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## **Monthly Management Report – February 2022**

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Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 places an obligation on the Chief Executive to prepare Monthly Management Reports for Council. The monthly report for the February 2022 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

### **Finance**

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

### **Environment & Transportation**

Please see attached report.

### **Housing & Community Services**

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

### **Planning & Property Development**

Please see attached report.

### **Culture, Recreation & Economic Services**

Please see attached report.

### **Human Resources**

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

### **Law Department**

#### **Freedom of Information**

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

## **Environment and Transportation Department**

### **Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws**

Moby have a fleet of 140 electric bikes available for public hire. Bleeper continue with their successful operations with over 800 bikes now available for public hire. Both operators have provided free bikes for healthcare workers throughout 2020/2021 and this is continuing in 2022. 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 from 76,000 at the end of 2020 to currently stand at over 110,000. Q3 usage was over 119,000 individual journeys. Bleeperbike users cycled over 950,000km in 2021 saving the equivalent of 137 tonnes of carbon and were cycled for over 275,000 hours in 2021. Research is ongoing regarding integration/ interoperability options with other mobility/transport services. A review of operations is currently being undertaken and it is anticipated that the maximum number of bike permits available to each operator will be increased to 1,500 each. Bleeper recently launched a trial 24/7 service to facilitate demand from late night and shift workers

### **e-Cargobikes for Business Pilot**

Dublin City Council and bike sharing operator Bleeper recently launched a project enabling businesses in the Dublin City Council area to trial electric cargobikes for a six-month period. The project gives businesses access to e-cargobikes at a discounted rate, enabling them to replace trips which would otherwise have been taken by car or by van. The pedal-assist electric cargobikes are available to businesses at a discounted rate of €100 per month. The bikes have a cargo carrying capacity of 60kg, with a battery which can last for up to 160km and can be fully recharged in 6 hours. Ten e-cargobikes have been successfully delivered to date. Ten more bikes are being readied for delivery to the successful participants. More than thirty businesses applied for the scheme. The late applicants are now on a waiting list.

### **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 earlier in 2020. The number of weekly transactions for week ending 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 has risen to 102,535. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 situation, the numbers using the Parking Tag had 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, the numbers using the Parking Tag have increased and by week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 that week's revenue was €304,052.90.

### **Car Clubs**

In addition to the existing Car Club companies GoCar and Yuko operating within the Dublin City Council administrative area, a third company Enterprise Rent A Car has been licenced to operate in Dublin City from September 2021. This brings to three the number of car club companies operating in Dublin city and the total number of live Car Club permits currently issued is 419.

### **Permit Parking, Pay & Display**

No schemes balloted this year yet.

## **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. The consultants are currently engaged in a stakeholder engagement piece to help inform the implementation recommendations of the strategy and it is envisaged that this will in turn help feed into a wider engagement piece with updates to the SPC and Council.

## **Claims Liaison Section**

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

DCC is obliged under its contract for insurance with IPB to adhere to agreed protocols in liaising with IPB and their legal representatives. It is also in the public interest that the successful management and the best defence of claims against DCC is presented. The unit is also tasked with devising and overseeing risk strategy within the relevant sections to assist with a comprehensive programme of hazard identification and elimination. Assisting those Departments to identify the risk patterns and to devise controls and assist in putting such controls in place, supporting a proactive risk management strategy. The unit also liaises with IPB's Special Investigations Unit regarding possible fraudulent claims against DCC. Investigation and determination of cases continues throughout the Covid Restrictions and in 2020 the Section dealt with 507 Cases against the Council. 2021 stats are currently being compiled.

## **Road Maintenance Services**

Road Maintenance Services resolved over 7,500 customer enquiries and service requests during 2021. Additionally, during the same period over 4,200 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe by our direct labour crews. Furthermore, a total of 244 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24 hours of being recorded. Road Maintenance Services has substantially completed its €12-Million Annual Works Programme for 2021. This included the resurfacing of 14kms of carriageway and the reconstruction of 12kms of footpaths. The Annual Works Programme for 2022 will be presented to Councillors in January/ February 2022.

## **Bridges & Other Road Structures**

Bridge Maintenance will commence preparation of tender documents for Principal Inspections in 2023. Special Inspections are underway on Butt Bridge and Matt Talbot Bridge and special inspections are being planned on three other bridges. Scour risk assessment required on 10 other bridges. Bridge refurbishments and vegetation control are being planned.

## **Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund**

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021 closed for applications on the 3rd October 2021. 46 grant applications were received from a diverse range of sectors, including sports & recreation, arts, environment and education and training. The total quantity of grant funding requested amounted to circa €1.7m. On this occasion, the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Committee has a total sum of €500K available to them for disbursement to eligible projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.

Due to Government restrictions in place in respect of Covid-19 the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Committee have been unable to meet in person to assess the submitted grant applications, however, the first grant assessment meeting is provisionally scheduled for February 2022 with two further assessment meetings to follow shortly thereafter.

## **Waste Services Update**

### **Street Grading**

A combination of IT issues and staff shortages due to illness and annual leave severely hampered the street grading program in December 2021. Only 31 surveys were undertaken on 31 streets across the six waste management areas. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. 65% of streets graded received a Grade A, 13% Grade B, 23% Grade C, 0% Grade D. Additional staff were trained in Street Grading duties in January 2022 to address potential staff absences going forward.

AREA	No of Streets Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
Central	10	10	5	1	4	
South Central	11	11	7	2	2	
North West	10	10	8	1	1	
Totals	31	31	20	4	7	0

## **Recycling Services**

The opening of bring centres on the Christmas and New Year bank holidays proved successful. Staff report good usage of the centres on those days and it also alleviated pressure on services for the remainder of the holiday period. Windmill Road and Ballyfermot bring centres were affected by staff shortages due to Covid 19 and were closed on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Ballyfermot reopened on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Windmill Road on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

The estimated start date for Parks & Landscaping Services proposed refurbishment of the Eamon Ceannt Park depot and adjoining Bring Centre has been postponed to spring 2022. The works will take approximately six months and the Bring Centre will be closed for the duration.

Waste Management Services are currently engaged in a repainting program of all on-street steel bottle banks. Approximately 25 banks in storage are currently being repainted and will begin to replace existing on-street banks in the coming weeks. The banks removed from active service will then be repainted and the program will continue in this manner until all banks have been updated.

### **Green-Schools Programme**

RELOVE Fashion is a sustainable fashion competition for secondary schools proudly supported by Dublin City Council in collaboration with the Rediscovery Centre and neighbouring local authorities. Students are encouraged to take a deeper look at how clothing is made and entries should include creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending. The deadline to submit entries was the 21st of December 2021. Entries have been received from eleven secondary schools within DCC boundaries. The grand final will be held in March. More information can be found on [www.relovetofashion.ie](http://www.relovetofashion.ie).

The Picker Pals Programme, which is an anti-litter initiative for primary schools has also been launched for the 2021/2022 school year. There are 82 schools within the Dublin City Council area taking part in this academic year. For more information, please visit [www.pickerpalsworld.org](http://www.pickerpalsworld.org).

The Composting for Schools Programme, a pilot project for all Dublin area schools has commenced. 39 schools from the DCC area will participate. Teachers and other school staff are taking part in a series of training workshops to learn about composting and an expert from Composting Ireland will visit each of the participating schools to help set up a composting system at the school.

The Green-Schools Programme continues to be delivered to schools throughout Dublin City Council. For further information on these initiatives or the Green-schools programme please contact [greenschools@dublincity.ie](mailto:greenschools@dublincity.ie).

### **Community Environment Action Fund**

The completion deadline for projects funded under the previous 2019/2020 grant scheme was the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2021. It is anticipated that a new scheme will be announced by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in early 2022. For more information about the CEAF, please contact [ceaf@dublincity.ie](mailto:ceaf@dublincity.ie).

