

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 105/2023
Report of the Chief Executive



Monthly Management Report – May 2023

Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 places an obligation on the Chief Executive to prepare Monthly Management Reports for Council. The monthly report for the May 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.

Annual Service Delivery Plan

Please see attached report in relation to Quarter 1, 2023 Performance Report.

Owen P. Keegan
Chief Executive

Dated: 26th April 2023

Environment and Transportation Department

Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws

Bleeper continue with their successful operations with over 800 bikes now available for public hire. Bleeper's Crumlin suburban hub pilot continues to operate well since its launch in June 2022. The Lord Mayor formally launched the first of Bleeper's three new northside suburban hubs in Artane on the 13th April 2023. Further hubs are being rolled out in Donnycarney and Beaumont in the coming weeks. The ongoing roll out of additional bike parking continues which will facilitate the expansion of stationless bike operations. Over 282,000 journeys were made on Bleeper bikes in 2022. Bleeperbike 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. Both operators have become members of Mobility Partnership Ireland which was launched in May 2022 and represents several private sustainable transport companies.

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking.

Due to the Covid-19 Virus isolation, the number of transactions per week in April 2020 had reduced to 10,500 from a high of 126,155 earlier in 2020. The number of weekly transactions for week ending 14th November 2021 has risen to 102,535. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 situation, the numbers using the Parking Tag had dropped very significantly in line with the reduction of parking meter usage. The weekly revenue on average of €400,000 had reduced to €25,000 for Pay and Display parking in March and April 2020. However, the numbers using the Parking Tag have increased and by week ending 16th April 2023, that week's revenue was €281,909.86. For week ending 16th April 2023, the usage of coin in parking meters was €80, 257.65 and card payments were €108,908.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

The results of the ballot for the following pay and display and permit parking schemes has closed. The following have voted in favour of introducing a scheme.

Rutledge Terrace, Dublin 8.

Abercorn Road, Dublin 3

Belgrave Avenue, Dublin 6

The following pay and display and permit parking scheme voted in favour of a change of hours of operation; Dodder View Cottages, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Monday to Sunday 7am to 12 midnight.

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 2023 on Decarbonising Zones, the Council has identified potential Decarbonising Zones (DZs) in Ballymun and Ringsend. 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.

Road Maintenance Services.

Road Maintenance Services' Annual Works Programme for 2023 has been presented to the Elected Members. The programme will deliver approximately 18km of footpath upgrade works and 16km of carriageway resurfacing works this year. The tender and contract documents for the appointment of contractors to deliver these works are currently being prepared. During the period

January to March 2023 the Division repaired/ made safe approximately 1,300 defects and hazards on the road network. Furthermore during the same period 104 critical defects and hazards on the road network were repaired/ made safe within 24-hours of them being reported.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2023 is open for applications from the 7th April 2023 to the 19th May 2023 inclusive. The amount of grant funding available for disbursement is based on an annual contribution by Dublin Waste to Energy Limited which itself is determined by the amount of waste accepted for thermal treatment at the facility. On this occasion a total amount of €1million will be available for disbursement to eligible projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area. Full details, catchment area map and application forms are available by e-mail at cglc@dublincity.ie or online at www.dublincity.ie/dwte. Applications are invited to submit proposals to the Scheme for assessment by the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee. The Committee members carefully evaluate each application against the Projects Grant Scheme's general conditions and criteria and only selects those that will provide the maximum community benefit.

[Regarding the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021](#), 19 of the 28 approved applicants have drawn down their grant funding to a total value of circa €295K. The total funding awarded was circa €500K, and therefore the balance remaining for drawdown is €205K. Due to unforeseen circumstances, two organisations have decided to withdraw their grant aided projects. The remaining 7 beneficiaries have until the 30th of June 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.

Waste Services Update.

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 Q2 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.

Following representations from Trade Unions, Waste Management Services have committed to undertake a feasibility study regarding the insourcing of the operation of Civic Amenity Sites by direct labour. Through the Office of Government Procurement's Framework Agreement for the provision of Business, Management and ICT Consultancy Services (RFT 206674): Lot 6 – Policy & Economics, Waste Management Services have engaged Indecon International Consultants by way of Direct Drawdown to conduct this study. Work on the feasibility study is now underway.

Parks & Landscaping Services have engaged a service provider to refurbish Eamon Ceannt Park Dept, including works to the bring centre. Works are scheduled to begin in late May and will take approximately 12 months to complete. The bring centre will close for the duration of the works. Glass and textile banks will be placed on the footpath outside the existing site for the duration of the works.

Clothing Waste Prevention Pilot

Waste Management Services have created a new textile waste project that aims to prevent good clothing from becoming waste and support the transition to a circular economy. A new guide on 'How to Organise a Clothes Swap' was written to assist anyone who wishes to plan their own clothes swapping event. Community groups are also invited to borrow a 'Clothes Swap Kit' containing the equipment, such as rails, signage boards and hangers, they may need to hold

this type of event. The new guidebook can be viewed or downloaded at <https://bit.ly/DCCClothesSwaps>.

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 environment. The programme is ongoing for the 2022/23 school year. www.pickerpalsworld.org.

The Relove Fashion Competition 2022-23 has now completed. Secondary school students were invited to take a deeper look at how clothing is made and learn sustainable reuse skills such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending. The final was held in Ballymun's Rediscovery Centre on 30 March 2023. Our Lady of Mercy secondary school in Beaumont were awarded the award for 'Most Innovative Project'. Please visit www.relovetofashion.ie for more information

Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and award programme. The student-led programme promotes long-term, whole-school action. Green-Schools continues to be delivered to primary and secondary schools by Waste Management Services staff and An Taisce. The deadline for schools renewing their Green Flag was 24 March 2023. Waste Management staff have now completed over 60 assessment visits to the schools wishing to renew their Green Flag in 2023. For further information, please contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

Rubbish Film Festival

Waste Management Services partnered with Createschool and five other local authorities to deliver a 'Rubbish Film Festival' for secondary schools in 2022/2023. The programme challenged students to create a one-minute short film focussing on the topics of litter, waste prevention and responsible consumption. Schools received onsite learning and support to help students produce their entries. A total of twenty eight entries were received from Dublin City secondary schools. Two films and a poster design were selected as the winners in their respective categories and they will go forward to represent Dublin City at the National Awards in Co. Meath on May 3rd. Fifty-two schools and over seventy entries from six counties are competing for the national awards. For more information about the 'Rubbish Film Festival', please view www.RubbishFilmFestival.com or contact greenschools@dublincity.ie

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

Entry forms for the City Neighbourhoods Competition 2023 have been forwarded to the Area Offices who in turn forward to potential entrants. Online entry is also available for first time..

IPB Pride of Place 2023

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

Protection of Water Bodies Office (PWBO).

DCC is working to deliver a number of projects to ensure that the opportunities to meet DCC's Water Framework Directive (WFD) obligation of achieving "good" status for all our water bodies by 2027 are maximised. Current examples are:

- The Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project is a cross-agency, multi-disciplinary project to produce a Masterplan, based on an options assessment, for the River Santry catchment in order to achieve the objectives set out in the Water Framework Directive, Floods Directive, Birds & Habitats Directive as well as the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network. This project aims to set out the most effective plan to restore the river to a more natural state, encompassing a much-enhanced public amenity, promoting biodiversity, remediating sources of pollution and addressing potential flooding within the catchment. This project is being developed in collaboration with Fingal County Council, DCC Parks, Landscape Services & Biodiversity, as well as DCC's Active Travel Unit of the Environment & Transportation Department. LAWPRO, the EPA and Inland Fisheries Ireland are supportive of this scheme. Funding is mainly from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, and, in the case of the greenway, the National Transport Authority. Consultants were appointed to the project on the 4th of 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, and improving the water quality. Given these two objectives we will reduce the risk of downstream and local flooding and enhance 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 17 screens which collect debris from watercourses and provide public safety, particularly during times of heavy rainfall.

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 August 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.

- Further wintering bird surveys are completed. Building threshold surveys are completed. A large Site Investigation for both Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council area of the Camac catchment has been awarded and is due to commence in May 2023.
- Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website www.camacfas.ie

Climate Action Team.

The Climate Action Team welcomed a new energy manager – Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer.

The Climate Action Team is primarily focused on developing our revised climate action plan (CAP). 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. Workshops with staff to consolidate actions is underway.

Further to support communication of DCC's work in relation to climate action, the Climate Action Team has identified events for staff to engage and show case on-going programmes and projects. Most recently, the co-hosting of the EPA Climate Lecture in the Mansion House saw staff from Architects, Housing, Protection of Water Bodies, Dublin District Heating and Active Travel teams host stands providing attendees with the opportunity to learn about respective initiatives, and draw attention to CAP process.

The Climate Action Team with EMRWMPPO 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 starting on May 29th 2023.

The Climate Action Team's have issued the draft food strategy for public consultation. Edible Dublin: Food Strategy will be open for comment for six weeks.

DCC is part of CULTIVATE an EU-funded project to increase public awareness and knowledge of Food Sharing initiatives (FSIs), to understand what drives or hampers their practice, and to foster sustainability, inclusion, and resilience in urban and peri-urban food systems through food sharing as a hub city. CULTIVATE will develop the **Food Sharing Compass**, a social innovation support platform for FSIs, policy makers, food supply actors, researchers, and citizens. With its five tools, the Compass helps these stakeholders navigate food sharing landscapes and cultures to understand, develop, replicate, scale out and strengthen food sharing. The aim is to create more sustainable, resilient, and healthy urban and peri-urban food systems. CULTIVATE supports the EU's inclusive climate mitigation and adaptation ambitions.

DCC's Public Sector Innovation Funded research project Climate Resilient Housing was launched on Tuesday February 7th. 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. Additional funding has been secured to progress urban cooperation action plans.

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. MCO Project Limited was the successful tenderer and will begin work shortly on the feasibility study.

Climate Action Regional Office.

A Senior Executive Professional has joined Dublin CARO at the end of March 2023. Fingal County Council on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities advertised 4 X Community Climate Action Officer posts (temporary – 3 year Contract). In addition, Fingal City Council on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities ran another competition for 4 X Climate Action Officer posts. Interviews will commence week beginning 24th April and Dublin CARO representative will be on the interview panel.

Dublin CARO are also currently shortlisting candidates for one temporary post graduate internship post for the summer period.

The Service Level Agreement between DECC and the Lead Local Authorities for each of the four CARO has been extended until June 2023.

On the 24th of February 2023, pursuant to the provisions the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 to 2021, and Section 14B(2)(a) thereof[1], the minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications instructed all Local Authorities to prepare a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) containing adaptation and mitigation actions. This plan must be completed within 12 months of the receipt of this request. It should be noted that the 4 Dublin Local Authorities already have Climate Change Action Plans (www.dublinclimatechange.ie) published in 2019. The Dublin Metropolitan CARO and Codema have been assisting and supporting the four Dublin Local Authorities in this regard in terms of reviewing and updating their existing Climate Change Action Plans to align with the most recently published National Climate Action Plan 2023 and to increase the level of ambition in line with national targets. Detailed guidance documents have also been prepared by a national steering group including the CAROs, Local Authority reps, Codema, SEAI, EPA, Met Éireann to assist the sector in preparing their Climate Action Plans.

