

To the Lord Mayor and  
Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 44/2023  
Report of the Chief Executive



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## Monthly Management Report – March 2023

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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 March 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: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

## **Environment and Transportation Department**

### **Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws**

Bleper continue with their successful operations with over 800 bikes now available for public hire. Bleper's Crumlin suburban hub pilot continues to operate well since its launch in June 2022 and there are plans for further hubs to be set up in 2023. 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. Over 282,000 journeys were made on Bleper bikes in 2022. Bleperbike users cycled over 103,000 hours in 2022 saving the equivalent of over 52 tonnes of carbon. Moby are currently integrating their e-bike fleet to a new App and all e-bikes will return to the streets in Q2 2023. Research is ongoing regarding integration/interoperability options with other mobility/transport services. Bleper 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 2022 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 Bleper 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023, that week's revenue was €387,422.61. For week ending 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the usage of coin in parking meters was €122,643.56 and card payments were €129,755.00.

### **Permit Parking, Pay & Display**

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

Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

Belgrave Avenue, Dublin 6.

Ellesmere Avenue, Dublin 7.

Doon Avenue, Dublin 7.

Ardmore Avenue, Dublin 7.

Glenard Avenue, Dublin 7.

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

Reuben Street, Dublin 8. 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 as 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 licensed 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 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (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 CO<sub>2</sub>e 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.

### **Road Maintenance Services**

Road Maintenance Services proposed Annual Works Programme for 2023 has been drafted and is in the process of being circulated and presented to the Elected Members. During January of 2023 the Division repaired/ made safe almost 400 defects and hazards on the road network.

### **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, 16 of the 28 approved applicants have drawn down their grant funding to a total value of circa €191K. The total funding awarded was circa €500K, and therefore the balance remaining for drawdown is €309K. Due to unforeseen circumstances, two organisations have decided to withdraw their grant aided projects. The remaining 10 beneficiaries have until the 30<sup>th</sup> of April



2023 to complete their projects and draw down their funding. Worth noting is that grant funding not availed of in respect of any Projects Grant Scheme is carried forward and used to fund future Schemes.

The Committee held their first meeting of 2023 on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. At this meeting the members decided that the next Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme will be launched in April 2023 and the quantum available for allocation to eligible projects will be circa €1m.

## **Waste Services Update**

### **Street Grading**

Ongoing IT issues severely hampered the street grading program in January 2023. Replacement tablets have been ordered to address the issue. 59 surveys were undertaken on 59 streets across the six waste management areas. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 71% of streets graded received a Grade A, 20% Grade B, 5% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

| <b>AREA</b>   | <b>No of Streets Graded</b> | <b>No of Surveys</b> | <b>Grade A</b> | <b>Grade B</b> | <b>Grade C</b> | <b>Grade D</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| CENTRAL       | 3                           | 3                    | 1              | 2              |                |                |
| SOUTH EAST    | 10                          | 10                   | 9              | 1              |                |                |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 10                          | 10                   | 9              |                | 1              |                |
| NORTH WEST    | 10                          | 10                   | 6              | 1              | 2              |                |
| CITY CENTRE   | 26                          | 26                   | 17             | 8              |                |                |
| TOTALS        | 59                          | 59                   | 42             | 12             | 3              | 0              |

8 bottle bank surveys were carried out in January 2023. Overall 50% of bottle banks received a Grade A, 38% Grade B, 13% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

| <b>AREA</b>   | <b>No. of Bottle Banks Graded</b> | <b>No of Surveys</b> | <b>Grade A</b> | <b>Grade B</b> | <b>Grade C</b> | <b>Grade D</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 8                                 | 8                    | 4              | 3              | 1              |                |
| TOTALS        |                                   | 8                    | 4              | 3              | 1              | 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.

## **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](http://www.pickerpalsworld.org).

The Relove Fashion Competition 2022-23 is now in the final stages. 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 judging process has begun and the grand final of the competition will take place in March 2023 at the Rediscovery Centre. Please visit [www.relovetofashion.ie](http://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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and the deadline for schools renewing their Green Flag is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Waste Management staff will visit schools renewing their flag during February and March to complete the Green-Schools assessment visits. For further information, please contact [greenschools@dublincity.ie](mailto:greenschools@dublincity.ie)

## **Rubbish Film Festival**

Dublin City Council will pilot the Rubbish Film Festival for the 2022/23 academic year. DCC has partnered with Createschool and 5 other local authorities on this project. 15 DCC secondary schools have been invited to submit a short 'One minute Film' focussing on litter prevention and responsible consumption before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. 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 Competition 2023**

Preparations are in place for the 2023 competition. This year the theme is Zero Waste and we are asking the entrants to include details with their entry of how they manage their waste. Application forms will be available by end of March and will be forwarded to the Area Offices in order to distribute to their Residents Associations/Tidy Towns Groups/ Environmental Groups etc.

#### **IPB Pride of Place 2022**

Dublin City Council hosted a very successful IPB Pride of Place Awards Gala Dinner in the Clayton Hotel on the 21 January. The awards were organised by the Litter Prevention Office, together with staff from Waste management Services and attended by 500 people.

Pride of Place is an All-Island competition whereby Local Authorities nominate groups in their communities who they feel have made a significant contribution to improve their neighbourhood working collectively. Established to promote and celebrate the best in

community development, the awards recognise the selfless efforts of people in making their neighbourhoods better places to live, work and socialise.

2 of the groups that were entered by DCC were winners in their category while one group received a Special Prize.

- Dublin 7 Community Alliance. Winner in the category – Community Resilience.
- Raheny Tidy Village Group – Winner in their category – Urban Neighbourhood – Population Over 5,000
- Inchicore Environmental Group – Special Prize - Urban Neighbourhood – Population Over 5,000

IPB Pride of Place Awards 2023 – Arrangements are being made to select groups for nomination to this year's competition.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 each 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 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](http://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 is available on our website, ([2022 Bathing Season Summary](#)). The report provides an overview of water quality assessments, bathing warnings and communications received during the season.

## **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 and are 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 June 2023 following the successful ones in June 2022.
- 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.
- Currently further wintering bird and building threshold surveys are underway. A large Site Investigation tender is being evaluated for both Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council area of the Camac catchment.
- Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website [www.camacfas.ie](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. Subsequently meetings have been held with DECC and Cork City.

To support the development of our revised climate action plan to meet National Statutory requirements and the goals of the EU Mission, a review of the current CCAP is under way.

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 a first draft has been shared with key stakeholders.

DCC's Public Sector Innovation Funded research project Climate Resilient Housing was launched on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>. The launch was attended by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and Minister of State Ossian Smyth. It was well attended with over 40 people. A presentation was made by the IES Team detailing the digital twin and dashboard. This was followed by a discussion and a tour of one of the de-tenanted units. The report is available here:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2023-02/Climate-Resilient-Housing-Report.pdf>

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 transport, nature-based solutions and 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 actions is underway. Representatives from Seoul visited Dublin from February 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. During this visit the Urban Cooperation Action Plan was drafted and one action has been completed. An MOU was signed between the respective transport departments at the Welcome Dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Action in the UCAP are focused on greening our respective cities to improve the environment for walking and cycling.

On Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, together with the school zones team we launched Pawfficer JoJo's Getting to School Guide for Pupils and Parents. The launch was held at St Audoen's National School with the Lord Mayor of Dublin Caroline Conroy and children from the school. This project was made possible with funding from Creative Ireland. DCC engaged illustrator Aileen

Crossley to produce a colourful booklet 'Pawfficer JoJo', for school children and their parents to encourage them to walk, cycle, scoot or wheel to school, and to learn about the school zone programme.

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.

