

To the Lord Mayor and  
Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 123/2023  
Report of the Chief Executive



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## Monthly Management Report – June 2023

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Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 places an obligation on the Chief Executive to prepare Monthly Management Reports for Council. The monthly report for the June 2023 City Council meeting is submitted herewith.

### **Finance**

Please be advised that there are no additions or changes to the Monthly Local Fund Statement & EU/IMF Report listed on the City Council Agenda.

### **Environment & Transportation**

Please see attached report.

### **Housing & Community Services**

Please see Housing Supply Report on Agenda.

### **Planning & Property Development**

Please see attached report.

### **Culture, Recreation & Economic Services**

Please see attached report.

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

Please see attached report including Smart Cities/Smart Dublin update.

### **Law Department**

#### **Freedom of Information**

Please see attached Report in relation to Freedom of Information statistics.

**Owen P. Keegan**  
Chief Executive

**Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

## **Environment and Transportation Department**

### **Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking.**

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 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023, that week's revenue was €397,116.64. For week ending 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023, the usage of coin in parking meters was

€129,403 and for week ending 14<sup>th</sup> May card payments were €159,140.

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

The following have been balloted for introduction of a new parking scheme.

Thor Place, D7.

Ebenezer Terrace, D8.

Pim Street, D8

Clare Road, D9.

The scheme on Richmond Road will commence on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The hours of operation are Monday to Sunday 7 to 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 April 2023 the Division repaired/ made safe approximately 1,600 defects and hazards on the road network. Furthermore during the same period 142 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**

The 2023 Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme was open for applications from the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 was available for disbursement to eligible projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area. Applications were invited to submit proposals to the Scheme for assessment by the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee. The Committee members will hold several grant assessment meetings throughout June and July where they will carefully evaluate each application against the Projects Grant Scheme's general conditions and criteria and select only those that will provide the maximum community benefit.

Regarding the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021,21 of the 28 approved applicants have drawn down their grant funding to a total value of circa €326K. The total funding awarded was circa €500K, and therefore the balance remaining for drawdown is €174K. Due to unforeseen circumstances, two organisations have decided to withdraw their grant aided projects. The remaining 5 beneficiaries have until the 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **Street Grading**

Following a period of inactivity due to IT issues, the street grading program resumed in mid-April. **199** surveys were undertaken on 189 streets across the six waste management areas in April 2023. Grading was mainly carried out between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday. Overall 59% of streets graded received a Grade A, 30% Grade B, 10% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

<b>AREA</b>	<b>No of Streets Graded</b>	<b>No of Surveys</b>	<b>Grade A</b>	<b>Grade B</b>	<b>Grade C</b>	<b>Grade D</b>
CENTRAL	46	54	32	20		
SOUTH EAST	31	32	21	9	2	
SOUTH CENTRAL	30	31	17	12	2	
NORTH CENTRAL	22	22	18	2	2	
NORTH WEST	29	29	11	11	7	
CITY CENTRE	31	31	18	6	7	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

23 bottle bank surveys were carried out in April 2023. Overall 43% of bottle banks received a Grade A, 30% Grade B, 26% Grade C, 0% Grade D.

AREA	No. of Bottle Banks Graded	No of Surveys	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
SOUTH EAST	2	2		1	1	
SOUTH CENTRAL	13	14	8	4	2	
NORTH WEST	7	7	2	2	3	
TOTALS	22	23	10	7	6	0

### **Recycling Services**

Parks & Landscaping Services have engaged a service provider to refurbish Eamon Ceannt Park Dept, including works to the bring centre. Works were 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. The start date has subsequently been delayed until later in the summer due to issues with a sub-contractor.

### **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 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 third quarter of 2023.
- Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works. The construction works are ongoing with most sites near completion.. 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.
- The Bathing Water season will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2023 and will run until the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, as defined in the Bathing Water Regulations SI 79 of 2008. During this period, Dublin City Council will monitor bathing water quality at all designated and other monitored waters on at least 20 separate occasions. Results will be made available in softcopy format on [Beaches and Bathing Water Quality | Dublin City Council](#) or on [Find A Beach - Beaches.ie - Beaches.ie](#) & in hardcopy format at bathing water entrances. Where warnings are required to be raised to protect public health, the Health Service Executive will

be consulted and Environmental Protection Agency notified. Queries relating to bathing waters can be sent to [waterpollution@dublincity.ie](mailto:waterpollution@dublincity.ie).

### **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 June 2023.
- Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website [www.camacfas.ie](http://www.camacfas.ie)

### **Climate Action Team**

The Climate Action Team 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.

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Climate Action Regional Office**

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 were planned for all LAs in April and May 2023.

The first workshop covering Heritage and Biodiversity took place in Portlaoise on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Dublin CARO organised and moderated at the second sectoral workshop on Transportation on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Other workshops will address the sectoral topics of 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 13<sup>th</sup> June. It is aimed at procurement officers, budget holders and decision makers. Strand 3 which is aimed at staff involved in developing the green procurement strategy in local authorities commenced in late September. Invitations to staff to complete this training will be via the training officers in the LAs and will be offered for up to 1 year.