### **Global Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 event to be held in Dublin.**

We are delighted to announce that the Eastern & Midlands Regional Waste Management Planning Office (EMRWMP) in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre, Dublin City Council and Circuleire, was successful in winning a bid to host the Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 event in Dublin.

Now in its fifth year, the Circular Economy Hotspot has become a global flagship event on the circular economy calendar and has been previously hosted by the Netherlands, Scotland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Catalonia. In 2023, for the first time, Dublin will host the Hotspot alongside two other global regions: Lagos, Nigeria and Chile.

Hosting the European Circular Economy Hotspot in 2023 will bring international visibility to circular economic initiatives here in Ireland, and will create international opportunities for Dublin and the greater Dublin region. It will also provide a platform for Irish organizations keen to make the circular transition, creating a circular legacy for Irish citizens and businesses. Furthermore, through a programme of citizen engagement, Circular Economy Hotspot Dublin

will aim to bring the circular economy to life, making it relevant to the day to day life of Dubliners.

The successful bid was led by the Rediscovery Centre and supported by 30 organizations from Government, Public-Sector, Industry, 3rd Level Education and Social Enterprise, including The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development, the Department of Agriculture, the East-Midlands Regional Assembly and the Environmental Protection Agency.

### **Circle City Recycling Initiative**

The Circle City recycling on the go initiative was launched on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 launched in November 2021 more than doubling units of recycling on the go bins and widening locations to neighbouring streets.

### **Housing Waste Recycling Project**

The Housing Waste Project was suspended for the majority of 2021 due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. The project restarted in late November and inspections of housing and older persons' complexes in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh were conducted by Waste Management Services in tandem with Housing Maintenance and the relevant South Central Area Housing personnel. Inspections in this area are now completed and the introduction of brown and green bins to older persons' complexes and housing complexes where feasible will begin in Q1 2022.

### **Bulky Household Waste Collection Service**

The bulky household waste service has been resumed since the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### **Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards 2021 /Pride of Place Competition**

Consideration is being given as to how the City Neighbourhoods Competition 2022 will be organised in accordance with Government Health Guidelines.

Still awaiting confirmation as to when the IPB Pride of Place 2021 results will be announced. Entries were Bloomin' Crumlin/Kimmage and Finglas Tidy Towns.

### **Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020**

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

### **Protection 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:

- The Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project is a cross-agency, multi-disciplinary project to produce a Masterplan, based on an options assessment, for the River Santry catchment in order to achieve the objectives set out in the Water Framework Directive, Floods Directive, Birds & habitats Directive and the Greater

Dublin Area Cycle Network. 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. A restricted procedure to engage consultants is currently underway. Following Board approval, five candidates which were previously identified in Stage 1, Expressions of Interest, were invited forward to Stage 2, Request for Tender on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Tender submissions were due to be returned by mid January 2022. This date has been extended to the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 on the request of each candidate. This should not significantly impact the timeline for the project. We anticipate having a design consultant appointed by April 2022. This project is in collaboration with Parks, Landscape Services & Biodiversity, as well as the Sustainable Transport and Projects Section of the Roads and Traffic Division. Fingal County Council and Inland Fisheries Ireland are very supportive of this scheme. Funding is mainly from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, and, in the case of the greenway, the National Transport Authority.

- The Protection of Water Bodies Office is progressing a pilot surface water management project using Green Infrastructure principles. We have appointed a Consultant to design (and bring to implementation stage) a number of nature based water retention measures using a sustainable urban design approach at nine different locations in the Dodder and Santry river catchments. These Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) are expected to have the dual effect of reducing the rate of surface water runoff into sewers/watercourses, thus reducing the risk of downstream and local flooding. Equally important is the expected outcome of improving the water quality through percolating the surface water runoff through this green infrastructure approach prior to entering the nearby watercourses. Conducive with our goals for Climate Action, this pilot project will greatly enhance biodiversity opportunities in the public realm. Our office continues to liaise with our colleagues in Environment and Transportation, in the Parks Department and in the City Architect's Office to facilitate the implementation of this approach in public realm projects.
- The Protection of Water Bodies Office has taken the role of Project Manager for the Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works. The Successful Contractor has been identified from the tender process and it is anticipated this contract and the delivery of the construction stage of the project will take effect in quarter 2 of 2022.
- The Protection of Water Bodies Office presented the current Public Consultation on the Draft River Basin Management Plan to the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This Public Consultation process is open until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022 and is being managed by the Local Authority's Water Programme (LAWPRO) on behalf of the Minister. That presentation is now available to view from the DCC webcast online library and further details are available on [www.catchments.ie](http://www.catchments.ie) and pertinent documents may be viewed on the website of the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

### **Bathing Waters**

A Bathing Waters Task Force (BWTF) was established in 2019 and includes Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, the DHPLG and Irish Water. The BWTF's remit is to identify potential sources of pollutants affecting bathing water quality in Dublin Bay and eliminate, or remediate, the source of the pollutants. The primary objective being to protect public health, including that of sea swimmers. An enhanced programme of water quality testing has identified a number of significant misconnections and areas for further investigation. Field work is progressing but with restrictions and we anticipate drainage misconnection investigations to re-commence fully in early 2022.

The Protection of Water Bodies Office intends to make a submission on behalf Dublin City Council to the ongoing public consultation on 'Bathing Water Quality – Review of EU Rules' (EU Bathing Water Directive 2006). That consultation process is open to all members of the public. A copy of the DCC submission will be circulated to members of the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC prior to the closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **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.

The Working Group agreed 3 new appendices to the new Development Plan which support policies in that plan. These cover:

- Surface Water Management Plans.
- SuDS guidance
- Green Blue Roofs policy.

Two new guidance documents have been introduced:

- SuDS Design and Evaluation Guide
- Green Blue Roofs Guide

A third document covering retrofit of SuDS is due to be introduced in February or March. We are encouraging the use of these documents on all DCC projects.

### **Flood Defence**

- Consultants have been appointed by DCC to investigate the reduction of flood risk across the DCC and SDCC sections of the River Camac. Environmental and topographical surveys are now completed. A computer model is being built to investigate tidal, fluvial and pluvial flood risks associated with the river. De-culverting and river restoration where possible will be investigated from flood reduction and environmental points of view.
- This study as with all other flood alleviation projects is being integrated into a desire to "de-culvert" and widen 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. The new City Edge project gives opportunities to achieve some of this.
- Storm Barra hit the country in December 2021. In response, DCC Drainage deployed Flood Defences along Clontarf and Sandymount. There were no incidents reported as a result of Storm Barra.



## **Climate Action Team**

The Climate Action Team is currently exploring the potential of participating in EU funding calls led by academia. Consideration is being given to projects that will further climate action. The Climate Action Team with EMRWMPO was involved in a bid for Dublin to be the 2023 Circular Hotspot. The application was led by the Rediscovery Centre and was successful.

The Climate Action Team's Creative Ireland funded project "Eat the Streets!" that was focused on food and climate change, was successfully completed. Next steps for the project are being considered in terms of a future annual event and potential for a food strategy. The Climate Action Team has opened the Edible Dublin: Food Survey and invited the public to complete the survey. The survey will be open until February 14<sup>th</sup>.

DCC's application for the Creative Climate Action Fund was successful and we will be working with the Arts Office to implement this project which will engage residents of Crumlin.

DCC's application to participate in IURC was successful and we are partnered with Seoul, South Korea. This is an 18 to 24 month programme that will involve study exchanges with key stakeholders in the city of Seoul on the topics of climate change and COVID recovery. There have been two bilateral meetings with DCC staff and Seoul staff discussing active travel. Plans are underway for study visits to progress pilot actions that will be implemented in Dublin and Seoul.

The Climate Action Team is involved in a stakeholder group feeding into the development Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines by the EPA and MAREI.

The Climate Action Team continues to work with the Development Plan Team on integrating climate action into the development plan. It is recognised in light of the Climate Bill Amendment passing and the release of the IPCC WGI report that this is essential.

The Climate Action Team is reviewing and considering the feasibility of City Studio programme to support the implementation of the CCAP.

