

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 30/2023
Report of the Chief Executive



Monthly Management Report – February 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 February 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.

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive

Dated: 25th January 2023

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 through 2020 to 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 15th January 2023, that week's revenue was €382,561.98. For week ending 8th January 2023, the usage of coin in parking meters was €89,203.01 and card payments were €94,820.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

The following pay and display and permit parking scheme has been balloted for a new scheme: Marguerite Road, Dublin 9.

The following pay and display and permit parking schemes voted in favour of a change of hours of operation;

St Ignatius Road, D 7 Monday to Sunday 7-24.

Reuben Ave, D8 Monday to Sunday 7-24.

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 maintenance 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.

DCC welcomes the National EV Charging infrastructure plan and information re same is available from the Zero Emissions Vehicle Office and <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/dc958-first-national-electric-vehicle-charging-infrastructure-strategy-published/> 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/ZEV (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 finalised, 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. There are 46 electric vehicles currently operating in the city, with 6 additional EVs currently on order for Waste Management Services due to arrive in early Q2.

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 7,200 customer enquiries and service requests during 2022. Additionally, during the same period almost 6,000 defects and hazards on the road network were repaired and/or made safe by our direct labour crews. Furthermore, a total of 403 critical defects and hazards were repaired and/or made safe within 24 hours of being recorded. Road Maintenance Services Annual Works Programme for 2022 is now 85% complete. The remaining 15% will be completed in 2023. 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. Road Maintenance Services proposed Annual Works Programme for 2023 is currently being drafted and it will be presented to the Elected Members during January/ February 2023.

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, 14 of the 28 approved applicants have drawn down their grant funding to a total value of circa €185K. The total funding awarded was circa €500K, and therefore the balance for drawdown is €315K. The remaining 14 beneficiaries have until April 2023 to complete their grant aided projects.

At their meeting on the 7th February 2023, the DWtE Community Gain Fund Committee will confirm the launch date of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2023.

Waste Services Update

Street Grading

IT issues and the Christmas holiday period resulted in a reduced street grading program in December 2022. **116** surveys were undertaken on 115 streets across the six waste management areas. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 52% of streets graded received a Grade A, 26% Grade B, 21% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No of Streets Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
CENTRAL	34	35	21	8	4	
SOUTH EAST	7	7	3	3	1	
SOUTH CENTRAL	21	21	7	4	10	
NORTH CENTRAL	17	17	11	5	1	
NORTH WEST	20	20	11	2	7	
CITY CENTRE	16	16	7	8	1	
TOTALS	115	116	60	30	24	0

8 bottle bank surveys were carried out in December 2022. Overall 13% of bottle banks received a Grade A, 38% Grade B, 50% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. of Bottle Banks Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
SOUTH EAST	2	2		1	1	
SOUTH CENTRAL	2	2		1	1	
NORTH CENTRAL	1	1		1		
NORTH WEST	3	3	1		2	
TOTALS		8	1	3	4	0

Recycling Services

Waste Management Services have designed a suite of new and uniform signage for all bring centres. New signs have now been delivered to Collins Avenue depot. It is anticipated that the new signs will be rolled out to all bring centres in Q1 2023. Following 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.

Christmas Tree Collection and Disposal

The Waste Management Section are currently managing the collection and disposal of Christmas Trees at a number of designated locations throughout the city. All “drop off” locations are receiving significant quantities of trees, which are being removed to a designated recovery depot and then transferred onward for chipping and composting.

Waste Management Video Guides

Waste Management Services launched two new video guides to help schools to reduce waste and improve segregation. This project was a collaboration between the four Dublin local authorities and an environmental charity. Video one is designed for staff and outlines the basic principles of an effective school waste system. Video two aims to assist pupils to improve recycling rates and tackle unnecessary waste in their school. The two ‘Sorted - How to Reduce, Segregate and Manage School Waste’ video guides are available in Gaelic and English and can be streamed online at www.youtube.com/@schoolwastesorted.

School Programmes

Picker Pals is an anti-litter educational programme for primary schools. The programme gives young people the tools and positive motivation to develop stewardship of their local environments. 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. 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 implementation 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 April 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 policies in the new development plan and these will be implemented 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 Osdoba 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 EMRWMPD 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 of 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

A Senior Staff Officer has joined the CARO office to support the CARO work programme and appointment of replacement Senior Executive Professional is awaited.

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 Línthe 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 in February 2023. The CARO is working to progress communications and engagement activities including school workshops related to the Línthe na Farraige project and sea level rise which are due to commence in early 2023.

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 agreed a Service Level Agreement and payment to LAs at the end of December 2022.

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.

The Dublin CARO team is working with CARO colleagues across the country to complete the 2022 Annual Report which will be circulated in due course. 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 eighth edition was published in late December and the next edition will be in March 2023. 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 launch by the Lord Mayor of the results of the Air View Project in collaboration with Google will take place on 14 February in the Mansion House. It is planned to have a further event to disseminate the data during February.