The Climate Campaigners 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 Councillors and city staff to download the app and share via social media the challenges they are undertaking to reduce their emissions. For the next year, our focus will be on increasing the uptake of the app through events, and incentives such as a rewards system. The rewards system is being developed with project partners.

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 Office of Government Procurement has published the tender and the mini competition will close on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

### **Climate Action Regional Office**

A Senior Executive Professional is to join Dublin CARO at the end of March 2023.

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. LASNTG are running further training programmes on Climate Action Training for Local Authority Staff in April, June and November 2023. 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 28<sup>th</sup> November and was attended by all four Dublin local authority teams and Codema. Training workshops for Local Authority Climate Action have been scheduled for March 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 Línite na Farráige Project was formally launched in Galway on 29<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.rte.ie/news/regional/2022/0929/1326108-galway-lights-storms/)).

A second installation was launched in Wexford town on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

The final installation will be launched at the Martello Tower in Blackrock Park, Co. Dublin on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023. This art installation consists of a solar powered horizontal LED line of light, showing the future risks of rising seas and storm surges, in the year 2100 and under a high-risk scenario, where ice loss from Antarctica is greater than expected. The installation is based on future predictions from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report AR6, and historic storm surge [www.lintenafarraige.com](http://www.lintenafarraige.com)

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

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 organised the first in a series of climate action site visits scheduled for 2023 for climate action teams.

The first site visit on 08.02.2023 was to view work being undertaken by Bord na Móna at the Mount Lucas Wind Farm in rehabilitating and restoring peatland. Bogs are also important carbon stores and the visit showed and explained carbon monitoring work undergoing as part of the restoration and rehabilitation work. Members from other climate actions teams and CARO Regional Offices were also in attendance.

Dublin CARO attended SEAI's Public Sector Energy Conference on 09.02.2023 in the Helix, DCU, Dublin.

Further updates from the CARO team and events are posted regularly on [www.caro.ie](http://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](http://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 took place on 14 February in the Mansion House. A Hackathon will be held from 24-26 February to enable a wide range of stakeholders to explore the data in detail and consider innovative ways to put it to use – see <https://airqualitydatahack.com/>

### **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 been completed on the Front Of School 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. The works consist of wooden timber fencing on green verges to prevent illegal parking , pencil shaped bollards and lighthouse bollards on the footpaths around the schools to prevent illegal parking , speed ramps, buildouts on the corners and remediation of the school warden crossing. Information on the design for the front of school treatment and how school communities can support School Zones was posted on the Citizen Space.[Proposed Front-of-School Works at Assumption Schools on Walkinstown Parade and Kilnamamagh Road - Dublin City Council - Citizen Space](#) Posters detailing the works were put on public display at the schools. Schools are being advised to

continue to encourage parents and guardians not to enter the demarcated School Zone at school times. The cycle lane on the Long Mile Road outside the Drimnagh Castle Schools has received protected bollards. Any resulting traffic related issues are being referred to community Gardaí in Crumlin. They have agreed to support all of the new works outside these 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. Competitions for Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers are in progress and we anticipate that we will be able to draw on the resulting panels. Furthermore, an additional Walking and Cycling Officer is due to commence duties at the end of March.

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 four projects during the month. These are Clontarf to City Centre, Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3, 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 February major traffic management measures were in place during weekends at the Malahide Road and Howth Road Junctions, this will continue for the next few months at various locations. Works on the limestone sea wall along North Strand also commenced in January 2023 and are nearly complete. As works between Buckingham Street and Five Lamps junction are nearing completion on the Amiens Street inbound footway, cycletrack and bus lane works swapped to the outbound side of Amiens Street in early February 2023.

A number of weekend works were scheduled during January and February 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. At present it is the intention to complete inbound works through Fairview between Fairview Strand and Malahide road, and switch to the outbound side mid-March, the remaining sections will switch in May.

A C2CC Consultative Forum which includes local Councillors, and representatives from residents and businesses was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Carleton Hall in Marino. The next meeting is proposed for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 commenced on site on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. The scheme will take two years to complete.

The construction contract has been awarded to Jons Civil Engineering Limited whom has started with some site investigations along the tow path between Summerhill and Drumcondra road. Necessary tree felling to facilitate the works along the tow path between Phibsborough and Drumcondra Road, started with that section of the tow path closure on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, and associated drawings were sent to local elected representatives and uploaded on our updated webpage. The Contractor is intending to use Portland Place Park

to facilitate a portion of the works, the intention is to refurbish the park when the Contractor hands it back. An information meeting on the scheme for the Elected Members of the Central Area was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of January. During January, 4,500 Project Information Leaflets were distributed to local businesses and residents, and a dedicated webpage for the project was also launched and regular updates on the project will be available at [www.dublincity.ie/RCGP3](http://www.dublincity.ie/RCGP3).

A sod turning ceremony hosted by the Lord Mayor was held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of February, where local and national elected representatives attended, including national media, the Contractor, the Designer, and DCC's team. Information afternoons are also being planned to take place in the Phibsborough and Charleville Mall libraries for March.

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 27<sup>th</sup> of February, which includes working through four late nights, to complete the four corners of the junction. Phase 2 works have started on the 13<sup>th</sup> February at Clogher Road Junction and the plan during the Easter break is to move works to the Aughavanagh Rd, to coordinate with the local school break.

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 Angelsey Bridge.

The removal of invasive species (Japanese Knotweed) continued in January in addition to groundworks adjacent the River Dodder. Piling works commenced on site in February 2023, and will continue into March. Two access points have been installed to the site, one at the Eglinton Terrace adjacent Herbert Park, and another at Donnybrook Road adjacent Angelsey Bridge. Concrete works for the retaining / flood defence works have started, along with some drainage works.

#### Interim / Rapid Build Walking & Cycling Schemes

Currently there are fifteen interim /rapid build schemes being progressed. These are in various stages of progression and are proposed to be installed on the ground in 2023. **Eight of these these have gone to public consultation.** Seven have now closed for submissions and the Public Consultation reports are being prepared. Engagement of Consultants are to be made for some schemes to develop the designs where required.

- Suir Road to Thomas Street  
The draft Public Consultation Report is being reviewed by the Planning Department. Installation of the scheme is planned to commence in Q2 2023.

- Merrion Street Upper, Merrion Square West, Merrion Street Lower  
City Architects are preparing concept designs for a scheme that will incorporate a public realm and this will support the further engagement with stakeholders.
- North Circular Road ( from Dorset St Lwr to Amiens St)
- Hanlon's Corner Junction Upgrade  
A Public Information Session was held on the 25th Jan, 2023.
- Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd
- Howth Rd, from Station Rd to James Larkin Rd ( Raheny to Kilbarrack)
- Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Rd.

### **Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street**

This scheme went to public consultation on 30th January, 2023. The scheme designs are now published on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation and the closing date for submissions is 28th February, 2023. Over 19,000 information leaflets have been distributed in the local area and a Public Information Event was held on the 7th February, 2023 at the Charlemont Community Centre, D2.

More information can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/sc2c/>

### **Trinity to Ballsbridge**

This scheme designs will be published on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub in early March 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 March 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. The next meeting of the Dodder Steering Group, comprising officials and Members of DLRCC and SDCC and DCC, is scheduled for 7th March. Public consultation is to commence in Q1 2023.