It is a requirement of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 that local authority Climate Actions Plans, must be aligned to sectoral climate action and planning. Sectoral engagement workshops are planned for all Las in April and May 2023.

The first workshop covering Heritage and Biodiversity took place in Portlaoise on 25th April 2023. Other workshops will address the sectoral topics of Transportation, Built Environment and Landuse Planning, Community Development and Enterprise, Landuse Change. These

workshops will explore sectoral climate actions that need to be accounted for in LA Climate Action plans, as appropriate.

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. Dublin CARO, the Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG), Greenville Procurement Partners and a number of strategic partners have developed Green Procurement Training for local authorities. This training is a key action for delivery of the LA Climate Action Charter 2019 whereby local authorities have pledged to implement green public procurement strategy and procedures across all business areas. Strand 1 of this training is a 45-minute introduction to green public procurement webinar aimed at local authority staff across all departments and levels. This strand went live in May. Strand 2, a 3 day course comprising self-directed and on-line training commenced on 13th June. It is aimed at procurement officers, budget holders and decision makers. Strand 3 which is aimed at staff involved in developing the green procurement strategy in local authorities commenced in late September. Invitations to staff to complete this training will be via the training officers in the LAs and will be offered for up to 1 year.

LASNTG are running further training programmes on Climate Action Training for Local Authority Staff in April, June and November 2023. LASNTG scheduled 2 X 1 day Climate Action Training Workshops for the 28th and 29th March and the topics covered will be beneficial in developing the Local Authority Climate Action Plans. Dublin CARO were in attendance at the workshop. Further Sectoral face to face workshops are also being planned to assist Local Authority Climate Action teams and staff in prioritising actions associated with different sectors such as Cultural Heritage, Biodiversity and Transport.

Further information on training is available on the CARO website <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/training>

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

A second installation was launched in Wexford town on 28th October. The final installation was officially launched by Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for Ireland - Catherine Martin at the Martello Tower in Blackrock Park, Co. Dublin on 21st February, 2023. The launch was well attended by dignitaries and local residents alike. 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. The Installations will be in place until May 2023 and the CARO is continuing communications and engagement activities including school workshops related to the Linte na Farraiige project in each of the three locations.

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 an on-line toolkit and resources to support the sustainability journey of clubs. The toolkit is a collaborative effort between the Steering group expert partners including CAROs, Regional Waste Management Offices, the Local Authority Water Protection Offices, local authorities and other expert partners. A workshop

for Phase 2 clubs was held in Croke Park on March 3rd and was attended by CARO and other expert partners. Over 100 clubs are now participating in Phase 1 and 2 of the programme. Further information at <https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/green-clubs-sustainability/>

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. The second site visit on 18.04.2023 was to the Neoen Solar Farm at Hilltown Co. Meath commissioned in 2022 with an electricity generation potential of 18 MWp (MWp is an abbreviation for Megawatt peak – a unit of measurement for the output of power from a source such as solar or wind where the output may vary according to the strength of sunlight or wind speed. MWp is a measure of the maximum potential output of power. A Megawatt is 1,000 kilowatts. A kilowatt is 1,000 watts. A watt is one amp flowing through one volt.

Dublin CARO is looking into organising further site visits for climate action teams in the coming months and is currently looking into the possibility of a visit to an anaerobic digestion (AD) plant.

Dublin CARO attended the CHERISH – an EU funded 6 year project (Climate, Heritage and Environment of Reefs, Islands, and Headlands) End of Project Conference on 21st March in Dublin Castle and had a stand to showcase national/sectoral objectives and ongoing projects.

Further updates from the CARO team and events are posted regularly on www.caro.ie and for the Dublin CARO on twitter @DublinCARO. Dublin CARO leads in publishing the quarterly CARO newsletter. The eighth edition was published in late December and the next edition will be in March 2023. There are over 700 signed up to receive the newsletter. You can sign up to the CARO newsletter at www.caro.ie/#newsletter.

Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit.

Ambient Air Monitoring Network

A presentation was made to the Members of the Climate Action, Environment and Energy SPC regarding progress made on noise mapping of Dublin City under the EU Environmental Noise Directive. All the relevant data was submitted as required to the EPA by the end of 2022, for return by them to the EU Commission. The noise maps were published on the DCC website and can be accessed here [Noise Maps and Action Plans | Dublin City Council](#) Work will commence on the preparation of the Noise Action Plan, which is due in 2024.

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.

To date:

The **Assumption Schools** at the Walkinstown location have been completed;

The following Schools have agreed to the preliminary designs.

Our Lady Consolation National School Collins Avenue East and adjacent **Scoil Chiaráin CBS**, Collins Avenue East, Donnycarney, Dublin 5.

Broombridge Educate Together National School, Bannow Road, Dublin 7.

St Fiachras's Junior and Senior National Schools, Montrose Park, Beaumont, Dublin 9.

Drumcondra National School, Church Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

There will be a period of non-statutory consultation from 24th April to 12th May 2023. This will be achieved as follows

- The school will send school communities the School Zone designs, information leaflets and resources on using School Zones.
- The schools will display posters of the proposed School Zone design at the school gates.
- Dublin City Council have arranged leaflet drops to immediate school neighbours.
- The designs, information leaflets and Green-Schools analysis are displayed on Dublin City Council Citizen Space for online viewing.
- External stakeholders associated with the schools eg cycle bus have been contacted.
- NTA, An Taisce Green-Schools and Community Garda have been contacted.
- Local Area office have been advised to send information to Elected Members.

The remaining schools have undergone school gate observations and site visits and are at concept design

- **Stratford National and Secondary Schools**, Zion Road, Rathgar Dublin 6
- **Kildare Place National School**, Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6
- **Harold's Cross Educate Together Secondary School** and **National School** and adjacent **St Clare's Primary School**, Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6 W
- **St Joseph's CBS National and Secondary Schools**, Marino, Fairview, Dublin 3
- **St Brigid's Girls National School** and adjacent **St Mary's Secondary School**, Finglas Road Old Glasnevin, Dublin 11.

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.

A presentation to the Dublin **Cycling Campaign** public meeting on **Enabling Cycling To School** on 27th April 2023.

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 and HR Department are progressing competitions for Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers. An additional Walking and Cycling Officer commenced duties at the start of April.

A key achievement for April was the completion of the installation of 500 metres of protected cycle track on the **Howth Road - Baldoyle to Fairview project**. Measures were implemented along **Grange Road**, from the Hole in the Wall roundabout to the Fingal County Council Boundary. This work was achieved through a collaborative effort between AcTPRO and DCC Traffic.

Construction activities also continued on four key projects during the month. These are Clontarf to City Centre Project (C2CC), 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.

800m of new cycle track and footpaths were opened along Fairview Park from Malahide Road to the Tolka early April, which users are currently enjoying. The fourth project leaflet was distributed in early April to over 52,000 homes and businesses around the C2CC catchment giving project updates and photographs of project progress. This is available for download from our webpage www.c2cc.ie. Works are continuing along the inbound bus lane almost all the way along the proposed route, and in Fairview and Amiens Street works have moved to the outbound side. Further to the road closure at East Wall Road, close to the junction of North Strand during the Easter holidays, the road has now reopened to traffic on time, and after a productive two weeks, works have significantly progressed at this location.

Night-time and weekend works involving major traffic management measures continued in April, similar to February and March. Sites included Clontarf Road at the Alfie Byrne Road junction, North Strand Road, between Northbrook Avenue and Bessborough Avenue, and East Wall Road junction. Similar works will continue for the next few months at various locations.

Works on the limestone sea wall along North Strand, which commenced in January 2023, were completed in April. Works have continued outside CIE headquarters, adjacent to Connolly Station. Furthermore, Buckingham Street and Five lamps junction cycletrack and bus lane works are ongoing on the outbound side of Amiens Street since February. Works between 'Edges' corner and Malahide Road along Fairview are also ongoing on the outbound side since March. The remaining sections will switch in the middle of June.

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 full depth 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. The traffic diversion from Edges corner into the city has enabled the Contractor to progress works on multiple work fronts over nearly the full length of the scheme.

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 awarded and construction commenced on site in February 2023 and will continue until Q2 2025.

The second project information leaflet was distributed to local businesses and residents (approx. 4,500 leaflets delivered) at the end of March 2023 and a dedicated webpage for the project is available at www.dublincity.ie/RCGP3. This will be updated on a regular basis as the project proceeds.

The public information evenings were held at Mud Island Cottage, North Strand on 4th April and at Phibsborough Library on 12th April. A steady stream of people attended throughout both evenings.

On 17th April, the towpath between Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough) and Binns Bridge (Drumcondra) closed to the public. The Contractor is currently securing the site and implementing tree protection measures in advance of the piling works for the bridge foundations and construction of the bridge abutments to the east of Lock 3.

The towpath between Binns Bridge (Drumcondra) and Russell Street Bridge (Croke Park) remains open, but is expected to close to the public in mid-May 2023. Sheet piling works to strengthen the canal bank are anticipated to start shortly thereafter.

On 19th April, the towpath between Russell Street Bridge (Croke Park) and Clarke's Bridge (Ballybough) closed to the public. Sheet piling works commenced the same day and are ongoing. These works are scheduled to continue until the end of June 2023.

The towpath between Clarke's Bridge (Ballybough) and Newcomen Bridge (North Strand) also remains open. However, in early June 2023 the Contractor is planning to commence construction works on Charleville Mall. Towpath works directly outside St. Vincent's Girls School will only be scheduled for the school summer holiday period and will finish before the new school term resumes in September 2023.

The Contractor has acquired a site compound area adjacent to the canal at North Richmond Street, Dublin 1 and is currently setting up site offices and welfare facilities for the Contractor and Project Team. The Project Team are in the process of acquiring a licence from DCC for the Contractor to temporarily use Portland Place Park to facilitate a portion of the works, and to provide access to the works area. At this time, it is expected that the Contractor will occupy the park in mid-May 2023. The intention is to refurbish the park when the Contractor hands it back to DCC's Parks Division.

The design of the towpath ramp to the east of Binns Bridge, in consultation with Waterways Ireland, is nearing completion. An amending Part 8 planning application is expected to be submitted in June 2023. Consultation with the DCC Parks Division with regards to the landscape design for Portland Place Park, following project completion, is ongoing.

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

Works on site were put on hold for a few days during the recent Presidential visit, and are now back fully operational.

The footpath build out work at Clogher Road Junction is nearing completion. Road crossings for the new traffic signal ducting are in, with three out of four footpath build outs completed. Two Public Lighting columns and associated infrastructure were also relocated. The final North West corner is due to be completed within two weeks with resurfacing of the junction to follow on from that.

Work has also progressed on some of the minor junction works. Build outs were completed at Herberton Drive and are currently underway at Aughavana Road.

Contractors Cairn Construction have been appointed to undertake measures for the **Liffey Cycle Route** along Eden Quay (0.25km section) from O' Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge/Beresford Place junction. Installation works are to commence in May 2023. Preliminary designs have also been prepared for measures along George's, Burgh, Aston & Crampton Quay (0.8km) from Talbot Memorial Bridge to the Ha'penny Bridge. Internal consultation and engagement with all stakeholders is ongoing. It is proposed to go to tender for a Contractor in May/ June 2023.