In accordance with the requirements of the EU Environmental Noise Directive, Dublin City Council has completed and submitted Round 4 noise mapping data to the European Commission. The next stage of this process will be to commence the preparation of the Round 4 Noise Action Plan.

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. The bollards, wooden fencing and some remediation of the warden crossings have been completed. Information on the designs, their purpose and how school communities can support School Zones was posted on the Citizen Space. Posters detailing the works were put on public display at the schools.

In terms of the remaining 9 locations, eight locations are now going through the design process, 3 will go to school consultation by end of March 2023. One location is on hold subject to works being completed by Department of Education. One location requires concept design development.

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. 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 and applications closed this month. We anticipate that we will be able to draw on the resulting panels. In addition, one Walking and Cycling Officer was appointed during January, it is anticipated that a further appointment will be made in the coming weeks.

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 **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.

Works are continuing along the inbound bus lane almost all the way along the proposed route. In January major traffic management measures were in place during weekends at the Malahide Road and Howth Road Junctions. Works on the limestone sea wall along North Strand also commenced in January 2023 and are progressing well. As works are nearing completion on the Amiens Street inbound footway, cycletrack and bus lane works are expected to swap to the outbound side of Amiens Street during February 2023.

A number of weekend works were scheduled during January 2023 to facilitate works on the Clontarf Road between Malahide Road and Howth Road junction. It is anticipated that the Contractor shall need a significant number of weekends over the next couple of months to progress works on the larger junctions along the route in particular. These works facilitate road constriction, duct crossings and drainage works in the middle of the carriageway and are best undertaken at night-time or weekend when traffic volumes are lower. Advance notice of these works shall continue to be circulated.

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 recent 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. The next meeting is proposed for 3rd March 2023. A Bus Stop Spacing Report has been prepared and was presented to the Committee at the last 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). The contract has been signed and construction is 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 meeting on the scheme for the Elected Members of the Central Area was held on Wednesday 18th of January. During January, 4,500 Project Information Leaflets were distributed to local businesses and residents, a dedicated webpage for the project was also launched and regular updates on the project will be available at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/active-travel/active-travel-projects/royal-canal-greenway-phase-3>

A sod turning ceremony has been provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 15th of February. Information afternoons are also being planned to take place in the Phibsborough and Charleville Mall libraries for the second and third week in February.

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.

Phase one of the project is almost complete with footpath build outs and pedestrian crossings at Herberton Junction substantially finished. Resurfacing works on Herberton Road are scheduled for early February. Works will progress into Phase 2 in the coming weeks with Clogher Road Junction and Aughavanagh Rd next to be addressed.

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 January 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 further measures are delivered.

One additional interim scheme commenced during the month, bringing the total number of active interim schemes to sixteen. These are in various stages of progression and are proposed to be installed on the ground in 2023. **Five of these went to public consultation** in December and close/closed in January/early February 2023, bringing the total to seven. These are listed below.

➤ Suir Road to Thomas Street

This scheme went to Public Consultation between Oct and Dec 2022. The draft Public Consultation Report has been prepared and is being reviewed internally. Installation of the scheme is planned to commence in Q1 2023.

➤ Merrion Street Upper, Merrion Square West, Merrion Street Lower

This scheme went to Public Consultation Hub in October and is now closed for submissions. We are currently 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 distributed in the local area. The closing date for submissions was 20th January, 2023.

➤ Hanlon's Corner Junction Upgrade

This scheme design went to Public Consultation in December and Information leaflets were distributed in the local area. A Public Information Session on the scheme is scheduled for 25th January in the Holy Family Parish Centre on Prussia Street. The closing date for submissions is 1st February, 2023.

➤ Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd

This scheme design went to Public Consultation in December and Information leaflets were distributed in the local area. The closing date for the Public Consultation was 20th January, 2023.

- 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 distributed in the local area. The closing date for the Public Consultation was 26th January, 2023.

- Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Rd.

This scheme design went to Public Consultation in December and Information leaflets distributed in the local area. The closing date for the Public Consultation was 30th January, 2023.

Two more schemes are planned to go to public consultation in January/ February 2023.

Presentations were made to the Elected members in the South East Area on 9th January, 2023 on these two schemes.

- Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street

This scheme designs will be published on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub in January, 2023 and information leaflets 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/>

- Trinity to Ballsbridge

This scheme designs will be published on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub in February 2023 and information leaflets 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 **six 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 February 2023.

Preliminary designs have been prepared for interim measures along George's, Burgh, Aston & Crampton Quays (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.

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

- Parnell Street to College Green
- Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybil Hill Road & Vernon Avenue
- Grand Canal to Lincoln Place
- Sundrive Rd to Clogher Rd via Eammon Ceannt Park
- Grange Road (Hole in the Wall roundabout to Fingal Co Co border)

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 Charlemont Street** 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 January and February 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 kerblin 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 Q1 2023. 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. Margaret's 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 SPC.