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

- Parnell Street to College Green
- Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybil Hill Road & Vernon Avenue
- Grand Canal to Lincoln Place
- 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 February are as follows;

- The **Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street** Walking and Cycle scheme went to non-statutory public consultation on 30<sup>th</sup> January. The designs for the permanent scheme have been published on the Dublin City Council consultation hub and the closing date for submissions is 28<sup>th</sup> February. Over 19,000 information leaflets were distributed in the local area and a Public Information Event was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February at the Charlemont Community Centre, Dublin 2. Subsequently, a meeting was held with the Ranelagh Business Association on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

More information can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/sc2c/>

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. In advance of the Part VIII submission an Otter derogation Licence application was submitted to the National Parks and Wildlife Service in Feb 2023. A Ground Investigation contractor was appointed in December with works



expected to commence in Q1 2023. A contractor has also been appointed to carry out kerbline 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 Q3 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 5.0km 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 finalised 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 task outstanding for this phase is the Strategic Assessment Report. This is expected to be complete in Q1 2023.
- The route option selection and design work commenced for the **Santry Greenway** in July 2022 and is expected to be completed within a 24 month period. A series of public engagement events were held with the local communities and elected representatives in September and October 2022.
- 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 SAR.
- The **Rathmines to Milltown Scheme** is currently in the Concept Development and Options Selection Phase. DBFL and Mobycon have developed design options which



are to be presented to internal DCC stakeholders by the end of March, followed by consultation with Councillors and external stakeholders.

### **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.

## Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

### Projects at Design Stage

|    | Project   | Funding Agency     | Designer  | Comments  |
|----|---|--------------------|---|---|
| 1  | College Green<br>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. The tender submissions for the first stage are currently being assessed.  |
| 2. | Grafton Street<br>Quarter Phase 5<br>– Duke Street /<br>South Anne<br>Street Area   | DCC                | DCC   | The Part 8 application was submitted on the 6 <sup>th</sup> December and the public consultation period closed on 25 <sup>th</sup> January. The project team will present to the SEAC on 13 <sup>th</sup> March.  |
| 3. | Grafton Street<br>Quarter Phase 6<br>– Suffolk Street                               | DCC                | DCC   | This project has not progressed while waiting to resolve cycling and outdoor dining issues.   |
| 4. | Cathal Brugha<br>Street/Findlater<br>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<br>TA | Roughan &<br>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<br>Bridge  | DCC                | RPS/COWI  | The project 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. The preliminary report has been presented to Irish Rail and the NTA for review with respect to the interactions with future DART Underground plans. The project plans will be reviewed once feedback has been received on the report. |
| 7. | Point Pedestrian<br>& Cycling Bridge<br>and Tom Clarke<br>Bridge Widening<br>works. | DCC/NTA            | Roughan &<br>O'Donovan<br>Consulting<br>Engineers Ltd &<br>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.   |

## Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

### Projects at Design Stage – Continued

|     | Project                                     | Funding Agency | Designer  | Comments  |
|-----|---|----------------|---|---|
| 8.  | Temple Bar Square Refurbishment             | DCC            | DCC   | The Tender Assessment Report has been completed. 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<br>Clifton Scannell<br>Emerson & Associates<br>Engineers | Via Mercanti Ltd, trading as Cairn Construction commenced works on site 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023   |
| 11. | Castle Street /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme | DCC            | DCC   | This project was not included in the Capital Programme 2022-24.   |
| 12. | Poddle Flood Alleviation Project            | SDCC/DCC/ OPW  | Nicholas O'Dwyer  | Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October. New Environmental data on public display from 19 <sup>th</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 in DCC and SDCC. A response from ABP still awaited.  |
| 13. | Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2           | DCC/SDCC/OPW   | AECO  | New Environmental and topographical surveys are ongoing. Computer flood modelling of catchment scenarios ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.camacfas.ie">www.camacfas.ie</a> 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. |

## Projects at Design Stage – Continued

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| 14. | Dodder Phase 3<br>Clonskeagh<br>Orwell Bridge             | DCC/DLRCC/OP<br>W | Byrne Looby  | Environmental and topographical survey's completed. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home">www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home</a> . 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 April 2023.   |
| 15. | Mary's Street<br>Pedestrianisation                        | DCC               | DHB Architects<br>Clifton Scannell<br>Emerson &<br>Associates<br>Engineers | Integrated Design Team appointed, preliminary design options being developed. Internal consultation continuing. External consultation to resume following lifting of restrictions.   |
| 16. | Culvert<br>Improvement<br>Works – Screen<br>Upgrade Works | DCC               | Tobin<br>Consulting<br>Engineers<br>(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<br>Alleviation<br>Scheme                  | DCC               | Nicholas<br>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 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022. Significant further environmental information submitted. New observation period closed on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 for Clontarf Promenade outlet. Awaiting ABP response. |
| 18. | Traffic Works –<br>Package 8.                             | NTA               | DBFL / Atkins  | Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.  |
| 19. | Point Junction<br>Upgrade                                 | DCC/NTA           | Arup   | For information, the non-statutory consultation for the Point Junction Upgrade is now in live on our Consultation Webpage –<br><a href="https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/point-junction-improvement-works">https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/point-junction-improvement-works</a>   |

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| 20. | Green Infrastructure Pilot Project        | DCC     | McCloy's | <p>Consultants are appointed to prepare a detailed design for 9 pilot sites adjacent to the Dodder and Santry Rivers. The purpose is to introduce effective surface water management</p> <p>Infrastructure to support biodiversity and meeting our EU Water Framework Directive objectives. Design work has commenced on this project.</p>   |
| 21. | Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension | DCC/ IW | JBB      | <p>This will see the current storm water overflow being channelled from the confined Grand Canal Dock and discharged into the River Liffey. This will improve water quality in the Grand Canal Dock and enhance the amenity &amp; recreational value of the area. A planning application including EIAR was submitted to ABP in June 2022. A decision was originally expected at the end of November but this has not yet arrived. The consultant's appointment may be extended, subject to agreement on fees, to cover detailed design and procurement of a contractor.</p> |

## Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

### Projects at Construction Stage

| # | Scheme Name                              | Client      | Contractor                                  | Start Date | End Date   | Comment  |
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| 1 | Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2. | ARUP<br>DCC | OPW   | Aug 2007   | Sept 2023  | Substantially completed. 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   | Jun 2023   | Works are continuing on the new surface and foul drainage and public lighting networks within Sillogue Gardens. The internal footpaths and parking areas are also under construction.  |
| 4 | Francis Street Improvement Scheme        | DCC         | KN Circet                                   | Oct 2020   | April 2023 | Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.   |
| 5 | Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue   | DCC         | Coffey Construction Ltd.                    | Oct 2021   | April 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 | 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November last, and came into effect on 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

| Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC | Progress in Previous Quarter   | Next Stage  |
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| <b>Development Plan 2022-2028</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan took effect from the 14<sup>th</sup> December.</li> <li>4 confirmed applications for judicial review</li> </ul>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence implementation of policies and objectives of Plan.</li> <li>Respond to any legal challenges.</li> </ol>   |
| <b>Ballymun LAP</b>                                  | <p>M50 Lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31<sup>st</sup> May 21 – awaiting decision.</li> <li>Depot construction near completion.</li> <li>May 2022 DCC submission made on Fingal County Council Draft Development Plan seeking rezoning from HT to ME for sites 27 &amp; 28. FCC CE report recommends rezoning in line with changes sought.</li> </ul> <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silloque Avenue link road opened. Work on Sillogue Gardens upgrade, continues on-site.</li> <li>Agreed with City Engineer to progress design of Carton Terrace/ Balbutcher Lane realignment to enable Bus Connects and housing site.</li> </ul> <p>Commercial/ Main Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 1: Investigation works commissioned by parks dept. re excessive ponding preventing temporary uses on site.</li> <li>Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date.</li> <li>Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date.</li> </ul> <p>Parks/ Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Farm: Masterplan exercise carried out for site 14, identifying 0.5ha for possible farm use. Presented proposal to councillors Jan 2023.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fingal Dev Plan at Stage 3 Material amendments stage. (final Council meeting scheduled for no later than 24 Feb 2023)</li> </ul> <p>Infrastructure:</p> <p>Silloque Gardens work due for completion end Q1 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring option to deliver Carton Terrace road as part of PPP housing site.</li> </ul> <p>Commercial/ Main St:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 1: Soft launch for expression of interest of site 1B to progress.</li> <li>Site 26, Enterprise, to be offered to the market.</li> <li>Plaza: On Parks capital programme for 2023/25.</li> </ul> <p>Parks/open space</p> <p>City Farm: response letter to be issued to City Farm group.</p> |