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 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 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 assists 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>

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 in Autumn 2023.

Dublin CARO funded prizes for winning projects in the Globe Nature Based Solutions Schools Projects at a prize giving ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Wood Quay Venue. The Globe Programme is an initiative of An Taisce's Environmental Education Unit and is supported by NASA and the EPA.

Dublin CARO attended the EPA's National Climate Change Conference 2023 at Dublin Castle on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

As part of National Biodiversity Week 2023 (19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May) Dublin CARO assisted, funded and attended a Climate Change Cruise at Dublin Bay on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Over 90 persons were in attendance and included climate change and Biodiversity experts and enthusiasts alike.

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

## **Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit.**

### **Ambient Air Monitoring Network**

The 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.

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

The multi-disciplinary team within the Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) continues to work on the design and delivery of a number of projects as part of the overall network, which when fully completed, will result in 95% of people being within 400 metres of the high quality network within Dublin City.

The number of projects with construction activity increased to five during the month when works commenced to implement measures on a section of the **Liffey Cycle Route** along Eden Quay (0.25km section) from O' Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge/Beresford Place junction.

The other four projects in construction are at various stages of progression. The **Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC)** project will deliver 8km of walking facilities, 6km of cycling facilities, and 5.4km of bus lanes, from Alfie Byrne Road/Clontarf Road Junction to Amiens Street/Talbot Street Junction and a section of the Tolka Valley Greenway from Annesley Bridge to Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Junction. Construction commenced in Q1 2022 and will continue until Q1 2024.

In order to progress works on the inbound side along North Strand Road, temporary road closures were required at Ossory Road, Shamrock Terrace and Shamrock Place. These closures were crucial to the Scheme to enable the Contractor to get ducting, watermain, drainage and kerbing across each of the narrow side roads. The Scheme is grateful to local residents and businesses for their patience during the necessary closure periods.

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

Works have continued outside CIE headquarters, adjacent to Connolly Station with the existing railings now removed for replacing along the new wall alignment. Furthermore, Buckingham Street and Five Lamps junction cycletrack and bus lane works continue on the outbound side of Amiens Street. Works between 'Edges' corner and Malahide Road along Fairview are also ongoing on the outbound side since March. It is still envisaged that works shall switch to the outbound side of road all the way between Five Lamps and Edge's Corner in early to mid-June. Some work sites shall still remain on the inbound side to complete finishing and paving works.

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.

**Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3** will provide 2.1 km of cycling facilities and 2.1 km of walking facilities along the Royal Canal, from Newcomen Bridge (North Strand Road) to Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road). Construction commenced on site in February 2023 and is expected to continue until Q2 2025.

The towpaths between Cross Guns Bridge and Binns Bridge and between Russell Street Bridge and Clarke's Bridge continue to be unavoidably closed to the public until further notice to facilitate the works. At this time, it is anticipated that the towpath between Binns Bridge and Russell Street Bridge will close to the public on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and that the towpath between Clarke's Bridge and Newcomen Bridge will close on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. The contractor has also applied for a temporary road closure on Charleville Mall between Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 inclusive and this is being processed by Roadworks Control. Local access will be facilitated for Charleville Mall residents throughout the closure period.

All eight foundation piles have been installed for the new pedestrian and cycle bridge just east of Lock 3 and the piles are currently undergoing testing. Once testing is complete, construction of the pile caps and bridge abutments will commence. The bridge deck is currently under construction off site. Topsoil stripping along this section has been completed under the supervision of an archaeologist.

A section of the Binns Bridge western side parapet wall has been removed on the southern towpath to facilitate site access. This was done in accordance with a method statement that was prepared by a Grade 1 Conservation Architect and submitted to Dublin City Council's Conservation section prior to undertaking the works.

Sheet piling works are ongoing along the canal bank between Russell Street Bridge and Clarke's Bridge, though progress has slowed in recent days due to difficult ground conditions on the approach to Clarke's Bridge. Vibration monitors are in place on local properties and there have been no excessive vibrations recorded thus far. Preparations are also underway for the construction of the sheet pile capping beam, which is due to commence on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Slit trenching works are also ongoing on both sides of Clarke's Bridge to confirm the line and level of existing underground utilities.

The contractor has taken possession of Portland Place Park for use as a compound area and to facilitate access to the towpath. The park has been fenced off and the seating and paving within the park are now being dismantled and stored for reuse. As noted above, the towpath between Binns Bridge and Russell Street Bridge is expected to be closed to the public after the June bank holiday weekend. Sheet piling works will commence on this section of towpath as soon as the piling crew completes the sheet piling up to Clarke's Bridge.