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.

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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 2023.
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 St/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	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. Preliminary flood alleviation scenario's being computer modelled. 58 boreholes and 20 trial pits being procured in DCC and SDCC. Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation in Q2 2023.
14.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OPW	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 March 2023.

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

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 finalised. 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. Awaiting ABP response.
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	Consultants are appointed to prepare a detailed design for 9 pilot sites adjacent to the Dodder and Santry Rivers. The purpose is to introduce effective surface water management. Infrastructure to support biodiversity and meeting our EU Water Framework Directive objectives. Design work has commenced on this project.
21.	Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension	DCC/ IW	JBB	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.

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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	Sillogue Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	Apr 2023	Works are continuing on the new surface and foul drainage and public lighting networks within Sillogue Gardens. The internal footpaths and parking areas have also now commenced.
4	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	March 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.
5.	Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue	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 installed on the street. 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 February 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 was on public display until 25th January 2023 and submissions are now being assessed.

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">• 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. No objections received.• SEA Statement and Environmental Report, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Natura Impact Report finalised.• Plan took effect from the 14th December. 3 confirmed applications for judicial review	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Commence implementation of policies and objectives of Plan.2. Respond to any legal challenges.
Ballymun LAP	<p>M50 Lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31st May 21 – awaiting decision.• Depot construction near completion.• 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.• (final Council meeting scheduled for no later than 24 Feb 2023)

	<p>Infrastructure:</p> <p>Silloogue Avenue link road opened. Work on Silloogue Gardens upgrade, continues on-site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: Investigation works commissioned by parks dept. re excessive ponding preventing temporary uses on site. Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date. Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date. <p>Parks/ Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Farm: Masterplan exercise carried out for site 14, identifying 0.5ha for possible farm use. Presented proposal to councillors Jan 2023. <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 submitted for planning 18/11/2022 (Ref. 5252/22) Site at Carton: Being examined for a PPP bundle 7. 	<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Silloogue Gardens work due for completion end Q1 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring option to deliver Carton Terrace road as part of PPP housing site. <p>Commercial/ Main St:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site 1: Soft launch of site 1B to progress, Jan / Feb 2023 Site 26, Enterprise, to be offered to the market, Jan / Feb 2023 Plaza: On Parks capital programme for 2023/25. <p>Parks/open space:</p> <p>Masterplan to be revisited.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Site 10. Gone to tender, tender closes end March 2023.</p> <p>Sites 5, 15-18: Design team appointed; in stand still period; due to start Feb 2023.</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) n planning, awaiting decision. Taking in charge of Parkview ongoing.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: Expressions of interest (EOI) issued to AHB Protocol, 17 Jan 2023. 	<p>Site 19: O'Cualann to response to Planning FI. Resolve land ownership with Church.</p> <p>Carton: awaiting decision on PPP 7 from Dept.</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: awaiting feedback from EOI.</p>
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: Agree stream deculvert requirements to inform design team.</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. SDRA for Jamestown, adopted 14th June 2021. 10 November 2022 – Landowner briefing held 	<p>On-going engagement with TII on Finglas Luas</p> <p>DCC to collate all Masterplan information and finalise.</p> <p>DES sign off on school site.</p>

	<p>11 November 2022 – Councillor briefing held.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Landowners meetings concluded Nov/ Dec 2022.</p>	<p>Meetings to be held with EMRA & FCC.</p> <p>JR of ABP SHD permission for Jamestown Village lodged.</p> <p>Consultants SFRA/SWMP appointed. January 2023 – design freeze. February 2023 - SEA/AA Screening. March 2023 – Non statutory public consultation.</p>
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, decision to refer back to ABP, which is 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. Application ;Substantial changes to 3 permitted commercial buildings in City Block 9. Current application for amendments to residential scheme at City Block 3. 	<p>Await outcome of process.</p> <p>Date tbc</p> <p>Decision due 27th January 2023</p> <p>Decision due mid Feb</p>
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PWDZ3406/22; 356 apartments and mixed uses (Phase 1b). Report on Clarification of FI completed, Phase 2; Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme (PWSDZ4058/22). Further info requested Phase A; Mixed use scheme fronting Sth Bank Road. Ongoing pre-application discussions. 	<p>Decision due 8th February 2023</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p>
City Edge	<p>Strategic Framework – 26 actions noted by DCC/SDCC elected members.</p>	<p>Extensions of consultants brief.</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>Complete</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 date of Final Business Case (which will include design, procurement strategy and tendering). DHLGH meeting 27 January 2023.</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"> Meetings held re approach to level crossings 	Further meetings expected
Metrolink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 October 2022 Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. . DCC submission sent to Board on 16th January 2023 	Await ABP Decision.
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 5 - DCC Corporate response issued 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. Latest design iterations presented to the Area Committee on 12th October 2022. Proposals on display in Rathmines Library Nov 22-25th. 	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.