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|                                       | <p>Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: (Ref. 3926/22). Planning granted Sept 2022 (93 no. units)</li> <li>• Sites 5 &amp; 15-18: approval in principal for PPP bundle No. 4, April 22.</li> <li>• Sites 12 &amp; 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: pre-part 8 circulated April 22, revised Nov/Dec 2022.</li> <li>• Site 21: O'Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. DCC submitted affordable housing subvention application.</li> <li>• 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) FI requested.</li> <li>• Site at Carton: Being examined for a PPP bundle 7.</li> <li>• Site 19: O'Cualann. Planning submitted, on FI.</li> <li>• Site 6: Proposed Cost rental site.</li> <li>• Sites 11 &amp; 13: Expressions of interest (EOI) issued to AHB Protocol, 17 Jan 2023.</li> </ul> | <p>Housing:</p> <p>Site 10. Gone to tender, tender closes end March 2023.</p> <p>Sites 5, 15-18: Design team appointed and meetings with Depts to commence mid March</p> <p>Sites 12 &amp; 14: (part) to be submitted for planning early 2023.</p> <p>Site 21: expected on site 2023.</p> <p>Site 25: Phase 2 (44 houses &amp; crèche) Further Information to be submitted. Taking in charge of Parkview ongoing.</p> <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 &amp; 8: Issue of 2-storey housing on site to be resolved. DCC liaising with AHBs.</p> <p>Site 6: new location for allotments needed for site to progress.</p> <p>Site 8: DCC preparing expressions of Interest.</p> <p>Site 9: DCC working with Empower the Family</p> <p>Sites 11 &amp; 13: awaiting feedback from EOI.</p> |
| <b>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site 1: Affordable Housing Part 8 approved Oct 2022 (172 no. dwellings). Application made for the Affordable Housing Fund.</li> <li>• Site 2: PPP design team in place. Crèche preparing planning drawings for extension to include new land take.</li> <li>• Site 4 &amp; 5: LDA have commenced engagement with DCC on these sites.</li> <li>• Site 6, 7 &amp; 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.</li> <li>• Cherry Orchard Park: DCC Parks are engaging with Implementation team on redesign for park.</li> <li>• Site 3B: update: CDETB re St. Oliver's Training Centre to remain on site.</li> </ul>   | <p>Site 1: Part 8 for the road to progress 2023. To go for tender for design &amp; build 2023.</p> <p>Site 2: Need to agree on stream deculvert requirements to inform design team.</p> <p>Site 4 &amp; 5: LDA design ongoing in consultation with DCC.</p> <p>Site 6: Not yet on site</p> <p>Cherry Orchard Park: Design ongoing.</p> <p>DES timeline for new school to be sought.</p>  |



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| <b>Clongriffin-Belmayne LAP</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019.</li> <li>DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library.</li> </ul>   | LIHAF and NTA funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently on site. Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.  |
| <b>Finglas</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luas: Finglas LUAS TII EIA scoping request completed, June 22.</li> <li>Jamestown: Variation No.33 incl. SDRA for Jamestown, adopted 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.<br/>10 November 2022 – Landowner briefing held<br/>11 November 2022 – Councillor briefing held.</li> <li>Jamestown Masterplan.<br/>Finalisation of Key Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Street hierarchy.</li> <li>ii. Luas Finglas interface.</li> <li>iii. School Site.</li> <li>iv. Open space &amp; green infrastructure.</li> <li>v. Community facilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>February – SEA/AA screening issued to environmental authorities.</li> </ul> | <p>On-going engagement with TII on Finglas Luas</p> <p>DCC to collate all Masterplan information and finalise.<br/>DES sign off on school site.<br/>Meetings to be held with EMRA &amp; FCC.<br/>JR of ABP SHD permission for Jamestown Village lodged.</p> <p>March - design freeze<br/>Briefings TBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landowners.</li> <li>Councillors.</li> </ul> </p> <p>April - Non statutory public consultation<br/>May Masterplan – noted.</p> |
| <b>North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, decision to refer back to ABP, which is now reconsidering the heights amendment application.</li> <li>Further to recent DOCF meeting, separate meeting to be held in relation to developments in the wider Docklands area.</li> <li>Application for changes to 3 permitted commercial buildings in City Block 9. AI requested on SDZ and technical matters</li> <li>Current application for amendments to residential scheme at City Block 3.</li> <li>Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum.</li> </ul>   | <p>Await outcome of process.</p> <p>Date tbc</p> <p>Await response</p> <p>Decision due 17 February</p> <p>Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February</p>   |
| <b>Poolbeg West SDZ</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 2; Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme (PWSDZ4058/22).</li> <li>Phase A; Mixed use scheme fronting Sth Bank Road.</li> <li>Application by ESB for demolition of large fuel storage tanks and construction of Gas turbine and related</li> <li>Ongoing pre-application discussions.</li> </ul>  | <p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Decision due March</p> <p>Continuing</p>   |
| <b>City Edge</b>                            | Strategic Framework – 26 actions noted by DCC/SDCC elected members.  | Extensions of consultants brief.  |
| <b>Public Realm</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Anne St/ Duke St/ Lemon St Part 8 was lodged December 6th and consultations can</li> </ul>  | Pending Part 8 to Council   |

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|  | <p>be submitted at <a href="https://consultation.dublincity.ie/housing/duke-st-anne-st-sth-part-8/">https://consultation.dublincity.ie/housing/duke-st-anne-st-sth-part-8/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Francis Street Scheme will be at substantial complete in April. Greening and trees complete public lighting being installed currently..</li> <li>Liffey St Project on site and proceeding with infrastructure and utility upgrades in first phase</li> <li>Temple Bar Square construction tender being evaluated with view to Award March 2023.</li> <li>Cathal Burgha Street investigations complete and temporary surface applied. Stakeholder engagement carried out and engagement with other agencies with infrastructure in the area. Outline design commenced.</li> </ul> | <p>Detailed Design and procurement of contractor.</p> <p>Projected completion early 2023.</p> <p>Award Construction Tender</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement. This will advance to Part 8 in 2023</p>   |
| <b>Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract for design services to be assigned for conservation and refurbishment. Survey work commenced.</li> <li>Living History Project ran over two weekends engaged with local residents and Ex traders, further interviews to be carried out</li> <li>Other meanwhile uses identified for first half of 2023 and going through feasibility. Currently confirmed Latino festival Feb 24/25 St Patricks Festival March 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>   | <p>Design commences. A range of meanwhile uses are agreed. The next meeting of the Members Advisory Group will be April 2023.</p>   |
| <b>Urban Regeneration and Development Fund</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary Business Cases (PBC) for both North and South Concept Areas submitted to the DHLGH in December 2022</li> <li>DHLGH meeting 27 January 2023.</li> </ul>  | <p>In compliance with the Public Spending Code (PSC), both PBCs will be subject to an external review through the Dept. of Public Expenditure &amp; Reform before progressing to the next PSC decision date of Final Business Case (which will include design, procurement strategy and tendering).</p> |
| <b>Draft NTA Strategy for GDA</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public consultation period ended.</li> <li>Observations from DCC submitted to NTA.</li> </ul>   | <p>Await Final NTA Strategy</p>   |
| <b>Dart Upgrades</b>   | <p><b>DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DCC Report submitted to ABP on Rail Order.</li> </ul>   | <p>Await outcome</p>  |
|  | <p><b>DART +SOUTH WEST</b></p> <p>Previous discussions with Irish Rail.</p>  |   |
|  | <p><b>DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line)</b></p>  | <p>Await further from Irish Rail re preferred option.</p>   |

