

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 15th March 2022

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (Jan – Feb)

No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	5
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	0
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	59
No. Racial Harassment Complaints	0
Total Complaints	64

No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	0
No. Other Interviews	38
No. Requests for Mediation	0
No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action	0
Total Interviews	38

No. Section 20 Possessions	0
No. Excluding Orders	0
• Applied for by tenant	0
• Applied for by DCC	0
• Granted in court	0
• Refused/failed in court	0
• Withdrawn	0
No. Surrender of Tenancy due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0

No. Tenancy Warnings served	0
No. Abandonment notice served	1
No. Possession Orders requested	0
No Court Orders Granted	0
No. Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)	0
No. of refusal / deferral to let due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0

Housing Allocations

Housing & Apartments			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	1	0	0
Medical	0	0	0
Welfare	0	0	0
Homeless	0	0	0
Travellers	0	0	0
Homeless HAP	0	0	0
De-tenanting	0	0	0
Estate Management	0	0	0
Maintenance Grounds	0	0	0
Surrendering Larger	0	0	0
Unable to afford	0	0	0
Succession	2	0	0
Total	3	0	0

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	1	0	1
Medical	0	0	0
Welfare	0	0	0
Homeless	1	0	0
Homeless HAP	0	1	0
Travellers	0	0	0
Estate Management	0	0	0
De-tenanting	0	0	0
Maintenance Grounds	0	0	0
Surrendering Larger	0	0	0
Unable to afford	0	0	0
Financial Contribution	0	0	0
Total	2	1	1

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (43)			
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Abbotstown Avenue	3 bed house	23/12/2021	Work in progress
Abbotstown Avenue	3 bed house	22/06/2021	Works in progress
Abbotstown Drive	3 bed house	29/11/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	22/07/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	22/09/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	11/2/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	23/08/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	26/10/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	11/2/2022	Works in progress
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	06/07/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Barry Drive	3 bed house	02/09/2021	Works in progress
Berryfield Drive	3 bed house	28/2/2022	Works in progress
Berryfield Drive	3 bed house	09/05/2021	Works in progress
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	21/06/2021	Works in progress
Cappagh Drive	2 bed house	31/01/2022	Works in progress
Casement Drive	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Casement Grove	3 bed house	05/05/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	22/07/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	12/07/2021	Works in progress
Dunsink Drive	3 bed house	16/12/2021	Works in progress
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	14/10/2021	Works in progress

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Finglaswood Road –	2 bed maisonette	18/08/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	05/09/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	3 bed house	20/05/2021	Works in progress
Gortbeg Road	3 bed house	26/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Griffith Parade	2 bed house	20/12/2021	Works in progress
Griffith Parade	2 bed house	21/2/2022	Works in progress
Kildonan Drive	3 bed house	29/09/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Kippure Park	3 bed house	14/12/2021	Works in progress / On offer
McKelvey Avenue	3 bed house	28/06/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	09/04/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	4 bed house	30/11/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Ratoath Avenue	3 bed house	05/03/2021	Works in progress
Ratoath Drive	3 bed house	31/01/2022	Works in progress
St Helena's Court	3 bed house	20/12/2021	Works in progress / On offer
The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
The Tolka	2 bed Apt	26/03/2019	Issue with the building
Tolka Vale	2 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Valley Park Drive	2 bed house	07/04/2021	Works in progress
Wellmount Park	3 bed house	06/10/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Westpark Drive	3 bed house	17/2/2022	Works in progress / On offer

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (10)			
Address	Type of Unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Brookville Court	1 bed	16/12/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Deanstown Court	1 bed	15/10/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	11/08/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	1 bed	13/10/2021	Works in progress
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	14/12/2021	Works in progress
Kilshane Court	2 bed	09/07/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	29/07/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	1 bed	09/11/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	21/06/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	15/06/2021	Works in progress / On offer

Choice Based Lettings

Address	Closing Date	No. Eligible Applicants	No. Non Eligible Applicants
57 Ratoath Avenue	15/2/2022	59	20
24 Berryfield Drive	15/2/2022	52	25

Housing Allocation/Position on List Queries

Please note that going forward that Housing Allocations require applicants to use the new citizen hub portal for checking an applicant's position on the housing/transfer list:

- Applicants should be directed to <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/>. They will need to set up an account and will be able to access their positions, upload documents and communicate with the Allocations Section directly.
or
- If you have the applicant's date of birth and housing reference number, the position can be accessed on the Dublin City Council website.