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.	Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanala.												
	162-165 James’s Street D8 A Notice of Intention to Acquire Compulsorily the above derelict site was made on 23/08/2022.	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, Dublin 9 A notice of Intention to Acquire compulsorily issued on the 16 th December 2022.	Last day for objections 27th January 2023												
	8 Ferguson Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9	Arbitration hearing in February 2023 – no terms agreed.												
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.• 42 sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register as of (01/02/2023). 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>	2018 Demands		Paid	€649,350	Cancelled	€1,723,050	Refunded	-€66,450	Outstanding	€629,700	Total Demanded: €2,935,650		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 could 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. A total of 148 submissions were
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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. ABP Oral Hearing on the 25th January 2023.11- 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.Werburch Street CPO	<p>3 Objections: Withdrawn at the Oral Hearing held on 25/01/2023</p> <p>Report to be brought to City Council on terms of disposal to Abbey Theatre.</p> <p>Exchange Street Last date for objections was 10th January 2023. One objection notified to APB.</p> <p>The Council has full possession of the site. Housing & Community Services intend developing the site.</p>																														

	Project Steering Group formed with OPW to progress the CPO.	
City Valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with Dept. of Justice re lease of Coroner's Court building at Store street. • 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. 	
Building Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive policy of enforcement of building regulations in place • 1200+ inspections across 1800+buildings and sites in 2022 • 86% of all new buildings commenced in 2022 were inspected • Maintaining efficient management of building control service delivery, commencement notices, and disability access certificate applications. 	

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Built Heritage investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023	<p><i>Conservation Section administers the BHIS & HSF schemes for buildings that are either on the Record of Protected Structures or within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) within the Dublin City Council Area only. 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>The 2023 schemes were announced by the Minister on 16th November 2022. The closing date for receipt of BHIS and HSF 2023 applications was Friday 13th January 2023</p> <p>78 Applications have been received for the BHIS 2023</p> <p>20 applications have been received for the HSF 2023</p>	Applications to be assessed by conservation professionals and successful applicants notified.

Finance

Planning Application Fees						
2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2022 YTD TOTAL	% Change Vs. 2021
Total income from fees	575,453	788,488	1,080,001	927,356	3,371,299	UP 66%
Total refunds issued	86,559	57,683	104,384	59,670	308,296	UP 7%
Net fee income	488,895	730,805	975,617	867,686	3,063,004	UP 63%

Development Contributions

Development Contributions

2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q4 2021
<i>No. of New invoices issued</i>	221	282	202	244	24%
Total value of invoices issued	€16,396,442.84	€18,298,271.45	€15,315,840.12	€26,523,970	64%
No. of payments made	277	331	279	388	35%
Total payments received	€10,108,462.06	€8,660,693.18	€8,652,059.20	€11,058,667	28%

Collection of outstanding Development Contributions (utilising enforcement tools)

2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q4 2021
<i>No. of Inspections</i>	17	12	11	9	50%
<i>No. of Section 152 Warning letters issued</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
No of Section 154 Enforcement Notices issued	-	-	-	-	-
No. of Section 157 referrals to District Court	-	-	-	-	-

Planning Enforcement

2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2021
No. of New complaints opened	323	360	387	331	+22%
No. of S152 Warning Letters issued	351	349	427	332	+25%
No. of S154 Enforcement Notices issued	59	75	55	62	+38%
No. of S157 Referrals to District Court	15	16	11	13	+85%
No. of files closed/resolved	381	416	521	354	+11%

Total number active planning enforcement files at 31/12/2022	Total	% change 2021
% change	3171	-8%

Building Control

2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2021 - 2022
No. of multiple dwellings commenced	1276	677	1493	1,098	4544	
No. of single dwellings commenced	7	38	56	24	125	
Total dwellings commenced	1283	717	1549	1,122	4669	

Disability Access Certs

2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2021 - 2022
Valid Applications	87	94	100	87	368	+25%
Certs issued within 2 months	69	81	65	60	275	-8%
Info requested	7	8	4	0	19	-103%

Derelict Sites Section

2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2021
Number of sites inspected	82	96	126	95	34%
Section 10 (warning letters)	14	10	34	56	82%
Section 8 (2) Notices (Intention to enter on Register)	0	9	6	22	72%
Section 8 (7) Notices (Entry on Register)	2	1	5	3	66%
Sites removed from Derelict Sites Register	1	5	1	2	100%

Number of Sites on Derelict Sites Register at 31/12/2022	78
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Property Management

Revenue & Receipts

Revenue Raised				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2021	2,542,675	1,577,051	2,621,105	1,008,380
2022	2,425,308	2,098,851	2,497,258	2,445,207

Income Received				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2021	2,556,383	1,331,481	1,523,300	4,231,254
2022	2,280,743	3,056,997	2,328,081	2,908,348

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

Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

New Policy/Strategy

A new **national public library strategy** will be launched in the first quarter of 2023.

