



Monthly Management Report – January 2023

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 January 2023 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.

Corporate Services, Transformation & 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.

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Chief Executive

Dated: 16th December 2022

Environment and Transportation Department

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

Moby now have a fleet of 190 electric bikes available for public hire with more due to come on stream in the coming months. Bleeper continue with their successful operations with over 800 bikes now available for public hire. Bleeper's Crumlin suburban hub pilot continues to operate well since its launch in June. 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. Stands to accommodate an extra 554 bikes were installed during 2021. Bleeper's membership increased from 76,000 at the end of 2020 to currently stand at over 110,000. Over 438,000 journeys were made on Bleeper bikes in 2021. 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. Bleeper recently launched a trial 24/7 service to facilitate demand from late night and shift workers and have also launched a new more user friendly App which allows for remote lock opening. Both operators have become members of Mobility Partnership Ireland which was launched in May and represents several private sustainable transport companies.

Dublinbikes

The NOW dublinbike sharing scheme is run in partnership with JCDecaux, and there are currently 1,600 bikes available at 115 stations around the city. The number of long term subscribers has reduced from November 2021 to November 2022 by approximately 6% to 31,939. Short term subscribers has increased dramatically by 270% to 52,339. Over 1.7 million journeys have been taken between January and October inclusive.

E-Cargobikes for Business Pilot

Dublin City Council and bike sharing operator Bleeper have almost completed the 12 month e-cargobike for business pilot project. The pilot project provided 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 were 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. The pilot project was so successful that an extension of the project was agreed. The timeframe was increased from 6 months to 12 months, and a further 10 opportunities were provided to qualifying businesses increasing the number to 20. To date over 20 e-cargobikes have been delivered to successful participants. As part of Bike Week 2022, a public webinar was held on May 16th to showcase the pilot project. Once the pilot is complete, participants will be surveyed and interviewed. The creating of a permanent project will be pursued by the Micromobility Unit to support small to medium sized businesses in the efforts to reduce their carbon footprint, beat congestion and eliminate their search for parking. On foot of this pilot project, three projects are being proposed;

- E-cargobikes for Business,
- E-cargobikes for Not for Profit, and
- E-cargobikes for Communities

The Bike Hub Crumlin

Through a partnership with The Bike Hub, The Bike Hub Crumlin Pilot Project (TBHC) began by delivering trishaw rides to the public in Eamon Ceannt Park, Crumlin during the summer months of 2022. TBHC was launched by the Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy in November 2022 and now offers a range of bike related community services, including training programmes, mechanic workshops, fix your own bike, and upcyclers to name a few. In 2023, it is intended to increase the size of the accessible fleet to include, an e-trike, a tandem, and a wheelchair bike.

As part of this project the Micromobility Unit is project managing the resurfacing of the pathways in Eamon Ceannt Park.

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 14th 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 11/12/2022, that week's revenue was €401,555.96. For week ending 4th December 2022, the usage of coin in parking meters was €125,323 and card payments were €133,990.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

The following pay and display and permit parking schemes have been balloted for a new scheme:

Botanic Avenue, Dublin 9

Richmond Road, Dublin 3

Car Sharing Schemes

Car sharing schemes align with Chapter 8 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 - 2028 and targets contained with the Dublin City Councils Climate Action Plan 2019 - 2024.

Car sharing is a mode of transport that is complementary to public transport, often involves walking or cycling and causes a reduction in private cars and kilometres travelled, and studies show that car sharing schemes contribute to the reduction of road transport related pollutant emissions. Car sharing schemes benefit a sustainable lifestyle, they are good for the environment and good for individuals. Car sharing reduces the carbon footprint of the users, while reducing their annual spending, there are no maintenance, fuel, insurance or tyre costs.

There are currently three car sharing scheme operators within the Dublin City Council administrative area; Go Car, Yuko (Toyota) and Enterprise. The total number of car sharing permits issued is 513.

Electric Vehicles

Electric Vehicle Charge Points

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now complete. The executive Summary and the full report is available for download through the Council website.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/electric-vehicle-charging-information>

This research piece will enable each Local Authority in the Dublin Metropolitan Area to develop related but distinct implementation plans, based on local needs and related policies. Where commonality of approach allows, the DMA working group will collaborate to improve efficiency (for example in the area of procurement, planning for which has now commenced).

The DCC implementation plan will include the identification of Council and community facilities that may allow scope for facilitating the siting of EV charge points.

In due course, DCC understands that the Department of Transport's recently launched ZEVI office, which sets out potential new sources of funding and capacity building measures to enable the transition, will allow DCC to facilitate the installation of chargers.

Furthermore, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge point enabled.

Dublin City Council will work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to enable and facilitate an increase in the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments will be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Additionally, Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the SEAI/ZEVI (the recently launched Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland Office) regarding the available schemes of funding and a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

The new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study, to deliver an EV charging solution for the Dublin Metropolitan Area.

A pilot off-street small-scale Community Mobility Charging Hub in Finglas is now complete and was recently launched by the Lord Mayor, Caroline Conroy and Minister Eamon Ryan. There are two chargers; AC (nominally 22KW with 2 charging spaces) and DC 75KW (with 2 charging spaces). A dedicated Car Share Club EV charging space (one of the AC spaces), to be rotated between all 3 licenced operators in Dublin City across the pilot duration and a dedicated eBike commuter hub with 8 eBikes under the brand HubX (an offshoot of ESB), in association with Bleeper Bikes complete the Hub. Data from usage will help inform future plans. The project begins to breathe life into our strategy/policy of mitigating risk to DCC whilst enabling and facilitating in this space and modelling the recommended approach for EV charging as per strategy and crucially within the context of our wider mobility strategies and policies.

In addition, a mapping tool is now available on our web site (see link above) to allow the public suggest where they think there is a requirement for charging. Whilst this will not guarantee that a charge point will be provided at that location, it will allow the Council build a picture of demand and will help inform the process of rolling out the strategy.

In addition, there will also be a dedicated charging facility for a DCC staff EV for use on Finglas Area Office business.

Energy Management

DCC's energy consumption can be broadly split between Electricity (55%), Thermal/Gas (32%) and Transport (12%). DCC has two key targets for 2030:

- i) An improvement in energy efficiency of 50% from a 2006-2008 baseline, and
- ii) An absolute reduction in tCO₂e (tonnes of Carbon Dioxide equivalents) of 51% from a 2016-2018 average.

Modelling work is continuing to translate these targets into quantifiable reductions required and to begin developing project pipelines to achieve same. A significant ramp up in terms of the number and scale of projects will be required to meet these tough targets.

In 2021, DCC consumed a total of 161 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this level of consumption produced 30,600 tonnes of CO₂e emissions, with an associated energy cost of €12.4 million. Energy prices are rising rapidly, in addition to and independently of, the carbon tax (currently at €41 per tonne and rising to €100 per tonne by 2030). DCC, through its OGP sourced contracts has been somewhat sheltered from these global shifts in price, although very significant retail price increases (in the order of 160 – 260%) will result in a significant cost increase to DCC from H2 2022.

A forecasting tool has been developed which will help quantify anticipated levels of cost increase based on differing inflation rates and this should help with budgeting for each significant energy user (SEU) across the Council. The Council is also in communication with the OGP regarding a forecasting prognosis for DCC energy budgets 2023.

The Energy Review for 2021 is currently being finalized, the pandemic complicating the usual timelines. The Review will detail how energy is consumed across the Council as well as setting out the councils targets for 2030. Whilst very good progress has been achieved to date, it should not be seen as “job done” with even more challenging 2030 targets. Energy savings are not guaranteed from year to year, and efforts 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 which are represented on the councils Energy Oversight Committee (EOC). 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. As above, targets for 2030 have now been clearly defined for Local Authorities and an evaluation of DCC’s ‘gap to target’ is underway. This will allow for a planned response in terms of number and scale of projects, with a particular focus on thermal and transport, to achieve objectives. It will also highlight resource requirements. The DeliveREE project, 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.

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 multi-million 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 is currently being developed 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 with approximately 40 DCC buildings that are significant Energy Users currently identified for further consideration for more in-depth

technical audits. 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 programme continues to ramp up and organise to begin developing a project pipeline. The project was launched in late September 2021 and, in addition to Codema as lead partner, the consortium includes the four Dublin Local Authorities, alongside a range of legal, procurement and financial experts such as Resourceful Futures Ltd, Philip Lee Solicitors Ltd and Sustainable Development Capital LLC. The project will also be supported by a strategic Advisory Board made up of national government departments and authorities, financial institutes and advisors, experienced European energy agencies and European experts. Work on the project is continuing and a workshop with key stakeholders in October is helping to progress the project.

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. A scoping out of work in line with the guidance provided in Annex D of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines is currently being prepared.

Electrification of DCC Fleet

The Council's fleet continues to migrate to electric vehicles with 46 electric vehicles currently operating in the city. Further work is ongoing in respect of charger requirements for fleet across operational bases in preparation for a significant transition of fleet to EVs in 2023/24.

Sustainable Energy Communities

The SEAI's Sustainable Energy Communities scheme helps organised communities fund and prepare an Energy Master Plan to change the way communities think about energy and to help them achieve energy goals by working together. DCC, acting as lead authority, has procured a framework of specialist consultants, who will work with communities across seven Local Authorities to help them develop Energy Master Plans. Communities had been struggling with cash flow in respect of payment of consultant fees. DCC listened to these concerns and

working with the SEAI have developed an MOU so that so DCC can pay the fees and reclaim from SEAI at a later date. There is close coordination with CoDEMA and best practice standards, controls and master plan templates are in place to help guide communities deliver on targets. A mentor works directly with the communities, facilitating and guiding as required. A number of SECs are now in the process of developing their Energy Master Plans under this scheme with the Connecting Cabra SEC launching their plan at an awareness raising event recently. Meetings have been held with some SECs to explore possibilities for closer collaboration in piloting innovative schemes and this is progressing, with input from Department of Transport with a view to informing national policy.

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 2021 the Section dealt with 537 new public liability cases 51 new employers liability claims.

Road Maintenance Services

Road Maintenance Services resolved approximately 6,900 customer enquiries and service requests during the period January to November 2022. Additionally, during the same period over 5,500 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe by our direct labour crews. Furthermore, a total of 378 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24 hours of being recorded. Road Maintenance Services has prepared its Annual Works Programme for 2022. The programme provides for the investment of €12 Million to upgrade 10km of road carriageways and 12.5km of footpaths. These works are currently progressing on site.

Bridges & Other Road Structures

Bridge Maintenance will commence preparation of tender documents for Principal Inspections in 2023.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

With reference to the Dublin Waste to Energy community gain projects grant scheme 2021, twelve of the 28 approved applicants have drawn down their grant funding to a total value of circa €160K. The total funding awarded was circa €500K, and therefore the balance for drawdown is €340K. The remaining 20 beneficiaries have until April 2023 to complete their grant aided projects.