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

Piling for the cantilevered section of the Flood Defence Walls commenced in February and were completed on the 9th of March 2023. The curtain walls between these piles are approximately 25% complete, masonry cladding has also begun. Accommodation Works for Bective Lawn Tennis Club have begun, with the viewing area adjacent the existing court now complete. The Invasive Species have been removed from site under licence. The Site Entrance at Donnybrook Road adjacent Anglesey Bridge is being use as a secondary entrance and is operating well.

Design proposals are at an advanced stage along five sections of the **Dodder Greenway**. 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.

Non-Statutory Public Consultation on the two sections from Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road and Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park is due to commence in May 2023.

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council plan to proceed with lodging a Part VIII for the Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road section in Q2 2023. AA and EIA screening reports are being progressed for the remaining sections.

The **Kilmainham to Thomas Street Project** team has reviewed all the submissions and prepared a Public Consultation Report on the proposed measures for the section from Suir Road to Thomas Street. This is currently being reviewed by internal Dublin City Council Departments. The design team have also been progressing with the preparation of the detailed design drawings and works requirements and the Statutory Requests for new lining and signage. Installation of the scheme is planned to commence in Q2 2023. The Public Consultation Report along with the design drawings will be published on the DCC Active Travel webpage before work commences. The Elected members will be notified in advance of the publication of the report.

The **City Quay to Harcourt Street** project team completed the preparation of concept designs and photomontages for Merrion Street Upper, Merrion Square West, Merrion Street Lower. The

concepts have incorporated significant public realm opportunities. This has supported further internal DCC consultations and engagement with stakeholders.

The **Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre** team are currently preparing the Public Consultation report following the non statutory public consultation. Detailed design for measures on the scheme were in progress during the month with a view to implementing them later in the year. The review of these submissions has been ongoing during the month. A Public Consultation Report is being prepared for publication on the DCC website

The Active Travel team are currently preparing the Public Consultation Reports as well as the service requirements for the appointment of Engineering design teams to develop the detailed design for the following six schemes:

- North Circular Road (from Dorset St Lwr to Amiens St)
- Hanlon's Corner Junction Upgrade
- Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd
- Howth Rd, from Station Rd to James Larkin Rd (Raheny to Kilbarrack)
- Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Rd.

- **Trinity to Ballsbridge**
This designs for this scheme are proposed go to Public Consultation in May 2023. Information leaflets have being developed and will be distributed in the local area during the Public Consultation period. The Active Travel design team held a meeting with representatives of the Artists (that trade on Merrion Square on Sundays) in March 2023. When the scheme is published more information, including closing date for submissions can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

Concept and Preliminary designs are progressing and internal consultation ongoing on the schemes listed below.

- **Coolock to Clontarf (Gracefield Rd, Brookwood Ave, Sybil Hill Rd & Vernon Ave)**
Preliminary designs are progressing and internal consultation ongoing. It is planned to present this scheme to the Elected members in the North Central Area in Q2 2023. Following that and pending NTA approval the scheme will proceed to non-statutory public Consultation
- **Grand Canal to Lincoln Place**
Preliminary designs are progressing and internal consultation ongoing. It is planned to present this scheme to the Elected members in the South East Area in Q2 2023. Following that and pending NTA approval the scheme will proceed to non-statutory public Consultation.
- **Parnell Street to College Green**
Preliminary designs are progressing and internal consultation ongoing. It is planned to present this scheme to the Elected members in the Central & South East Areas in Q3 2023. Following that and pending NTA approval the scheme will proceed to non-statutory public Consultation.
- The Concept Design and Option Selection process for the **Finglas Village Improvement Scheme** are being advanced. It is intended to go to public consultation in Q2 2023 pending NTA approval to proceed and confirmation of funding availability.
- On the **Royal Canal Greenway Phase 4**, an amending Part VIII is proposed to be submitted in May 2023 subject to approval to proceed from DCC Planning. Phase 4 construction works are planned to commence in Q4 2023 pending Part VIII approval.

A Ground Investigation contractor has been appointed to carry out ground investigation (GI) works in the locality of the rail overpass (Phase 4C). It is anticipated that GI works will commence on site in May 2023.

Kerb realignment works have been substantially completed on Broombridge Road to facilitate bus turning movements, planters have arrived on site and are awaiting planting by the contractor.

- For the **Fitzwilliam Cycle Route**, tender submissions for construction are due at the end of April. It is anticipated that construction will commence in Q3 2023 and will take twelve months to complete.
- 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. The Active Travel team are currently liaising with the OPW. Tender documents for the engagement of a multi-disciplinary design teams have been prepared and are now undergoing third party review. It is planned to publish the tender in May 2023.
- The concept design and option selection for **Seville Place (Guild Street to Amiens Street)** are being advanced. It is intended to go to public consultation in Q2 2023 pending NTA approval to proceed and confirmation of funding availability.
- For the **Royal Canal Phase 3 – Binns Bridge**, Pre-Part VIII is to commence in April, with the Part VIII scheduled for noting at the June Central Area Committee meeting.
- The **Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello)** is currently at the Concept Development and Options Selection Phase. AcTPrO is preparing the service requirements for the appointment of a multidisciplinary design team to progress the scheme. The review of the draft Strategic Assessment Report was completed during this quarter. It is planned to submit the Strategic Assessment Report for NTA approval during Q2 2023.

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.

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1.	College Green Dame St Project	NTA/DCC	DCC	The procurement process for a new Multi-disciplinary design team for the project is on-going.
2.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	The project's Part 8 application was approved at the council meeting held on 3 rd April. Pavement condition surveys have been carried out and the detailed design has commenced.
3.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk Street	DCC	DCC	A Project Brief has been circulated to the Public Realm Working group for their information and comment.
4.	Cathal Brugha Street/Findlater Place	DCC	DCC	The Landscape Architect will recommence the design of this project in May 2023.
5.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAAF/ NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan	The planning application for this project will now be lodged as part of the NTA BusConnects project. Preliminary design is complete and the draft EIAR is being amalgamated into that of BusConnects. Land acquisitions are being progressed by DCC but NTA will also lodge for CPOs.
6.	Blood Stoney Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	The 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 & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	At the Docklands Bridges Steering Group meeting on 29/03/23 the NTA attended and advised that they are satisfied in principle with the proposal to proceed with a bridge at Forbes Street.

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Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
8.	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.
9.	Castle Street /Cork Hill Improvement Scheme	DCC	DCC	This project was not included in the Capital Programme 2022-24.
10.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DCC/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 th June 2020. 25 submissions received by An Bord Pleanála, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 th October. New Environmental data on public display from 19 th May to 30 th June 2022 in DCC and SDCC. A response from ABP still awaited.
11.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECO	<p>New Environmental and topographical surveys are completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment scenarios ongoing. Website www.camacfas.ie Environmental surveys have revealed more significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded.</p> <p>Preliminary flood alleviation scenario's being computer modelled. 58 boreholes and 20 trial pits have procured for DCC and SDCC and are due to take place May-July 2023. Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation in Q3 2023.</p>

Projects at Design Stage – Continued

12.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OP W	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's completed. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home . Culvert surveys completed. Preliminary flood extent maps from computer model finalised. Initial flood options being considered and costed. Liaison with LA stakeholders on preliminary options ongoing. Some further site investigation required. Liaison with some local groups on preliminary options ongoing. Further public consultation planned in June 2023
13.	Mary's Street Pedestrianisation	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	Integrated Design Team appointed, preliminary design options being developed. Internal consultation continuing. External consultation to resume following lifting of restrictions.
14.	Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works	DCC	Tobin Consulting Engineers (TCE)	Detailed design at 17 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed. This project has recently transferred the PWB Office to manage to the Construction stage. Construction has commenced.
15.	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme	DCC	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Consultant appointed. Landowners and major stakeholders being contacted. New Ecological, site investigation and topographical surveys completed at Howth Road and Clontarf Promenade. Preliminary design finalised. Wayleave agreements finalised. Environmental submissions sent to An Bord Pleanála. One submission received regarding Archaeological monitoring and mitigating environmental measures. DCC responded on 22 nd November 2022. Significant further environmental information submitted. New observation period closed on 12 th January 2023 for Clontarf Promenade outlet. Awaiting ABP response.

16.	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.
17.	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	The non-statutory consultation for the Point Junction Upgrade has been completed
18.	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>
19.	Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension	DCC/ IW	JBB	This will see the current storm water overflow being channelled from the confined Grand Canal Dock and discharged into the River Liffey. This will improve water quality in the Grand Canal Dock and enhance the amenity & recreational value of the area. A planning application including EIAR was submitted to ABP in June 2022. A decision was originally expected at the end of November but this has not yet arrived. The consultant's appointment may be extended, subject to agreement on fees, to cover detailed design and procurement of a contractor.

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Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2.	ARUP DCC	OPW	Aug 2007	Sept 2023	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	July 2023	Works are continuing on the installation of gullies and public lighting within Sillogue Gardens. The paving of internal footpaths and parking areas is also on-going.
4	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	April 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.
5	Belmayne Main St & 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 ongoing.
7	Traffic Works – Package 7 Lot 2	DCC	Actavo	Dec 2022	April 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.
8	Liffey Street Public Realm Improvements	DCC	Via Mercanti Ltd, trading as Cairn Construction	Jan 2023	Oct 2024	Works commenced on site 23 rd January 2023
9	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd	April 2023	Oct 2024	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd has commenced construction on.

Planning & Property Development

New Policy/Strategic

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

Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Development Plan 2022-2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan took effect from the 14th December. Preparatory work ongoing with regard to judicial reviews 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respond to legal challenges 2. Commence implementation of policies and objectives of Plan.
Ballymun LAP	<p>M50 Lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31st May 21 – awaiting decision. • Depot construction complete. <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Sillogue Gardens upgrade, continues on-site. • Carton Terrace/ Balbutcher Lane realignment to be examined as part of a possible PPP to enable road delivery. <p>Commercial/ Main Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Soft launch of Site 1B drafting notice. • Quote received for dealing with ponding on site. Plaza: Part 8 approved, Sept 21; awaiting start date. 	<p>Awaiting HSE decision</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Sillogue Gardens work due for completion end of April.</p> <p>PPP option for Carton Terrace with DHLGH.</p> <p>Commercial/ Main St:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Soft launch for expression of interest of site 1B to progress Review and respond to