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|                       | Non-statutory consultation on Emerging Preferred Option ended in April and DCC corporate response issued.  |   |
|                       | <b>DART + Coastal SOUTH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings held re approach to level crossings</li> </ul>   | Further meetings expected   |
| <b>Metrolink</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 October 2022 Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. .</li> <li>DCC submission sent to Board on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023</li> </ul>   | Await ABP Decision.   |
| <b>BusConnects</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBC 1 Clongriffin to City Centre.</li> <li>CBC 2 Belfield to Blackrock.</li> <li>CBC 3 Blanchardstown to City Centre.</li> <li>CBC 4 Liffey Valley to City Centre.</li> <li>CBC 5 Ballymun to City Centre.</li> <li>CBC 6 Lucan to City Centre</li> </ul> | <p>CBC 1 to 5 - DCC Corporate response issued to An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>DCC corporate submission due January 2023.</p>  |
| <b>Finglas LUAS</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option. Comments issued on preferred route 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.</li> </ul>  | <p>Monthly preliminary/planning meetings on going.</p> <p>Lodgement of Railway Order Q2 2023.</p>   |
| <b>Gulistan Depot</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masterplan agreed &amp; design process commenced.</li> <li>Latest design iterations presented to the Area Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Proposals on display in Rathmines Library Nov 22-25<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>                         | <p>Consultation with Clúid (AHB) ongoing.</p> <p>Update Masterplan issued to Housing Department and being incorporated into the design of the Cluid residential scheme on southern part of site.</p> <p>HSE to submit planning application for Primary Care Centre.</p> |

## 1. Departmental Priority

| Major Current Issues                              | Progress in Previous Quarter  | Next Stage  |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
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| Active Land Management<br>Derelict Sites Register | <p><b>Compulsory Acquisitions</b></p> <p>2 Ranelagh, D6<br/>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.</p> <p>162-165 James’s Street D8<br/>A Notice of Intention to Acquire compulsorily the above derelict site was made on 23/08/2022.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>14 Lorcan Crescent, Santry, D9<br/>Notice of Intention to Acquire compulsorily was served on 16/12/22. The last day for objections was 27th January 2023.</p> <p>8 Ferguson Road, Drumcondra, D9<br/>Acquired compulsorily by the Council pursuant to the Derelict Sites Act 1990. Arbitration hearing scheduled for 07/02/2023 to determine compensation to the former owner.</p>   | <p>2 Ranelagh, D6<br/>Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanala.</p> <p>162-165 James’s St. D8<br/>The sale closed in February.</p> <p>14 Lorcan Crescent, Santry, Dublin 9<br/>No objection received to the compulsory acquisition, arrangements will now be made to vest the site in the Council.</p> <p>8 Ferguson Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9<br/>A Settlement Agreement was reached with the former owner prior to the arbitration hearing.</p> |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
| Vacant Sites Register                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to <b><u>206 sites</u></b>.</li><li>• Notices of Entry have issued in relation to <b><u>138 sites</u></b>.</li><li>• <b><u>161</u></b> submissions have been received to date.</li><li>• <b><u>42</u></b> sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register as of (16/02/2023). <b><u>13</u></b> of which are in City Council ownership.</li></ul> <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>€677,700</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"><b>Total Demanded: €2,983,650</b></td></tr></table><br><table><tr><th colspan="2">2019 Demands</th></tr><tr><td>Paid</td><td>€677,600</td></tr><tr><td>Cancelled</td><td>€1,948,100</td></tr><tr><td>Outstanding</td><td>€3,624,600</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"><b>Total Demanded: €6,250,300</b></td></tr></table> | 2018 Demands  |  | Paid | €649,350 | Cancelled | €1,723,050 | Refunded | -€66,450 | Outstanding | €677,700 | <b>Total Demanded: €2,983,650</b> |  | 2019 Demands |  | Paid | €677,600 | Cancelled | €1,948,100 | Outstanding | €3,624,600 | <b>Total Demanded: €6,250,300</b> |  | <p>Residential Zoned Land Tax: Replies to Further Information request Letters have been received and the Planning Section is currently reviewing submissions - a formal determination on all landowner submissions will be made by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.</p> <p>(VS-0002) VSL Demands issued for 2018 and 2019 for €48,000 and €112,000 respectively, following a review of the file and advice from the Law Department that the Levies applied due to the fact that the Statutory Notices were validly served and not appealed by the owner.</p> |
| 2018 Demands                                      |   |   |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
| Paid  | €649,350  |   |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
| Cancelled   | €1,723,050  |   |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
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| Outstanding                                       | €677,700  |   |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
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| 2019 Demands                                      |   |   |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
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| Cancelled   | €1,948,100  |   |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
| Outstanding                                       | €3,624,600  |   |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |
| <b>Total Demanded: €6,250,300</b>                 |   |   |  |      |          |           |            |          |          |             |          |                                   |  |              |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                                   |  |  |

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| Outstanding                 | €8,193,500   |  |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                             |  |   |
| Total Demanded: €10,828,300 |  |  |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                             |  |   |
| Strategic Acquisitions      | <p>Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021<br/>CPO made on 17/06/21 and submitted to ABP for approval. Three objections notified by APB<br/>All three objections withdrawn at Oral Hearing held on 25/01/2023</p> <p>11- 14 Exchange Street Lower &amp; 11 Essex Street West Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development), Order 2022.</p> <p>Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street Area Compulsory (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2019.<br/>The Council has full possession of the site.<br/>Housing &amp; Community Services intend developing the site.</p> <p>Werburgh Street CPO<br/>Project Steering Group formed with OPW to progress the CPO.</p> | <p><b>Abbey Street CPO</b><br/>ABP informed the Council on 02/02 2023 that it could confirm the CPO; it was confirmed on 7/02/2023.</p> <p>A Public Notice of the confirmation of the CPO is due to be published on 23/02/2023 and the CPO will become operative 3 weeks from that date.</p> <p>Report to be brought to City Council on terms of disposal to Abbey Theatre.</p> <p><b>Exchange Street CPO</b><br/>Last date for objections was 10/01/2023. One objection notified by APB.<br/>Decision Awaited from ABP.</p> |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                             |  |   |
| City Valuers                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engagement with Dept. of Justice re lease of Coroner's Court building at Store street.</li><li>• Work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Relocation of Marckievicz Leisure Centre – Negotiations with TII.</li><li>• Instructions/maps etc., received for Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects route – DCC properties affected.</li><li>• Engagement with OPW re disposal of site at Belcamp for new Garda Station including acquisition of Coolock Garda Station.</li><li>• Preparation of Disposal Brief for site at Main Street Chapelizod.</li><li>• Engagement with claimant re Derelict Site at Richmond Avenue.</li><li>• Negotiations on move of Ballymun Kickhams to Ballymun Central.</li></ul>  | <p>Report being prepared, negotiations to commence.</p> <p>Try to progress with TII but no Railway Order.</p> <p>Valuations being prepared.</p> <p>Engage with OPW.</p> <p>Draft brief to be completed</p> <p>Agree compensation</p> <p>Agree terms for lease.</p>   |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                             |  |   |
| Building Control            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proactive policy of inspection of construction sites in place.</li><li>• Standards enforced where necessary</li></ul>  |  |  |      |          |           |            |             |            |                             |  |   |