At their last meeting in September 2022, the DWtE Community Gain Fund Committee agreed that the next Dublin Waste to Energy community gain projects grant scheme would be launched in Q1/Q2 2023.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

246 surveys were undertaken on 245 streets across the six waste management areas in November 2022. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 61% of streets graded received a Grade A, 28% Grade B, 10% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No of Streets Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
CENTRAL	54	54	25	17	10	1
SOUTH EAST	34	34	26	8		
SOUTH CENTRAL	41	41	22	15	4	
NORTH CENTRAL	41	41	37	4		
NORTH WEST	37	37	16	13	8	
CITY CENTRE	38	39	24	12	3	
TOTALS	245	246	150	69	25	1

25 bottle bank surveys were carried out in November 2022. Overall 44% of bottle banks received a Grade A, 32% Grade B, 24% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. of Bottle Banks Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
SOUTH CENTRAL	9	9	4	4	1	
NORTH CENTRAL	9	9	5	3	1	
NORTH WEST	7	7	2	1	4	
TOTALS		25	11	8	6	0

Recycling Services

Work is ongoing on repainting Waste Management Services stock of bottle banks in storage when weather permits with a view to replacing unsightly bottle banks in public spaces.

Waste Management Services are currently designing a suite of new and uniform signage for all bring centres. Designs have been finalised and signs have now been ordered. It is anticipated that the new signs will be rolled out to all bring centres in Q1 2023. Following on from this work will begin on designing new signage for all on-street bring bank locations. As part of this project QR codes will be included on new signage to facilitate real time reporting of overflowing banks, illegal dumping or other issues.

Seasonal Leaf Fall Collection

Waste Management Services have been engaged in the seasonal work of removing leaves from road channels, cycle ways and footpath surfaces, right across the city. In addition, the waste management department have collected a considerable quantity of leaves from community groups. The Waste Management staff are still facilitating community clean ups as we approach the end of the leaf fall season, and will continue to do so, until all community leaf collection bags are collected.

School Programmes

Picker Pals is an anti-litter initiative for primary schools. The educational programme gives young people the tools and positive motivation to develop stewardship of their local environments. Picker Pals engages children through a colourful character-led world of activity books, environmental readers, songs and storytelling. The programme has commenced for the 2022/23 school year. www.pickerpalsworld.org.

The Relove Fashion Competition 2022-23 has launched. Secondary school students are invited to take a deeper look at how their clothing is made and use creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending. Information packs have been sent to secondary schools and registration is now open for entries. Entrants will have until January 2023 to make their submissions. The grand final of the competition is expected to take place in March 2023 at the Rediscovery Centre. Please visit www.relovetofashion.ie for more information

Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and award programme. The student-led programme promotes long-term, whole-school action. Green-Schools continues to be delivered to primary and secondary schools by Waste Management Services staff and An Taisce. The deadline for schools applying for their first Green Flag is Friday 24th February 2023 and the deadline for schools renewing their Green Flag is Friday 24th March 2023. Assessment/renewal visits will be carried out in the first quarter of 2023. For further information, please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

Rubbish Film Festival

Dublin City Council will pilot the Rubbish Film Festival for the 2022/23 academic year. DCC will partner with Createschool and 5 other Local Authorities in the region on this project. 15 DCC secondary schools will be invited to submit a short 'One minute Film' focussing on litter prevention and responsible consumption. Schools will receive onsite learning and support to help students produce their entries.

Housing Waste Recycling Project

Assessments of existing bins and bin areas in housing and older person's complexes in North Central Area - Kilbarrack and North West Area – Finglas have taken place. A number of complexes in each area are ready for the introduction of brown bins (food waste), and where necessary green bins (recyclables). A report has been sent to Housing Maintenance for each complex and bins will be introduced in due course. Several complexes in each area require the construction of secure bin storage areas and the introduction of segregated bins will follow once these units have been constructed. Construction of secure bin storage units is now underway following delays due to the replacement of key personnel in Housing Maintenance.

Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

Dublin City Councils online bulky waste ordering system is now fully digital and customers can now request and pay for a service collection 24/7 as the entire process is fully automated through the Citizen Hub Platform. Customers can now complete the ordering process from beginning to end including making secure payment without the need to go through our customer services department.

There is no material change to the actual service itself , how it operates or cost. It has simply been improved and enhanced by allowing customers to access the service at any time of the day or night. <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie> Customers can also access the form through our website [Bulky Household Waste Collection Services | Dublin City Council](#)

Our customer services centre will remain available between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday to assist customers who want information about the service or who wish to place an order.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards 2022 /IPB Pride of Place Competition

City Neighbourhoods Awards 2022 Schools Awards

The final stage of the City Neighbourhoods Awards, the schools category took place in the Mansion House on the 2nd December 2022.

The finalists were:

Central Area: St. Vincent's GNS

North Central: Scoil Bríde Junior N.S.

North West: Trinity Comprehensive

South Central: St. Francis C.B.S.

South East: St. Declan's Special School

The overall winner was St Francis C.B.S. who received a prize of €1,000.

St. Vincent's G.N.S. were runner-up.

IPB Pride of Place 2022

4 groups were entered for the competition this year.

- Ballymun Health & Fitness,
- Dublin 7 Community Alliance,
- Inchicore Environmental Group
- Raheny Tidy Village Group

Judging took place on the 22nd and 23rd August 2022.

IPB Pride of Place Awards 2023 – Dublin City Council will host the 2023 awards in the Clayton Conference Centre, Burlington Road.

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 Office (PWBO)

DCC is working to deliver 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 as well as the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network. This project aims to set out the most effective plan to restore the river to a more natural state, encompassing a much-enhanced public amenity, promoting biodiversity, remediating sources of pollution and addressing potential flooding within the catchment. This project is being developed in collaboration with Fingal County Council, DCC Parks, Landscape Services & Biodiversity, as well as DCC's Active Travel unit of the Environment & Transportation Department. LAWPRO, the EPA and Inland Fisheries Ireland are 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. Consultants were appointed to the project on the 4th July 2022. Data collection and analysis, as well as stakeholder consultation, has commenced recently.
- The Protection of Water Bodies Office is progressing a pilot surface water management project using Green Infrastructure principles. This project intends to construct and monitor the performance of nature based interventions that address the quantity and quality of surface water run-off. Five sites have been identified, two adjacent to the Dodder and Santry Rivers and a fifth at a local street in the north inner city. 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 and enhancing biodiversity opportunities in the public realm. The Protection of Water Bodies Office is working to deliver this project on-site in the second quarter of 2023.
- Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works. The Contractor has been appointed and the construction works are ongoing. This work will provide safer access for staff to maintain 22 screens which collect debris from watercourses and provide public safety, particularly during times of heavy rainfall.

Bathing Waters

The Bathing Waters Task Force (BWTF) has the primary objective is to protect public health, and to achieve the objectives of the EU Water Framework Directive for Dublin Bay. DCC continues to support and collaborate with taskforce stakeholders to ensure a coordinated approach to identify, remediate and remove bathing water pressures is being achieved.

The Protection of Water Bodies Offices continues to monitor bathing water quality on an all year basis. For bathing water quality assessment results and further information in regard to beaches please visit our DCC webpage at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/protection-water-bodies/beaches-and-bathing-water-quality> and on the National Bathing Water website www.beaches.ie and [cabinets adjacent to identified bathing areas](#).

A trial of 'smart signage' was recently installed at Sandymount & Dollymount Strand and is ongoing. This project will monitor and assess the potential to deliver regulatory messaging to the public in a more efficient, sustainable and cost effective manner over the duration of the trial. It will be a temporary installation and does not require connectivity to external utility services.

A bathing water summary report for the 2022 bathing season will be issued in the coming weeks. The report will provide an overview of results, warnings and communications received during the season. The report will be published on the Dublin City Council website once finalised.

Drainage Planning

In addition to providing drainage input on planning applications, including LRDs, we are advising on LAPs, SDZs and capital schemes. 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 well 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.

Three new guidance documents have been introduced:

- SuDS Design and Evaluation Guide
- Green Blue Roofs Guide
- SuDS Retrofit Guide

These new policies are now live as is a requirement for Surface Water Management Plans and for Basement Impact Assessments where applicable. The focus now shifts to ensuring the widespread use of the guidance documents and implementing the new policies.

Flood Defence Camac River

- 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 complete. A computer model has been built to investigate tidal, fluvial and pluvial flood risks associated with the river. Preliminary flood extent maps have been verified. Flood alleviation options such as storage, walls, embankments and de-culverting are currently being computer modelled. A further public consultation is planned in February 2023 following the successful ones in June.
- 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. River corridors of 10m-25m wide are in the new development plan where possible on this very constrained river. Liaison with large stakeholders is ongoing on possible flood storage areas in DCC and SDCC.
- Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website www.camacfas.ie

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team submitted an Expression of Interest for the EU Mission 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities on January 31st. Dublin City and Cork City were announced as the two successful Irish cities that are part of the 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission on April 28th 2022. The first phase of the Mission will involve developing a Climate City Contract (CCC) that is not legally binding. The CCC will require the development of an action plan for reaching climate neutrality and an investment plan. The CCC is essential to receiving the Mission Label.

The Climate Action Team attended the Let's Go! Net Zero Cities Launch in Brussels on June 13th. The organisers provided opportunities for city representatives to engage with each other and the Net Zero Cities team to understand the challenges facing cities and to identify

opportunities. A meeting was arranged with our appointed city advisor and this was attended by the Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive.

The Climate Action Team participated in the Limerick Symposium organised by Limerick City Council to initiate a dialogue on the National Network and how the Mission can benefit Irish cities and Ireland in achieving National Climate Objectives. A meeting was held with Thomas Osdooba to discuss the Mission and how Net Zero Cities will support Dublin City Council. Climate Action Team is developing the work plan for developing our Climate City Contract.

The Climate Action Team undertook a study visit to Stockholm to learn about the experience of Swedish and Spanish cities in developing their Climate City Contracts. Representatives from Vilnius and Net Zero Cities were also in attendance, and provided an opportunity to exchange knowledge on the challenges facing our cities in reaching neutrality.

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. Planning is underway for the four day event in 2023.

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 invited the public to complete the Edible Dublin: Food Strategy survey. Work is ongoing on the food strategy and input is being sought from experts.

DCC's Application to the Public Sector Innovation Fund – Climate Resilient Housing has been funded. In partnership with City Architects, the project will be investigating how we use digital twins to inform retrofit decisions. The project has been completed and a final report has been submitted to senior management and PER. Planning for a launch event is underway.

DCC's successful application for the Creative Climate Action Fund project, which engaged residents of Crumlin, has finished. Details on the activities and projects that resulted from Crumlin Taking Action Together can be found [here](#).

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 four 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 study visit in September saw Brendan O'Brien - Head of Technical Services, Les Moore - Head of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services, and Christopher Manzira - Deputy Director for Active Travel Programme represent Dublin in Seoul. The visit was productive and the development of urban cooperation action is underway. Representatives from Seoul will visit Dublin at the end of January, due to the tragedy in Seoul the visit was postponed. Planning is underway for this event with support from the European Project Support Office.

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 guidelines have been released.