My Open Library is now available at Raheny and Pembroke libraries. 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.

Work continues on the development of The Dublin City Sports Plan. The Plan will include a strategic review of sports policy, programming & infrastructure, commencing in January 2023.

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.

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 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. Meeting held on 9/11/22 with presentation on Safety in the City – Capel Street case study.

Dublin Belfast Circular Economy Capital Expenditure Feasibility Shared Island Funding
An application was successfully made by DCC to the Shared Island Fund o, 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 approved 204 applications to a value of €431K.

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals in 2022: 62 grants were approved to the value of €1.5 million supporting the creation of 122 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year.

Mentoring: 1020 hours of mentoring were completed from 1st Jan – 31st Dec. Annual target of 1,000 hours exceeded.

Training: 3,332 participants 1st Jan – 31st Dec. Annual target 3,000 hours exceeded.

Start Your Own Business: 342 participants attended 15 courses & 1 boot camp from 1st Jan – 31st Dec. Annual target of 227 participants exceeded & 13 courses target met

LEO Dublin City Jobs Figures 2022 - Local Enterprise Office (LEO) DC supported clients grew by more than 543 roles in 2022, from a portfolio of supported companies of 429 employing a total of 1,966 Employees. 31 LEO National network grew by 7,890 roles. 13% growth in job numbers of LEO DC client businesses

Dublin Literary Award Longlist announcement on Tuesday 31 January by Lord Mayor, Caroline Conroy, City Librarian, Mairead Owens and Prof. Chris Morash. Full list available [here](#) following the announcement.

The 5th **Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Annual Lecture** will be presented by Prof. Chris Morash, at Pearse Street on 15 Feb at 6.00pm on the theme of Dublin through crime fiction.

Local Enterprise Week event at the Central Library Mar 9th at 1-2pm in partnership with Dublin City LEO: **Mintel Future Trend - International localism**

Ireland Reads is back for a third year in and will take place on **Saturday February 25th, 2023.**

‘Window into the Biosphere’ Awareness Campaign launched on 26th January, is designed to bring some of Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere’s rich and wonderful wildlife a little closer to Dublin commuters. It will be used to develop a stronger connection between commuters and the Biosphere. 12 vinyl illustrations featuring a total of 22 iconic local species will be displayed across windows of about a quarter of the DART fleet. Further detail can be obtained by emailing info@dublinbaybiosphere.ie.

Sports & Recreation have carried out a thorough review of the Sports Capital Programme within the context of funding, significant inflation, availability of professional services, supply chain delays and compliance with strict procurement procedures.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Hugh Lane Gallery	Visitors Numbers in December were 9228, which is 80% of pre Covid visitor numbers for the month of December.	Maintain rich visitor experience
Social Media	Facebook Reach: up to 57,750 Instagram Reach: up to 28,709 Twitter reach: up to 22,700 Q4 2022 Facebook 295,695 Instagram 92172 Twitter 105,200	Build online presence
Refurb of 1930s Wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning. Demolition to rear of Colaiste Mhuire is underway.	Construction date TBC
Collection displays	Reconstructing Mondrian by John Beattie. Installation in progress.	Open Feb 1 st

