

21st December 2022

**To the Chairperson and the
Members of the Central Area Committee**

CENTRAL AREA DISCRETIONARY FUND 2023

Following the budget meeting held Monday 21st November 2022 the area discretionary fund was increased from €3m to €4.5M. A fund of €495,000 was approved for each of the two Central Area LEAs, North Inner City and Cabra Glasnevin.

I will liaise with the North Inner City Councillors in the coming weeks and John McPartlan will do the same with the Cabra Glasnevin Councillors, to draft up the list of projects for each area with a view to compiling an overall list for discussion and approval by the Area Committee in due course.

To assist our preparation for the Discretionary Fund discussions I am requesting that you forward your suggestions or priority projects to Brendan Doggett at brendan.doggett@dublincity.ie by close of business on **Friday 20th January 2023**.

I have also asked the Managers of each of the Area Office sections (Housing NE and NW; Community Development and Public Domain) to identify desirable projects / programmes / works / activities to be listed for consideration. Hopefully there will be some common ground with your own suggestions that will help to narrow down the list.

The Area Office will then do some background work on feasibility, costings, other funding sources etc. and we will aim to bring a recommended list to the Councillors for discussion in early February.

In summary the proposed process / timeline is as follows:

Central Area Discretionary Fund	
Councillors proposals to be forwarded to Administrative Officer	Last Friday in January
Background work to be done by Area Office on costings, feasibility, cross check of other funding sources etc.	January and early February
Draft List circulated to Councillors for internal discussion - meeting date TBC	February
Discussion and sign off by Area Committee	March Area Committee Meeting (14 th March 2023)

David Forde, Area Manager
david.forde@dublincity.ie
Tel: 2223442