

29th April 2022

To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee

Public Domain/Environmental Services Unit Report

Litter Hotline/CRM

In the period 1st – 29th April 2022, incidents were reported via Litter Hotline/CRM for the Central Area.

Incidents - Central Area Office

Type of Request	Count of Incidents for April	January - March 2022	Total to date in 2022
Abandoned Bicycles & Trolleys	2	9	11
Abandoned Vehicles	0	1	1
Bonfire Materials	0	2	2
Community Clean Ups	2	13	15
Homeless Materials	0	2	2
Illegal Dumping	222	892	1114
Litter Offence	6	14	20
Over Flowing Skips	1	9	10
Report Graffiti	2	20	22
Weed Control	0	16	16
Total	235	979	1214

In addition to the CRM incidents, the Public Domain crew carry out inspections of their assigned routes on a daily basis. Collecting any dumped bags/materials which is not reflected on the above figures.

The total tonnage of collected illegally dumped items by our 5 outdoor staff members was:

- **31.68 tonne** for 1th – 31st April 2022. Total Tonnage for 2022: **134.4 tonne**

Overtime

Four Public Domain Staff members worked Sunday 17th April to tackle the anticipated illegal dumping after Good Friday. Approx. 5 tonne was removed from the Central area. This does not include any waste removed by Waste Management.

Overtime is scheduled for Sunday 1st May also due to Monday 2nd May being a bank holiday also.



Community Clean-ups

Community Clean up equipment was distributed to 8 Community Groups / individuals between 1st–29th April. Requests for the removal of bags from community clean ups were handled by Waste Management and Public Domain staff.

National Spring Clean

Public Domain staff have been busy delivering materials to groups and individuals who have signed up for this year's An Taisce National Spring Clean. Spring cleans are encouraged to take place over the month of May. 39 individuals signed up to take part with equipment being delivered. The Team Dublin Clean Up day takes place this Saturday, 30th April.

The image below show a member of Palestine Square receiving her groups clean up supplies from our Litter Warden Mick Murphy.



Graffiti Removal

Waste Management Services removed graffiti from 11 locations since 1st April 2022:

Tyrell Place	Nth Great Georges Street	Spencer Street Nth
Charles Lane	Whitworth Place	Phibsborough Road
Millbourne Avenue	Blackhorse Grove	Hill Street
Kings Inn Street	Glasnevin Hill	

The Probation Services have been given approval to resume such work as graffiti removal, they removed graffiti from **15** locations in April:

Charleville Mall	Sherriff Street
Nth Strand Road	Royal Canal Bank (large grey wall)
Strandville Avenue	Berkeley Street
Phibsborough Road	Berkley Road x 8

Aldborough Parade – Site Clearance

A Dublin City Council site that had become over grown was cleared by Green Town at Aldborough Parade:



Door Knock Exercises

Door knocks have recently resumed with Litter Wardens knocking at addresses who had previously unsuccessful in providing proof of how they dispose of their waste. Door knocks will continue with to be carried out with potentially problematic properties being targeted.

Cleaning of O'Connell Street Monuments

Stephen Wearen in conjunction with City Recovery Office, arranged for cleaning of the monuments on O'Connell Street. Please see photos below:



Dublin Canvas

Callout for Submissions on Dublin Canvas for Summer 2022 is now live. 15 Locations have been chosen within the Central Area. The painting will begin in early summer.

Weeding Program 2022

Foamstream

Road maintenance have allocated the Central Area with the same 46km of roads to be treated with foam stream (23km per office). This represents just under 25% of roads under

our remit. This will strictly be linier concrete/asphalt roads as paving is considerably more expensive. A list of streets has been issued to the contractor and can be distributed to councillors if required.

Trial

A trail of a new trimmer type weed removal will be commencing imminently. The Central Area have allocated two blocks (15km) to be included. The findings of the trial will be assessed to establish if it is more cost effective resulting in additional coverage.

- Cabra: Ashington/Kinvara/Glendhu block.
- NIC: East Wall

Additional 10k

Road maintenance have also provided €10k to be spent by the Area Office at our discretion. This could be additional foamstream (approx. 10 kilometres), direct overtime for scutching or depending on the outcome of the trial, the new strimming option. Councillors will be updated on this at a later date. We would hope that the streets included in this will be in response to Councillor and public representations.

Both Foamstream and the trial will commence in the Central area in early May.

Stephen Wearen

A/Public Domain Enforcement Officer

Manor Street Decluttering Project

Public Domain (Stephen Wearen) and I completed a survey of Manor Street a couple of weeks ago, see all images at:

<https://dublincity.sharefile.eu/d-s6ebf1e980e1b4c1a8151560c19a09217>

There are a few obvious starting points for discussion such as the two obsolete phone boxes, a couple of poles that could be merged and of course the junction of Manor St / Shea's Court which was previously highlighted.

John McPartlan is coming back with direct contact details for Eircom (Ger Kelly) and I am also due to meet Cllr Costello on-site Friday 6th May to review.

Brendan Doggett

Administrative Officer