## **Climate Action Regional Office**

Green Procurement. Greenville Procurement Partners Ltd., have been appointed as the contractor for green procurement training. CARO is working with the contractor tailoring the training to suit local authority needs. Local authority case studies will be included. This training is following on from the Climate Action Charter 2019 whereby local authorities have pledged to implement green public procurement strategy and procedures across all business areas.

CARO is continuing the roll out of the Local Authority Climate Action Training programme for local authority staff. It is organised into six training pillars 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 DCC staff is ongoing. 'Raising Awareness', the Climate Action training for indoor staff, is currently available for Grade 3 across the Council.

The 'Championing Leadership' Climate Action Training for senior management and elected representatives of DCC is planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 and March 25<sup>th</sup> for DLRCC. This training pillar took place, recently for FCC and SDCC. The Dublin CARO Coordinator gave the opening presentations at the training sessions. The Actioning Policy pillar for training specialist groups e.g. planners in DCC will continue across 2022 and 2023.

The Línthe na Farraige project, one of the successful submissions that Dublin CARO collaborated with Local Authorities in the closed call and artists and 3rd levels institutes for the Creative Ireland Climate Action funding call, is progressing. Two CARO staff are part of the project team. The potential sites have been selected in Fingal CC, Wexford CC, Galway CC and DLRCC. The sites are subject to approval by the local authorities and ministerial consent as they are national heritage and archaeological monuments, and adequate funding. The illumination may be in place for up to six months. The proposed Línthe installations will use illuminated horizontal lines to represent future sea-level and storm surges. Installation is planned for Q1/Q2 2022. An interactive website and community engagement activities will be part of the installation. Trialling the use of climate games in local schools to promote climate action and awareness is proposed as part of the Línthe project.

*Creative Climate Action Crumlin* is a series of climate projects to raise awareness, enhance the environment and change life styles. CARO's role in this project is setting out and verifying climate targets and synergies with the Climate Action Plan 2021 and CCAP. A project manager has been appointed. CARO attend the fortnightly working group meetings with DCC and other partners. The project budget has been agreed. The evaluation of behavioural change in the community will begin in 2022. The project is ongoing.

CARO, the four Dublin Local Authorities and SMART Dublin and CARO are part of an EV Regional group. The group has an agreed strategy. The stakeholder engagement part of this strategy has been completed and discussions with the Dept. of Transport regarding funding and procurement support have taken place. CARO is represented on the CCMA Local Authority EV Working Group and update has been included in DCC Electric Vehicles section above.

CARO has been working with the Dublin LAs on the completion of their Climate Change Action Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> annual progress report to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communication. A report for the entire LA sector has been submitted to DECC via the CAROs.

CARO are represented on a national technical advisory group to assist LAs in preparing new national guidance to prepare 'Climate Action Plans' as per the requirement in the Low Carbon and Climate Action (Amendment) Act 2021. DCC and Codema are also represented on this advisory group. This Draft Guidance is currently with the CCMA Climate Action Transport Networks (CATN) committee for agreement prior to being sent to DECC for agreement and wider circulation to the LA sector.

Further updates and events are posted regularly on [www.caro.ie](http://www.caro.ie) and for the Dublin CARO on twitter @DublinCARO. Dublin CARO leads in publishing the quarterly CARO newsletter. The fourth edition was published in early December. There are over 400 signed up to receive the newsletter. It covers a broad range of climate change issues and has an item focusing on one local authority per edition. You can sign up to the CARO newsletter at [www.caro.ie/#newsletter](http://www.caro.ie/#newsletter).

CARO is collaborating on a Green Roof project with UCD. Progress on this project has been delayed by COVID. It is proposed that Baseline data will be collated on public and private sector roofs over a period of one year with data being used to calculate water attenuation from a flood prevention perspective.

Dublin CARO is supporting Smart Cities Climate Action Data Challenge competition to use open data to promote and support climate action. The Challenge launch is planned for late February.

## **Energy Management**

By end 2020, DCC had improved its energy performance by 41.9%, compared to the baseline years 2006-2008, clearly surpassing its 2020 efficiency goal of 33%. In 2020, DCC consumed a total of 160 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this is the equivalent of 28,143 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> with an associated energy cost of €11.2 million. This represents an absolute reduction of 75 GWh in primary energy when compared to the baseline, (17,315t CO<sub>2</sub>). The 2020 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 to 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 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. The DeliveREE project (see below), a collaboration across the 4DLAs together with coordination by CoDEMA, is looking to aggregate and scale projects of significance and to use performance contracting to help us achieve our 2030 targets. Another project nearing service phase is the upgrade of heating and lighting in the O’Brien Institute, the Fire Brigades training centre.

## **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 was launched in late September 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. 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. CARO are working on a national LA Fleet guidance document and Cathal Mc Coy (DCC Fleet) has agreed to sit on a working group set up by the CAROs for this project on behalf of Dublin LAs.

## **Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit**

### **Ambient Air Monitoring Network**

There has been a delay in the final installation of two new local air quality monitoring stations at Cabra Community College and Donnybrook Fire Station due to the unavailability of contractors as a result Covid related staff absences. It is envisaged this work will be completed in the coming month.

## **Regional Noise Mapping and Environmental Action Plan**

Dublin City Council in conjunction with the other Dublin local authorities are currently preparing a tender to appoint consultants to carry out for the next iteration of regional noise mapping under the EU Environmental Noise Directive. These noise maps will form the knowledge base for the next Environmental Noise Action Plan which is scheduled for completion in 2023.

## **Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City**

Following agreement at the December Council Meeting, the Covid Mobility Team was disbanded on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Responsibility for the measures installed and projects such as Capel Street/Parliament Street have been transferred to the City Centre Transport Team. This Team will also be responsible for assessing the interventions in Q2 of 2022 with a view to recommending any necessary changes, removal or making permanent as well as completing any existing projects, such as Griffith Avenue.

The TAG Area Engineers are closing out a number of projects already underway such as Belmont Ave and Pidgeon House Road with the Neighbourhood Engineers taking over schemes such as Grangegorman. The pedestrian crossing projects are being handled by the Area Engineers as part of their normal work and additional resources allocated to assist in this important project.

The School Zones and the Safe Routes to School projects along with Schools Outreach Officers and Green Schools Liaison continue to function as a Unit within Traffic with additional engineering staff assigned from the City Centre Transport Team.

The requests received by the Covid Mobility Team are currently being reviewed. They will be used to form part of a Walking and Cycling Action Plan and the projects for Active Travel over the next five years.

### **Sustainable City Centre Strategy**

The Covid-19 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 DCC to both look at the pattern of mobility in the city pre Covid-19 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Transportation Planning worked closely 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 issued to the Elected Members in June. The Planning Department finalised the Draft Development Plan ahead of issuing it to the Chief Executive for review in August 2021.

The Draft Development Plan was subsequently circulated to the Elected Members in September after which over 350 motions were received and responded to by the Chief Executive. The motions were debated at length during three Special Council meetings in early November, after which amendments were made to the Draft Plan on foot of the agreed motions.

The Draft Development Plan will now be put on formal public display for 10 weeks on Thursday 25th November 2021 until mid-February 2022. Further stages of consultation, amendments to Plan and preparation of CE Reports will be carried out in Q2 and Q3 2022, with the Transportation Planning Division continuing their role in assisting the Planning Department in the Plan making process.

### 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 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street 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. A non-statutory public consultation will commence at the end of January to get the public's views on what they want for this area.
3.	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.
4.	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. A Consultant Landscape Architect has been procured for this project.
5.	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 are being progressed by DCC but NTA will also lodge for CPOs.

6.	Blood Stoney Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	Received An Bord Pleanala decision on 21st Sept 2020 not to approve the amendment to the SDZ to relocate the bridge to Blood Stoney Road. The NTA's recently released review of the DART Underground project confirmed that the tunnel corridor underneath the Forbes St bridge location is to be maintained. The project team will liaise with the Project Steering Group to decide how to proceed.
7.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	Concept design options are being finalised.

### Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

#### Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
8.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	DCC	The Main Works (e.g. repaving, public lighting, green infrastructure etc) will commence in 2022 with completion in 2023
9.	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.
10.	Liffey Street Public Realm Improvements	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	Detailed design complete and tender documents being reviewed for issue Q1 2022. The proposed public lighting is being reviewed at present.
11.	Castle Street /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme	DCC	DCC	Due to a significant increase in the estimated costs for this project the project has been suspended pending review. Road Design have reviewed the cost and the extent of the proposed works and have made a submission to the CPSO.
12.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DCC/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 <sup>th</sup> June. 25 submissions received by An Bord Pleanala, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 <sup>th</sup> October. Awaiting ABP response.

13.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECOM	Environmental and topographical surveys substantially completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.camacfas.ie">www.camacfas.ie</a> Environmental surveys have revealed more significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded.
14.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OPW	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's completed. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home">www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home</a> . Culvert surveys completed.
15.	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.
16.	Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works	DCC	Tobin Consulting Engineers (TCE)	Detailed design at 17 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed. This project has recently transferred the PWB Office to manage to the Construction stage, expected in Q2 2022. Preferred Contractor identified.

### Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

#### Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
17.	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme	DCC	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Consultant appointed. Landowners and major stakeholders being contacted. New Ecological, site investigation and topographical surveys completed at Howth Road and Clontarf Promenade. Preliminary design ongoing. . Wayleave agreements being progressed.
18.	Traffic Minor Works – Package 7 – Lot 2.	NTA / DCC	Atkins	Consultant appointed. Finalising Designs.
19.	Traffic Minor Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.
20.	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	Design work has recommenced on this project with a review of the previous Part 8 design underway.
21.	Green Infrastructure Pilot Project	DCC	McCloy's	Consultants are appointed to prepare a detailed design for 9 pilot sites adjacent to the Dodder and Santry Rivers. The purpose is to introduce effective surface water management infrastructure to support biodiversity and meeting our EU Water Framework Directive objectives. Design work has commenced on this project.



## Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

### Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2.	ARUP DCC	OPW	Aug 2007	Dec 2021	Construction ongoing at Beech Hill road. Programmed completion Q4 2022.
2	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECOM	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	Oct 2014	Nov 2019	Scheme is operational and all outstanding minor elements completed in 2019. Contractor for sealed manholes onsite. Construction ongoing 5 of 6 completed.
3	Silloogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	Aug 2022	Works are progressing on the realignment of Silloogue Avenue. The diversion of utilities is almost complete. The laying of kerbs and construction of footways is ongoing. A 6 week road closure commenced on 19 <sup>th</sup> January to allow the safe construction of the new carriageway at the Silloogue Rd end. A diversionary route is in place to allow vehicular access to Silloogue Gardens.
4	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	Dec 2021	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing. The contractor has increased resources on site.
5.	Traffic Minor Works – Package 7 – Lot 1.	DCC	Citius	Oct 2021	Dec 2021	At Construction Stage
6.	Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue	DCC	Coffey Construction Ltd.	Oct 2021	Dec 2022	Coffey's have commenced works in Phase 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, which has included; site clearance, planning of existing carriageway, and earthworks. ESB 38KV ducting works are 85% complete.
7.	Fitzwilliam Quay	DCC	Cunningham Civil & Marine	Nov 2021	Feb 2022	Reduction of seepage through sea wall. Construction and sealing ongoing.
8.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	Cairn Construction	Jan 2022	July 2022	Works commenced on site on 17 <sup>th</sup> January. Initial works will concentrate on installation of a new watermain and amendments to the drainage network. The works will be carried out in tandem with the remaining adjacent private development currently underway at Clarendon Row.

9	River Road Wall	DCC	John Cradock Ltd	Nov 2021	Feb 2022	Construction of a new retaining wall using concrete crib and reconstruction of the parapet wall with a reinforced concrete coping was prepared. The design also includes for new surface water gullies on River Road and ducting and foundation sleeves for future public lighting.
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## **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.

<b>Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC</b>	<b>Progress in Previous Quarter</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
<b>Development Plan 2022-2028</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special meetings of the City Council held 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November.</li><li>• Draft Plan went on statutory display on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.</li><li>• Public Consultation sessions scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan and 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.</li><li>• Ongoing implementation of existing Development Plan; no variations in train</li></ul>	<u>14<sup>th</sup> February</u> : Deadline for submissions from public.
<b>Development Plan 2016-2022</b>	Variation, 33 for Jamestown lands in Finglas approved on the 14 <sup>th</sup> of June. Work now commencing on masterplan	Landowners contacted to initiate process, background work commencing in Feb.
<b>Ballymun LAP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• M50 Lands: Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31<sup>st</sup> May 21.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awaiting decision on HSE bid.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro – liaison with NTA on-going.</li> <li>• Sillogue Avenue road realignment on-site.</li> <li>• Site 1: Shopping centre: Workshop held with Councillors on future of site, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2021. No interest from private sector for Christmas ice rink this year.</li> <li>• Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21,</li> <li>• Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: for senior citizens. Design underway.</li> <li>• Sites 12 &amp; 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: design underway</li> <li>• Site 21: O'Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. Closing documents issued.</li> <li>• Site 22/23: O'Cualann site: near completion.</li> <li>• Site 25: Site transferred to O'Cualann. Site divided into 2: planning lodged for new senior citizen housing, 26.10.21, invalidated, to resubmit.</li> <li>• Site at Carton: offered to O'Cualann. On-hold till road realignment resolved.</li> <li>• Site 19: offered to O'Cualann.</li> <li>• Sites 5 &amp; 18: proposed for PPP bundle No. 4.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings with NTA ongoing re Metro.</li> <li>• Feasibility of upgrades to Balbutcher Lane North underway; liaising with Bus Connects.</li> <li>• Shopping Centre: Discussed at Active Land Management: agreed to seek expressions of interest for both temporary and permanent uses.</li> <li>• Site 10: Pre-Part 8 expected Q1 2022.</li> <li>• Sites 12 &amp; 14: Part 8 expected Q 1 2022.</li> <li>• Site 21: Due on site March 2022.</li> <li>• Site 22: Substantially complete.</li> <li>• Site 25: Phase 1: Planning application on senior citizens to be re-submitted 2022... Phase 2: Land boundary issues to be resolved. Pre-planning meeting 24.01.22.</li> <li>• Site at Carton: on hold pending road design.</li> <li>• Site 19: red line boundary under review.</li> <li>• Site 5, 15, 16, 17 &amp; 18: with Dept. for consideration under PPP 4.</li> <li>• Site 8: to be offered to the AHB protocol for general housing.</li> <li>• Site 13: DCC senior citizens housing: design team to be appointed.</li> <li>• Site 6 &amp; 8: Issue of 2-storey housing on site to be resolved.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAP adopted by City Council on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site 1: Part 8 expected March 2022.</li> </ul>

<b>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site 1: Serviced site fund. Design on-going.</li> <li>• Site 4 &amp; 5: LDA to bring site to Planning Stage</li> <li>• Site 6, 7 &amp; 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, SHD pre-planning held with ABP, 17/02/21; reasonable basis for SHD decision issued 01/03/21.</li> <li>• Cherry Orchard Park: redesign scheduled for delivery 2021-2022</li> <li>• Equine centre to extend boundary: works to be carried out by DCC.</li> <li>• Site 3B: talks underway with CDETB re St. Oliver's Training Centre.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site 4 &amp; 5: LDA have appointed a design team to commence work in a 3 phase approach</li> <li>• Site 6: SHD for Phase 1 lodged Dec 2021.</li> <li>• Cherry Orchard Park: Design to be completed 2022.</li> <li>• Site 2: delivery mechanism to be agreed.</li> <li>• Cherry Orchard crèche seeking expansion into DCC lands- site 2; expected in 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belmayne Masterplan approved by Area Committee</li> <li>• Life of LAP extended to 2022</li> <li>• Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019.</li> <li>• DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library.</li> <li>• URDF application for funding submitted, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Application unsuccessful.</li> </ul>	<p>LIHAF and NTA funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently on site.</p> <p>Revision to Belmayne Masterplan being desktop published.</p> <p>Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.</p>
<b>Finglas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finglas Strategy 2021 – complete. Many of proposed re-zonings did not make it to the Draft Development plan stage.</li> <li>• Luas: Talks on Finglas LUAS on-going with TII</li> <li>• Jamestown: Variation No.33 incl. SDRA for Jamestown, adopted 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Letters issued to landowners in the area inviting them to meeting: to set out parameters for the Masterplan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luas: public consultation on preferred route; submissions due 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021. Meetings with TII on-going.</li> <li>• Jamestown: Meeting to be held with landowners, in early Feb 2022</li> </ul>