	<p>Parks/ Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Farm: Masterplan exercise carried out for site 14, identifying site for possible farm use. Meeting held with City Farm and letter issued. <p>Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: (Ref. 3926/22). Planning granted Sept 2022 (93 no. units) • Sites 5 & 15-18: PPP bundle No. 4.. Design Team appointed. • Sites 12 & 14: Affordable Housing Serviced Site Funding: pre-part 8 circulated April 22, revised Nov/Dec 2022. • Site 21: O’Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. DCC submitted affordable housing subvention application. • Site 25: O’Cualann. Site divided into 2: Phase 1 for (36 no.) senior citizens granted planning Aug 22. Phase 2 submitted for planning 18/11/2022 (Ref. 5252/22) FI requested. • Site 19: O’Cualann. Planning submitted, on FI. 	<p>interest in site 1B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Further investigation required into cause of ponding. • Site 26, Enterprise, to be offered to the market. • Plaza: On Parks capital programme for 2023/25. <p>Parks/open space</p> <p>City Farm: Response from City Farm due.</p> <p>Housing:</p> <p>Site 10. Gone to tender, tender closes end March 2023.</p> <p>Sites 5, 15-18: Design team appointed. Meetings with Depts. commenced.</p> <p>Sites 12 & 14: Pre-planning April 2023.</p> <p>Site 21: expected on site 2023.</p> <p>Site 25: Phase 2 (44 houses & 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>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site at Carton: Being examined for a PPP bundle 7. • Site 6: Proposed Cost rental site. • Sites 8 & 9: preparing expressions of interest. • Sites 11 & 13: Expressions of interest (EOI) issued to AHB Protocol, 17 Jan 2023. 	<p>Carton: awaiting decision on PPP 7 from Dept.</p> <p>Site 6: Issue of 2-storey housing on site to be resolved. DCC liaising with AHBs. New location for allotments needed for site to progress.</p> <p>Site 8 & 9: DCC preparing expressions of Interest. DCC working with Empower the Family (site 9)</p>
<p>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 1: Affordable Housing Part 8 approved Oct 2022 (172 no. dwellings). Application made for the Affordable Housing Fund. • Site 2: PPP design team in place. Crèche preparing planning drawings for extension to include new land take. • Site 4 & 5: LDA have commenced engagement with DCC on these sites. • Site 6, 7 & 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, SHD granted by An Bord Pleanála in Dec 21 for 750 no. apartments, 750 sq.m. retail / commercial, and a crèche. • School site: letter issued to DES updating on progress implementing the LAP. • Cherry Orchard Park: DCC Parks are engaging with Implementation team on redesign for park. • Site 3B: update: CDET re St. Oliver's Training Centre to remain on site. • Community Wealth Project: meetings on-going. 	<p>Site 1: Part 8 for the road to progress 2023. To go for tender for design & build 2023.</p> <p>Site 2: Need to agree on stream deculvert requirements to inform design team..</p> <p>Site 4 & 5: LDA design ongoing in consultation with DCC.</p> <p>Site 6: Not yet on site</p> <p>Cherry Orchard Park: Design ongoing.</p> <p>DES timeline for new school to be sought.</p>
<p>Clongriffin-Belmayne</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019. • DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library. 	<p>LIHAF and NTA funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently on site.</p> <p>Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.</p>

Finglas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luas: Finglas LUAS TII EIA scoping request completed, June 22. Jamestown Masterplan. Public display draft Masterplan. 	<p>On-going engagement with TII on Finglas Luas. Railway order expected end of year.</p> <p>JR of ABP SHD permission for Jamestown Village lodged.</p> <p>Public consultation on draft Masterplan for 4 weeks (27 March to 24 April) extended to 15 May</p>
North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, decision to refer back to ABP, which is now reconsidering the heights amendment application. 28 March DOCF meeting to determine future development priorities. 	<p>Await outcome of process.</p> <p>DOCF follow up meeting on outcomes to be organised.</p>
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2; Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme (PWSDZ4058/22). Phase A; Mixed use scheme fronting South Bank Road. Ongoing pre-application discussions. 	<p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Await receipt of FI</p> <p>Continuing.</p>
Dublin Port	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 March to 6 May - public consultation on Dublin Port Company's non-statutory Masterplan (to 2040) 3FM. 	<p>DCC submission being prepared.</p>
City Edge	<p>Strategic Framework – 26 actions noted by DCC/SDCC elected members.</p> <p>3 May Steering Group Meeting</p>	<p>Extensions of consultants brief.</p> <p>Update on key actions.</p>
Public Realm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Anne St/ Duke St/ Lemon St Part 8 was agreed at the April City Council meeting. Detail Design will now be advanced in order to issue for construction tender as soon as possible. Francis Street Scheme is substantial complete. Liffey St Project on site and proceeding with infrastructure and utility upgrades in first phase. Temple Bar Square commenced. Cathal Burgha Street. Outline design and stakeholder engagement commenced 	<p>Complete detailed Design and procurement of contractor.</p> <p>Construction underway</p> <p>Bring to Part 8 in 2023</p>

Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey work ongoing. The Design Team are working to bring to construction tender Q3 2023 Meanwhile uses continue with approval of Members Advisory Group. St Patricks Festival event ran from 16 to 19th March and was well attended. 	The next meeting of the Members Advisory Group will be April 2023.
Draft NTA Strategy for GDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public consultation period ended. Observations from DCC submitted to NTA. 	Await Final NTA Strategy
Dart +	DART + WEST (Maynooth Line) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC Report submitted to ABP on Rail Order. 	Await An Bord Pleanála decision.
	DART +SOUTH WEST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 March Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. 	16 May DCC corporate submission deadline.
	DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line) EIA Scoping process	17 April DCC submission on EIA scoping issued to Irish Rail.
	DART + Coastal SOUTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings held re approach to level crossings 	Further meetings expected in 2023.
Metrolink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 October 2022 Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. . 16 January DCC corporate submission issued to An Bord Pleanála. 	Await ABP Decision.
BusConnects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC 1 Clongriffin to City Centre. CBC 2 Belfield to Blackrock. CBC 3 Blanchardstown to City Centre. CBC 4 Liffey Valley to City Centre. CBC 5 Ballymun to City Centre. CBC 6 Lucan to City Centre 	CBC 1 to 6 - DCC Corporate response issued to An Bord Pleanála.
Finglas LUAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option. Comments issued on preferred route 31st January 2022. 	Monthly preliminary/planning meetings on going. Lodgement of Railway Order Q2 2023.
Gulistan Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masterplan agreed & design process commenced. Latest design iterations presented to the Area Committee on 12th October 2022. Proposals on display in Rathmines Library Nov 22-25th. 	<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>

1. Departmental Priority

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Active Land Management</p> <p>Derelict Sites Register</p>	<p>Compulsory Acquisitions</p> <p>2 Ranelagh, D6</p> <p>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>14 Lorcan Crescent, Santry, D9</p> <p>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</p> <p>Acquired compulsorily by the Council pursuant to the Derelict Sites Act 1990.</p>	<p>14 Lorcan Crescent, Santry, Dublin 9</p> <p>While no objections were received the owner has since been identified. Decision to defer vesting and negotiations with the owner underway</p> <p>8 Ferguson Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9</p> <p>A Settlement Agreement was reached with the former owner prior to the arbitration hearing which included the withdrawal of high Court Proceedings which has now been done and compensation has been paid.</p> <p>Acquisitions Strategy</p> <p>A review of the Derelict Sites Register has been carried out and 17 sites have been identified for potential acquisition and use by the Housing & Community Services Dept or for consideration under URDF Call 3.</p>
<p>Derelict Sites Register</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to <u>206 sites.</u> • Notices of Entry have issued in relation to <u>138 sites.</u> • <u>161</u> submissions have been received to date. 	

	<p>ABP informed the Council on 02/02/2023 that it could confirm the CPO – this was done on 07/02/2023. CPO operative from 17/03/2023.</p> <p>Exchange Street CPO 11- 14 Exchange Street Lower & 11 Essex Street West Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development), Order 2022.</p> <p>Last date for objections was 10/01/2023. One objection notified by APB.</p> <p>Ryder’s Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street Area Compulsory (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2019. The Council has full possession of the site.</p> <p>Werburgh Street CPO Project Steering Group formed with OPW to progress the CPO.</p>	<p>Exchange Street CPO</p> <p>The Bord’s decision is awaited.</p> <p>Housing & Community Services intend developing the site</p>
<p>City Valuers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Relocation of Marckievicz Leisure Centre – Negotiations with TII. • Instructions/maps etc., received for Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects route – DCC properties affected. • Engagement with OPW re disposal of site at Belcamp for new Garda Station including acquisition of Coolock Garda Station. • Preparation of Disposal Brief for site at Main Street Chapelizod. • Engagement with claimant re Derelict Site at Richmond Avenue. • Major programme of house purchase for HAP tenants in situ • Acquisition of 18/19 Parnell Sq. from Failte Ireland 	<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>Inspections/valuations/negotiations.</p> <p>Preparation of Valuation</p>
<p>Building Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive policy of enforcement of building regulations in place • 1200+ inspections across 1800+buildings and sites in 2022 • 86% of all new buildings commenced in 2022 were inspected 	<p>Maintaining efficient management of building control service delivery, commencement notices, and disability access certificate applications.</p>

2. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage														
<p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023</p>	<p><i>The Conservation Section administers the BHIS & HSF schemes for buildings that are either on the Record of Protected Structures or within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs). Full details of both schemes, which are funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), are available on the DCC Website.</i></p>															
<p>BHIS 2023</p>	<p>DCC Conservation section received an allocation of €492,800 from the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage under this year's BHIS Scheme. A total of 78 BHIS applications were received by the closing date of 13th January, Following an assessment process, 64 projects have been recommended to the Department for funding.</p> <p>The Minister has now approved grant funding for the 64 recommended BHIS applications and letters of offer of BHIS funding were sent to all 64 successful applicants on 16th March 2023.</p> <p>An additional 14 applications were received after the deadline and have been placed on a waiting list. A total of €50,900 has been reallocated across 7 projects from the waiting list and to top-up a number of significant projects already approved.</p>	<p>Inspections will be carried out on all successful projects.</p> <p>Letters of offer sent to successful BHIS applicants from the waiting list</p> <p>The initial BHIS return to the Department is due on 30th June 2023</p>														
<p>HSF 2023</p>	<p>A total of 20 applications were received by the closing date of 13th January. All 7 recommended projects were approved for funding by the DHLGH (see table below)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€30,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1	€200,000	Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3	€200,000	26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2	€50,000	20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2	€50,000	109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8	€50,000	Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1	€50,000	Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7	€30,000	<p>Letters of offer sent to successful HSF applicants</p>
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Five out of the seven approved HSF projects for 2023 had also received offers of BHIS funding totalling €50,900 that has now been reallocated to BHIS projects from the waiting list, as mentioned above.

HSF projects from 2021 & 2022

55 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 was originally granted HSF funding of **€50,000** in 2021 which has been carried forward with DHLGH approval into 2022 and then 2023, due to issues with owner tendering and contractor availability.

34 Main St, Chapelizod, Dublin 20 was granted HSF funding of **€50,000** in 2022 which has been carried forward into 2023 with DHLGH approval.

37 Thomas Court, Dublin 8 was granted HSF funding of **€100,000** in 2022; **€93,800** of which has been carried forward into 2023 with DHLGH approval.