Rents Update

The Finglas Area Office continues to offer rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Finglas Rent Assessment Update	
Assessments	204
Permission to Reside	2
Refunds	4

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Barry/Plunkett Area

Dublin City Council, Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) have met the principals of St. Kevin's and St Joseph's schools along with Axis Ballymun to look at ways of reducing the impact of drug dealing and anti-social behaviour on young people in the area.

A Fabulous Finglas Day is currently in the planning stage, the day will include Fun and Games, on street entertainment, a flash dance mob, sports, music and of course some treats. The day is provisionally booked for the 17th June 2022 from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Other events will run for 4 weeks before the event, this will include a therapeutic Drama for 5th and 6th classes, dance classes for all boys and girls and sports that encourage participation.

The motivation for the event is to reclaim the street, to encourage participants to play together and to create a positive in the area that has seen so much negativity over the past number of years.

Barry/Plunkett Enhancements

CSDS and the Public Domain Section are working in conjunction with Finglas West Family Resource Centre and local residents on a proposal to install a number of planters on appropriate sites in the area.

The involvement of residents and the Family Resource Centre is key to the success and up keep of the planters.

International Women's Day:

International Women's Day took place on Tuesday 8th March. The event included the unveiling of a plaque by The Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland, the plaque highlights the contribution women have made to the state over the last hundred years.

Poet Rachael Hegarty read a poem entitled "The Boldest and Most Unmanageable Revolutionaries"

Piper Niamh Landale provided music on the day, while Historian in Residence James Curry gave a short history of suffrage in Ireland.

Many thanks to Finglas Tidy Towns for their assistance with the event.



Photography Project

The CSDS Team in conjunction with FAST (Finglas Addiction Support Team) are undertaking a photography project with FAST participants.

The aim of the project is to gain an insight into the daily lives of participants, their struggles and achievements through the medium of photography.

The project will commence in late March with 25 participants and will finish with an exhibition in Finglas Library, a date for the exhibition to be announced closer to the time.

FYRC Drama

The CSDS are working with Finglas Youth Resource Centre and Axis Ballymun to explore the feasibility of setting up a Youth Drama Group in the Finglas Area.

Plans are at a very early stage, however, the initial steps would include sampler sessions in local secondary schools before running a 12-week programme in Finglas Youth Resource Centre later in the year.

A Youth Drama Group would add to the current programmes/projects that operate from the FYRC.

Finglas Youth Resource Centre would be required to set up a steering committee to oversee the project.

Community Activation Fund

The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), through the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Dublin City Council, is funding a **Community Activities Fund (CAF)** in 2022. A total of €427,358 is available under this fund.

Applications to this fund are now being accepted by the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

Applications can be made online from the following link:

<https://dublincitycouncil.submit.com/show/27>

To help groups when applying, detailed guidelines, terms and conditions and eligibility checklist are also available online.

The aim of the CAF is to support non-profit, community-based and/or voluntary sector organisations or groups based in Ireland who are seeking support with meeting capital costs and operating/ running costs, not including salary.

The Dublin City CAF is intended to support proposals benefitting one or more of the priority target groups for 2022 agreed by (LCDC). The target groups are:

1. People experiencing challenges to their mental health and wellbeing;
2. Older people and those vulnerable to isolation
3. Travellers/ Roma
4. Long term unemployed
5. New communities
6. Parents and marginalised children with a focus on childcare and afterschool services.

Applications to the Dublin City CAF should also demonstrate how their proposal will contribute to Goal 2 of the Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021:

“Work in partnership with communities to promote social inclusion, tackle poverty and disadvantage and promote participation, empowerment and positive social change”.

The **closing date** for receipt of online applications is **25th March, 2022 @ 5pm.**

Mental Health Services

The CSDS is working with the HSE Mental Health Service to provide a service in Brookville Court for older people who have experienced a mental health issue.

It is anticipated that the support service will operate from Brookville Court one day a week for around 12 people that have been identified by the HSE.

The Community Team are providing information to the HSE Older Persons Mental Health Service around programmes/activities that may suit their participants.

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