<p><b>North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDZ Height review amendments; High Court Judgement made on 7<sup>th</sup> January has quashed ABPs decision.</li> <li>• Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum met 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022.</li> <li>• Stormwater outfall project at Grand Canal Dock. Section 5 exempt cert sought for proposed relocation of jetty and associated boats (to Charlotte Quay)</li> </ul>	<p>Decision that ABP now reconsider the heights amendment application, starting the process as of march 2021.</p> <p>2 members of forum have resigned and will be replaced.</p> <p>Await decision.</p>
<p><b>Poolbeg West SDZ</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further Information Request issued in relation to planning application for 638 residential units.</li> <li>• Pre-app material for additional phases ongoing</li> <li>• Separate SEAC meeting on Poolbeg to be held in coming weeks.</li> </ul>	<p>Asses formal response when submitted</p> <p>Await planning applications</p> <p>Planning update to be provided.</p>
<p><b>Public Realm</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Anne's St Preliminary design works are continuing. A non-statutory public consultation will commence at the end of January to get the public's views on what they want for this area.</li> <li>• Wolfe Tone Square, Ballyfermot Park and Bridgefoot St all at advanced stage and due to complete early2022</li> <li>• Francis St progressing but off site for Dec to support business in the area for Christmas period– Greening interventions on median Bridgefoot St and Dorset St complete. .</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor works to tie into private Development on Chatham St being completed</li> <li>• Work is continuing to bring Temple Bar Square and Liffey St Projects to construction. And a new framework has been established to facilitate that with view to on site Q1 2022 Temple Bar Square -The Main Works (e.g. repaving, public lighting, green infrastructure etc) will commence in 2022 with completion in 2023</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
<b>Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market</b>	Tender documents are at review stage Members Advisory Group will meet prior to issue.	Issue tender after Advisory Group Meeting
<b>Urban Regeneration and Development Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call 1 – Awarded</li> <li>• City Edge (Naas Road / Ballymount / Park West Masterplan) – Joint DCC / SDCC project.</li> <li>• Call 1 – Category B Kilmainham / Inchicore Development Strategy.</li> <li>• Call 2 – Bid 4 bids submitted 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, in collaboration with Departments across DCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. North Inner City</li> <li>ii. South Inner City</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Public consultation on Emerging Preferred Scenario completed. CE Report on submissions being drafted for submitting to December Council Meeting.</p> <p>Project costing exercise being finalised.</p> <p>North Inner City and South Inner City bids successful.</p>

	iii. Park – West Cherry Orchard iv. Clongriffin- Belmayne	€173 million awarded to 23 projects. Preliminary business cases being prepared for DHLGH
<b>Draft NTA Strategy for GDA</b>	Out on public consultation	Observations from DCC submitted to NTA.
<b>DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)</b>	Irish Rail working on Preferred Option.	Further work & public consultation to follow with Irish Rail.
<b>DART + SOUTH WEST (Kildare Line)</b>	Irish Rail submitted EIA scoping request.	Project meetings to follow.
<b>DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line)</b>	Irish Rail commenced non-statutory consultation on Emerging Preferred Option.	21 Jan 2022 joint DCC/FCC/Irish Rail meeting on Clongriffin station.
<b>DART + Coastal SOUTH</b>	Irish Rail data requested in December 2021.	Project meetings to follow.
<b>Metrolink</b>	Current pre-Railway Order engagement with TII. Preliminary Design drawings being reviewed.	Review preliminary drawings



<b>BusConnects</b>	NTA pre-planning with An Bord Pleanála completed.	NTA planning applications for 12 projects to be lodged Q4 2021.
<b>Finglas LUAS</b>	Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option.	Public consultation on preferred route extended until 31 Jan 2022.
<b>Gulistan Depot</b>	<p>Non statutory masterplan for development of former depot site in Rathmines has gone on public display.</p> <p>Chief Executives Report on submission presented to December South Central Area Committee.</p>	Incorporate feedback from public consultation into Masterplan. Provide periodic updates for the South East Area Committee.

#### Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter
<b>Active Land Management</b>  <b>Derelict Sites Register</b>	<p><b>21, 27 &amp; 29 and rear of 21-29 Richmond Ave, D3.</b>  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><b>68B St Brendan's Park, Coolock, D5.</b>  Notice of Intention to Acquire Compulsorily was made on 15/04/21. An objection was received which is under consideration.</p>

## Vacant Sites Register

### Compulsory Acquisitions

Notices of intention to acquire the following derelict sites compulsorily were served on owners on 9/12/2021. The period for making objections to the proposed acquisitions ends 21/01/2022.

11 Annamoe Terrace, Cabra, D7  
 1 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20  
 2 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20  
 5 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20  
 6 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20  
 7 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20  
 10 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20  
 11 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D 20  
 6 Terrace Place (rear of 23 Rutland St), D1  
 7 & 8 Terrace Place(rear of 24/25 Rutland St), D1

- Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to **205 sites**.
- Notices of Entry have issued in relation to **134 sites**.
- **157** submissions have been received to date.
- **43** sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register as of (19/01/2022). **17** of which are in City Council ownership.

2018 Demands	
Paid	€649,350
Cancelled	€1,460,550
Refunded	-€66,450
Outstanding	€892,200
<b>Total Demanded: €2,935,650</b>	

2019 Demands	
Paid	€436,100
Cancelled	€1,335,600
Outstanding	€4,366,600
<b>Total Demanded: €6,138,300</b>	

2020 Demands	
Paid	€275,450
Cancelled	€39,550
Outstanding	€10,513,300
<b>Total Demanded: €10,828,300</b>	

## Compulsory Purchase Orders

Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021

	<p>CPO made on 17/06/21 and submitted to ABP for approval.</p> <p>Proposed CPOs at Werburgh Street and Exchange Street proceeding</p> <p>Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street CPO 2019</p>
<b>City Valuers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pembroke Quarter lands: further internal discussions to take place.</li> <li>• Proposed CPOs at Ryders Row, Werburgh Street, Exchange Street and for new Abbey Theatre project at Eden Quay proceeding. Ryders Row. ABP decision on Abbey Theatre CPO now due 11<sup>th</sup> March. Initial work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Markievicz Pool re-location : meeting held with CRES. 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 &amp; perhaps also Whitehall Rangers FC.</li> <li>• Disposal of 3 retail units at Dominick Street Large ground floor unit on Market for disposal on commercial terms. Area Office has expressed interest in one unit.</li> <li>• Terms agreed and reported for 11 month licence for School of Music building.</li> <li>• Meeting arranged with Dean of Christchurch to discuss acquiring part of the Deanery garden by agreement. Project Steering Group to be formed with OPW.</li> <li>• Acquisition strategy approved and funding reserved for purchase of several residential and commercial properties required for Richmond Park and Environs Regeneration Scheme.</li> <li>• DCC development site at Chapelizod Village offered to the Department of Education for purchase, under consideration by Dept.</li> <li>• Kilcarbery Grange development lands – assessment of monies due to DCC from SDCC forwarded to SDCC.</li> <li>• Building search for Stanley Street/Civil Defence Depot. Unit identified in North City Business Park. Negotiations very advanced.</li> <li>• Acquisition of Weir Home Cork Street and Disposal of Industrial land at Ballymun Central to be considered at ALM.</li> </ul>

### Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<b>Record Protected Structures</b>	<p>On the 25<sup>th</sup> November, under Section 12(3) of the Planning and Development Act , 2000(as amended), Dublin City Council proposed to amend the Record of Protected Structures in the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.</p> <p>The amendments include:</p> <p>101 proposed additions, 55 proposed clarifications 3 proposed deletions</p> <p>Following on from our legal searches and research over 1,000 letters and information leaflets were sent to owners/ occupiers informing them of the process and outlining how to make an observation.</p>	Closing date for receipt of submissions is 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Built Heritage investment Scheme (BHIS) 2021</b>	The full recoupment of BHIS funded grants of <b>€385,231.50</b> allocated across 63 projects in 2021 was received from the Department in December 2021.	
<b>Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021</b>	The full recoupment of <b>€174,250.00</b> in HSF funding allocated across 4 projects was received from the Department in December, 2021	
<b>BHIS 2022 &amp; HSF 2022</b>	<p>The 2022 schemes were announced by Minister Noonan on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. The closing date for receipt of BHIS and HSF 2022 applications was Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p> <p>56 Applications have been received for the BHIS 2022</p> <p>6 applications have been received for the HSF 2022</p>	
		Applications to be assessed by conservation professionals and successful applicants notified.

## Finance

### Planning Application Fees

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Totals	% Change 2020
Total income from fees	€396,338	€641,458.11	€557,034	€826,691	€2,421,521	Down 17.5%
Total refunds issued	€8,043	€84,469.53	€142,990	€51,695	€287,198	Up 60%
Net fee income	€388,295	€556,988.58	€414,044	€774,996	€2,134,323	Down 22.75%

### Development Contributions

#### *Development Contributions*

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1-Q4 2020
<i>No. of New invoices issued</i>	165	148	221	197	17%
Total value of invoices issued	€11,737,605.68	€8,387,842.84	€25,502,679.69	€16,200,964.86	29%
No. of payments made	213	210	316	288	2%
Total payments received	€4,378,820.85	€3,693,100.13	€12,389,944.93	€8,651,107.64	25%

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

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1- Q4 2020
<i>No. of Inspections</i>	Nil	Nil	13	6	26%
<i>No. of Section 152 Warning letters issued</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	No change
No of Section 154 Enforcement Notices issued	-	-			-
No. of Section 157 referrals to District Court	-	-			-

### Planning Enforcement

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2020
No. of New complaints opened	324	416	376	272	-8.5%
No. of S152 Warning Letters issued	351	437	381	267	-22%
No. of S154 Enforcement Notices issued	31	33	34	47	-8%
No. of S157 Referrals to District Court	5	5	8	7	-50%
No. of files closed/resolved	353	374	340	393	-3%

Total number active planning enforcement files at 30/09/2021 % change	Total 3403	% change 2020 25%
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### Building Control

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2020 - 2021
No. of multiple dwellings commenced	112	746	1115	441	2414	-26%
No. of single dwellings commenced	30	30	23	41	124	-49%
Total dwellings commenced	142	776	1138	482	2538	-28%

### Disability Access Certs

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2020 - 2021
Valid Applications	81	80	104	88	350	-9%
Certs issued within 2 months	66	68	89	83	304	+6%
Info requested	23	25	154	19	82	-23%

## Derelict Sites Section

### Statutory Notices Served

2021	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2020
Number of sites inspected	10	64	49	62	-10
Section 10 (warning letters)	3	5	5	10	-9
Section 8 (2) Notices (Intention to enter on Register)	13	1	3	6	+500
Section 8 (7) Notices (Entry on Register)	1	8	0	1	- (0 in Q4 of 2020)
Sites removed from Derelict Sites Register	1	2	4	-	- (0 in Q4 of 2021)

Number of Sites on Derelict Sites Register at 30/09/2021	76
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## Property Management

### Revenue & Receipts

Revenue Raised				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2020	2,659,364	2,131,269	2,485,080	2,331,156
2021	2,542,675	1,577,051	2,621,105	1,008,380

Income Received				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2020	1,718,417	3,044,216	588,896	2,503,298
2021	2,556,383	1,331,481	1,523,300	4,231,254

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

## **Culture, Recreation & Economic Services**

### **New Policy/Strategy**

*BeLong | Bí Ann: An Invitation from your Local Library* project launched in collaboration with Axis Ballymun in January and ran for 4 weeks. The project celebrated all that local libraries offer. The podcasts, animation and culture meetings delivered over the course of the project are all available to listen and watch back via the library website.

Dublin City Libraries is the lead for the implementation of a new library management system which will be used by all the 31 local authorities. Due to go live in March 2022, the Spydus cloud software will provide a user-friendly experience for library users and will make it easier to manage the provision of books, eBooks and e magazines, and a wide range of online resources.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 The final draft of has been agreed, with many of the actions being led or supported by Dublin City Council.

Vision for Dublin - The initial stages of the pathway to developing a Vision for Dublin work was concluded in Q 4 2021. The outputs of the process will inform further work to be undertaken, including the development of a Dublin Place Branding Strategy in Q 1 2022.

Night Time Economy Strategy Preparatory work has been completed on the commencement of the development of A Night Time Economy Strategy. This will be progressed during Q1 2022.

Economic Development Strategy -The results of the first stage of public consultation for the ED strategy development were presented to the EDE SPC on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov with the YDYV survey findings on the Dublin City Economic Development Strategy.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) A workshop was held by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in December 2021 on the Guidelines for the development of a new Dublin LECP.

### **Departmental Priority**

Raheny library is getting a facelift in 2022. The library will be celebrating 50 years of service in November 2022. It is temporarily closed and will re-open in spring 2022. Raheny library users are encouraged to access services available from Dublin City Libraries online, or in person at nearby Donaghmede and Coolock Libraries.

Vol 4 of *History on Your Doorstep* was published in Jan 2022. This volume covers different aspects of the City's history and is available free from branch libraries and online

Work Matters at your Library: Local Enterprise Week takes place from March 7<sup>th</sup> A joint online event organised by Central Library and Dublin City LEO will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 - *Going to Market - Market research tips with Mintel Market Research*

Healthy Ireland at Your Library provides valuable health information and support to communities and individuals at all life stages. From February to April 2022, Dublin City Libraries will host an online webinar series of presentations and workshops on the themes of #Be Well #Eat Well #Think Well focusing on positive wellbeing, physical health and keeping active, eating well, switching off and being creative.



Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Cónaitheachtaí Gaeilge Dublin UNESCO City of Literature congratulate authors, Réaltán Ní Leannáin and Meadhbh Ní Eadhra who were awarded their first Irish Language Residencies. The residencies are supported by The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) scheme 2021 received 345 applications, and approved 636 (incl. carry over applications from 2020). Value TOV approved in 2021 is €1.4 million.

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals in 2021: 66 approved grants to value €1.2 million supporting creation of 123 jobs in 2021.

Training: 4,309 participants attended, 141 training programme on line from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 24 Dec 2021. Target of 3,000 participants for the year exceeded.

Mentoring: 1,733 hours of mentoring were completed 1<sup>st</sup> January – 24 Dec 2021; including 3 hour, 6 hour & Brexit mentoring. Target of 1,000 hours for the year exceeded by 733 hours.

Start Your Own Business: 448 participants attended 14 courses & 1 Boot camp, 1<sup>st</sup> January – 24 Dec 2021. – exceeded target by 227 participants & +1 course.