Finance

					2023 YTD	% Change
2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL	vs 2022
Total income from fees	490,289					Down 15%
Total refunds issued	124,118					Up 30%
Net fee income	366,172					Down 25%

Development Contributions

Development Contributions

2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 2022
<i>No. of New invoices issued</i>	134				-39%
Total value of invoices issued	€7,369,742				-55%
No. of payments made	318				+14%
Total payments received	€7,877,491				-22%

Collection of outstanding Development Contributions (utilising enforcement tools)

2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change Q1 2022
No. of Inspections	1				-94%
No. of Section 152 Warning letters issued	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
No of Section 154 Enforcement Notices issued	-	-	-	-	-
No. of Section 157 referrals to District Court	-	-	-	-	-

Property Management

Revenue & Receipts

Revenue Raised				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2022	2,425,308	2,098,851	2,497,258	2,445,207
2023	2,617,830			

Income Received				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2022	2,280,743	3,056,997	2,328,081	2,908,348
2023	2,005,903			

Planning Enforcement

2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2022
No. of New complaints opened	350				+9%
No. of S152 Warning Letters issued	420				+20%
No. of S154 Enforcement Notices issued	68				+15%
No. of S157 Referrals to District Court	19				+25%
No. of files closed/resolved	381				No change

Total number active planning enforcement files at 31/03/2023	Total	% change 2022
% change	3176	0%

Building Control

2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2022 - 2022
No. of multiple dwellings commenced	1380					+8%
No. of single dwellings commenced	14					+66%
Total dwellings commenced	1394					+8%

Disability Access Certs

2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	% Change 2022 - 2023
Valid Applications	82					-6%
Certs issued within 2 months	48					-36%
Info requested	0					No change

Derelict Sites Section

2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	% Change 2022
Number of sites inspected	142				+73%
Section 10 (warning letters)	29				+107%
Section 8 (2) Notices (Intention to enter on Register)	13				+1200%
Section 8 (7) Notices (Entry on Register)	8				+300%
Sites removed from Derelict Sites Register	2				+100%

Number of Sites on Derelict Sites Register at 31/03/2023	84
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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

The “**Strategic Sports Plan – Review**” – ongoing. Consultants have been engaged with and the plan is due to be complete by Nov 2023.

A new **national public library strategy** will shortly be launched. It 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.

The “**DCC Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028**” is under development and an update was provided to the members of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on 25th April. The “**Dublin Place Brand Strategy – Advancing a Shared Brand Vision for Dublin**” - is also well advanced and an update was also provided to SPC members at the April meeting. A new brand driver is recommended and will be used as part of a Dublin Place Brand Culture campaign that will go live in June 2023.

Work has commenced on the development of a Culture Strategy.

Departmental Priority

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.

Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027 (LECP) Advisory Group formed with ongoing meetings. High Level Goals and associated objectives amended at joint meeting of SPC and LCDC member on 22nd Feb. Preparations for Stage 2 – consultation are underway. **Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan – DREP 2024** DCC is leading on or supporting 20 of the 26 actions within the plan. A quarterly update was provided. The Implementation Group plan to meet in June. The SoCircular brochure was circulated to members as it was supported by DREP.

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 – competition to be advertised in May. Economic Development and Enterprise SPC Summit Series to focus on Night Time Economy in Q 4 – and will consider findings of Your Dublin Your Voice survey.

Dublin Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 DCC is supporting the Circular Economy Hotspot 29/05-01/06/23. Tickets are on sale and the programme is available online. Chairs of each of the SPC’s have been invited to attend. Economic Development office is directly involved in developing the deep dive / workshop on social enterprise on day 3 of the programme.

Dublin Belfast Circular Economy Capital Expenditure Feasibility Shared Island Funding. DCC/Belfast City Council have commenced working on implementing the feasibility study to create a Connected Circular Economy between the two cities. Tender complete.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2023: 43 applications approved to a value of €90,946.

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals 2023: 14 grants were approved to the

value of €197,284 supporting the creation of 18 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year to date.

Mentoring: 345 hours of mentoring completed 1st Jan – 31st Mar. Annual target 1,000 hours.

Training: 1,897 participants & 62 courses delivered 1st Jan – 31st Mar. Annual target 3,000 hours.

Start Your Own Business: 187 participants attended 6 courses 1st Jan – 31st March 23. Annual target, 227 participants & 13 courses.

Healthy Ireland at your Library Continuing in May, Dublin City Libraries will host a series of presentations and workshops on the themes of #Be Well #Eat Well #Think Well

The winner of the **Dublin Literary Award** will be revealed on Thursday 25th May at the International Literature Festival Dublin which will be a ten day event this year taking place in Merrion Square park from 19th to 28th May. Watch dramatised readings from the 6 shortlisted novels here: [Dublin Literary Award - YouTube](#)

The annual **Gilbert Lecture** will take place in Pearse Street Library and Archive at the end of May. Details on our [events](#) page.

The Radical Newspaper Archive is a new eResource now available in our branches. The archive is a fully searchable collection of over 115 Irish radical and political newspapers, journals, pamphlets and bulletins. Available [here](#)

75 Filming Applications were received by the Dublin City Council Film Office in April 2023.

Visitor Access Management Plan (VAMP) - North Bull Island Nature Reserve supports nine internationally important habitats and a range of protected species and has an estimated 2 million visitors annually. Surveys commissioned over the last number of years revealed the significant negative impacts to wildlife as a result of people walking in sensitive areas and dogs being off lead. In consideration of the survey findings and following consultation with stakeholders, DCC is proposing a VAMP that requires people not to access the salt marsh (where migratory birds feed & roost) or the northern tip of the island (where seals pup & haul out). 'Zones' will be marked with signage and colour coding as follows; red (no access), blue (dogs on lead) and green (off lead outside of bathing season/bathing hours). An information and awareness raising campaign is underway to support the VAMP. Feedback on this proposal is welcome. It is targeted for implementation from April 30th 2023.

Historic Structure Fund (HSF) Grant Award - Red Stables Building Enhancements Works DCC were awarded €200k in HSF 2023 grant funding to complete restoration works to the roof of the Red Stables Building. This grant award is subject to DCC providing the equivalent match funding. Works proposed will include re-slating of the roof with salvaged and new/reclaimed green Westmoreland slates; repairs to brick chimneys; repair/replacement of eaves and barge boards & associated ancillary works e.g. insulation.

Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Refurb of 1930s Wing	<p>Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning.</p> <p>Demolition to rear of Colaiste Mhuire is complete</p>	Construction date TBC
Collection displays /Exhibits	<p>Ongoing displays including New Acquisitions, including Richard Tuttle's <i>Cycle</i> series and Sean Scully's <i>Landlines and Robes</i> print portfolio</p> <p>Andy Warhol <i>Three Times Out</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport eTender completed. Agent to be appointed in April • Artwork Loan agreements to be completed in April • Committee for PR and Public Realm identifying outdoor signage. 	Museum Environment controls for artworks to be put in place.
Programme of art education	<p>In March 2023, there were 73 education and outreach programmes for adults and children with approx. 1,080 participants with an additional 1,393 reached through our March Artists Takeover. The programmes include our art appreciation lectures series, Coffee Conversations, Culture Clubs, Early Years programme, Teen Culture Club, Make and Be community art workshops, adult beginners and life drawing classes, Basic Talks, Film Screening, Artists Takeover by John Beattie, Saturday Looking at Art Club, a 24 page Zine produced by students during our TY course and more.</p>	Ongoing development
Nth Fredrick Lane	<p>Fit out underway for this property acquired by DCC for HLG including Conservation, Archive, Operations and Fine Art Storage.</p>	Preparing facility Q1'23
20 & 21 Parnell SQ	<p>Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG</p>	Feasibility Study Q2 '23
Collection care	<p>Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions and security continues 24/7.</p> <p>Technicians Panel in place.</p>	Appointment of art techs

New website	New HLG website developed and operational, www.hughlane.ie	Project implemented
Student Enterprise	Dublin School Enterprise finals took place 21/03/23.	National Finals to take place in Croke Park 5/05/23
LEO Support	LEO to support businesses 10-50 employees – Jan 2023 on a Pilot basis.	Process development underway.
Dublin Enterprise Award	Lovin' From the Oven, is the winner of the Dublin Enterprise Award and will represent the city in the National finals	National final to take place in the Round Room of the Mansion House 1/06/23
Retail Excellence Ireland Annual Event	Attendance by LEO is being arranged for the Retail Excellence Ireland annual event "Retail Retreat" on May 31 st .	Planning currently in process.
ENFUSE	57 enterprises and social enterprises have been matched with masters students from five Dublin universities and colleges. Top student teams from TU Dublin, DCU, NCI, TCD, UCD have worked on developing strategies for the businesses who applied and will compete by pitching to judges on their plans to help these local enterprises develop	ENFUSE Finals will be held in the Wood Quay Venue on 25/05/2023. This event is led by Economic Development with support of LEO Dublin City and is supported by DREP.
Your Dublin Your Voice	The Q1 Survey on Culture analysis complete. Tender closed on 11/4. The next survey is being planned and will support the development of the Tourism strategy.	Dissemination of Q1 survey results. Q2 survey being drafted. Tender evaluation in progress
Dublin Economic Monitor	Q1 PMI being analysed and disseminated Q1 Spending Pulse being analysed Annual Launch event planned for 8 th June	Q2 PMI to be analysed and published. Q2 DEM and event planning.
MODOS	Additional funding awarded to MODOS for 2023	New website being developed along with development of training on a national basis.
Dublin Place Brand	New Dublin Place Brand Promotional Campaign	Campaign in June using the new 'Always' tagline to promote participation in cultural activities.
Dublin Place Brand	Content Tender Framework	Publishing RFT document on eTenders for a panel of content and report writers.
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant	Tender package for accessibility works to close 12/5/23. Revised design being developed

		for new Part 8 for other works.
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender issued	Tender issued no returns received. Ongoing
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Tender being developed	Construction tender documents to be issued Q2/23
Donore Community Centre	Design Team Appointed. Tenders received. Contract awarded to Design Team in Q1/23. IPB insurance have a financial interest in this project	Preliminary clean out to be arranged in Q2/23
Northside Swimming Pool	Feasibility Study Complete	Tender to be developed for a Design Team in q2/23
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	In Construction. Works are progressing in line with programme, due for completion end of May 23.	A deep clean, refill pool tank, treat/heat water etc will be arranged to prepare for re-opening
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Tender assessment underway	Tender assessment complete, awaiting CPGB approval to appoint successful tenderer.
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Under construction	Works ongoing some delay due to poor weather.
Active Cities	Active Cities & Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership are working with local schools to provide more opportunities for physical activity for schoolkids through the instillation of playground games and markings.	If any schools or community groups are interested in having the stencils installed in their play areas, please contact us on email at sports@dublincity.ie
Sport for Young people Small Grant Scheme	The grant is provided to clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport with members between the ages of 4 to 21, with the aim of increasing participation in sport by young people throughout Dublin City.	The Grant will be advertised in early May

DCSWP Calendar of Events	Developed to align delivery of DCSWP programmes and events with major national and international initiatives to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes.	Sat 14th - Sun 22 nd May Bike Week Sun 15th - Sat 21 st May National Volunteering Week Tues 17th - Sat 21 st May Walk to School Week Mon 16th - Fri 20 th May European Public Health Week
City Library, Parnell Sq	The Design Team are working on the Stage 1 report.	Completion of design of Phase 1
Charleville Mall Library	Tender for Phase 2 of refurbishment in preparation.	Works including a full roof and ceiling replacement, will commence in summer 2023.
Terenure Library	Pre Part 8 discussions with DCC technical Depts. are underway.	Commencement of the Part 8 procedure
Finglas Library	Phase 1 is continuing with an estimated six month build.	Following handover by the contractor, fit-out including installation of IT systems, book stock, furniture will bring the estimated opening date to Summer 2023
New James Joyce Street Park	Completed. The design removes the compacted impervious services and activates the space with a variety of surface textures and the introduction of seating, a boules area, feature lawns and feature planting including trees, shrubs, herbaceous mixed planting and bulbs for year round interest and colour. The project, while primarily a soft landscaping intervention, will bring critical social infrastructure to the local community, promote biodiversity and provide a flexible space for all age groups to enjoy.	The park is targeted to open in May 2023.
Upgrade of Eamonn Ceannt Park Depot	Parks Biodiversity & Landscape Services section is consolidating the South City park depots into one large depot, designed to accommodate 22 personnel, to be located in	Works are scheduled to commence at the end of May 2023 and are

	Eamonn Ceannt Park. The project will comprise the general refurbishment and extension of the existing depot building to upgrade these facilities and to integrate an additional storage building for machinery and equipment; the relocation of the recycling centre; the extension of the boundary wall and public realm/landscape improvement works onto Rutland Grove; altered layouts to the depot compound yards and ancillary works.	targeted for completion by the end of June 2024.
Refurbishment of Ventry Park	Works are ongoing. A large amount of tarmac is being removed to create walkways, green open space, planted areas and new formal & informal play elements.	Refurbishment works are targeted for completion in May/June 2023.
Refurbishment of Diamond Park	The new Park design will provide a destination space for the city with feature playgrounds for all ages, football and basketball facilities, a feature lawn and kick about area and extensive horticulture and buffer zones to shelter both pedestrians and park users from the busy neighbouring thoroughfares.	The project team expect the new park to be open at the end of May 2023, with an official opening targeted for June.