/Exhibits	<p>Hinge by Richard Gorman. Curatorial selection of works in progress.</p> <p>Ongoing displays including New Acquisitions, including Richard Tuttle's <i>Cycle</i> series</p> <p>Andy Warhol <i>Three Times Out</i> loans secured.</p>	Installation of works Further new acquisitions to be installed
Programme of art education	<p>There were 48 education and outreach programmes for with 696 participants</p> <p>'Leave the Door Open' is an evening of new performances by artist Isadora Epstein and music specially curated celebrating St Brigid taking the wild plays of the Biddy Boys for inspiration.</p> <p>http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures/3879-leave-the-door-open</p> <p>Early Years community programmes in conjunction with NCI Parent-Child + and NEIC residency.</p> <p>New art appreciation lectures series: 'Irish and International Art from 1980s to today' six weeks 2 Feb - 9 Mar 2023, 2-4pm</p> <p>http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures/3851-1980s-today</p> <p>Hugh Lane and Create commission for socially engaged artist with filmmaker Jijo Sebastian</p> <p>http://www.hughlane.ie/outreach-projects/current/3875-createhughlane2023</p> <p>Q4 2022: 288 programmes with approx. 5,276 participants; Additional 1,216 reached through our Artists Takeover series with Kathy Prendergast.</p>	Ongoing development
Nth Fredrick Lane	Property acquired by DCC for HLG Conservation and Fine Art Storage. Fit out underway.	Preparing facility Q1'23
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.	Appointment of art techs
Workforce Planning	Phase 1 of Plan submitted to HR. WFP proceeding: Operations, Front of House, Paper Conservator, Exhibitions Curator and Attendants posts to be recruited.	Critical vacancies recruitment'23
New website	Final Development stage for new HLG website.	Go Live Q1 '23
Branding	New HLG Brand implementation	New signage install:Q1 '23
Student Enterprise	34 senior schools registered to date. 1,487 participating students & 51 workshops completed to date.	Regional and national final planning.
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 done with dissemination in January
Dublin Economic Monitor	The Q4 DEM was published on 8 th December. Q4 PMI was published on 11 th Jan 23.	Planning for Q1 DEM underway.
MODOS	Additional funding awarded to MODOS for 2023	New website being developed.
Dublin Place Brand	Place Brand Strategy Development with OCO Global	Awaiting feedback from four local authority CEOs on the revised resource request. Will inform strategic direction.
Dublin Place Brand	Framework for Journalism, Copywriting and Content Development Services	Revising specification & publishing framework tender document to eTenders mid-February
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	Reopen 30 th January following works, including the provision of disabled access public toilet and universally accessible entrance doors, funded by the NEIC.	Phase 2 of the refurbishment, which will involve a full roof and ceiling replacement, will commence in summer 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	Phase 1 is continuing with an estimated six month build.	Construction complete May 2023. Reopen Summer 2023.
Diamond Park	Refurbishment works underway	Refurbishment works expected to be completed Summer 2023
Ventry Park	Refurbishment works underway	Refurbishment works expected to be completed Spring 2023
Liffey House & Gardens Biodiversity Centre,	Detailed Design Stage	Site clearance and investigative works will be undertaken. Detailed Design stage

Chapelizod Road, Dublin 8		to be completed in Q1 2023
Dublin Bay Discovery Centre	The Planning Team for the Discovery Centre are finalising the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)	Submission of EIAR to An Bord Pleanála in Q1 2023
St Michan's Playground	Refurbishment works targeted for completion during February 2023.	Playground re-opening. Date to be confirmed.
Change For Life 2023	Programme runs in tandem with RTE's Operation Transformation.	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 and information on registration etc. to be shared on DCC/DCSWP communication platforms.
DCSWP Calendar of Events	Developed to align with major national and international initiatives to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Change For Life -Local 3-5k Coach to Parkrun programmes (including launch of Podcast) -National OT Walks -Schools Cross Country
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant	Tender package for accessibility works to issued Q1/23 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 1/23
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 Q1/23. IPB insurance have a financial interest in this project.

Northside Swimming Pool	Surveys complete. Options to be reviewed, presented to Area Committee and stakeholders generally and scope of works agreed. Q1/23	Ongoing
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction Tender Documents issued	Contractor appointed in Q4/2022 and works to commence early 2023
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Tender package complete	Tender to be awarded on completion of assessment Q1/23
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Tender submissions received	Contract awarded. Works to commence early 2023

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](#)

Q4 2022 Statistics

Sports	
No. Attendees in Sport in the Community Programmes	36,963
No. of Individual Programmes	792
Libraries	
No. items issued (+ e-resources)	200,530 e-Resources 253,622
Reserves satisfied	49,999
Visits to libraries	420,885
Online visits (DCL websites)	180,516
Social Media, photo and video views	288,143
Programmed Events* – held	188
Attendance at programmed events	4,981
Regular branch events held	942
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FB Children's video content posted	7
Internet sessions & Wi-Fi	15,397 (Wi-Fi not available)
Printing & reprography (pages)	96,293
Parks	
No. of emails received (Parks Email, Park Pitches, Red Stables & Park Events)	5,400
No. of emails received from City Councillors	127
No. of phone calls received	1,645
No. of Council Questions & Motions	291
Hugh Lane Gallery	
Visitor Numbers	36,340

Corporate Services, Transformation & Human Resources

1. Corporate Services & Transformation

Smart City/Smart Dublin

Academy of the Near Future (ANF) update

The ANF team has resumed school engagement across Dublin, delivering the second and third follow-up workshops as part of our [citizen science programme](#). During these workshops, students are analysing air pollution and traffic data collected by sensors set up in their school during our initial workshop. Using this hyper-local data, students are identifying key environmental challenges facing their school community and are developing action projects to help tackle these issues.