## 2. Departmental Projects

| Project   | Progress in Previous Quarter  | Next Stage   |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
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| <b>Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 &amp; Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023</b> | <p><i>The Conservation Section administers the BHIS &amp; HSF schemes for buildings that are either on the Record of Protected Structures or within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs).</i></p> <p>Full details of both schemes, which are funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), are available on the Dublin City Council Website.</p>   |  |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
| <b>BHIS</b>   | <p><b>DCC Conservation section received an allocation of €492,800</b> from the Department of Housing Local Government &amp; Heritage <b>under this year's BHIS Scheme.</b></p> <p><b>A total of 78 BHIS applications were received by the closing date of 13<sup>th</sup> January, Following an assessment process, 64 projects have been recommended to the Department for funding – 1</b> of which is under the minor repairs grant scheme. An additional application was received after the deadline and has been placed on a waiting list.</p>  | <b>Notification from DHLGH of provisional approval and letters of offer to successful applicants</b> |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
| <b>HSF</b>  | <p>A total of 20 applications were received by the closing date of 13<sup>th</sup> January. 7 proposed projects have been forwarded to DHLGH for approval.</p> <table><tr><td>Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1</td><td><b>€200,</b></td></tr><tr><td>Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3</td><td><b>€200,</b></td></tr><tr><td>26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2</td><td><b>€50,</b></td></tr><tr><td>20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2</td><td><b>€50,</b></td></tr><tr><td>109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8</td><td><b>€50,</b></td></tr><tr><td>Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1</td><td><b>€50,</b></td></tr><tr><td>Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7</td><td><b>€30,</b></td></tr></table> <p>55 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 was originally granted HSF funding of <b>€50,000</b> in 2021 which has been carried forward with DHLGH approval into 2022 and then 2023, due to issues with owner tendering and contractor availability.</p> <p>34 Main St, Chapelizod, Dublin 20 was granted HSF funding of <b>€50,000</b> in 2022 which has been carried forward into 2023 with DHLGH approval.</p> <p>37 Thomas Court, Dublin 8 was granted HSF funding of <b>€100,000</b> in 2022; <b>€93,800</b> of which has been carried forward into 2023 with DHLGH approval.</p> | Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1                          | <b>€200,</b> | Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3 | <b>€200,</b> | 26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2 | <b>€50,</b> | 20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2 | <b>€50,</b> | 109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8 | <b>€50,</b> | Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1 | <b>€50,</b> | Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7 | <b>€30,</b> | <b>Notification from DHLGH of provisional approval and letters of offer to successful applicants</b> |
| Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1                   | <b>€200,</b>  |  |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
| Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3   | <b>€200,</b>  |  |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
| 26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2   | <b>€50,</b>   |  |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
| 20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2   | <b>€50,</b>   |  |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
| 109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8  | <b>€50,</b>   |  |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
| Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1  | <b>€50,</b>   |  |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |
| Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7  | <b>€30,</b>   |  |              |                                       |              |   |             |                               |             |  |             |  |             |                                    |             |  |

**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**

Interim Arts Plan and Arts Grants Review presented at February SPC Tender process for Arts Infrastructure conference.

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

A new **national public library strategy** will be launched in March. The new strategy will be the successor to '*Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities*' which has overseen much progress in the public library service in Ireland over the past 5 years.

### **Departmental Priority**

**Capital Application to the Department of** Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to be lodged in February.

Planning permission granted for part of Artane Place Artists Workspaces.

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. Please see below update on current significant projects and realistic timeframes for development and delivery.

**Economic Development & Enterprise SPC** The next meeting of the Committee will be held on the 25/04/23 with pre SPC meeting arranged for the 12/04/23.

**Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024** 20 of the 26 actions will be led/supported by DCC individually or in collaboration with other stakeholders.

**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.

**Dublin Circular Economy Hotspot 2023** DCC will support the Circular Economy Hotspot running between 29/05 & 01/06/23. The Rediscovery Centre will lead the event with support from the EDO on the steering committee.

**Dublin Belfast Circular Economy Capital Expenditure Feasibility Shared Island Funding** DCC/Belfast City Council have commenced working on implementing the feasibility study.

**Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2023:** 14 applications approved to a value of €28,845.  
**Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals 2023:** 10 grants were approved to the value of €103,350 supporting the creation of 10 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year.

**Mentoring:** 103 hours of mentoring completed 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan '23. Annual target 1,000 hours.

**Training:** 300 participants & 12 courses delivered 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan '23. Annual target 3,000 hours.

**Start Your Own Business:** 40 participants attended 2 courses 1st – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Annual target, 227 participants & 13 courses.

**35 Filming Applications to date** were received by the Dublin City Council Film Office.

Productions include:

- National Geographic, Content for international publication
- NBC, shooting content for St Patricks Day
- Harry Wilde; A recently retired English professor discovers a real knack for investigation and cannot help but interfere with the cases assigned to her police detective son. Season 2.
- AIB – Anti Fraud content
- Screen Ireland supported productions Focus Shorts is a short film scheme for the making of live-action, fiction films that act as a proving-ground for Irish creative talents. Dublin City Council Film Office supported 4 Focus shorts productions.
- Circle the Globe Productions - Expedition X, Adventurer Josh Gates has spent his career traversing the globe and searching for answers to the unexplained.

Not for profit productions include:

- Belong too
- National Menopause Summit

Dublin City Library and Archive provide a research service dedicated to the history of Dublin. The current focus of the team is on [Enrich Europeana+](#) (through the [Dublin Transcription Project](#)), uploading the City's historic digital collections to the [DRI](#), collaboration with Beyond 2022 team ([Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland](#)), new collection development and the creation of skills/training experiences for school, under-grad and post-grad students.

Ar 25ú Feabhra i rith an **Ciorcal Chómhrá san Lár Leabharlann**, táimid ag súil le sliocht a léamh as “An Giall”. Léifear lena h-ais cúpla dánta a léiríonn a líofacht san Ghaeilge agus an meas a bhí aige ar cúrsaí shóisialta agus an chomhshaoil.

A trinity of women will read for **International Women's Day** in [the Dublin Room](#) of Dublin City Library and Archive on Pearse Street. Tickets are FREE but you must [book via Eventbrite here](#)

The Shortlist for the **Dublin Literary Award** will be announced on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and the winner will be revealed on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at the International Literature Festival Dublin.

The 2023 **One Dublin One Book** programme of events will be launched by Lord Mayor Cllr. Caroline Conroy on 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Hugh Lane Gallery. This year's chosen title is The Coroner's Daughter by Andrew Hughes and there will be an exciting programme of free events throughout April, including talks, discussions, music recitals, walks and more. [www.onedublinonebook.ie](http://www.onedublinonebook.ie)

**Local Enterprise Week** event at the Central Library Mar 9th at 1-2pm in partnership



## Departmental Projects

| Project                              | Progress/Current Status  | Next Stage  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Hugh Lane Gallery                    | Visitors Numbers in January were 11,800. This is 94% of Pre-Covid figures for the month of January.  | Maintain rich visitor experience  |
| Social Media                         | Facebook: Followers - + 53, Impressions 145,571 increase by 164.4%<br><br>Instagram: Followers - + 491, Impressions 144,121 increase by 81.4%<br><br>Twitter: Followers - + 11, Impressions 40,500 increase by 99.5%   | Build online presence   |
| Refurb of 1930s Wing                 | Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.<br><br>Demolition to rear of Colaiste Mhuire is underway.   | Construction date TBC   |
| Collection displays<br><br>/Exhibits | Reconstructing Mondrian by John Beattie Launched by Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy on 1 <sup>st</sup> February.<br><br>Living with (Paint)ing by Richard Gorman. Curatorial selection and layout of works in progress. Design and catalogue in production stage.<br><br>Ongoing displays including New Acquisitions, including Richard Tuttle's <i>Cycle</i> series<br><br>Andy Warhol <i>Three Times Out</i> loans secured and Transport eTender in progress. | Installation of works<br><br>Further new acquisitions to be installed   |
| Programme of art education           | In January 2023, there were 59 education programmes for adults and children with approx. 617 participants. Our education programmes in January included our intensive TY course. Our <i>Make and Be</i> programme is one that particularly welcomes international participants and encourages participants to speak in the language that they feel most comfortable with and are led by artists from international backgrounds.                            | Ongoing<br><br>Development<br><br>In Spring we are engaging with families and artists from the Ukrainian community. |
| 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.  | Appointment   |