Dates for your Diary:

See details of all library events [here](#) Or for regular updates on library events, activities and developments subscribe to the Library newsletter [Here](#)

International Literature Festival Dublin	Merrion Square	19 th – 28 th May www.ildf.com
Urban Circus	Meeting House Square	28 th May https://www.dublincity.ie/business/venues-hire/meeting-house-square
Women's Mini Marathon	Citywide	4 th June https://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie/

Quarter 1 2023 Statistics

Hugh Lane Gallery	
Visitor Figures 39,289	39,289
Programmes	189
Participants 2,717	2,717
DCSWP	
Number of programmes and initiatives delivered	787
Number of participants	29,934
Libraries	
No. items issued (+ e-resources)	595177 (E resources 274,757)
Reserves satisfied	49,029
Visits to libraries	519085
Online visits (DCL websites)	216,779
Social Media, photo and video views	265,240**
Total no of events held	1462
Attendance at all events	20,742
Total no. of outreach events	47
Total attendance at outreach events	1510
Internet sessions & Wi-Fi	Internet 17,498 WiFi Not Available
Printing & reprography (pages)	120944
Parks	
No. of emails received by Parks Admin	5,949
No. of Service Requests on Citizen Hub	402
Postal Correspondence	89
No. of Council Questions & Motions	187

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](#)

Smart D8 has released its Call for Pilots 2023 for Health and Wellbeing

Following two years of success in delivering 8 impactful and scalable pilots, Smart D8 will continue with a third open call for pilots in three areas: Population Health, Positive and Healthy Ageing, and Connected Patients in the Community. Smart D8 is looking to engage and collaborate with private companies, academics, healthcare providers and public organisations who want to demonstrate their innovative solutions with the local community. The latest call for pilots follows significant work undertaken in the community to date, with a total €50,000 fund available across the projects selected. The Smart D8 Consortium also hosted its latest meeting in the Guinness Enterprise Centre to discuss latest evolutions including, but not limited to, the Call for Pilots 2023, next quarter aspirations, and ongoing strategy. More information on the Call for Pilots is available here: <https://smartdublin.ie/smart-districts/smart-d8/>

Dublin City Tourism Unit Update

The Smart City Unit has been a key partner in the success of the Smart Tourism programme for Dublin and the establishment of the new Dublin City Tourism Unit. Along with the Dublin City Council Culture Company the unit has responsibility for fostering development of tourism in our city. The Dublin City Tourism Unit provides a key tourism advisory function from within Dublin City Council and now manages the Smart Tourism programme. It advises and supports the city on all aspects of tourism development as well as provide several key functions such as tourism strategy development, data and insights reporting and digital product development. It is also responsible for the development of digital tourism offerings such as the [new Dublin Discovery Trails App](#). The Unit is also responsible for the ongoing development of the award winning Smart Tourism Programme for Dublin.

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 project to implement a new Chief Executive Orders system based on the system developed by Fingal continues to be rollout out. Phase two is now live for Planning and Property Development and LEO. Currently working with Housing and Law to prepare for phase three.

The team continued to roll out the online appointment booking system to allow citizens and businesses to book either in-person or online meetings. This solution will be publicised again across the Council to encourage other services to avail of it.

The online venue booking system has gone live with the Arts office. This allows groups or individuals book and pay for a DCC venue online. This solution will be made available across other DCC Venues that the public can book. This will make it easier for citizens and groups to book venues as they can see what times slots etc. are available.

The initial phase of a project to provide access to technology for City Council outdoor staff has commenced. Phones and a digital identity will be provided in early May to staff from two pilot depots.

The deadline for submissions of projects for staff awards scheme was extended with Awards scheduled for May.

Two working groups have been set up to work on developing collaborative workspaces for staff to facilitate in-person and hybrid team-working.

Work continued on the digitisation of internal processes on CitiDesk. Work is ongoing with the HR, Law, Finance and IS Departments in relation to internal business processes. We have commenced engagement with Housing and Planning and property development.

Work has continued on the draft Digital Strategy.

The Service design framework is being used to review and improve two services at the moment.

The Digital application support team are working with the Communications Unit and Big Motive to agree Website governance, privacy and accessibility standards.

Engagement is ongoing with Active Travel and Climate Action to facilitate use of the Citizen alerts platform for related alerts and notifications.

Citizen Hub Project

The old Oracle CRM system has now been decommissioned and all services are now available on Citizen Hub. We are currently reviewing processes built to streamline and improve them based on usage in the last few months and working with UX/Ui consultants to improve how citizen hub integrates with dublincity.ie so there is a more seamless experience for customers and businesses. The Councillor portal is also being worked on as is a solution for customers who wish to engage with us through Irish. The reporting solution is also being worked on so we can monitor response times to requests.

Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

The Data & Analytics Unit continue to build dashboards for Citizen Hub.

The first phase of the automation of the Service Delivery Plan is complete. This phase is focused on Housing and all initial stakeholder engagements have now taken place. These initial meetings have been extremely positive and have led to a significant amount of learnings in respect of identifying data sources, extracting metrics and documenting same.

The Unit are currently investigating a centralised platform that will provide a controlled environment for the Unit to build reports and dashboards for the business owners, including Citizen Hub.

The first phase of stakeholder engagement with the key data stakeholders in DFB has been completed and the documenting of these processes is underway. Another aspect of the data management pilot is to implement a data governance tool.

The Unit carries out the function of Open Data Liaison and supports departments and sections with open data queries and assisting the City Council with meeting its requirements under the Open Data & Re-Use of Data Act.

North City Operations Depot

Construction of the North City Depot (NCOD) commenced in May 2021 with a 19 month programme for completion. To date the main structural work to the Administration & Welfare Building, multi-storey carpark, Central Stores and Workshops is complete. Mechanical and Electrical (M&E) fit out to all these buildings are nearing completion. Finishing works such as plastering, painting, raised floors, tiling and carpentry are in the final stages in the Administration and Welfare Building.

Construction of the Civic Amenity Site office and yard are nearing completion with work ongoing to the finishes to the office and finishing of internal roadways. Work on the Salt Barn's timber cladding is complete. External works and below ground services are nearing completion, with fencing works and works at the access points on-going.

The scheduled completion of construction is currently within the next number of weeks. Following construction there will be a short period required for furniture and IS fit out. The target is to commence the movement of operations into the NCOD in June subject to no further delays.

Engagement with staff and Unions on the Change Management aspects of the project is progressing well and meetings with Unions are being held regularly. Information posters and leaflets are due to be issued to depots and staff in the coming days. Staff visits to the depot are being organised for the latter part of May.

Customer Services

In excess of 10,000 calls were answered and approximately 2,650 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 20th March and 14th April.

Customer Services have logged in excess of 1,200 Housing Maintenance requests between 20th March and 14th April.

Customer Services have taken in excess of 1,700 payments between 20th March and 14th April.

Customer Services have processed almost 1,200 Parking Permits between 20th March and 14th April.

The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with approximately 1,400 visitors to reception between 20th March and 14th April.

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 May.

A number of new staff have joined Customer Services and most have now completed their training. This has speeded up the average time for a customer to be answered on the phone and between 20th March and 14th April, this has reduced to under 2 minutes.

JAM card training has commenced in North East Inner City office and discussions have started with Libraries to schedule appropriate training time. JAM card training has been added as mandatory training for Customer Services staff and this has commenced.

2. Human Resources

The total number of employees at 31st March 2023 was 5,898 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking into account work-sharing arrangements) was 5,584.80

Recruitment Programme 2023

Year	Recruitment campaigns complete / in process
2023 (YTD)	38

Interviews held/concluded April 2023

- Executive Engineer (Structural)
- Executive Engineer
- Senior Waste Enforcement Officer (Temp) WERLA
- Waste Enforcement Officer WERLA
- Inspector (Fitter) Water Services
- Senior Community and Social Development Officer
- Lab Technician (Grade 1)
- Law Interns
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Campaigns Advertised April 2023

- Senior Executive Officer (Temporary)
- Accountant
- Senior Accountant
- Social Media and Online Marketing Officer
- Stakeholder Engagement and Offline Marketing Officer
- Paper Conservator – Hugh Lane Gallery
- Research Officer DRHE
- Personal Assistant – Staff Officer Level
- Clerical Officer (Irish Development Unit)
- Assistant Staff Officer (Irish Development Unit)

The Public Appointments Service has ongoing recruitment campaigns for Assistant Chief Executive, Head of Financial Accounting, Professional Accountant, Dublin City Planner and Deputy City Planner, Senior Engineer, Senior Executive Engineer, Deputy City Architect, Senior Executive Architect, Chief Quantity Surveyor, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer

Law Department

Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/9727/2023	Seeks records re Mansion House: business cases, invoices etc	Client	01/03/2023	
FOI/9728/2023	Emails of DRHE Director re challenge of providing homeless services in the Dublin area	Other	01/03/2023	29/03/2023
FOI/9729/2023	Records bet. DRHE director and Minister for Housing, bet. 01 Dec 2022 and 01 Mar 2023.	Press	01/03/2023	29/03/2023
FOI/9730/2023	Seeks correspondence between LDA and Dublin City Council about Watling Street	Press	01/03/2023	20/03/2023
FOI/9731/2023	Seeks records regarding the extension of Mount Bernard Park into the adjacent land	Client	02/03/2023	30/03/2023
FOI/9734/2023	Seeks records re DCC POs exceeding €20,000	Client	03/03/2023	07/03/2023
FOI/9735/2023	Seeks records DCC property purchase and property sales	Press	03/03/2023	
FOI/9737/2023	Records bet. DCC and company re. development at Milltown Park/Sandford Rd	Client	06/03/2023	29/03/2023
FOI/9739/2023	Records re building control officers and no. of DCC sites inspected by BCO	Client	06/03/2023	
FOI/9740/2023	seeks records re: uplift costs DCC contractor at development in Ballyfermot	Client	06/03/2023	
FOI/9741/2023	seeks records re: Traffic counts over 24 hr period on following dates/location	Client	06/03/2023	
FOI/9743/2023	Records re 2015 Audit reports submitted by DCC to Government Auditor General	Client	07/03/2023	15/03/2023
FOI/9744/2023	Records re 2016 Audit reports submitted by DCC to Government Auditor General	Client	07/03/2023	15/03/2023
FOI/9745/2023	Records re 2017 Audit reports submitted by DCC to Government Auditor General	Client	07/03/2023	15/03/2023
FOI/9746/2023	Seeks records re 2018 Audit reports submitted by DCC to Government Auditor General	Client	07/03/2023	15/03/2023
FOI/9747/2023	Records re 2019 Audit reports submitted by DCC to Government Auditor General	Client	07/03/2023	15/03/2023
FOI/9748/2023	Records of numbers of DCC and AHB houses in named estate Dublin 13	Client	07/03/2023	
FOI/9749/2023	Records of numbers of DCC and AHB houses in named estate Dublin 13	Client	07/03/2023	
FOI/9750/2023	Seeks records of no. of DCC and AHB houses in named estate Dublin 13	Client	07/03/2023	
FOI/9751/2023	Seeks records of no. of DCC and AHB houses in named estate, Dublin 13	Client	07/03/2023	