The Climate Action Team is developing a plan for engaging communities on local climate action that will involve the area offices. It is envisaged that there will be workshops where councillors will be invited to attend to ensure meaningful engagement and collaboration with residents.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2022 happened in partnership with FCC, DLR, SDCC, CARO and Codema in the week of September 12th. An important event during the week occurred on September 15th – the launch of the Climate Campaigners App. The app presents residents of the city with lifestyle challenges that they may undertake to contribute to climate action. We are currently engaging people to download the app and start their Climate Challenges. We encourage, as a demonstration of support, for councillors and city staff to download the app and share via social media the challenges they are undertaking to reduce their emissions.

The Climate Action Team participated in panel discussions on the Circular Economy for Economic Developments' SoCircular Event and Furthr Festival. The opportunities were used to draw attention to the upcoming Circular Hotspot 2023.

The Climate Action Team and the Economic Development team successfully secured €250,000 in funding from the Shared Island Fund to undertake a feasibility study with Belfast City Council on 'A Connected Circular Economy'. The project is expected to take 12 months to complete and will endeavour to identify opportunities that have yet to be explored in the circular economy and to identify physical infrastructure needs to support a robust circular economy between Dublin city and Belfast city. The tendering process is underway and we have sought assistance from the Office of Government Procurement.

Climate Action Regional Office

Interviews for replacement of vacant Senior Staff Officer and Senior Executive Professional took place in early December and it is hoped that new staff can start in early 2023 to support the CARO work programme.

The Service Level Agreement between DECC and the Lead Local Authorities for each of the four CARO expires on 31-3-23. No formal commitments has yet been provided by DECC to the continuation of the CAROs post March 2023. CAROs have been requested to commence work on a replacement SLA to enable further discussion with LGMA/CCMA and DECC in January 2023.

Dublin CARO, the Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG), Greenville Procurement Partners and a number of strategic partners have developed Green Procurement Training for local authorities. This training is a key action for delivery of the LA Climate Action Charter 2019 whereby local authorities have pledged to implement green public procurement strategy and procedures across all business areas.

Strand 1 of this training is a 45-minute introduction to green public procurement webinar aimed at local authority staff across all departments and levels. This strand went live in May. Strand 2, a 3 day course comprising self-directed and on-line training commenced on 13th June. It is aimed at procurement officers, budget holders and decision makers.

Strand 3 which is aimed at staff involved in developing the green procurement strategy in local authorities commenced in late September.

Invitations to staff to complete this training will be via the training officers in the LAs and will be offered for up to 1 year.

CARO is continuing the roll out of the Local Authority Climate Action Training programme for local authority staff. The training programme was developed by CARO in conjunction with the LASNTG and other expert partners such as Climate Ireland. Following on from training for all local authority climate teams on the development of Climate Action Plans that took place in November, the Dublin CARO held a workshop for the four Dublin local authority climate teams on the varying/amendment of their Plans. This ½ day workshop took place in the Liffey Room on 28th November and was attended by all four Dublin local authority teams and Codema. Further training and workshops on the development of the varied/amended Climate Action Plans for the Dublin region will take place in Q1 2023. Further information on training is available on the CARO website <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/training>

The Actioning Policy pillar for training specialist groups will continue across 2022 and 2023.

The Linte na Farraige Project was formally launched in Galway on 29th September. Dublin CARO collaborated with Local Authorities, artists and 3rd level institutes and other partners on this project which is one of 15 Creative Ireland Climate Action funded projects. It consists of illuminations of LED horizontal lines to represent future sea-level and storm surges. The lights were placed at the Spanish Arch, Ard Bia at Nimmos and along the Claddagh Basin. The installation is powered by PV panels that are situated on the roof of the Spanish Arch building. The project was covered extensively in the media (www.rte.ie/news/regional/2022/0929/1326108-galway-lights-storms/).

A second installation was launched in Wexford town on 28th October with another installation is planned for Dublin early in 2023. The CARO is working to progress communications and engagement activities including school workshops related to the Linte na Farraige project and sea level rise which are due to commence in early 2023.

The Dublin CARO team is working with CARO colleagues across the country to complete the 2022 Annual Report. This will be published in early January.

The CARO has also been working with all 4 Dublin climate teams to assist in the recoupment of salary and project costs from DECC in relation to work on the Local Authority Climate Action Plans. DECC will agree a Service Level Agreement and payment with LAs before year end.

CARO are part of a steering group member to the GAA Green Clubs programme which launched Phase 2 in early December. The launch included the release of the on-line toolkit and resources to support the sustainability journey of clubs. The toolkit is a collaborative effort between the CAROs, Regional Waste Management Offices, the Local Authority Water Protection Offices, local authorities and other expert partners.

Dublin CARO co-sponsored the recent Dublin Gazette Making Dublin Greener Secondary School's competition. The prize-giving ceremony took place in the Mansion House on 2nd December where the Mercy College Coolock accepted their First place Award from Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy.

Further updates from the CARO team and events are posted regularly on www.caro.ie and for the Dublin CARO on twitter @DublinCARO. Dublin CARO leads in publishing the quarterly CARO newsletter. The seventh edition was published in late September and the next edition

will be end of 2022. There are over 700 signed up to receive the newsletter. You can sign up to the CARO newsletter at www.caro.ie/#newsletter.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

The newest local air quality monitoring station was commissioned at Kylemore Park during June and the data can be viewed online at <https://dublincityairandnoise.ie/>

An introduction for the Air View Project in collaboration with Google is being written. Details of the project can be accessed here <https://medium.com/google-earth/using-hyperlocal-air-quality-data-to-improve-dubliners-lives-and-health-45a1db0404>

The project will go fully live to the public in Q1 2023.

Schools Mobility Programme

A **School Zone (SZ)** is an initiative designed to give priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school (and provide space for social distancing during the pandemic), and prioritise active travel to and from school. Dublin City Council received 119 eligible applications for a SZ. School Zone treatments have been installed at of these 67 Schools, leaving a further 52 awaiting treatment. 10 of those awaiting are at a final design stage. Schools in 30 km/h roads were initially prioritized for treatment.

In 2021 the nationwide **Safe Routes To School Programme (SRTS)** was launched. For this programme the designs go beyond the school gate to school routes and proposed elements include front of school improvements, improved crossings, road signage, green infrastructure, road surfacing, and provision of cycle parking infrastructure. Dublin City Council are working in partnership with Green-Schools to deliver and support this project. There are 2 rounds in the delivery of SRTS. 27 Schools in Dublin City are in Round 1 and 23 in subsequent rounds.

On October 17th 2022 Minister Eamon Ryan announced an acceleration in the delivery of the Safe Routes To School (Item 23 Scheme [Pathfinder – 35 new schemes to boost public transport, cycling walking.](#)) This is the current priority for the School Mobility Programme. Under this accelerated SRTS DCC have identified 10 locations where for front of school gate treatment for 13 SRTS schools and 3 adjacent schools. The City Transport Projects Team are currently working with National Transport Authority Cycling Design Office on the designs.

Works have commenced on the Front Of School Treatment including a School Zone for the three Assumption Schools on Walkinstown Parade and Kilnamanagh Road, Walkinstown D12. This is the first of the SRTS 10 locations to undergo works. It will be delivered in 2 phases. Phase 1 consists of bollards on the foot paths and road markings by end Dec 2022. Phase 2 consists of Wooden timber fencing on green verges, speed ramps, buildouts on the corners, and remediation of the warden crossings during 2023. Information on the designs, their purpose and how school communities can support School Zones have been posted on the Citizen Space. Posters detailing the works have gone on public display at the schools.

In terms of the remaining 9 locations, 3 will go to school consultation by end December 2022 and the remaining 6 will progress through design development during December and early January 2023.

Collaboration is continuing with School Warden Service, Parking Enforcement and Green-Schools Travel Officers, local area offices and community Gardaí on the development of information for schools in promoting the effective use of their SZ in terms of promoting legal, respectful and sensible parking and driving in an around schools.

We are maintaining contact with all schools in regards to the status of their SZ and responding to all requests for updates

E-bike Loan Scheme for Staff

The Environment & Transport Department are trialling an e-bike loan scheme for staff to encourage more staff to cycle to work. While electric bikes make cycling accessible to a broader group of people they are expensive to buy. This scheme gives participants the opportunity to take an e-bike home and try using it for various journeys for a month to see what it's like to own one. For participants interested in buying an e-bike at the end of the scheme, they are available through the Cycle to Work Scheme.

The Active Travel (AcT) Programme – Walk-Wheel-Cycle Network

The Active Travel Programme Office is facing challenges to increase staff resources. Notwithstanding this, interviews for Cycling and Walking Officers were completed during the month. The office continues to engage with our Human Resources section on the recruitment of additional personnel. Posts for Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers were advertised this month. We anticipate that we will be able to draw on the resulting panels.

Work activities along the network continue to gain momentum, in terms of construction, public consultation and design.

Permanent Active Travel Network Schemes in Construction

Construction activities continued on three projects during the month. These are Clontarf to City Centre, South Grand Canal Safety Improvement Scheme and Dodder Greenway Herbert Park to Donnybrook. The construction contract for Royal Canal Phase 3 was also awarded during the month.

The **Clontarf to City Centre Project** will deliver 8km of walking facilities, 6km of cycling facilities, and 5.4km of bus lanes, from Alfie Byrne Road/Clontarf Road Junction to Amiens Street/Talbot Street Junction and a section of the Tolka Valley Greenway from Annesley Bridge to Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Junction. Construction commenced in Q1 2022 and will continue until Q1 2024.

In December works on the out of city traffic lanes at the Alfie Byrne Road Junction commenced following completion of the city bound bus lane. Tree planting along Amiens Street commenced in December. In addition construction of the boundary wall to James Larkin House continued apace and is now 80% complete.

The Contractor continues to average 70 operatives across 19 crews, working mainly on the inbound carriageway along Amiens Street through to Alfie Byrne Road. The traffic diversion in place has enabled the Contractor to progress works on multiple work fronts over nearly the full length of the scheme. In cooperation with DCC Traffic and An Garda Síochána the Scheme has been facilitated to keep the inbound bus lane in possession of the Scheme to enable the works continue through the Operation Open City period.

A C2CC Consultative Forum which includes local Councillors, and representatives from residents and businesses was held on 2nd December in Carleton Hall in Marino. A Bus Stop Spacing Report has been prepared and was presented to the Committee at this meeting. This report has been published and is available on

<https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2022-12/2022.12.01%20Bus%20stop%20spacing%20FINAL1.pdf>

Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 will provide 2.1 km of cycling facilities and 2.1 km of walking facilities along the Royal Canal, from Newcomen Bridge (North Strand Road) to Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road). Construction is now scheduled to commence in Q1 2023. The scheme will take two years to complete.

The construction contract has been awarded to Jons Civil Engineering Limited enabling construction to start in Q1 of 2023. An information leaflet on the project will be circulated to local residents and businesses in January 2023.

The **South Grand Canal Cycle Safety Improvements** scheme involves the upgrade of existing signalised junctions from Leeson Street Junction to Suir Road junction by tightening wide junctions to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and will also provide signalised pedestrian crossings.