Design Your Future City Week

Academy of the Near Future is running a week-long programme in March 2023 that is open to all Transition Year students who are interested in exploring the science and technology behind a Smart City. Through creative workshops, students will explore how smart tech and inclusive design thinking can help solve some of our cities' most pressing challenges. Students will also have the opportunity to create their own smart city solution to an urban challenge facing their community and will present their ideas to a judging panel made up of representatives from local authority, academia, and industry! Applications for 'Design Your Future City' Week are currently open and will close 30th January. You can find out more information about the programme here: <https://nearfuture.ie/programmes/design-your-future-city/design-your-future-city-info/introduction-2> ‘

Digital Human Rights in Dublin: Developing Learning Modules on Digital Rights

Dublin, together with Brussels, Sofia and Tirana is one of the four European cities selected in March 2022 for an open call. The cities are piloting the Digital Rights Governance Project coordinated along with UN Habitat, the Cities Coalition for Digital Rights, Eurocities, and UCLG. Dublin City Council is prototyping and developing a foundational educational module on digital rights, to promote the principles of ethics and privacy with regards to new and emerging technologies. See more here: <https://citiesfordigitalrights.org/digital-human-rights-dublin-developing-learning-modules-digital-rights>

Dublin Economic Impact Linked to the American Football Game

Dublin City Council partnered with Master card to evaluate the impact of the American college football game played on August 27th in the Aviva stadium. To attend the season opening it was estimated that over 10,000 fans travelled from USA to Dublin. In this project, to understand the economic impact, Master card spending data was aggregated and anonymised. The trends were studied across 85 distinct categories: Overall there was a 16% uplift in spend over that weekend compared to other periods during the summer of 2022. Being able to measure the return on investment in events is important for DCC and its partners to continue to evolve towards a culture of more data driven decision making. See more here: [American Football Game Linked to US Tourist Spending Surge in Dublin | Dublin Economic Monitor \(dublineconomy.ie\)](#)

Dublin City Council Launch Dublin Discovery Trails App:

Dublin City Council launched a new and innovative mobile app, **Dublin Discovery Trails – Doors into Docklands** the first in a series of mobile based, immersive, heritage trails using

Augmented Reality (AR) technology. The App, co funded by Dublin City Council and Fáilte Ireland through its [Destination Town Investment Scheme](https://www.dublincity.ie/news/new-first-its-kind-augmented-reality-app-shows-dublin-youve-never-seen-it) aims to encourage and promote tourism in the Docklands area by bringing local heritage stories to life in an interactive way. The App combines the history of Dublin's Docklands and the art of storytelling together with emerging AR technology; guiding the user, in their own time on a journey of discovery to some of the Docklands most loved sites and attractions, showcasing Dublin's rich and historic culture. See more here: <https://www.dublincity.ie/news/new-first-its-kind-augmented-reality-app-shows-dublin-youve-never-seen-it>

Service & Digital Transformation

The team continued to roll out the online appointment booking system to allow citizens and businesses to book either in-person or online meetings. It is anticipated that the online venue booking system will go live in the next few weeks allowing citizens to book the Wood Quay Venue and the Arts Office spaces online.

The initial phase of a project to provide access to technology for City Council outdoor staff has commenced. Two pilot sites have been agreed and a governance framework will be put in place.

Work on the staff awards scheme is continuing and it is anticipated the scheme will be launched by the end of January with nominations opening in February.

A working group has been set up to work on collaborative workspaces and staff will be surveyed this month on the meeting room booking system.

A corporate online collaboration tools had been procured and will be piloted this quarter. Work continued on the digitisation of internal processes on CitiDesk. Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department will go live shortly and work is ongoing on the Finance Department site, Critical Vacancy requests, Employee on-boarding and FOI requests.

The project to implement a new Chief Executive Orders system based on the system developed by Fingal using the build to share model has commenced. Three Departments will take part in the pilot, Corporate Services & Transformation, Human Resources and Chief Executive's Department.

We are working on developing the ethics form for 2023 using digital signatures. Work has continued on the draft Digital Strategy. Consultation will take place during Q1 2023. The Service design framework is being used to review and improve two services at the moment.

Citizen Hub Project

There are now 28 services live on Citizen Hub, newest services are Traffic TAG Requests, Report a Gully problem and Report water problem. 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 13/12/2022 to 23/1/2023 = 501 (From 21/11/2022 to 23/1/2023 = 1,098)
- Total number of registered users to date: 14,112

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

Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

The Data and Analytics Unit has successfully completed the analysis for the Gender Pay Gap. Citizen Hub continues to be a priority and collaboration is ongoing with the Citizen Hub Team. The Unit is also collaborating with various departments/sections across the Council to assist with their data requirements and FOI request. A Governance Board to oversee a Data Management Framework and Strategy is being established. A Data Management Maturity Assessment has been designed and next steps is a workshop to develop an implementation strategy.

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. Mechanical and Electrical (M&E) fit out to all these buildings are well underway. Finishing works such as plastering, painting, raised floors, tiling and carpentry are on-going in the Administration and Welfare Building.

Construction of the Civic Amenity Site office and yard are nearing completion with work ongoing to the M&E fit out of the office and finishing of internal roadways. Work on the Salt Barn's timber cladding almost complete with louvres to upper sections to be fitted shortly. External works and below ground services are nearing completion, with fencing works and works at the access points on-going.