FOI/9752/2023	Seeks records of no. of DCC and AHB houses in named estate, Dublin 13	Client	07/03/2023	
FOI/9753/2023	Seeks records of no. of DCC and AHB houses in named estate, Dublin 13	Client	07/03/2023	
FOI/9754/2023	Seeks records of numbers of DCC and AHB houses in named estates Dublin 13	Client	07/03/2023	
FOI/9755/2023	Records regarding applications for exhumations in Dublin 4 area	Client	08/03/2023	31/03/2023
FOI/9757/2023	Seeks records re quarry inspections	Client	08/03/2023	
FOI/9758/2023	Records -Rental income year 2020, 2021 and 2022, Allotments under DCC	Client	09/03/2023	
FOI/9759/2023	Seeks correspondences re traffic control centre	Client	10/03/2023	
FOI/9760/2023	Records re illegal dumping records at 3 named locations Jan 19 to present	Client	10/03/2023	
FOI/9761/2023	Request records from DRHE	Other	10/03/2023	
FOI/9762/2023	Records - child anti-social behaviour in Dublin City bet. 01.01.22-31.12.22	Client	13/03/2023	
FOI/9763/2023	Seeks details re planning application decision	Client	13/03/2023	04/04/2023
FOI/9764/2023	Records-2019 Local Election Expense Statements for successful/unsuccessful candidates	Client	13/03/2023	
FOI/9768/2023	Requests records regarding councillors expenses	Business	14/03/2023	
FOI/9769/2023	Emails bet. DCC and company -refurb. of Barrow St. bet. 15.03.22 and 14.03.23.	Press	14/03/2023	
FOI/9770/2023	Requests records regarding named street, Dublin 8	Client	15/03/2023	
FOI/9772/2023	Seeks records re Safer Ballymun Initiative meetings	Client	16/03/2023	
FOI/9773/2023	Seeks records re DCC employee attendance at Meakstown Safety Forum meeting	Client	16/03/2023	
FOI/9774/2023	Records- cycle lane in Dublin 11 and parking enforcement in the area	Client	16/03/2023	
FOI/9775/2023	Seeks records re online IT meeting tools used by DCC 2020-2022	Client	16/03/2023	
FOI/9776/2023	Records re complaints, evictions and allocations at named location	Client	16/03/2023	
FOI/9777/2023	Records regarding managing compliance	Client	16/03/2023	
FOI/9778/2023	Records re: All developments purchased for use as social & affordable housing	Client	16/03/2023	
FOI/9779/2023	Records- The no. of people on Dublin city council housing list broken down by categories	Client	20/03/2023	
FOI/9780/2023	Seeks records regarding bin enclosure	Client	20/03/2023	
FOI/9786/2023	seeks records re: Cycle Track and Associated Words through Fairview	Client	23/03/2023	23/03/2023

FOI/9787/2023	Seeks records re fire safety implications of railway crossing closures	Client	24/03/2023
FOI/9789/2023	Copy of employment contract of the current and immediately preceding CEO of DCC.	Client	27/03/2023
FOI/9790/2023	Records: SCR/Con Colbert Road/St John's Road West (R111/R148 junction)	Client	27/03/2023
FOI/9792/2023	Records regarding closure of staff canteen	Press	28/03/2023
FOI/9793/2023	Records regarding DCC electoral roll project 1937-1964	Client	28/03/2023
FOI/9794/2023	Seeks DCC derelict site register	Press	28/03/2023 30/03/2023
FOI/9825/2023	Seeks records re planning enforcement records relating to named property	Business	28/03/2023
FOI/9827/2023	Requests planning records	Client	29/03/2023
FOI/9828/2023	Records- DRHE decision not to proceed with further research into homeless mortality	Client	29/03/2023
FOI/9829/2023	Requests details on submissions to DSPS webform over the last 12 months	Client	29/03/2023
FOI/9837/2023	Request planning enforcement records	Client	30/03/2023
FOI/9839/2023	Request Social Housing tenant handbooks in use between 2008 and 2018	Press	31/03/2023

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2023 -31/03/2023	252
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2023 - 31/03/2023	188

Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023 – Quarter 1 Performance Report

The Annual Service Delivery Plan includes a commitment to report on progress and performance in the Chief Executive's Management Report every quarter. The tables, and accompanying notes below, detail the progress made in Quarter 1, 2023 against performance measures and targets set out in the Plan. Performance measurements which are to be reported on annually are excluded from this report and will be included at the appropriate time.

SDP01 Customer Services

Customer Services is the central point of contact for citizens and businesses to access services and information on the City Council's full range of services. The service is provided by telephone, email, and face-to-face.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total/ Average
Number of calls dealt with	38,318
% of calls dealt with at first point of contact	48.8%
No. of new services available on Citizen Hub	34
No. of registered users of Citizen Hub	17,000

SDP02 Maintenance / Improvement of Local Authority Housing Units

The Council is committed to the provision of a high quality management, maintenance and repair service for its rented housing stock of over 25,000 units. The Council has a strategic plan to upgrade existing housing that is over 60 years old, to modern standards.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total / Average
Total number of repair requests received*	19,640
% repair requests resolved within timeframe (Emergency – 24 hours)*	N/A
% repair requests resolved within timeframe (Urgent – 5 working days)*	N/A
% repair requests resolved within timeframe (Routine – 8 weeks)*	N/A
Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock*	N/A
Expenditure per dwelling on the maintenance of LA housing*	N/A
% of available housing that is void	1.84%
Average time taken from the date of vacant possession to date of occupancy	25.53 weeks

Performance Standard	Q1 Total / Average
Average cost per unit of getting the dwellings re-tenanted (Voids)	€39,951
Average cost per unit of getting the dwellings re-tenanted (Acquisitions)	€47,680
Number of units refurbished	151
Number of housing adaptations Annual Target: 250 housing adaptations	70
Number of housing extensions Annual Target: 12 housing extensions	0
Number of planned maintenance visits Annual Target: 818 planned maintenance visits	168
Number of Phase 2 units complete with a BER improvement Annual Target: 100	32
Number Domestic Gas Boilers serviced	2,643
Number Domestic Gas Boilers repaired	2,842
Number Domestic Gas Boilers replaced*	
Number new personal alarm systems distributed*	Programme Paused

* Quarterly reporting lag

SDP03 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer

Dwellings are allocated in accordance with the Allocations Scheme adopted by the City Council in May 2018. A reassessment of Housing Need is undertaken annually.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number on Housing List*	12,293
Number on Housing Transfer List*	16,935
Number housed in the period	453

* As at end of Quarter

SDP04 Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector

Dublin City Council is responsible for bringing about improvements to the quality of accommodation in the private rented sector under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. This is done through a programme of inspections and enforcement. The inspections are carried out by Environmental Health Officers on a reactive and proactive basis.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number of rented dwellings inspected	1,747
Number of dwellings non-compliant after first inspection	885
Number of dwellings that achieved compliance in the period	809

SDP05 Housing Rent & Tenant Purchase Administration – Rent Management

Dublin City Council manages approximately 25,251 tenancies, with a rental income of c. €96m projected for 2023. Average Council rent in September 2022 was €72.41 per week. The weekly rent charge is determined in accordance with the 2019 Dublin City Council Differential Rent Scheme. Tenants have a variety of rent payment options, including payment by direct debit, household budget, payment of cash at any post office or in the Council's own cash office in the Civic Offices, online or telephone payment via credit card.

The Council engages with Tenants in arrears and their representatives and will agree fair and realistic repayment plans and advise tenants of debt relief solutions. While the primary aim is tenancy sustainment, tenants who will not address rent arrears will be subject to the provisions of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 which provides the legislative framework for pursuing breaches of rent payment obligations up to and including repossession of the property.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
% of Rent Charge collected	84.5%
% variance in rent arrears	0%
Number of tenants in arrears engaged with MABS	149
Number of tenancy warnings issued	63
Number of legal actions commenced	26

SDP06 Housing Grants

The Home Grants Unit delivers three grant schemes to provide assistance to people making adaptations to their privately owned homes to meet their medical needs or to older people carrying out essential repairs. On submission of a full application, an applicant will have an initial inspection from a Dublin City Council Technical Inspector within four weeks of receipt of the application. In circumstances where an urgent hospital release or other critical cases require immediate attention, the Home Grants Unit will try to carry out an inspection immediately after contact is made and the application will be fast-tracked.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Housing Adaption Grant: No. of applications received	243
Housing Adaption Grant: % of initial inspections carried out within 4 weeks of receipt of application	90%
Housing Adaption Grant: No. approved and completed -(total of approved and paid grants)	486
Mobility Aids Scheme: No. of applications received	38
Mobility Aids Scheme: % of initial inspections carried out within 4 weeks of receipt of application	96%
Mobility Aids Scheme: No. approved and completed (total of approved and paid grants)	71
Housing Aid for Older People: No. of applications received	158
Housing Aid for Older People: % of initial inspections carried out within 4 weeks of receipt of application	92%
Housing Aid for Older People: No. approved and completed (total of approved and paid grants)	286

SDP07 Housing Assistance Payment

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a form of social housing support provided by all local authorities. Under HAP, Dublin City Council can provide housing assistance to households who qualify for social housing support, including many long-term Rent Supplement recipients. HAP allows all social housing supports to be accessed through the local authority and allows recipients to take up full-time employment and maintain their housing support. The process of transferring rent supplement recipients to HAP commenced on a phased basis in September 2018.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number of HAP tenancies created	164
% of remaining rent supplement recipients transferred to HAP	2.3%

SDP08 Operation of Fire Service

Dublin Fire Brigade provides an integrated Fire, Rescue and Emergency Ambulance Service for Dublin City and County. The service operates from 12 full time and 2 retained stations, employing over 1,000 staff. All full time fire-fighters are fully trained paramedics with retained personnel trained to First Response Level.

Performance Standard	Q1 Average
% of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 mins	72.84%
% of cases in respect of fire in which attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	24.14%
% of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	3%
% of cases in respect of all other emergencies in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 mins	70.19%
% of cases in respect of all other emergencies in which attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	26.48%
% of cases in respect of all other emergencies in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	3.32%

SDP09 Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Section provides Building Control and Fire Certification and carries out a range of On-Site Inspections on Commercial and Multi-Occupancy Premises. The Section also promotes fire safety through education and advice.