Works have been suspended for the month of December 2022 to facilitate Open City Traffic flows. Works will resume in January 2023.

The **Dodder Greenway** (Herbert Park to Donnybrook Road) Project will deliver 450m of walking and cycling facilities, including flood protection measures, along the Dodder River between the entrance to Herbert Park at Eglinton Terrace and Anglesey Bridge.

The removal of invasive species (Japanese Knotweed) continued in December in addition to groundworks adjacent the River Dodder to enable piling works to begin in February 2023. Access to the site is presently from the Eglinton Road east end adjacent Herbert Park. A further site entrance will be installed at Donnybrook Road adjacent Anglesey Bridge early in 2023.

Interim Walking & Cycling Schemes

Interim Walking & Cycling schemes are proposed to be implemented along a number of routes within the Active Travel Network. These schemes will be implemented over the next two to three years and will remain in place until the permanent ones are delivered. Constraints assessments will be carried out on all the routes to assess which ones are suitable for interim measures. Some interim schemes will encompass the entire length of the proposed route, whilst others will only comprise of sections due to site constraints.

Two additional interim schemes were commenced during the month, bringing the total number of active interim schemes fifteen. These are in various stage of progression which will culminate in significant works on the ground early in 2023. **Five of these went to public consultation** during the month, bringing the total to seven. These are listed below.

Suir Road to Thomas Street

This scheme design was published on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub in October and a Public Information Day was held in November. The deadline for submissions closed on 2nd December 2022. The interim team are currently reviewing the feedback and comments and a Public Consultation Report is being prepared. Installation of the scheme is planned to commence in Q1 2023.

Merrion Street Upper, Merrion Square West, Merrion Street Lower

This scheme was published on Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub in October and is now closed for submissions. We are currently reviewing feedback/ comments and undergoing further engagement with stakeholders.

North Circular Road (from Dorset St Lwr to Amiens St)

This scheme design went to Public Consultation in December and Information leaflets have been distributed in the local area. More information, including closing date for submissions can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/north-circular-road-interim-scheme/>

Hanlon's Corner Junction Upgrade

This scheme design went to Public Consultation in December and Information leaflets have been distributed in the local area. A Public Information Session on the scheme is scheduled for January in the Holy Family Parish Centre on Prussia Street. More information, including closing date for submissions can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd

This scheme design went to Public Consultation in December and Information leaflets have been distributed in the local area. More information, including closing date for submissions can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/ratoath-road/>

Howth Rd, from Station Rd to James Larkin Rd (Raheny to Kilbarrack)

This scheme design went to Public Consultation in December and Information leaflets have been distributed in the local area. More information, including closing date for submissions can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Rd.

This scheme design went to Public Consultation in December and Information leaflets have been distributed in the local area. More information, including closing date for submissions can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

The remaining **eight interim schemes** are at varying stages of **design and procurement**, the main ones being the Liffey Cycle Route and the Dodder Greenway.

➤ Liffey Cycle Route

Contractors Cairn Construction have been appointed to undertake the interim measures along Eden Quay (0.25km section) from O' Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge/Beresford Place junction. Installation works are proposed to commence in January 2023.

Preliminary designs have been prepared for interim measures along George's, Burgh, Aston & Crampton Quay (0.8km) from Talbot Memorial Bridge to the Ha'penny Bridge. Internal consultations are ongoing.

➤ Dodder Greenway Interim Scheme

The Interim Dodder Greenway Project traverses Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and South Dublin City Council linking Ringsend with Dodder Road Lower. Designs are at an advanced stage along 5 sections where interim measures are achievable, these locations are Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road, Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park, Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road, Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road and Orwell Road to Dodder Road Lower. A meeting of the Dodder Steering Group comprising officials and Members of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and South Dublin City Council and DCC was held on 6th December to present outline proposals for the scheme.

Preliminary designs are progressing and internal consultation is ongoing on the remaining **six** interim schemes listed below.

- Parnell Street to College Green
- Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybil Hill Road & Vernon Avenue
- Clonskeagh Road, Sandford Road, Ranelagh Road to Charelemont Street
- Grand Canal to Lincoln Place
- Sundrive Rd to Clogher Rd via Eammon Ceannt Park
- Trinity to Ballsbridge

Public engagement on these schemes is anticipated for Q1 2023.

Permanent Schemes Design and Procurement

A number of permanent schemes are at various stages of planning and design. A detailed update on these is provided in the quarterly report, Report No. 02/2023. The headline activities on these projects during December are as follows;

The Preliminary Business Case for the **Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre** Walking and Cycle scheme was approved by the NTA Board on 21st October 2022. It has now been submitted to the DCC Corporate Projects Governance Board. It is intended to proceed to non-statutory public consultation on the project in Q1 2023; in advance of the consultation the loading strategy is being formulated.

The **Finglas Village Improvement Scheme** option selection process and concept have been completed. A project information meeting was held with the North-West Area Committee on 13th December. Public consultation is expected to commence late in Q1 2023.

The **Royal Canal Greenway Phase 4** requires an amending Part VIII in relation to some modifications to the scheme. Construction is planned to commence in Q4 2023 pending Part VIII approval. A Ground Investigation contractor was appointed in December with works expected to commence in Q1 2023. During the month, a contractor has also been appointed to carry out kerblane alterations on Broombridge Road to facilitate bus turning movements, works are expected to commence in Q1 2023

The **Fitzwilliam Cycle Route** project is expected to go to tender in December 2022. Construction is expected to commence in Q2 2023 and will take twelve months to complete.

The multi-disciplinary design team is now mobilised for the **Sir John Rogerson Quay** project, and the design is being progressed taking into consideration constraints for the site. The first non-statutory public consultation was completed in November 2022. It is expected that a Part 8 Planning application will be submitted in mid-2023.

The **Chesterfield Avenue Project** involves the upgrade of walking and cycle facilities in the Phoenix Park between Castleknock and Conyngham Road/Parkgate Street in a manner that is in keeping with the vision for the park into the future. Active travel are currently liaising with the OPW on the preparation of Tender Documents for the engagement of a multi-disciplinary Consultant. This request for tender is envisaged to be issued in Q1 2023.

The **North Circular Road** Project aims to provide high-quality segregated cycling facilities along a 5.5km route from Infirmary Road at the junction with Conyngham Road and Parkgate Street to Seville Place at the junction with Guild Street. The project will be delivered in zones, and options are currently being developed for Zone 1-Seville Place (Guild Street to Amien Street). Public Consultation on the options is envisaged to progress in Q1 2023.

On the **Finglas Area Roundabouts** Scheme, the Preliminary Design has been completed on the Jamestown Road Roundabout with detailed design commencing. The tender documents have been prepared for the McKee Avenue/St Margarets Road/Lidl with approval to proceed awaited from the funding body, It is envisaged the scheme will be tendered in Q1 2023

The **Kilmainham to Thomas Street** Cycle Route is currently at the Concept Development and Options Selection Phase. DBFL are the lead design consultants for the project. The main tasks outstanding for this phase include the Business Case Report and the Strategic Assessment Report. These are expected to be complete in Q1 2023.

In line with the Public Spending Code requirements, a Strategic Assessment Report for the **Liffey Corridor** was completed and submitted to the NTA and Dublin City Council's Corporate Projects Governance Board for approval in November 2022. The project will next progress to the options selection stage pending approval of the Strategic Assessment Report.

Water Bottle Filling stations

As part of the initial pilot scheme three water bottle refill stations were purchased. One unit has been installed in Clarendon Row with another unit to be included as part of the public realm improvement scheme on Adelaide Road and the final unit will be included in the Temple Bar Square Area Improvement Scheme. The feedback and learning from this pilot scheme will inform any wider rollout.

Dublin City Council are looking to install more internal water fillers at library locations, to extend the initial three units that were installed in Ballyfermot, Walkinstown and Raheny which are available for the public to use. We are also looking into the possibility of including external wall mounted water stations on suitable DCC buildings.

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 city's 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 2022, the main Forward Planning focus continues to be 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 in consultation with all of the relevant divisions across Environment & Transportation Department. Transportation Planning also has responsibility for the preparation of relevant maps and graphics.

The Draft Development Plan has now reached its final stage. During a series of Council Meetings on 2nd and 3rd November 2022, the Elected Members agreed to make the City Development Plan 2022-2028. The Plan will come into effect on the 14th December 2022.

At present, extensive work is being carried out by Transportation Planning Division (and the Planning Department) in the preparation of all documents and associated mapping to ensure that a fully complete Written Statement and Maps are available online by the 14th December 2022, with desktop published hard copies to follow at a later date.

Q1 2023 will see the Planning Department reviewing all the policies and objectives in the new Plan that require action. These will be assigned to the relevant division/department in DCC to be designated as projects for commencement/completion within the lifetime of the Plan. It should be noted that there are a number of objectives that will fall within the remit of the Environment and Transportation Department. Transportation Planning Division will also be consulting with the Planning Department in any forthcoming Area Plans or studies that arise from the new Development Plan.

The Environment Department has a policy for river corridors 10-15m wide on all rivers within the city where reasonably possible and 10-25m width on the Camac River where reasonably possible. This has benefits to improve the river environment, reduce flood risk, improve water quality and improve amenity values.

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Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green Dame St Project	NTA/DCC	DCC	The procurement process for a new Multi-disciplinary design team for the project has commenced. This will be a two-stage process with the submissions for the first stage due back at the end of January'23.
2.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	The preliminary design has been completed and the Part 8 application was submitted on the 6 th December. The public consultation period will run until 25 th January to take account of the Christmas period.
3.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk Street	DCC	DCC	This project has not progressed while waiting to resolve cycling and outdoor dining issues.
4.	Cathal Brugha Street/Findlater Place	DCC	DCC	A Landscape Contractor has nearly completed the site investigations to determine the location of the existing tree roots.
5.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAAF/N TA	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	The design team have commenced work on a technical report to identify the feasibility/design constraints associated with developing a bridge at the original Forbes St location. This will then be brought to Irish Rail and the NTA for review with respect to the future DART Underground plans.
7.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	Following on from a meeting with the NTA, the design team are preparing a position paper outlining where the project is and where it goes next.

