Award pilot continued to receive applications throughout June. The pilot includes mentoring & training elements. The MODOS Innovation pilot is in collaboration with the Regional Waste Office and will conclude in June. Full details at www.modos.ie	Modos D8 Programme in collaboration with the South Central Area Office and the Digital Hub; will run in the Autumn.
Metroverse Launch	Economic Development has been part of a pilot users group for The Cities Atlas project Metroverse. Initiative of the Growth Lab at Harvard's Center for International Development, aims to deliver new insights on the composition, capabilities and growth opportunities for cities across the world - interactive platform aims to combine research, data etc covering over 500 cities.	Data updates on the platform will continue in weeks ahead.
OECD/EC Project	DCC have been successful in competitive process to take part in the project Respond, Rebuild, Reinvent. 8 cities to learn, share & collaborate across countries & world regions on Social Economy Innovation.	Specific challenge meeting with all global partners will be held in July.
Dublin Place Brand	Finalising brief to engage a place brand specialist to assist in developing a strategy for the Brand.	Publish Tender document on eTenders website
	The Dublin Brand Team are now part of the City Recovery Comms & Marketing Working Group.	Supporting reopening new photo/video shoots/site content/SMedia
	Diversity in Dublin an initiative from Creative Ireland & DCC, in conjunction with the Gallery of Photography. 5 photographers chosen to connect and engage with diverse Dublin communities and reflect on the dramatically changed social and cultural landscape of our capital city.	Team are designing & organising outdoor promotional campaign and publishing the photos on Dublin.ie. Minister of launch the campaign

DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY - See details of all library events [here](#)

Event	Location	Date & Time
Business Advice Clinics & Variety training courses	https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/	Range of dates

Human Resources

Human Resources Department – June 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.

Working arrangements continue to be a blend of office and home working with all staff attending the office a number of days each week.

The Human Resources Department continued implementation of the programme of recruitment and promotion during the month of June. The following competition recently concluded and a panel was formed – Assistant Systems officer. The interviews for the System officer have commenced in June. The Administrative Officer competition has progressed to the shortlisting stage with over 600 applications to be reviewed in June and interviews will be held in July.

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 Engineer panel.

The recruitment process for the LGMA Graduate programme is finalised with the 24 new Graduates due to start in early July. A recruitment programme for Temporary Clerical officers is ongoing with the PAS clerical officer panel being used.

Discussions are ongoing with the Environment and Transportation Department with a view to recruiting Graduate Engineers later in the year and putting in place a graduate development programme. The Swimming Pool Relief Lifeguard competition is completed and appointments will commence shortly. The District Officers (Dublin Fire Brigade) appointment process has commenced. The next class of Fire Fighter recruits is finalised and has commenced training.

PAS has finalised the selection the selection process for the posts of Executive Manager and appointments will be made shortly. PAS recruitment campaigns for Senior Engineer and Senior Executive Planner have commenced.

Smart City / Smart Dublin Update. June 2021

A full list of projects and more information on the smart city programme is available at www.smartdublin.ie

WIFI4EU launches in partnership with Virgin Media

Virgin Media Business has teamed up with the Smart City programme in Dublin City Council to roll out free WiFi hotspots in more than 30 locations, connecting communities, enabling them to develop and expand their current services or activities and aiming to reduce digital poverty in these areas. The initiative was officially launched around World WiFi Day (June 20th) which promotes digital inclusion. A map of the Wifi4EU locations are available at the link: <https://smartdublin.ie/wifi4eu/>

A representative from Cabbage Garden and Bradóg Youth Services, two of the recipients of the free WIFI hotspots were featured on Ireland AM on Sunday 20th of June 2021, highlighting the benefits of WIFI to their service and the positive impacts they hope it will bring to their local

communities. Over the coming months the Smart City team will give each of the WiFi locations the opportunity to feature their stories and showcase the services and activities provided by their organisation.

Smart Tourism Programme

In Jan 2021 Dublin City Council and Fáilte Ireland partnered to create the Smart Tourism Programme for Dublin. The programme focuses on introducing new technology and supporting innovation in the tourism industry in Dublin. <https://smartdublin.ie/smart-tourism/>

Some recent updates include:

- **European Capital of Smart Tourism Dublin bid:** The Smart Tourism programme coordinated and submitted a bid for Dublin to become the Smart Tourism Capital of Europe in 2022. The award celebrates destinations with best in class development in Accessible, Sustainable, Digital and Creative/innovative tourism. Shortlisting of the award will occur in September 2021. The bid team included members from Smart Dublin, Fáilte Ireland and Dublin City Council Culture Company.
- **Mobile App for Heritage Trail(s) Tender Dublin:** In May 2021 Dublin City Council published a tender for a Mobile Application for Heritage Trail(s) development. The tender, which will close in late June, is due to attract much interest from interactive and immersive technology providers – the full details are available on e-tenders.

Smart Docklands Network Meeting

The latest Smart Docklands Network Meeting was hosted via webinar on Wed 2nd June with over 120 attendees. The webinar shared details on the expansion of the Smart Districts Model, the innovative telecoms work happening across DCC as well as highlighting a number of flagship projects that are being delivered. The webinar is available to watch here: [\[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7jmXHApcPU\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7jmXHApcPU)

Smart D8 - A Health and Wellbeing District

The first pilot call for Smart D8 launched in March 2021 with a focus on Population Health and Mental Health. These themes were identified based on feedback from the community in Dublin 8.