Performance Standard	Q4 2022 Total*
% of applications for fire safety certificates received that were decided within two months of their receipt	30%
% of applications for fire safety certificates received that were decided with an extended period agreed with the application	31%

Note* Quarterly reporting lag to allow for 2-month reporting period

SDP10 Road Maintenance and Improvement

Road Maintenance Services Division is responsible for the maintenance of the 1,240 km of public roads and streets throughout Dublin City, together with the associated footways, bridges and other structures. The total area of carriageway is 8.1 million square metres and the total area of footways is 3.5 million square meters. This maintenance work is carried out by direct labour units and by private contractors

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Percentage of planned work programme complete	5%
Total number of service requests recorded	3,316
Total number of service requests resolved	1,179
Total number of defects recorded	1,347
Total number of defects repaired and/or made safe	1,183
Percentage of Priority 1 service requests (all critical defects) made safe and/or repaired within 24hrs	95%

SDP11 Public Lighting

The Public Lighting Section operates a citywide service, currently maintaining approximately 47,000 streetlights. This involves general upkeep of and maintenance of lighting infrastructure, night patrol inspection for faults and repairs to faults detected through patrols and responding to service requests from the public.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Total number of faults reported	3,078
% faults initiated by members of the public responded to within 5 working days	52%
% other repairs carried out within 10 working days	57%
Street lights retrofitted to be energy efficient	10,787
% of public lighting now using energy efficient systems	23%

SDP12 Traffic Management & Road Safety

The objective of the Environment and Transportation Department is to deliver the safe, effective and efficient movement of people and goods in Dublin and to ensure that the needs of vulnerable road users are specifically addressed.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
No. of TAG requests received in the period	441
% of TAG requests decided on within 4 months of request	52%
% of vehicles declamped within 1 hr of payment (target 85%)	93%
% of vehicles declamped within 2 hrs of payment (target 100%)	100%
% of first stage appeals finished within 21 days	100%
% of first stage appeals refunded because time has elapsed	0%
No. of cyclists and pedestrians at count points during period*	12,038,570

*data retrieved from 15 pedestrian counters and 6 cycle counters

SDP13 Surface Water & Flood Incident Management

The Surface Water & Flood Incident Management (SW&FIM) Division road drainage maintenance crews carry out road gully cleaning of an estimated 55,000 gullies within Dublin City Council's administrative area. It typically takes 18 months to complete one full cleaning cycle however areas of the city that are prone to flooding are cleaned more frequently.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
% planned work programme complete	unavailable
Total number of gully cleaning service requests received	unavailable
% gullies inspected within timeframe (4/5 working days)	unavailable

SDP14 Drainage Maintenance

Dublin City Council has responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the surface water network, flood protection, river maintenance, including the cleaning and inspection of river racks and pollution control of bathing waters.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
No. of water bodies whose status remains static	14
No. of water bodies whose status improves	0
No. of water bodies whose status disimproves	7
No. of licenses issued (as recommendation to Irish Water) as part SLA with Irish Water	1

SDP15 Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operation

Operation of the glass bottle bank network, community bring centres (five of which accept green waste), as well as the two recycling centres located at Ringsend and North Strand.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
No. of Bring Banks	80
No. of Bottle Banks	491
No. of Textile Recycling Units	128
No. of On-Street Recycling Bins	50
Tonnage of textiles collected	128
Tonnage of dry mix collected	290
Tonnage of glass collected	2,377
Green Schools participation	263

SDP16 Litter Management – Community Clean- Ups

Dublin City Council provides equipment for planned community clean-ups in response to requests from local community representatives. Area Offices and Waste Management also arranges for the collection and disposal of rubbish collected.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Total no. of community clean ups facilitated by the City Council in the period	745
% bag collections carried out within 3 days of request	83%

SDP17 Street Cleaning

The Street Cleaning Service is administered by the Waste Management Department. It includes the servicing and maintenance of 3,200 litter bins and the collection of 17,000 tonnes of street cleaning and litter bin waste annually. Waste Management crews and a team of Litter Wardens provide services to remove, investigate and carry out enforcement in relation to illegal dumping in accordance with relevant bye-laws and legislation. The inspection and removal of abandoned vehicles is a reactive service based on customer service requests to inspect suspected abandoned vehicles.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total / Average
Total number of requests for litter bin maintenance received in the period	943

Performance Standard	Q1 Total / Average
% resolved within timeframe (24 hours of receipt)	N/A
Number of tonnes of illegally dumped household waste removed by the City Council in the period	741.62
Cost of removal for the period including labour, fleet and disposal	€235,523.92
Total number of reports of illegal dumping received in the period	2,817
% reports resolved within timeframe (24 hrs)	N/A
Number of enforcement actions taken	588
Number of streets at Grade A	42
Number of streets at Grade B	12
Number of streets at Grade C	3
Number of streets at Grade D	0
Total number of requests for street cleaning received in the period	1,147
% inspected within timeframe (24 hours)*	N/A
Total number of abandoned vehicle reports received	234
% reports determined not to be abandoned vehicles following inspection	N/A

*Service live in Citizen Hub since Q4 2022; new reporting methodology under development

*Citizenhub awaiting reporting suite for closures, timelines and %

*Grading system down for majority of Q1

SDP18 Air & Noise Pollution

Dublin City Council monitors and controls Air, Noise and Water Pollution in accordance with EU Regulations.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Total number of pollution cases that were the subject of a complaint	113
Total number of pollution cases closed	70
Total number of pollution cases on hand	127
% of all air quality monitors which achieve at least a 90% data capture rate	88%

SDP19 Leisure Facilities Operations

Dublin City Council Sports and Leisure Services provides a wide range of sporting, leisure and community services for individuals and groups to use to stay active and connect in a safe, positive and accessible manner.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number of visitors to leisure facilities (14 sports, recreation and community centres)	64,024

SDP20 Operation of Library & Archival Service

Dublin City Libraries provides a wide range of services across a network of 21 branches and online, including lending and reference services, study and research spaces and learning support content, free Internet access via PCs and Wi-Fi, a programme of events and festivals for people of all ages, including reading, literary, archival, history and commemoration services and events, delivered in branch and remotely over the web.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number of library visits per head of population	519,085
Number of items issued to library borrowers	588,512
Number of registered members of the library	86,475
Number of programmed events /initiatives	82
Number of participants	1,417
Number of social media engagements	50,995
Number of home deliveries	57

SDP21 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations – Parks and Landscape Service

The Parks Service manages urban and neighbourhood parks, river valley parks and St Anne's Park which includes responsibility for a range of amenities for play and recreation as well as cafés, markets and public toilets. It also manages the North Bull Island Nature Reserve.

As part of the play development programme there are 67 well equipped playgrounds providing play opportunities in almost every neighbourhood in the City.

The tree care programme involves the systematic and planned care of the City's 100,000 trees in parks and on streets. The Parks Landscape Services team manage the development of new parks and the upgrade of public to be more natural and biophilic in design.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Total number of grass cutting/maintenance requests received*	53
% resolved/resolution planned within timeframe (7 - 10 days)**	21%***
Total number of tree care requests received*	208
% tree care requests investigated within timeframe (10 days)**	21%***
Number and type of events in City Parks (Annual)	172

*Requests received via Citizen Hub

** Service live in Citizen Hub since Q2 2022; new reporting methodology under development

***Estimated. All queries referred to District Parks Officers within 24 hours of receipt. DPOs not currently using Citizen Hub. Pending full rollout of Citizen Hub & new reporting methodology, data on accurate close out times is not available.

SDP22 Community Sport & Recreational Development – Sports and Recreation

Dublin City Council's Sport and Recreation Section supports, manages and delivers a wide range of sport and recreational programmes and services in the City annually through its facilities and the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership. Sports Officers deliver sport and recreational programmes at local and citywide levels for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number of programmes and initiatives delivered	787
Number of participants	29,934

SDP23 Arts Office

The City Arts Office is a production and developmental unit of Dublin City Council that recognises the transformative role that the Arts play in the lives of residents and visitors to Dublin. It works through partnership with the Public, Artists and Arts organisations.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
No. of programmed events	11
No. of participants at events	2,603
No. of Artists in Residence	4
No. of new workspaces opened and / or maintained	0

SDP24 Economic Development & Promotion

The Economic Development and the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Dublin City staff work together to cultivate a strong enterprise eco system in Dublin that supports start-ups and scaling businesses. A series of work is advanced under local, regional, national and European strategies that supports the promotion of economic development, enterprise, the creation of jobs and the increase of economic activity across the City Region and strengthens Dublin's competitiveness and promotion as a globally connected city region.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number of LEO Dublin City grants awarded	44
Value of LEO Dublin City grants awarded	€ 303,441
Number of participants participating in LEO Dublin City training, mentoring and networking events	2,742
Number of businesses supported through MODOS	0
Number of businesses supported through Green for Micro	3
Number of businesses supported through Green Start	0

SDP25 Street Performers and Operation of Markets & Casual Trading

The Licensing Unit are responsible for the issuing of street performer permits and casual trading licenses and for monitoring and enforcement of the Street Performers Bye Laws 2016.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
No. of street performer licences issued	169
No. of casual trading permits issued	275
No. of inspections	1,607
No. of enforcement actions taken	804

SDP26 Development Management

The Development Management Process refers to the planning application process. Development Management operates within the framework of the Dublin City Development Plan and is guided by other plans, such as the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, SDZs and Local Area Plans as well as Section 28 Guidelines. Development Management seeks to harness the creative energies of the development community, civic bodies, architects and the public, to ensure that new developments, as well as regeneration and conservation projects, contribute to the unique physical character, economic health and social and cultural vitality of Dublin City.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bórd Pleanála that were determined by the Board	19
% of the determinations by ABP which confirmed the decision made by the LA	84% (16)
Number of PAC's as % of all decisions (Annual)	
Number of DCC applications (planning permissions, Sn5s, SHECs)	1,004
Number DCC PACs	34
Number SHD applications	0
Number SHD PACs	0
Number of LRD PACs (stage 1)	2
Number of LRD meetings (stage 2)	3
Number of LRD applications (stage 3)	4
% of planning applications submitted online	34% (297)

SDP27 Enforcement

Planning Enforcement section ensures that developments are carried out in compliance with the planning permission granted and takes appropriate enforcement action in cases where a development has been or is without permission or in breach of the permission granted.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Number of enforcement complaints received	350
% change in number of complaints received	9%
% complaints acknowledged within 10 working days	100%
% first inspections carried out within 6 weeks of receipt of complaint	100%
Number of Warning Letters issued	420
Number of Enforcement Notices served	68
Number of Legal Proceedings initiated	44

SDP28 Building Control

The Building Control Division works to enforce building regulations through inspections of new buildings under construction as well as buildings undergoing extension or alteration. The Division also considers applications for Disability Access Certificates to ensure the built environment is continually improving in terms of access for all building users.

Performance Standard	Q1 Total
Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority (annual)	-
Number of site inspections carried out	114
% of Disability Access Certificate Applications determined within statutory timeframe	61%
Number of Enforcement Notices / other formal enforcements served	0