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Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
8.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	DCC	The Invitation to Tender for the Main Works was issued on Friday 18 th November 2022. The Main Works (e.g. repaving, public lighting, green infrastructure etc) will commence in 2023 with completion in 2024.
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	The main contract has been awarded to Via Mercanti Ltd, trading as Cairn Construction and works are expected to start on site in January 2023. A framework of 7 contractors has been established for construction works between €1 million and € 5 million.
11.	Castle Street /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme	DCC	DCC	This project was not included in the Capital Programme 2022-24.
12.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DCC/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 th June 2020. 25 submissions received by An Bord Pleanála, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 th October. New Environmental data on public display from 19 th May to 30 th June 2022 in DCC and SDCC. A response from ABP awaited.
13.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECO	<p>Environmental and topographical surveys substantially completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment scenarios ongoing. Website www.camacfas.ie Environmental surveys have revealed more significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded.</p> <p>Preliminary flood alleviation scenario's being computer modelled. 50 boreholes and 10 trial pits being procured in DCC and SDCC. Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation in Q1 2023.</p>

14.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OP W	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's completed. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home . Culvert surveys completed. Preliminary flood extent maps from computer model finalised. Initial flood options being considered and costed. Liaison with LA stakeholders on preliminary options ongoing. Some further site investigation required. Liaison with some local groups on preliminary options ongoing. Further public consultation planned in February 2023.
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. Construction has commenced.
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 finalised. Wayleave agreements being progressed. Environmental submissions sent to An Bord Pleanála one submission received regarding Archaeological monitoring and mitigating environmental measures. DCC responded on 22 nd November 2022. Significant further environmental information submitted. New observation period closes on 12 th January 2023 for Clontarf Promenade outlet
18.	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.
19.	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	For information, the non-statutory consultation for the Point Junction Upgrade is now in live on our Consultation Webpage –

				https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/point-junction-improvement-works
20.	Green Infrastructure Pilot Project	DCC	McCloy's	<p>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</p> <p>infrastructure to support biodiversity and meeting our EU Water Framework Directive objectives. Design work has commenced on this project.</p>
21.	Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension	DCC/ IW	JBB	<p>This will see the current storm water overflow being channelled from the confined Grand Canal Dock and discharged into the River Liffey. This will improve water quality in the Grand Canal Dock and enhance the amenity & recreational value of the area. A planning application including EIAR was submitted to ABP in June 2022. A decision was originally expected at the end of November but this has not yet arrived. The consultant's appointment may be extended, subject to agreement on fees, to cover detailed design and procurement of a contractor.</p>

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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	Sept 2023	Programmed completion Q1 2023. Flood defence works have commenced in Donnybrook Rugby Football Club programmed for completion in Q3 2023. Rest of Phase 2 works are operational
2	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECOM	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	Oct 2014	June 2023	Scheme is operational and all outstanding minor elements completed in 2019. Investigating options for sealing 13m gap in flood defences on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. Consulting major stakeholders. OPW approved new proposal. Procurement of flood defences and contractor ongoing to complete existing scheme.
3	Silloque Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	Apr 2023	Works are continuing on the new surface and foul drainage and public lighting networks within Silloque Gardens. The internal footpaths and parking areas have also now commenced.
4	Francis St Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	March 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.
5.	Belmayne Main St & Belmayne Ave	DCC	Coffey Construction Ltd.	Oct 2021	March 2023	Surfacing works are progressing well and tenders have been received for the landscaping scheme.
6.	Fitzwilliam Quay	DCC	Cunningham Civil & Marine	Nov 2021	June 2023	Reduction of seepage through sea wall and painting completed. Snagging ongoing. Investigating sacrificial anodes to further protect sheet piles. Construction programmed Q2 2023.
7.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 4A - Clarendon Row	DCC	Cairn Construction	Jan 2022	July 2022	Two new granite benches have been ordered for the scheme, and will be installed before the end of the year. The Developer of the Chatham Court building has received planning permission to alter their entrances on Chatham St, which requires the footpath to be reconstructed locally at Chatham St and Clarendon Row. This work will be carried out by the Developer at their own expense and is expected to be carried out in January 2023.
8.	Traffic Works – Package 7 Lot 2	DCC	Actavo	Dec 2022	March 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.

Planning & Property Development

New Policy/Strategic

The new City Development Plan 2022-28, was approved by the City Council on 2nd November, and came into effect on 14th December, following a 2 year intensive consultation process. The new plan must provide for a population increase from approx. 550,000 in 2016 up to 640,000 by 2028. The core strategy provides for approximately 40,000 new homes over the next 6 years, with associated employment, together with social and physical infrastructure.

The City Council's draft SN48 Development Contribution Scheme 2023 to 2026 is on public display until 25th January 2023 during which time submissions or observations can be made.

Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Development Plan 2022-2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CE Report on Cllr motions circulated to members on the 25th of October. Special Council meetings took place on the 1st and 2nd of November, and plan was adopted. Notification in accordance with Section 31(AM) (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) issued to the Office of the Planning Regulator. SEA Statement and Environmental Report, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Natura Impact Report finalised. 	Plan will take effect 14 th December.
Ballymun LAP	<p>LAP extension.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CE report on the extension of the LAP agreed at October Council 2022 meeting <p>M50 Lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31st May 21 – awaiting decision. Depot construction continues on site, due for completion end of 2022. May 2022 DCC submission made on Fingal County Council Draft Development Plan seeking rezoning from HT to ME for sites 27 & 28. FCC CE report recommends rezoning in line with changes sought. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fingal Dev Plan at Stage 3 Material amendments stage.

	<p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silloque Avenue link road opened. Work on Silloque Gardens upgrade, continues on-site, due for completion end of year. Agreed with City Engineer to progress design of Carton Terrace/ Balbutcher Lane realignment to enable Bus Connects and housing site. <p>Commercial/ Main Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 1: Summer 2022 shopping centre: second pilot temporary event held– circus received well locally. Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date. <p>Parks/ Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter sent to City Farm re size of site sought. <p>Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: (Ref. 3926/22). Planning granted Sept 2022 (93 no. units) Sites 5 & 15-18: approval in principal for PPP bundle No. 4, April 22. Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: pre-part 8 circulated April 22, revised Nov/Dec 2022. Site 21: O'Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. DCC submitted affordable housing subvention application. Site 25: O'Cualann. Site divided into 2: Phase 1 for (36 no.) senior citizens granted planning Aug 22. Phase 2 pre-planning submitted 18/11/22. Site at Carton: offered to O'Cualann. On hold till road realignment resolved. Site 19: O'Cualann. Planning submitted, on FI. Site 6: Proposed Cost rental site. DCC liaising with AHBs. Site 8: DCC preparing expressions of Interest. Site 9: DCC working with Empower the Family. Site valuation done. Sites 11 & 13: next sites to be brought forward; options being explored. 	<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Silloque Gardens work due for completion end Q1 2023. Exploring option to deliver Carton Terrace road as part of PPP housing site.</p> <p>Commercial/ Main St:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 1: Soft launch of site 1B to progress, Dec 22/ Jan 23 Site 26, Enterprise, to be offered to the market, Dec 22/Jan 23 Plaza: On Parks capital programme for 2023/25. <p>Parks/open space</p> <p>Internal review of Masterplan to be carried out.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Site 10: to go to tender by year end 2022.</p> <p>Sites 5, 15-18: Design team to be in place by year end 2022.</p> <p>Sites 12 & 14: to be submitted for planning early 2023.</p> <p>Site 21: expected on site 2023.</p> <p>Site 25: Phase 2 (44 houses & crèche) In planning. Taking in charge of Parkview ongoing.</p> <p>Site 19: FI requested in Planning Resolve land ownership with Church.</p> <p>Assessment of level of senior citizen housing & tenure mix to be carried out.</p> <p>Site 6 & 8: Issue of 2-storey housing on site to be resolved.</p> <p>Site 6: new location for allotments needed for site to progress.</p> <p>Sites 11 & 13: preparing expressions of interest.</p>
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Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 1: Affordable Housing Part 8 approved Oct 2022 (172 no. dwellings). Application made for the Affordable Housing Fund. Site 2: PPP design team in place. Crèche preparing planning drawings for extension to include new land take. Site 4 & 5: LDA have commenced engagement with DCC on these sites. Site 6, 7 & 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, SHD granted by An Bord Pleanála in Dec 21 for 750 no. apartments, 750 sq.m. retail / commercial, and a crèche. Cherry Orchard Park: DCC Parks are engaging with Implementation team on redesign for park. Site 3B: update: CDETB re St. Oliver's Training Centre to remain on site. 	<p>Site 1: Part 8 for the road to progress 2023. To go for tender for design & build 2023.</p> <p>Site 2: PPP Design ongoing, exploring option to masterplan for affordable housing.</p> <p>Site 4 & 5: LDA design ongoing in consultation with DCC.</p> <p>Site 6: Not yet on site</p> <p>Cherry Orchard Park: Design ongoing - local consultation to be held in Dec 2022.</p> <p>DES timeline for new school to be sought.</p>
Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019. DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library. 	<p>LIHAF and NTA funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently on site.</p> <p>Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.</p>
Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luas: Finglas LUAS TII EIA scoping request completed, June 22. Jamestown: Variation No.33 incl. SDR for Jamestown, adopted 14th June 2021. 10 November 2022 – Landowner briefing held 11 November 2022 – Councillor briefing held. Jamestown Masterplan. Finalisation of Key Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Street hierarchy. ii. Luas Finglas interface. iii. School Site. iv. Open space & green infrastructure. v. Community facilities. 	<p>On-going engagement with TII on Finglas Luas</p> <p>DCC to collate all Masterplan information and finalise.</p> <p>Meeting to be held Nov/Dec 2022 with all landowners. Meetings ongoing with DES</p> <p>JR of ABP SHD permission for Jamestown Village lodged. Department of Education – ongoing engagement regarding school site (size/location). Landowners meetings concluded. Consultants SFRA/SWMP appointed. Design freeze Q1 2023.</p>
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, ABP now reconsidering the heights amendment application. Further to recent DOCF meeting, separate meeting to be held in relation to developments in the wider Docklands area. Current live application for substantial changes to 3 permitted commercial buildings in City Block 9 	<p>Await outcome of process.</p> <p>Date tbc</p> <p>Decision due 27th January 2023.</p>

Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PWDZ3406/22; 356 apartments and mixed uses (Phase 1b). Clarification of FI received • Phase 2; Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme (PWSDZ4058/22). Further info requested • Phase A; Mixed use scheme fronting Sth Bank Road. 	<p>Decision due 8th February 2023</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p>
Public Realm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Anne St/ Duke St/ Lemon St Part 8 was lodged December 6th and consultations can be submitted at https://consultation.dublincity.ie/housing/duke-st-anne-st-sth-part-8/ • Francis Street Scheme will be complete Q1 2023. • Liffey St Project undertaking stakeholder engagement for construction with view to be onsite mid-January • Temple Bar Square went to tender responses due Dec 16th with a view to onsite Q1 2023. • Cathal Burgha Street investigations complete and temporary surface applied. Outline design commenced. 	<p>Part 8 to Council Detailed Design and procurement of contractor.</p> <p>To be completed Q4 or early 2023.</p> <p>Award Construction Tender</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement. This will advance to Part 8 in 2023</p>
Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract for design services to be assigned for conservation and refurbishment. Survey work commenced. • Living History Project ran over two weekends engaged with local residents and Ex traders • Other meanwhile uses identified for first half of 2023 and going through feasibility. 	<p>Contract for Design Services to be signed. A range of meanwhile uses are agreed. The next meeting of the Members Advisory Group will be February 17th 2023.</p>
O' Connell Street Special Scheme of Planning Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved scheme now available online. 	<p>Public notified. Consultees being informed.</p>
Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Business Cases (PBC) for both North and South Concept Areas submitted to the DHLGH in December 2022 	<p>In compliance with the Public Spending Code (PSC), both PBCs will be subject to an external review through the Dept. of Public Expenditure & Reform before progressing to the next PSC decision gate of Final Business Case (which will include design, procurement strategy and tendering).</p>
Draft NTA Strategy for GDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation period ended. 	<p>Observations from DCC submitted to NTA.</p>

Dart Upgrades	DART + WEST (Maynooth Line) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC Report submitted to ABP on Rail Order. 	Await outcome
	DART + SOUTH WEST Previous discussions with Irish Rail.	
	DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line) Non-statutory consultation on Emerging Preferred Option ended in April and DCC corporate response issued.	Await further from Irish Rail re preferred option.
	DART + Coastal SOUTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting in June. 	
Metrolink	7 October 2022 Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála.	16 January 2023 submission deadline.
BusConnects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC 1 Clongriffin to City Centre. CBC 2 Belfield to Blackrock. CBC 3 Blanchardstown to City Centre. CBC 4 Liffey Valley to City Centre. CBC 5 Ballymun to City Centre CBC 6 Lucan to City Centre 	CBC 1 to 4 - DCC Corporate response issued to An Bord Pleanála. 30 October - Deadline for submission to An Bord Pleanála DCC corporate submission due January 2023.
Finglas LUAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option. Comments issued on preferred route 31st January 2022. 	Monthly preliminary/planning meetings on going. Lodgement of Railway Order Q2 2023.
Gulistan Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masterplan agreed & design process commenced. 	Consultation with Clúid (AHB) ongoing. Update Masterplan issued to Housing Department and being incorporated into the design of the Cluid residential scheme on southern part of site. Latest design iterations presented to the Area Committee on 12 th October 2022. Proposals on display in Rathmines Library Nov 22-25 th .

Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage																						
Active Land Management Derelict Sites Register	Compulsory Acquisitions 2 Ranelagh, D6 A Notice of Intention to Acquire Compulsorily the above derelict site was made on 1/6/2022. The last day for objections was 1/07/2022. 162-165 James's Street D8 A Notice of Intention to Acquire Compulsorily the above derelict site was made on 23/08/2022.	Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanala. Keep under review. 162-165 James's St. D8 One objection was received stating that the sale and the purchaser's plans to subsequently develop the site are both at an advanced stage. In light of same the acquisition has been deferred. 14 Lorcan Crescent, Santry, D9 A Notice of Intention to acquire compulsorily was served on the owner on 16 th December, 2022, The latest date for objection to the acquisition is 27 th January, 2023																						
Vacant Sites Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to 206 sites.• Notices of Entry have issued in relation to 138 sites.• 161 submissions have been received to date.• 43 sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register as of (14/12/2022). 13 of which are in City Council ownership. <table><tr><th colspan="2">2018 Demands</th></tr><tr><td>Paid</td><td>€649,350</td></tr><tr><td>Cancelled</td><td>€1,723,050</td></tr><tr><td>Refunded</td><td>-€66,450</td></tr><tr><td>Outstanding</td><td>€629,700</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €2,935,650</td></tr></table> <table><tr><th colspan="2">2019 Demands</th></tr><tr><td>Paid</td><td>€677,600</td></tr><tr><td>Cancelled</td><td>€1,948,100</td></tr><tr><td>Outstanding</td><td>€3,512,600</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Total Demanded: €6,138,300</td></tr></table>	2018 Demands		Paid	€649,350	Cancelled	€1,723,050	Refunded	-€66,450	Outstanding	€629,700	Total Demanded: €2,935,650		2019 Demands		Paid	€677,600	Cancelled	€1,948,100	Outstanding	€3,512,600	Total Demanded: €6,138,300		Compulsory Acquisition A further four derelict sites being considered for possible acquisition. Residential Zoned Land Tax: A draft map showing the lands in scope for the tax was published on the 1 st November 2022 and the public and landowners can make submissions on it until 1 st January 2023. Submissions can challenge the inclusion of particular lands on the draft map on the basis that those lands do not meet the criteria for inclusion on the map. 6 submissions have been received to date.
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Strategic Acquisitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021 CPO made on 17/06/21 and submitted to ABP for approval.11- 14 Exchange Street Lower & 11 Essex Street West Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development), Order 2022.Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street Area Compulsory (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2019.Werburgh Street CPO Project Steering Group formed with OPW to progress the CPO.	<p>Awaiting decision of ABP</p> <p>Exchange Street The CPO was published on 11th November, 2022 and submitted to ABP for confirmation. Latest date for objections to the CPO is 10th January, 2023.</p> <p>The Council has full possession of the site. Housing & Community Services intend developing the site.</p>																				
City Valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Relocation of Marckievicz Leisure Centre – Negotiations with TII.Instructions/maps etc., received for Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects route – DCC properties affected.Engagement with Receiver for Richmond Road Artist's Studios building.Engagement with OPW re disposal of site at Belcamp for new Garda Station including acquisition of Coolock Garda Station.Preparation of Disposal Brief for site at Main Street Chapelizod.Engagement with claimant re Derelict Site at Richmond Avenue.Negotiations on move of Ballymun Kickhams to Ballymun Central.																					

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Record Protected Structures (RPS)</p> <p>Built Heritage investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023</p>	<p>The Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, including the RPS comes into operation on 14th December 2022 and full details are available on the Dublin City Council Website.</p> <p><i>The Conservation Section of Dublin City Council will administer the BHIS scheme for buildings that are either on the Record of Protected Structures or within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) within the Dublin City Council Area only. There is also a grant stream for vernacular structures with no legal protection under the Historic Structures Fund. Full details of both Schemes, which are funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, are available on the Dublin City Council Website.</i></p>	<p>Applications for both schemes should be made directly by post or email to the Conservation Section of Dublin City Council. The deadline for submission of completed applications is 4pm on Friday 13th January 2023.</p>
<p>Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021</p>	<p>Also, 55 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 - €50,000 has been carried over from the 2021 HSF scheme with the approval of the Department.</p> <p>29 Ormond Quay & 20 Dominick Street</p> <p>37 Thomas Court - €6,200 paid and to be recouped by end November 2022.</p> <p>134 Thomas Street has been given an extension by the Department and will be recouped in late November 2022.</p> <p>34 Main Street, Chapelizod and 55 Amiens Street have been provided with an extension to 2023 due to issues with tendering and procuring a contractor experienced enough to carry out works.</p>	<p>Funding extended until 2023</p> <p>Remaining €93,800 carried forward to 2023 with departmental approval</p> <p>Ensure these two projects which have been given grant extension to 2023 will proceed.</p>

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

A new **national public library strategy** will be launched in January 2023. The new strategy will be the successor to '*Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities*'.

A public information meeting was held on the 7th December to showcase the design for a reimagined **Library Square in Ringsend**, presented by the design team, led by Mitchell & Associates. The project includes full library refurbishment and extension. The planning application will be lodged under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations in early 2023.

My Open Library has launched at Raheny library. In an extension of the existing service, library users who register for My Open Library can now access the branch from 8 am to 10 pm, 365 days a year.

Departmental Priority

Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027 (LECP) Advisory Group formed. The LECP follows a six stage development process, stage one is well underway.

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC Next meeting of SPC rescheduled to 31/1/23, hybrid format – Zoom and City Hall. Agenda drafted and preparatory work underway.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 The DREP 2024 was launched on 1/4/22 by the Dept of Enterprise, Trade & Employment. 20 of the 26 actions will be led/supported by DCC individually or in collaboration with other stakeholders. An implementation meeting was held on 20/06 with a further meeting held on 30/11 – a recent update on progress made has focussed on 2 of the 20 actions– Enterprise Hub Provision & Brand Vision Development for Dublin with two workshops held that will inform a strategy for the Dublin Place Brand <https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/publications/publication-files/dublin-regional-enterprise-plan-to-2024.pdf>

Night Time Economy -Pilot application for participation in NTE project was successful. The two year pilot will commence with the appointment of a Night Time Advisor. DCC hosted meeting of the national implementation group on 7/9/22 at the Wood Quay Venue - presentation on the City Development Plan and how it will support the NTE. Meeting held on 9/11/22 with presentation on Safety in the City – Caple Street case study, a further meeting is scheduled to take place on 08/12/22.

Dublin Belfast Circular Economy Capital Expenditure Feasibility Shared Island Funding An application was successfully made by DCC to the Shared Island Fund on 02/06, seeking funding for a joint initiative between DCC and Belfast City Council for a feasibility assessment to create a Connected Circular Economy between the two cities. DCC/Belfast City Council have commenced working on implementing the feasibility study.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2022: In 2022 the scheme has approved 194 applications to date and the current value of TOV approvals is €406K.

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals in 2022: To date 51 grants approved to the value of €1.2 million supporting the creation of 98 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year.

Mentoring: 971 hours of mentoring were completed from 1st Jan – 30th Nov. We are on track to reach the annual target 1,000 hours.

Start Your Own Business: 342 participants attended 15 courses & 1 boot camp from 1st Jan – 30th Nov. Annual target of 227 participants exceeded & 13 courses target met.

DCSWP STRIDE strategic vision New strategy to align with the City Development Plan & National Sports Policy. Final Draft to feature 2 separate but inter-related documents: 1. Sports Infrastructure Strategy and 2. Sports Provision & Programming Strategy (including review of DCSWP).

DCSWP Virtual Hub The Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub is now live and can be accessed by clicking on the link: <https://www.dcswpclub.ie/>

Dublin Literary Award Longlist of titles will be announced on Tuesday 31 January by Lord Mayor, Caroline Conroy, City Librarian, Mairead Owens and Prof. Chris Morash.

The 5th **Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Annual Lecture** will be presented by Prof. Chris Morash, at Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street on 15 Feb at 6.00pm. The theme of this year's lecture will be Dublin through crime fiction.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library provides valuable health information and support to communities and individuals at all life stages. From January to April 2023, Dublin City Libraries will host a series of presentations and workshops focusing on positive wellbeing, physical health and keeping active, eating well, switching off and being creative.

The Library In The Community team will continue their outreach programme in January with visits to Raheny Age Friendly Group on 05/01/23, the Rathmines U3A Group, on 11/01/23 and a Workshop with the Children's Historian-in-Residence for the pupils of Stanhope Street Primary School, on 17/01/23.