### **Departmental Projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress/Current Status</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
City Library, Parnell Square	URDF funding secured	On-going review of scope and cost
Finglas Library Development	Tender for construction of new library on Seamus Ennis Road will be advertised in late January	DCC QS Division are setting up new frameworks for construction projects. Finglas Library will be the first contract off the new framework.
Local Enterprise Week (LEW) 2022	LEO Dublin City will be hosting a national opening event 7 <sup>th</sup> March as part of a week of events. <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Events%20/Local-Enterprise-Week-2022.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Events%20/Local-Enterprise-Week-2022.html</a>	Logistics & Marketing events LEW. Invitation extended to An Tanáiste to open the week with a Digital event which is one of the national spot light events of LEW.
Dublin Economic Monitor (DEM)	Q4 DEM published on December 3 <sup>rd</sup> with accompanying talking heads video and disseminated through the website, the mailing list and social media and by post	Q4 Dublin PMI expected end week of 10th January and will be promoted. Kick off planning meeting for the Q1 2022 DEM scheduled
MODOS	The DCC & DLRD collaborative MODOS programme has been developed for delivery in Spring 2022. This project has secured funding via the 2021 LAPN funding call through the EPA. Details available on website <a href="http://www.modos.ie">www.modos.ie</a>	Two MODOS programme have been agreed and are now being promoted for delivery in Spring 2022.
OECD/EC RRR Project –	Project closing on line event held in Q 4. Direct meetings continuing between Dublin and relevant city partners to share best practice interventions.	A report on project learnings and case studies on city interventions will be completed in Q 1 2022.

Dublin Brand	Place	Engaging a Place Brand consultancy	Signed contract with OCO Global for a strategic review of Dublin's place branding project. Expected completion by June 2022.
		Dublin.ie User Experience improvements	Rolled out new changes to the live site after full user testing.
		Brigit 2022: Full programme of Dublin City Celebrating Women event as part of the Lord Mayor's Initiative available on <a href="http://www.dublin.ie">www.dublin.ie</a>	Produced content and events listings to support the festival and promoted via Dublin.ie social media.
DCSWP Strategic Review		Launch of new strategy to align with 2022 City Development Plan.	Findings of DCSWP staff survey disseminated to team. Results to inform new strategy development.
Lord Mayor's 5-Alive Challenge 2022		10 <sup>th</sup> year of road race challenge.	350 applications for 2022 (approx.).
Get Walking	Dublin	Core DCSWP programme. Walking/Running programmes take on strategic focus from January - March	Programmes to launch in January
Sport Inclusion & Integration		Disability/Autism in Sport Training and Education programmes continue in partnership with CARA Inclusive multi-sport & Physical Activity Programmes	Ongoing
Training		Delivered on an on-demand basis	Ongoing.
Governance Code		Work ongoing around strengthening the mechanisms of the DCSWP Advisory Board, in addition to other key requirements of the Code	It is anticipated we will declare compliance in mid-2022.
New/ongoing events & initiatives:	Ongoing	Active Cities - Working in collaboration with the National Active Cities Lead Officer, Sport Ireland and the other relevant Local Sports Partnerships.  Creative Residency in Sport - New and ongoing collaboration for DCSWP in partnership with Dublin City Council Culture Company merging Sport & Art.	Ongoing.  <a href="https://www.dublincitycouncilculturecompany.ie/news/sport-meets-culture-as-creative-residency-in-arts-sports-wellbeing-artists-and-clubs-announced">https://www.dublincitycouncilculturecompany.ie/news/sport-meets-culture-as-creative-residency-in-arts-sports-wellbeing-artists-and-clubs-announced</a>
Refurbishment of 1930s wing		Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.	Construction date TBC
Collection displays/Exhibitions		Joseph Beuys: <i>From the Secret Block to Rosc</i> <i>Do you remember what you are burning?</i> exhibition by Iraqi-Kurdish artist Hiwa K Tableaux Vivants, co-curated with artist Niamh McCann Patrick Graham Retrospective	Exhibitions Open  Opening 17th March until 9th July
Programme of art education		Blended programme of online and in-person <a href="http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures">http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures</a> Zoom@Hugh Lane Gallery city-wide primary school programme Phase IV (September-June 2022) 53 education and outreach programmes for adults and children with approx. 691 participants in December	Ongoing development of innovative art education programming

Gallery Development 1 Nth Fredrick Lane	Property acquired by DCC for HLG Conservation	Feasibility Study to be initiated Q1 2022
20 & 21 Parnell Square	Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG	Feasibility Study to be initiated Q3 2022
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions and security continues 24/7. Recruitment of Art Technicians in underway: closing date for applications is 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Recruitment for art handlers Q1 2022
New website	Content Development for new HLG website underway	Implement Q2 2022
Branding	New HLG Brand implementation	Implementation in Q1 2022
Donnybrook Graveyard (Church ruins)	Conservation works completed	Pre Part 8 application submitted for columbarium wall
Clontarf Graveyard (Church ruins)	Church walls conservation and stabilisation works complete	No further work planned at present
Hurling wall and training pitch at Willie Pearse Park	Project Complete	No further works planned
Herbert Park upgrades: bowling green / 5 a side pitch / drainage and floodlights installation	Projects complete and facilities open to the public	No further works planned
Ringsend Park 7-a-side pitch & Teen space upgrade	Projects complete and facilities open to the public	No further works planned
Tranquilla Playground upgrade	Project complete and facility open to the public	No further works planned
Drainage works on soccer grass pitch no 5 Bushy Park	Project complete	Facility due to open to the public in Q1 2022
Belgrave Square Playground	Contractor appointed	Due to commence Q1 2022
Drainage works on GAA grass pitch No 2 Bushy Park	Contractor appointed	Due to commence Q1 2022
St. Nicholas Within (Church ruins)	Urgent repair works completed and draft Conservation Management Plan under review	Proposal to remove wall vegetation to allow further assessment of the structure
Palmerston Park Tearooms /public toilets (conversion of depot building)	Part 8 application currently being finalised	Submit Part 8 application

Le Fanu Park refurbishment of former scout hall to a skateboard pavilion	Construction works underway	Construction due to completed by March
Eamonn Ceannt Depot Upgrade	Detail design completed and tender package ready for issue	Tender issue in the first quarter of 2022 subject to approval
Red Stables enhancements For public access	Construction tender package currently being finalised	Advertise tender
Community Monument Fund 2021, Grant funded projects	CMF grant drawdown received	Consider potential projects for CMF 2022
Actions under the City Biodiversity Action Plan	Dublin wetlands work programme ongoing; Bird monitoring in inner city parks; mute swan census; Macroalgal blooms in Dublin Bay project; equipment testing for Fox in the City.	City Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025 launch; programme for 2022 to continue

### **DATES/EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

See details of all library events [here](#) or for regular updates on library events, activities and developments subscribe to the Library newsletter [Here](#)

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
Local Enterprise Week	<a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Events%20/Local-Enterprise-Week-2022.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Events%20/Local-Enterprise-Week-2022.html</a>	w/c 07/03/22

## **Human Resources**

The total number of employees at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was 5652 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5346

In the Human Resources Department working arrangements continue to be a blend of office and home working with all staff attending the office a number of days each week. In line with recent Government advice this is currently under review.

The Human Resources Department continued implementation of the programme of recruitment and promotion during the month of January. Interviews for the following posts were held during January 2022 – Programme Director for the Active Travel Programme, City Archivist, Senior Archivist, Assistant Building Surveyor and Rate Collector. Interviews for the following posts were held in November / December and with panels formed appointments have commenced - Senior Staff Officer, Library Assistant, Graduate Engineers, Clerk of Works/Building Inspectors.

The following posts were advertised during December 2021 / January 2022 – Sub Officer Dublin Fire Brigade, Foreman Housing Maintenance, Dangerous Building Inspector, Senior Storekeeper, Craft Gardener, District Parks Officer, Local Development Officer – Sláintecare, Apprentice, Stonecutter/Stonemasonry, Supervisor – Traffic Control Room, Assistant Engineer, Executive Engineer, Art Technician Hugh Lane Gallery, Administrative Officer – North City Operations Depot, Corporate Data and Analytics Officer, Data Analyst, Corporate BIM Officer, Trainee Solicitor.