- 37 applications were submitted for the pilot call
- 10 applicants were shortlisted and invited to present their solution to a high-level evaluation panel.
- Five pilot applicants were successful. Announcement of the winners is planned for Tuesday 6th of July.

More information is available here: <https://smartdublin.ie/smart-districts/smart-d8/>

Ring Buoy Project

The Ring Buoy project was initiated by DCC in collaboration with Water Safety Ireland to trial and test solutions that can help address vandalism and theft of ring buoys. The project uses an innovative procurement methodology, the first of its kind in Ireland that allows local authorities to pilot and buy the validated solutions <https://smartdocklands.ie/project/ring-buoy-theft/>

The process enables DCC to trial 4 innovative solutions over a 9-month period. These solutions were demonstrated a part of a live demo in docklands in mid-June. Four companies are trialling 25 sensors each across the four Dublin local authority areas, each solution has unique attributes from the type of sensing, to type of connectivity and the use of audit trails for inspections. The 9-month trial period will end in September 2021, at which point the solutions will be evaluated. This collaboration with Water Safety Ireland has

seen 26 local authorities sign up to the framework where the water safety development officers will be able to purchase the successful solutions.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/8424/2021	seeks records re: the Pepper Canister Church	Client	04/05/2021	
FOI/8425/2021	seek records re: the Pepper Canister Church	Client	04/05/2021	31/05/2021
FOI/8426/2021	seeks records re: enforcement file	Client	04/05/2021	14/05/2021
FOI/8427/2021	seeks records re: completion of the RGB Sconce sculpture	Press	04/05/2021	
FOI/8428/2021	Seeks records re request made to E&T	Client	05/05/2021	
FOI/8430/2021	Records regarding whitewater rafting	Press	05/05/2021	
FOI/8432/2021	seeks records re: costs of litter services	Press	05/05/2021	27/05/2021
FOI/8436/2021	Records regarding shared mobility regulations	Client	07/05/2021	
FOI/8439/2021	Records regarding Dublin City Development Plan 1999 - 2005	Client	10/05/2021	
FOI/8440/2021	Seeks records re: minutes of meetings DCC Marrsfield Avenue.	Client	10/05/2021	
FOI/8441/2021	seeks records re: specific planning file	Client	11/05/2021	28/05/2021
FOI/8442/2021	Seeks records re Office of City Recovery	Client	11/05/2021	11/05/2021
FOI/8445/2021	Records regarding Tree Pruning	Press	11/05/2021	
FOI/8447/2021	Seeks records re lobbying entry	Client	11/05/2021	
FOI/8449/2021	Seeks records re outdoor dining scheme	Client	13/05/2021	17/05/2021
FOI/8450/2021	Seeks records re flammable licence for specified property.	Client	14/05/2021	
FOI/8451/2021	Records regarding outdoor drinking in Portobello	Press	14/05/2021	
FOI/8453/2021	Requests records re long term leasing deals from Jan 19 - May 21	Client	14/05/2021	
FOI/8454/2021	Records regarding long term leasing	Client	14/05/2021	
FOI/8455/2021	Records regarding Photographic celebration of Dublins canals	Press	14/05/2021	
FOI/8457/2021	Records regarding Photographic celebration of canals	Press	14/05/2021	
FOI/8458/2021	Records relating to Portobello Plaza/Harbour	Press	14/05/2021	
FOI/8459/2021	Seeks engineering report regarding Docklands	Press	14/05/2021	
FOI/8461/2021	seeks records domestic violence services	Other	17/05/2021	
FOI/8462/2021	seeks records re: Energy Innovation Marketplace	Press	18/05/2021	

FOI/8468/2021	Records relating to development of new City Development Plan	Press	20/05/2021
FOI/8469/2021	Request records re: Council Transport Division (parking policy& enforcement)	Client	20/05/2021
FOI/8470/2021	Records re Pilot Programme for Fixed Penalty notices	Client	20/05/2021
FOI/8471/2021	Records re event at Mansion house	Client	21/05/2021
FOI/8472/2021	Records regarding Portobello Plaza closure	Client	21/05/2021
FOI/8473/2021	Records relating to Finglas Traveller Development Group	Client	21/05/2021
FOI/8474/2021	Seeks records regarding Portobello Plaza closure	Client	21/05/2021
FOI/8475/2021	Seeks records re Pipecraft Project	Client	21/05/2021
FOI/8476/2021	Seeks records re Portobello Plaza	Press	21/05/2021
FOI/8479/2021	Requests letter regarding E scooters	Client	24/05/2021
FOI/8480/2021	seeks records re: record related to Telford Houses & Apartments	Client	24/05/2021
FOI/8481/2021	seeks records re: HAP payments broken down by postal code	Press	24/05/2021
FOI/8482/2021	Records regarding observations or objectives to planning permission	Business	25/05/2021
FOI/8483/2021	Seeks records re lobbying entry	Press	25/05/2021
FOI/8484/2021	Requests records regarding Covid vaccine roll out	Business	25/05/2021
FOI/8485/2021	Requests records re clamping	Press	27/05/2021
FOI/8486/2021	Records of noise complaints to DCC	Press	27/05/2021
FOI/8487/2021	Records regarding abuse towards Councillors	Press	27/05/2021
FOI/8488/2021	seeks records re: public footpath records at Cashel Avenue	Solicitor	27/05/2021
FOI/8489/2021	seeks records re: Richmond Road Traffic Plan	Client	27/05/2021
FOI/8491/2021	seeks records re: number of burials and cremations	Client	31/05/2021

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2021 - 31/05/2021	346
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2021 - 31/05/2021	281