Creative Hubs at Ballyfermot, Cabra and Coolock libraries will host an Early Years programme with The Ark, in January and February along with performance and workshops in, dance, drama, visual art and storytelling. Artist Jane Groves will facilitate visual art Banner workshops in Coolock Library 9 & 10 January; Cabra Library 30 January & 6 February and Ballyfermot Library 31 January & 7 February

Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversation Groups) take place in Ballymun, Cabra, Raheny and the Central library. <https://www.dublincity.ie/events/ciorcal-comhra-irish-language-conversation-group>

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Hugh Lane Gallery	Visitors Numbers in November were 12,170. We are at 86% of pre-covid capacity for the month.	Maintain a rich visitor experience
Social Media	Facebook Reach: 55, 021 Instagram Reach: 19484 New Followers: 147 new Facebook followers, 485 new Instagram followers	Build online presence
Refurb of 1930s Wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.	Construction date TBC
Collection displays /Exhibits	<i>Eva Gonzales is what Dublin needs</i> closed on 18 September; Opened National Gallery London, 21 Oct. <i>Studio & State: The Laverys and The Anglo-Irish Treaty</i> , collaboration with National Museum of Ireland, extended at Collins Barracks to 8 January 2023. Introducing a new display of recent acquisitions to showcase some of the gallery's recent donations and purchases. It includes works by Grace Henry, Gillian Ayres, Mick O'Dea, Stephen McKenna, Rodney Dickson and Diana Copperwhite.	NG London to 15 Jan 2023
Programme of art education	Innovative art Education resources and approaches tailored to the new Leaving Cert Visual Studies Art Specification are being developed to assist students and teachers enhance skills and promote creative and conceptual thinking. Our annual TY programme for transition year students takes place Jan-Feb and offers opportunities for students to gain insight into the operations of the gallery through illustrated discussions with gallery staff from a variety of departments, artists and guest lecturers, assignments, practical art making, and looking at and discussing artworks. In November 2022 , there were 82 education and outreach programmes for adults and children with approx. 985 participants. Our education and outreach programmes in November included youth writing and photography art workshops, guided tours, art talks, VTS discussions, family programmes, Foundations and Make and Be community art workshops, film screening, World Philosophy	Ongoing development

	Day talk, Third level crits, adult drawing classes, art appreciation series and more.	
Nth Fredrick Lane	Property acquired by DCC for HLG Conservation and Fine Art Storage. Fit out underway.	Preparing facility Q4 '22
20 & 21 Parnell SQ	Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG	Feasibility Study Q1 '23
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions and security continues 24/7. Technicians Panel in place.	Recruitment of art techs
Student Enterprise	34 senior schools registered to date. 1,487 participating students & 51 workshops completed to date.	Regional and national final planning.
Showcase	B2B event RDS 22 nd – 24 th Jan, connecting international craft buyers with Irish Makers	Select 3 x LEO clients for participation, also open call for limited of first time attendees.
Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme	Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme is available through the LEO.	Process development underway.
LEO Support	LEO to support businesses 10-50 employees from January 2023 on a Pilot basis.	Process development underway.
Local Enterprise Week '2	National event – 31 LEO's showcasing supports for entrepreneurs 6 th – 11 th March 2023. LEO DC delivering Lean hybrid event 9 th March.	Local event planning & marketing
Your Dublin Your Voice	The Q4 Survey on Retail and Hospitality closed on 28 th November with 1,000+ responses	Analysis and prize giving underway with dissemination in January
Dublin Economic Monitor	The Q4 DEM was published on 8 th December	Dissemination and promotion will take place in December.
MODOS	Additional funding awarded to MODOS for 2023	New website being developed.
Dublin Place Brand	Place Brand Strategy Development with OCO Global	OCO submitted a paper on regional support for the Dublin place brand to other Dublin local authorities.
Dublin Place Brand	Framework for Journalism, Copywriting and Content Development Services	Publish framework tender document on eTenders mid-February
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant	Accessibility works to be implemented ASAP Part 8 not required.

		Revised design being developed for new Part 8 for other works.
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender documents being prepared	Tender to issue Q 4 22
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Part 8 application complete	Construction tender documents to be issued January 2023.
Donore Community Centre	Tenders received for Design Team	Tenders received. Documents being reviewed contract should be awarded in Q4/2022
Northside Swimming Pool	Surveys complete	Ongoing - Options to be reviewed, presented to stakeholders and scope of works agreed.
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction Tender Documents issued	Tenders received, successful contractor to be appointed in Q4/2022 and works to commence early 2023
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Tender package complete	Construction documents issued and works to commence in Q1 2023
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Tender submissions received	Contract awarded with works to commence early 2023
Change For Life 2023	Programme runs in tandem with Operation Transformation from January – March	Programme to commence early January 2023.
Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Road Race Challenge 2023	11 th year of challenge. DCSWP working with Lord Mayor's Office. Details TBC.	Confirmation of races etc to be shared on DCC/DCSWP communication platforms.
DCSWP Calendar of Events	Developed to align delivery of DCSWP programmes and events with major national and international initiatives to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes.	January 2023 Highlights -Change For Life (see above) -Local 3-5k Coach to Parkrun programmes (including launch of Podcast) -National OT Walks -Schools Cross Country
City Library, Parnell Sq	Demolition of the Amhraclann has commenced with completion due by March 2023.	Completion of design of Phase 1: new build and restoration of Georgian buildings.

Charleville Mall Library	The library closed temporarily for works to deliver a new public accessible toilet, along with universally accessible front entrance.	The library will reopen in January 2023
Terenure Library	Part 8 application early 2023 to redevelop the existing library. Presented to SEAC 10/10/22.	Discussion with DCC technical departments in advance of the Part 8 procedure
Finglas Library	Refurbishment of a former sorting office to provide a new library for Finglas. Phase 1 is continuing with an estimated six month build.	The new library will open in early Q2 2023
Diamond Park	This project includes the refurbishment of existing hard & soft landscaped areas including tree planting, furniture and lighting; provision of play spaces & skate opportunities; provision of a multi-functional lawn & kick about area; art work; interpretation signage; and other ancillary elements.	Works are progressing as planned and to the contractors agreed program. The project remains targeted for completion in Quarter 1 2023.
Griffith Park Playground Upgrade	Works including playground upgrade & extension completed December 2022. New tram café opened in Griffith Park during November 2022.	New tram café opened in Griffith Park during November 2022.
Weaver Park	Fire damaged section of the play unit has been removed	Awaiting approval from the independent assessor to re-open the park
Installation of Outdoor Water Stations.	Four additional bottle filling stations were installed during December 2022 in Herbert Park, Bushy Park, Eamonn Ceannt Park and Brickfield Park.	Parks department continue to work with local Area Offices to install contactless outdoor water bottle filling stations in DCC parks.

Dates for your Diary:

Dates for your diary: See details of all library online and in-person events [here](#) Or for regular updates on library events, activities and developments subscribe to the Library newsletter [Here](#)

F1 Red Bull Showrun	North Wall Quay	14/15 January 2023 https://www.redbull.com/ie-en/
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Corporate Services, Transformation & Human Resources

Smart City/Smart Dublin

Smart Docklands Update

Engagement was the main focus of the past month with a number of stakeholder meetings including a Smart Docklands network meeting on the 6th December in Dogpatch Labs where local companies, researchers and community collaborated on new opportunities for the districts 2023 work programme. Community Pop-ups were held in Ringsend and Irishtown over the month to engage on smart city innovations happening across the district.

Academy of the Near Future featured on RTE'S Future Island

Academy of the Near Future (ANF), an education and learning programme to upskill Local Authority staff and transition year students about smart city technologies, was featured on RTE's [Future Island](#) as part of Science Week 2022. Grace D'Arcy who leads this work joined researcher Francesco Pilla from UCD to showcase ANF's air pollution workshops in schools across Ireland and the importance of empowering young people with local environmental data.

Dublin City Council wins 1st place in Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards

Academy of the Near Future and Dublin City Council received 1st place in the 'Diversity and Inclusion' award at the [Chambers Ireland](#) 'Excellence in Local Government Awards'. From the academic year of 21/22, Academy of the Near Future has reached 1,050 students across Dublin, Cork, Kildare, and Limerick & Waterford. The programme aims to reach groups underrepresented in the tech industry including girls and DEIS schools. Among the 1,050 students who participated in these workshops, 62% were female and 58% attended DEIS schools.

Smart Dublin 8 Pilot 'Heart of the City' wins at National Healthcare Awards

The *Heart of Our City* Smart D8 pilot project was awarded the Highly Commended prize for Public Health Initiative of the Year at the Irish Healthcare Awards 2022. Heart of Our City, a collaboration between the Irish Heart Foundation (IHF), Novartis and Smart D8, connected citizens with a range of resources including social prescribing to support heart health to reduce unplanned hospital admissions. A total of 821 individuals directly engaged with the Heart of Our City Programme during the pilot, and 216,628 touchpoints were created. This is significant as it can be difficult to access care due to constraints on the system: 21% of individuals surveyed had unmet healthcare needs due to waiting lists. This engaged 833 people directly with >35% identified as having high blood pressure, and 80% of these citizens reported lifestyle changes in the follow-up. *Heart of Our City* demonstrated novel collaboration through social prescribing and built a partnered infrastructure for continued prospective healthcare and prevention.

For more information on this project: [Smart D8 launches Heart of our City - Smart Dublin](#)

Smart DCU recognised in annual DCU Innovation and Commercialisation Awards (Invent)

DCU President, Professor Daire Keogh presented Kieran Mahon, Smart DCU's Project Facilitator with a DCU Invent Award at the recent Commercialisation Awards. Smart DCU and Dublin City Council was recognised for its role in supporting industry and local SMEs to pilot, test and commercialise their technologies as part of the Smart DCU campus testbed.

Find more information on Smart DCU here: <https://blog.bentley.com/the-worlds-smartest-sandbox/>

The Future of Smart Buildings

Kieran Mahon, Smart DCU Project Facilitator along with other industry experts discussed the 'Future of Smart Buildings' referencing how smart sensors, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, big data and other powerful technologies are rapidly transforming building and structures. <https://vmblog.com/archive/2022/12/05/ida-ireland-2023-predictions-2023-will-be-the-year-that-smart-buildings-take-off.aspx#.Y5nsCnbP23C>

Dublin City Council Innovating its kerbside management process

Dublin City Council is innovating its kerbside management process and testing out a suite of digital management tools to enable this as part of its engagement in the EU H2020 Senator project to improve last mile deliveries in cities. Through this pilot with AppyWay the City Council will be able to better understand how kerbside is being used and improve data accuracy. This Pilot is investigating how the City Council can better streamline how it maps and keep kerbside information up to date. More information here: [Dublin to revolutionise kerbside management with AppyWay](#)

Dublin City Council leading a global city telecoms network

Dublin City Council is leading a group of global cities to have a bigger say on telecoms which includes cities such as Prague, Los Angeles, Cape Town, Barcelona and Belfast. This new network aims to foster better collaboration between cities and the telecommunications industry. With the move to 5G, cities are going to have to play a much more active role. [Global cities join forces for a bigger say on telecoms - Cities Today \(cities-today.com\)](#)

Service & Digital Transformation

The initial phase of a project to provide access to technology for City Council outdoor staff has commenced. A Project Initiation Document has been developed with a proposed project governance framework.

Work on the staff awards scheme is continuing – a promotional video has been recorded and the awards are being sourced. The scheme will be launched on CitiDesk in January.

A working group has been set up to work on collaborative workspaces and a survey will be carried out on the meeting room booking system to get feedback from staff.

Quotations are being assessed for online collaboration tools.

Engaging with the Danish Embassy in relation to digital transformation, building relationships with a local Danish Council.

Work continued on the digitisation of internal processes on CitiDesk. Online travel requests will go live shortly and the methodology used to develop this function can be applied to numerous other processes. Online requests for the IS Department are live and the Internal Audit workflow is completed and will be piloted with one Department in January. Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department will go live on 15th December. Work is ongoing on the Finance Department site, Critical Vacancy requests, Employee on-boarding, WRC site and FOI requests.