The scheduled completion of construction is currently early 2023. Following construction there will be a period required for furniture and IS fit out. The target is to commence the movement of operations into the NCOD in later March / April subject to no further delays. 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 2022 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 throughout November 2022. A staff travel survey was conducted late last year and analysis of information gathered is due to commence shortly.

Customer Services

From 13th December 2022 to 22nd January 2023, Customer Services

- Answered more than 14,000 calls and sent approximately 2,800 emails
- Logged more than 2,300 Housing Maintenance requests
- Processed 2,300 payments and more than 1,700 Parking Permits

The Reception Desk, Civic Offices continues to be busy, with approximately 1,400 visitors to reception between 13th December and 22nd January.

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.

A new Mystery Shopper programme is finished and the reports and outputs from this will provide opportunities to improve services within the organisation. Two staff members were singled out by the Mystery Shoppers as having provided excellent customer service. New meeting pods have been introduced into the Atrium in Civic Offices on a trial basis to allow for private meeting spaces. These will be available for sections to book on an appointment system and they are being looked at for suitability for built in tablets/screens for on location business to be conducted.

A self-serve kiosk for Voters Registration has also been installed in the Atrium in the Civic Offices. This will allow customers amend and update their details within the Voters Register. A Customer satisfaction kiosk is also being piloted in the Irishtown Leisure Centre with a view to rolling them out in other prominent locations.

2. Human Resources

The total number of employees at 30th September 2022 was 5,897 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5,579.45.

Recruitment Programme 2023

Year	Recruitment campaigns complete/in process
2021	61
2022	104
2023 (YTD)	9

Interviews held/concluded January 2023

- Project Estate Officer
- Foreman Gardener
- Executive technician (Microbiology)
- Area Supervisor – Steel Fabrication / Fleet
- Clerical Officer (Employability)

Campaigns advertised January 2023

- Housing Support Officer
- Exhibitions Curator
- Graduate Service Designer
- Waster enforcement Officer, WERLA
- Inspector (Fitter)
- Executive Engineer Structural
- Sub Officer (Retained) Balbriggan
- Senior Enforcement Officer

The Public Appointments Service have ongoing recruitment campaigns for Senior Engineer, Senior Executive Engineer, Senior Executive Officer, Deputy City Architect, Chief Quantity Surveyor, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer, Assistant Chief Executive, Professional Accountant, Senior Executive Architect.

Law Department

Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/9549/2022	Records - work orders re. construction of concrete base bet. taxi rank and bus halting	Client	01/12/2022	
FOI/9550/2022	Records since 2020 bet. DCC-NBCO and The DoHLG that refer to assessment of quarries	Client	01/12/2022	21/12/2022
FOI/9552/2022	Seeks recruitment information regarding recent firefighter competition	Press	05/12/2022	
FOI/9553/2022	Seeks planning enforcement records	Client	05/12/2022	16/12/2022
FOI/9556/2022	Request records re construction cost analysis carried out by Dr. Ronan Lyons	Press	06/12/2022	
FOI/9557/2022	Seeks records re audit of AHBs	Press	06/12/2022	
FOI/9559/2022	Seeks records re concrete/stone testing	Client	06/12/2022	
FOI/9560/2022	Seeks records re printing contracts	Client	07/12/2022	
FOI/9562/2022	Requests records regarding water drainage on named road	Client	08/12/2022	
FOI/9563/2022	Request planning enforcement file	Other	08/12/2022	
FOI/9566/2022	Records on audits/evaluations on staffing levels in DFB from 2022 or 2021	Press	12/12/2022	
FOI/9568/2022	Seeks records re deaths of individuals accessing homeless services	Client	15/12/2022	
FOI/9569/2022	seeks records re: the most recent homelessness figures were by the 4 local authorities	Client	12/12/2022	
FOI/9570/2022	Records from Road Maintenance and Planning Dept. regarding Dorset Street	Client	13/12/2022	
FOI/9571/2022	Records from NBCO - re market surveillance of construction products produced in Donegal	Business	13/12/2022	
FOI/9573/2022	Seeks records re Dominick Street units.	Client	13/12/2022	
FOI/9576/2022	Requests correspondence bet. DCC & named management company Jan 2020-present	Client	15/12/2022	
FOI/9579/2022	seeks records homeless figures	Press	19/12/2022	
FOI/9580/2022	Seeks records re transfer of apartments at Herberton	Councillor	19/12/2022	
FOI/9581/2022	Seeks records re litter fines	Client	20/12/2022	
FOI/9583/2023	Request records regarding Ballyfermot Civic Centre	Client	22/12/2022	04/01/2023
FOI/9584/2023	Seeks records re: companies contracted to run private emergency accommodation.	Press	22/12/2022	
FOI/9585/2023	Records regarding housing grants	Client	23/12/2022	
FOI/9586/2023	Records regarding HAP Lease agreement	Client	23/12/2022	04/01/2023

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022	679
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022	627