The HR Department continues to engage with PAS and the successful candidates on the recently formed Senior Engineer and Senior Executive Engineer panels. Recommendations from PAS have been received to fill the post of Executive Manager, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Assistant Chief Quantity Surveyor, Senior Engineer, Senior Transportation Officer (Active Travel programme) Senior Executive ITS Officer (Active Travel programme) and Senior Executive Officers and offers have issued accordingly.

## **Smart City/Smart Dublin Cllr Report Update**

For more information about Smart City / Smart Dublin projects see [website](#) and [Trello Board](#).

### **Smart D8: Civic Dollar Project Expansion**

The Smart Cities team in collaboration with the South Central Area office and DCC parks launched the Civic Dollars Pilot. The new 'Civic Dollars' community currency aims to encourage the use of public parks and drive better health outcomes for the community. Participants can earn points which can be redeemed with rewards for themselves or points can be donated to participating local community groups. The pilot will also engage with local businesses to sponsor rewards encouraging participants to 'spend' locally.

Since the launch, 955 users have registered and the project has encouraged 665 hours of park activity. The project has also expanded to 3 new parks in the Dublin 8 area since the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2022: Irish National War Memorial Gardens, Grand Canal Walkway and St James' Walk.

Press Coverage: <https://www.independent.ie/regionals/dublin/southside/news/extra-parks-and-walks-in-dublin-8-included-in-civic-dollars-community-rewards-scheme-41279555.html>

Link for more information: <https://smartdublin.ie/smart-d8-launch-trial-of-innovative-community-currency-scheme-civic-dollars-parks-pilot/>

### **Academy of the Near Future Update**

Our Academy of the Near Future programme has delivered workshops to 509 Transition Year students since May 2021, as part of the Visioneers smart city education programme. The programme has a focus on widening access to STEM: 59% of participants were female and 43% were in DEIS schools. Workshop evaluation demonstrated an increase in concept familiarity of smart cities and the internet of things. Students demonstrated strong enjoyment of workshops and an eagerness to engage. *Please contact us if there is a local school that would be interested in participating.*

Link for more information: <https://nearfuture.ie/>

### **Accelerating the Potential of Drones for Local Government Update**

In 2020 the Smart City team created a Drones Working Group in Dublin City Council. The group consists of 44 staff members across 14 different sections including Survey and Mapping and Dublin Fire Brigade. This group has identified multiple future opportunities where drones will help delivering safer, faster and more efficient services. They have also identified challenges in relation to Data Privacy and Clarity on Regulations at European and Irish levels.

The Smart City team lead a project on **Accelerating the Potential of Drones for Local Government**. The project has had two main outputs to date; developing a 'Data Protection: Drone User Handbook' and a 'Regulations: Drone User Handbook' with two supporting tutorial videos. The handbooks were developed by Castlebridge, as part of Dublin City Council's 'Accelerating the Potential of Drones for Local Government Project', funded by the Public Sector Innovation Fund.

[Regulations: Drone User Handbook & Tutorial Video](#) is intended to help strengthen best-practice in the sector and support local authority staff to deliver better, safer and more efficient services. View the tutorial video and download the handbook [here](#).

[Data Protection: Drone User Handbook & Tutorial Video](#) is designed to support local authority drone operators to meet data protection compliance requirements. View the tutorial video and download the handbook [here](#).

Link for more information:

<https://smartdublin.ie/accelerating-the-potential-of-drones-for-local-government/>

## **Relaunch of the Smart Mobility Hub**

The Smart Mobility Hub offers DCC staff an alternative to using their private cars for their business travel. The scheme provides e-vehicles (e-cars and e-bikes) which are free for staff to use during the workday, based in office car parks, and simple to book via an app. The project is co-funded with Enterprise Ireland under their Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) programme, which allows the public sector to test and design new innovative services pre-procurement.

The Smart Mobility Hub is a multi-partner project, supported by UCD and Science Foundation Ireland, and designed and delivered in collaboration with Fingal County Council, and multiple commercial partners including Nifty Cars, GTS and Bleeperbike. Phase two of the pilot has been delayed due to COVID, but has recently relaunched in multiple DCC sites, the largest being at Civic Offices. The pilot project will encourage staff to use the shared vehicles onsite, to provide feedback on their experience, and to build a comprehensive picture of the business needs before scaling up this type of service.

Link for more information:

<https://smartdublin.ie/smart-mobility-hub-privacy-policy-terms-and-conditions-and-fqs/>

## **Dublin Cycle Buddy App**

As of 11th January 2022, Dublin Cycling Buddy has recorded 8,238 cycles (in total 83,456 km); 2218 community reports, and; 5309 app downloads. The cycle routing and gamification app for Dublin has been going from strength to strength through the Lord Mayor's 'Cycle Around Dublin' Challenge and the Virgin Media Business Cycling Challenge.

Link for more information: <https://smartdublin.ie/lord-mayor-officially-launches-dublin-cycling-buddy-app/>

**Law Department**

**Freedom of Information**

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/8859/2021	Records regarding funding due to DCC from National Ambulance services	Client	01/12/2021	
FOI/8861/2021	Records regarding College Green	Client	02/12/2021	
FOI/8862/2021	Records regarding protected junctions	Client	02/12/2021	
FOI/8863/2021	seeks records re: Cromcastle Court, Coolock	Solicitor	02/12/2021	21/12/2021
FOI/8865/2021	Records regarding College Green	Press	02/12/2021	
FOI/8866/2021	Records from SEA Traffic Advisory meeting	Client	06/12/2021	14/12/2021
FOI/8868/2021	Requests organisational structure	Business	06/12/2021	
FOI/8869/2021	Records of staffing in DCC	Business	06/12/2021	
FOI/8872/2021	Seeks records from NTFSO	Press	09/12/2021	16/12/2021
FOI/8873/2021	Records regarding street furniture	Press	09/12/2021	22/12/2021
FOI/8874/2021	Records regarding Garth Brooks concerts	Client	10/12/2021	
FOI/8877/2021	seeks records re: market consultation on heritage trail app	Press	13/12/2021	
FOI/8878/2021	seeks records re: tender on heritage trail app	Press	13/12/2021	
FOI/8879/2021	seeks records re: amounts paid to named companies under HAP	Press	13/12/2021	
FOI/8881/2021	Records re refurbishment works at Mansion House	Press	14/12/2021	
FOI/8882/2021	Seeks records re sensors for public space management	Press	15/12/2021	24/12/2021
FOI/8883/2021	seeks records re: future working practice, DCC & Dublin Chamber of Commerce	Client	15/12/2021	
FOI/8884/2021	Request records regarding fines for chewing gum	Press	15/12/2021	
FOI/8886/2021	Seeks records re standards in emergency accommodation.	Press	17/12/2021	
FOI/8887/2021	Records regarding Portobello Plaza	Press	17/12/2021	
FOI/8888/2021	Requests records re expression of interest from charities to run emergency accommodation	Press	20/12/2021	
FOI/8890/2021	seeks records re: Dalymount Development Steering Group	Client	20/12/2021	
FOI/8891/2021	seeks records re: parking fines	Client	21/12/2021	
FOI/8892/2021	seek records re: traffic control measures in Donaghmede area.	Client	21/12/2021	
FOI/8893/2021	seeks records re: Interim Exhibition Pavillion at Trinity College	Client	21/12/2021	
FOI/8894/2021	seeks records re: gas explosions in the last 5 years	Client	21/12/2021	
FOI/8895/2021	Seeks records re Tolka Park	Client	21/12/2021	



Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/8896/2021	Requests records regarding HGV permits	Press	22/12/2021	
FOI/8898/2021	Records regarding Portobello Harbour	Press	22/12/2021	
FOI/8899/2021	seeks records re: planning enforcement complaints	Client	23/12/2021	
FOI/8901/2021	Records regarding hoarding in Portobello Plaza	Press	23/12/2021	

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021	755
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021	747