A demonstration of the new Chief Executive Orders system was given to the project board and Departmental champions, with a January start anticipated.

UX/UI training will be provided to staff in December. A proposal has been drafted to review Service Catalogue functionality and platform.

The team continued to roll out the online appointment booking system to allow citizens and businesses book either in-person or online meetings. There are two sites remaining on the old system. The DPIA is being updated.

We are awaiting a quotation for licences to enable us to complete the ethics form.

Work has continued on the draft Digital Strategy. A meeting took place with the LGMA to ensure alignment with the sectoral approach. Consultation with the Public Participation Network is planned for January.

The Bloomberg project on Low Traffic Neighbourhoods has successfully concluded and engagement in relation to Neighbourhood Beta has commenced.

Citizen Hub Project

There are now 25 services live on Citizen Hub, newest services are Public Lighting Requests, Report a Dead Animal.

Two of these services (Housing Allocations and Telecommunications Infrastructure Licence) are for registered users only and the remaining service requests are available for use by citizens and for staff to log on behalf of customers.

- Number of new registered users 21/11/2022 to 13/12/2022: 597
- Total number of registered users to date: 13,014

The proposed next services to go live are: Traffic TAG Requests, Community Clean-Up, Litter Offence, and Private Rental Complaints.

Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

The Data and Analytics Unit has continued to focus its efforts on the Gender Pay Gap; publication scheduled for 18th December. Citizen Hub continues to be a priority and collaboration is ongoing with the Citizen Hub Team. The Unit is also collaborating with Housing, Environment & Transport, Customer Service, and Open Data. With respect to Data Management, initial stakeholder engagement is complete and the focus is now moving to conducting a Data Management Maturity Assessment in order to set the groundworks for a Data Strategy. This assessment will involve those data business owners, data users and reporters, as well as IS and Local IT that have been identified to date. A larger scale,

organisation wide assessment, will follow. A Data Governance Framework is being developed in line with international standards.

North City Operations Depot

Construction of the North City Depot (NCOD) commenced in May 2021 with a 19 month programme for completion. To date the main structural work to the Administration & Welfare Building, multi-storey carpark, Central Stores and Workshops is complete. Construction of the Civic Amenity Site Office and yard is well underway with work ongoing to kerbing and finishing of roadways. Work on the Salt Barn's timber cladding is well advanced with the roof covering now in place and the timber cladding to walls continuing. External works and below ground services are nearing completion, with fencing works and works at the access points on-going. Mechanical and electrical works are on-going in all buildings. Finishing works such as plastering, painting, raised floors, tiling and carpentry are on-going in the Administration and Welfare Building.

The scheduled completion of construction is currently early 2023. Following the fit-out period, it is still anticipated that the depot will start to become operational in Q1 of 2023.

Engagement with staff and Unions on the Change Management aspects of the project is progressing well and meetings with Unions are being held regularly. Information sessions were held in July and August for Grade 8 to Grade 6 staff members from Housing Maintenance, Public Lighting & Electrical Services, Road Maintenance, Surface Water Maintenance, Traffic Section and Waste Management. Further sessions were held in September with the Grade 8 to 6 staff on how the new NCOD Central Store will operate at the NCOD. The NCOD Project Team along with representatives from line management and HR met with all remaining staff that will be associated with the NCOD. A staff travel survey is on-going.

Customer Services

In excess of 9,000 calls were answered and approximately 3,800 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 21st November and 12th December.

Customer services have logged in excess of 1,200 Housing Maintenance requests between 21st November and 12th December.

The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with approximately 1,100 visitors to reception between 21st November and 12th December.

Improving Customer Experience Initiatives

Work is continuing on the development of the new Parking Permit System to facilitate online applications and this is now scheduled to go live in April.

Three new Parking Permit Schemes have been introduced: Purser Gardens, Phibsborough Avenue and Seville Terrace.

A new Mystery Shopper programme is finished and the reports and outputs from this will provide opportunities to improve services within the organisation. The reports will be

analysed in January. The programme includes calls and visits to public offices and focuses on the higher volume customer requests.

New meeting pods have been introduced into the Atrium in Civic Offices on a trial basis to allow for private meeting spaces.

A new self-serve appointments system for the Cash Office went live on 13th December. This allows customers to make appointments that suit them to visit the Cash Office with Customer Services ensuring resources will be available to look after the customers at their appointment time.

Customer Experience have introduced and launched the JAM (Just a Minute) Card for customers who need additional time to deal with issues. The launch was held on Monday 12th December and it is planned to roll out training on the scheme to front facing staff. An article has also been submitted for the Dublin City Bulletin.

Human Resources

The total number of employees at 30th September 2022 was 5,916 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5,587.

Recruitment Programme 2022

Year	Recruitment campaigns complete/in process
2021	61
2022 (YTD)	104

Interviews held/concluded during December 2022

District Officer, Operational Intelligence Unit	Station Officer, Operational Intelligence Unit
Cycling and Walking Officer	Team Leader, Housing Attendants

Campaigns advertised December 2022

Fitter Mechanic	Executive Health and Safety Officer
Assistant Engineer	Executive Engineer

The Public Appointments Service have ongoing recruitment campaigns for Senior Executive Engineers, Senior Executive Quantity Surveyor, Senior Architect, Senior Executive Officer, Deputy City Architect, Chief Quantity Surveyor, Deputy Director DRHE and Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/9455/2022	Request number and locations of Traffic cameras in DCC area	Client	01/11/2022	
FOI/9456/2022	Requests list of all artworks commissioned by DCC from January 2010 to date	Press	01/11/2022	04/11/2022
FOI/9457/2022	Records regarding plans for cessation of live animal crib at Mansion House	Press	01/11/2022	
FOI/9458/2022	Records held regarding Christmas at Mansion House	Client	01/11/2022	28/11/2022
FOI/9459/2022	Seeks records relating to parking enforcement	Client	02/11/2022	25/11/2022
FOI/9460/2022	All records pertaining to the Live Crib 2022	Press	02/11/2022	
FOI/9461/2022	Records relating to anti-social behaviour Sept-Oct 2022.	Press	03/11/2022	30/11/2022
FOI/9462/2022	Records for BusConnects and bus services - Sept - Oct 22	Press	03/11/2022	30/11/2022
FOI/9463/2022	Request planning records	Client	03/11/2022	30/11/2022
FOI/9464/2022	Requests records on Dolphin House	Solicitor	03/11/2022	
FOI/9465/2022	Requests records relating to a planning application	Solicitor	03/11/2022	
FOI/9467/2022	Records regarding Meath Street	Press	04/11/2022	
FOI/9471/2022	Records regarding drainage at named address	Client	08/11/2022	
FOI/9472/2022	Records regarding the Live Crib	Press	08/11/2022	05/12/2022
FOI/9474/2022	Records regarding Live Crib	Client	08/11/2022	
FOI/9475/2022	Requests records regarding noise and nuisance issues at named address	Client	08/11/2022	30/11/2022
FOI/9476/2022	Seeks records re Microsoft licensing	Business	08/11/2022	23/11/2022
FOI/9479/2022	Requests records regarding street cleaning	Client	10/11/2022	21/11/2022
FOI/9480/2022	seeks records re: request in relation to planning file	Client	10/11/2022	
FOI/9482/2022	Requests DFB records	Press	11/11/2022	
FOI/9483/2022	Requests records regarding vehicles towed from named location	Client	11/11/2022	
FOI/9484/2022	Records of claims due to potholes settled by DCC 2017 -2022	Press	14/11/2022	21/11/2022
FOI/9485/2022	Records between DCC planning team and named company	Press	14/11/2022	
FOI/9486/2022	Records between DCC Planning team and named group	Press	14/11/2022	
FOI/9487/2022	Records between DCC Planning and named company	Press	14/11/2022	
FOI/9488/2022	Records between DCC Planning and named company	Press	14/11/2022	

FOI/9489/2022	Records between DCC Planning and named real estate agent	Press	14/11/2022
FOI/9490/2022	Records between DCC Planning and Development Agency	Press	14/11/2022
FOI/9491/2022	Records - DCC Planning and Office of the Planning Regulator	Press	14/11/2022
FOI/9492/2022	Records - DCC Planning and Named Real Estate Group	Press	14/11/2022
FOI/9493/2022	Records - money spent by DCC on acquisition of housing units in last 10 years	Client	14/11/2022
FOI/9494/2022	Seeks records re emergency call answering	Press	15/11/2022
FOI/9495/2022	Requests planning records	Solicitor	15/11/2022
FOI/9500/2022	Seeks records re use of weed control agents	Client	16/11/2022
FOI/9501/2022	Records relating to named address	Solicitor	16/11/2022
FOI/9503/2022	Records on no. in emergency accommodation in Nov 2022 who are on housing list	Press	16/11/2022
FOI/9504/2022	Records on active tenancies in Housing Frist for 2019, 2020, 2021	Press	16/11/2022
FOI/9505/2022	Records for Protocol for Young People Leaving Care	Press	16/11/2022
FOI/9506/2022	Recorded incidents of verbal and physical assault on DCC staff from Jan 2018- to date	Press	17/11/2022
FOI/9507/2022	Requests planning records	Client	17/11/2022
FOI/9508/2022	Requests records regarding Dublin City Development Plan 2022 - 2028	Other	17/11/2022
FOI/9509/2022	Records - policies and procedures relating to Derelict Sites Section	Client	21/11/2022
FOI/9510/2022	Records - Complaints made to DRHE about emergency accommodation 2019 - to date	Press	21/11/2022
FOI/9511/2022	seeks records re: all housing records	Client	21/11/2022
FOI/9512/2022	Records between DFB and named property mgt company	Client	22/11/2022
FOI/9513/2022	Records regarding anti-social behaviour in named area	Press	22/11/2022
FOI/9514/2022	Requests records regarding complaints in named DCC complex	Press	22/11/2022
FOI/9515/2022	Records between DCC and Peter McVerry Trust for 2022	Press	22/11/2022
FOI/9536/2022	Seeks records re collapse of tender process	Solicitor	25/11/2022
FOI/9537/2022	Seeks records re senior citizens allocations policy	Other	28/11/2022
FOI/9538/2022	Requests a copy of the inspection report at named property	Client	28/11/2022
FOI/9539/2022	Seeks records re extinguishment of right of way	Client	28/11/2022
FOI/9540/2022	Seeks records re traffic light sequence and planning application	Client	28/11/2022

FOI/9543/2022	Records on fraud/scam cases in Dublin across the last three years	Business	28/11/2022
FOI/9544/2022	Seeks records re Clontarf to City Centre bus and cycle way	Press	29/11/2022
FOI/9545/2022	Seeks records re breakdown of social tenants	Client	29/11/2022
FOI/9546/2022	Records between An Post and DCC dog warden re. dangerous/nuisance dogs 2017 to date.	Solicitor	30/11/2022

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in November 2022

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2022 is outlined below.

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2022 -30/11/2022	637
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2022 - 30/11/2022	552