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|  | Technicians Panel in place.   | of art techs  |
| New website  | Final Development stage for new HLG website.                        | Go Live Q1 '23  |
| Branding   | New HLG Brand implementation. New Signage installed.                | New signage installed:Q1 '23  |
| Aughrim Street Sports Centre                       | Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant | Tender package for accessibility works to issue Q1/23<br><br>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 Q1/23  |
| Donore Community Centre                            | Tenders received for Design Team                                    | Tenders received.<br>Contract awarded to Design Team in Q1/23.<br>IPB insurance have a financial interest in this project.  |
| Northside Swimming Pool                            | Surveys complete  | Ongoing - Options to be reviewed, presented to Area Committee and stakeholders generally and scope of works agreed. Q1/23   |
| Sean Mc Dermott Pool                               | Construction Tender Documents issued                                | Works commenced February 2023   |
| St. Catherine's Sports Centre                      | Tender package complete   | Tender documents received and being assessed, tender to be awarded on completion of assessment Q1/23                        |

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| Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch          | Tender submissions received  | Contract awarded with works to commence early 2023  |
| Change For Life 2023                          | Programme runs in tandem with RTE's Operation Transformation.  | Programme commenced January 2023.   |
| Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Road Race Challenge 2023 | 11 <sup>th</sup> 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.   | Parkrun programmes (including launch of Podcast)<br><br>National OT Walks<br><br>Schools Cross Country  |
| 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 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023. LEO DC delivering a full programme of events including a national spotlight event on the benefits of the Lean programme for businesses on 9 <sup>th</sup> March in a hybrid format. | Local event planning & marketing<br><a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/Portal/Week/Local-Enterprise-2023.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/Portal/Week/Local-Enterprise-2023.html</a> |
| Your Dublin Your Voice                        | The Q4 Survey on Retail and Hospitality analysis and dissemination is complete with the findings being disseminated  | Q1 2023 Culture survey being drafted. Draft tender being reviewed by EDO management.  |
| Dublin Economic Monitor                       | Q4 SpendingPulse written and published on 1 <sup>st</sup> February.  | Q1 DEM production started. Publication date 7 <sup>th</sup> March.  |
| MODOS   | Additional funding awarded to MODOS Circular Economy training and networking programme for small and micro enterprises for 2023  | New website being developed along with development of MODOS Training on a national basis.   |
| Dublin Place Brand                            | Content Tender Framework   | RFT and Request for Tender documents being finalised in conjunction with Greenville   |
| Dublin Place Brand                            | Dublin Place Brand Strategy is being drafted   | Funding proposals being examined via Regional   |

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|                          |   | Enterprise Plan Fund and stakeholder engagement   |
| City Library, Parnell Sq | The appointment of a multi-disciplinary Design Team has been announced. Demolitions continue  | Completion of design of Phase 1: new build and restoration of Georgian buildings.                                   |
| Charleville Mall Library | Library reopened on 30 <sup>th</sup> 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.   |

### **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](#)

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| Event – Head of the River Boat race | Location – River Liffey | Date – 11 <sup>th</sup> March                    |
| Event – St Patrick's Festival       | Location - Citywide     | Date – 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Event - Gannon Cup                  | Location – River Liffey | Date – 25 <sup>th</sup> March                    |

## **Corporate Services, Transformation & Human Resources**

### **1. Corporate Services & Transformation**

#### **Smart City/Smart Dublin**

For more information about Smart City / Smart Dublin projects see [website](#) and [Trello Board](#)

**Google Project Air View releases 50 Million Measurements of Hyperlocal Air Quality Data for Dublin City:** Dublin City Council through the Smart Dublin programme launched the results of the Google Project Air View initiative which measured the air quality of Dublin City's streets over a period of 16 months. The project was delivered in partnership with Dublin City Council, with data captured by Google's first electric street view car equipped with Aclima's mobile air sensing platform. This data was launched on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Caroline Conroy and the Minister of State for Public Expenditure, Ossian Smyth at the Mansion House. The mapped street by street air quality data is a first for an Irish city and is now openly available to support further research and to increase awareness of air quality levels across Dublin. Following the release of this unique data, Smart Cities are holding an air quality hackathon from February 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> in Google where participants will have the chance to develop innovative ideas that can help improve air quality in our cities and communities. See more here: <https://www.rte.ie/news/dublin/2023/0214/1356577-dublin-air-quality/> and access to the DCC press release [here](#)

**Academy of the Near Future Schools Engagement:** The Academy of Near Future Team have continued delivering the second and third workshops with schools 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. Since January, four schools have completed the full workshop series and have worked together with their peers to develop various action projects to help tackle air pollution and traffic in their local area. Find out more information about the programme here: <https://nearfuture.ie/programmes/design-your-future-city/design-your-future-city-info/introduction-2>

**Smart DCU's Partnership with Cellnex- 'Ireland's first 5G Campus':** Smart DCU is a collaboration between Dublin City Council and partners Enable, Insight SFI Research Centre for Data Analytics, and DCU Alpha. Continuing with the goal to develop, test and trial cutting edge technology innovation, Cellnex has partnered with the Smart DCU programme to develop Ireland's first 5G-enabled 'Smart Campus'. The partnership will see Cellnex install telecommunication infrastructure to provide uninterrupted 5G coverage across the main campus, the DCU Alpha Innovation Campus and the DCU sports campus. Rolling out 5G coverage of this scale will allow for the increased adoption of bandwidth heavy applications.

Cellnex and Smart DCU are now seeking to collaborate with mobile network operators to develop 5G capabilities across the campuses. See more here: <https://www.rte.ie/news/business/2023/0208/1354431-cellex-dcu-deal/>

### **Service & Digital Transformation**

A new public consultation and community engagement tool is being piloted for the LECP consultation. Requirement gathering is underway to inform a procurement for a corporate public consultation and engagement tool.

The ethics form has been made available to all relevant staff and Councillors using an online form and digital signatures

The project to implement a new Chief Executive Orders system based on the system developed by Fingal County Council using the build to share model continues with three pilot Departments; Corporate Services & Transformation, Human Resources and Chief Executive's Department. Staff training and familiarisation sessions are taking place with a go live date in March.

The team continued to roll out the online appointment booking system to allow citizens and businesses to book either in-person or online meetings currently working with Ballymun area office.

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.

Working with Community Recreation and Economic Services, improvements have been made to the Dublin City Film office website and Winter lights site.

The initial phase of a project to provide access to technology for City Council outdoor staff has commenced. This project will ensure all staff have a DCC email address and will have access to online resources and technology in the field. Work has commenced with two pilot sites.

Work on the staff awards scheme is continuing and it is anticipated the scheme will be launched this month.

A working group has been set up to work on developing the concept of collaborative workspaces within the Civic Offices. Two spaces have been identified. Staff were surveyed on the meeting room booking system and positive feedback has been received.

A corporate online collaboration tool to help teams work together on projects in a hybrid environment has been procured and will be piloted this quarter.

Work continued on the digitisation of internal processes on CitiDesk. Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department have gone live, and work is ongoing on the Finance Department site, HR workflows, Employee on-boarding and FOI requests. Engagement has also commenced with the Housing and Environment and Transportation departments.

Work has continued on the draft Digital Strategy. Consultation will take place during Q1 2023.

The Service Design Framework is being used to apply service design thinking and approaches to review and improve two services at the moment.

### **Citizen Hub Project**

There are now 30 services live on Citizen Hub, newest service to be added is Roads Maintenance.

A UX/UI review of the platform is taking place to ensure that it is accessible and easy to use for all citizens and businesses.

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

It is anticipated that check your place on the list for Housing applicants and check your rent balance/print your rent statement for housing tenants will go live in the next few weeks.

### **Corporate Data and Analytics Unit**

The Data and Analytics Unit are working with the Housing Department on a number of projects including Housing Stock and data migration from the current OHMS system to NEC.

Work is on-going with Citizen Hub and the dashboards are currently being developed for Waste Management.

A Customer Complaint dashboard has been created and demoed to Customer Service team and will go live this month.

Work is underway on Telephony reporting, and this will fall under the larger project of automating reporting on the Annual Service Delivery Plan.

A Data Management Framework Strategic Board (DMFSB) is being established to oversee the development of a Data Management Strategy and a data management pilot will be developed with Dublin Fire Brigade.

### **North City Operations Depot**

Construction of the North City Depot (NCOD) commenced in May 2021 with a 19 month programme for completion.

The scheduled completion of construction is currently April/May 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 will be as soon as possible upon completion of construction and fit-out.

Engagement with staff and Unions on the Change Management aspects of the project is progressing well and meetings with Unions are being held regularly.

The Depot Manager and Operations Superintendent have been appointed and are working closely with the Project Team to get the depot operations-ready.

### **Customer Services**

In excess of 12,000 calls were answered and approximately 3,300 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 23rd January and 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Customer Services have logged in excess of 2,300 Housing Maintenance requests between 23rd January and 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Customer Services have taken 1,800 payments between 23rd January and 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Customer Services have processed in excess of 1,600 Parking Permits between 23rd January and 19<sup>th</sup> February.

The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with approximately 1,750 visitors to reception between 23rd January and 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **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 number of new staff have joined Customer Services and are currently being trained.

The new staff will increase our capacity to deal with customers and improve the time it takes for customers to get through to Customer Services.

JAM Card training is being rolled out to all Customer Services staff, to improve the customer experience and customer journey when dealing with Dublin City Council.

## **2. Human Resources**

The total number of employees at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 was 5,897 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number was 5,579.45.

### **Recruitment Programme 2023**

| Year       | Recruitment<br>campaigns complete<br>/ in process |
|------------|---|
| 2023 (YTD) | 19  |

### **Interviews held/concluded February 2023**

- Assistant Inspector - Animal Welfare Unit
- Housing First Outreach Co-ordinator
- Library Staff Officer
- Executive Chemist
- Exhibitions Curator
- Librarian



### Campaigns Advertised February 2023

- Craft Plumber
- Craft Painter
- Craft Carpenter
- Craft Electrician
- Emergency Services Controller – DFB
- Storekeeper Grade 1
- Waste Enforcement Officer – WERLA
- Superintendent – Roads Maintenance
- Public Domain Enforcement Officer
- Environmental Liaison Officer
- Area Housing Officer

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

**Law Department**

**Freedom of Information**

| Ref No        | Request Details   | Requester Type | Date Opened | Date Closed |
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| FOI/9588/2023 | Records regarding clamping  | Client         | 03/01/2023  | 26/01/2023  |
| FOI/9589/2023 | Records regarding lift in city hall   | Press          | 03/01/2023  | 30/01/2023  |
| FOI/9590/2023 | Records of breakdown of DCC legal fees IN 2022  | Client         | 03/01/2023  | 25/01/2023  |
| FOI/9591/2023 | Records regarding clamping of vehicles in DCC area in 2022                                | Client         | 03/01/2023  | 26/01/2023  |
| FOI/9592/2023 | Records between Nth Central Area of DCC and Donaghmede Estate Residents Association       | Client         | 03/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9595/2023 | Seeks records of correspondence re interview with Chief Executive                         | Press          | 03/01/2023  | 31/01/2023  |
| FOI/9597/2023 | Requests records regarding social housing leases with IKEA                                | Client         | 06/01/2023  | 25/01/2023  |
| FOI/9598/2023 | Requests records between DCC and Bord Failte regarding a New years Eve event              | Client         | 06/01/2023  | 25/01/2023  |
| FOI/9603/2023 | seeks records re: all documents DFB, DCC on recent fire fighter recruitment 2022          | Client         | 09/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9607/2023 | Records regarding Magdelane Laundrys on Sean MacDermott Street                            | Councillor     | 10/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9608/2023 | Records bet DCC and named companies re buildings change of use                            | Client         | 10/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9609/2023 | Records regarding public bins in Eastwall   | Client         | 10/01/2023  | 30/01/2023  |
| FOI/9610/2023 | Records regarding usage of Markievicz Sports and Fitness Centre                           | Press          | 10/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9612/2023 | Seeks records re planning enforcement file  | Client         | 11/01/2023  | 25/01/2023  |
| FOI/9614/2023 | Records bet DRHE and Dept of Housing re;emergency homeless accommodation                  | Press          | 12/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9615/2023 | Records - criteria for Civil Defence medal for service during Covid period to volunteers. | Client         | 12/01/2023  | 13/01/2023  |
| FOI/9618/2023 | Seeks planning enforcement files  | Client         | 13/01/2023  | 31/01/2023  |
| FOI/9620/2023 | Seeks records re DFB callouts   | Client         | 13/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9623/2023 | Records regarding breaches by named developer - outcome of investigation                  | Client         | 16/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9625/2023 | Records -number of complaints made about social housing for the past 3 years.             | Client         | 16/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9628/2023 | Records from Housing Allocations regarding no. and types of housing accommodation         | Business       | 17/01/2023  |             |
| FOI/9629/2023 | Requests CE diary for 2020,2021,2022  | Press          | 17/01/2023  |             |

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| FOI/9630/2023 | Seeks records re planning records for development at East Road                         | Client | 18/01/2023 | 26/01/2023 |
| FOI/9633/2023 | Requests planning enforcement file   | Client | 19/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9634/2023 | Request planning enforcement file  | Client | 19/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9635/2023 | seeks records re: Planning enforcement documents                                       | Client | 19/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9637/2023 | Records regarding manufacture of concrete blocks and pouring of concrete               | Press  | 20/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9639/2023 | Records released in the following FOI requests, previously released by your office     | Client | 23/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9643/2023 | Records bet DCC and Dept of Justice re: taking over roads policing and enforcement     | Press  | 26/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9644/2023 | seeks records re: Fire Safety records at named apartment complex                       | Client | 26/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9645/2023 | Copy of Independent mid-term review into the Traveller Accommodation Programme         | Press  | 26/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9646/2023 | Request number of staff employed in Parks and landscape services                       | Client | 27/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9650/2023 | Seeking records re: Bennett's Eagle Street construction work on Castleforbes northbank | Client | 30/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9652/2023 | Seeking records -No. of mould complaints in social housing and repairs carried out     | Press  | 30/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9655/2023 | Records re:development of any city/community /urban farms in any area of Dublin City   | Client | 31/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9656/2023 | Records bet. DCC and the Dept. of Housing re. Tathony House and notices to quit issued | Press  | 31/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9657/2023 | Records re. feasibility study for the city farm in St. Anne's Park                     | Client | 31/01/2023 |            |
| FOI/9658/2023 | Request planning file  | Client | 31/01/2023 |            |

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in January 2023

The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2023 is outlined below.

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| Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2023 -31/01/2023 | 71 |
| Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2023- 31/01/2023 | 54 |