Also for Binns Bridge, Pre-Part VIII planning departmental consultations have been completed and the Part VIII was noted at the Central Area Committee meeting on 9th May. The Part VIII application is due to be lodged in the coming weeks.

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

Main Contract Works on site are currently on hold due to the Liquidation of the Contractor, DCC are awaiting correspondence from the court appointed Liquidator.

In the interim, measures have been taken by DCC to ensure public safety is maintained. Temporary Traffic Management measures were removed from a number of locations and footpaths/carriageways reopened. Discussions are ongoing to complete remaining minor civil works at Clogher Road & Aughavannagh Road Junctions. This will allow for the commissioning of new traffic lights and the removal of the remaining temporary traffic management items. Any

works carried out will be to ensure there is no risk to public safety while a determination is reached on how the remainder of the contract works will be completed.

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 and, as mentioned above, installation works commenced on the 3rd of May and are currently ongoing.

The Active Travel project team are progressing with the detailed design drawings and works requirements for measures along George's, Burgh, Aston & Crampton Quay (0.8km) from Talbot Memorial Bridge to the Ha'penny Bridge. A two way cycletrack is proposed along the river side. It is anticipated a tender will be issued to engage a Contractor during the Summer of 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.

Curtain Walls between the Cantilevered Pile Section of the Flood Defence Walls were completed in April. The Deck Slabs for the Cantilevers commenced in May and are approximately 20% complete. Public Lighting & Traffic Fibre ducting has commenced. The Invasive Species had been removed from site under licence- a small recurrence has been noted, removed and the area isolated. The Site Entrance at Donnybrook Road adjacent to Anglesey Bridge is being use as a secondary entrance and is operating well.

Non-Statutory Public Consultation on the two sections of the **Dodder Greenway** from Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road and Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park commenced on May 29th 2023 and will run until June 30<sup>th</sup> and more information is available on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council plan to lodge a Part VIII planning application for the Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road section in Q2 2023. AA and EIA screening reports are being progressed for the remaining sections - Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road and Orwell Road to Dodder Road Lower.

On the **Royal Canal Greenway Phase 4**, the proposed amending Part VIII planning proposals were presented to the Central Area Committee meeting on 9th May. All of the Councillors' questions from the meeting are currently being collated and responses will be issued to the Councillors prior to the amending Part VIII submission.

A ground investigation (GI) contractor has been appointed to carry out GI works on the railway line and in the vicinity of the railway underpass near Lock 7 (Phase 4C). Some additional GI works are also required on the towpath between Cross Guns Bridge and Broome Bridge due to the requirement to lay high voltage electricity ducting in the towpath. It is anticipated that GI works will commence on site in June 2023, subject to the contractor getting permission from Iarnród Éireann to access the railway line.

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

contractor. In addition, a yellow box is proposed for Broombridge Road at the entrance to the Luas terminus in order to make it easier for buses to exit the terminus.

The tender competition for the **Fitzwilliam Street** cycle route is now closed and the review process is underway. It is anticipated that construction works will commence in Q3 2023 subject to NTA approval and will take approximately twelve months to complete.

The **Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street (SC2C)** walking and cycling scheme went to non-statutory public consultation on 30th January until 28th February. A total of 675 submissions were received via the online consultation hub by the closing date. Other submissions were made via email and at the Public Information Event on 7th February. A Public Consultation Report has been drafted and is expected to be published on the DCC website during June 2023.

The **Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello)** is currently at the Concept Development and Options Selection Phase. The Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) is being finalised and is expected to be submitted to the NTA for approval by the end of May 2023.

The Concept Design and Option Selection process for the **Finglas Village Improvement Scheme** are being advanced. A Rapid Build Options Report is required to be prepared for the scheme in accordance with NTA requirements for this phase. The proposed options will then be considered by Active Travel and the NTA, and the Elected Members will be updated accordingly.

On the **Finglas Area Roundabouts** scheme, the Preliminary Design for the Jamestown Road Roundabout has been completed, and the next step is to submit the Project Appraisal and Business Case to the NTA for approval to proceed to detailed design, and appointment of an environmental consultant to complete AA and EIA screening reports. We are also coordinating with Fingal County Council on the requirement for a Section 85 agreement (*one LA performing for another*). It is expected that detailed design will be completed in Q3 2023, followed by the preparation of tender documents for the appointment of a contractor. Construction is to commence in 2024 subject to NTA approval and funding availability.

The tender documents have been prepared for the McKee Avenue/St Margaret's Road/Lidl junction with approval to proceed awaited from the funding body. Construction is expected to begin in Q4 2023.

The route option selection and design work is ongoing for the **Santry River Greenway**. A series of public consultation events will be held in Q3 2023. This will provide the local community with the opportunity to comment on the emerging preferred route.

The implementation of the **East Coast Trail - Clontarf Baths** scheme has been paused to allow resolution of land acquisition matters.

The **Kilmainham to Thomas Street** project design team have been finalising the detailed design drawings, works requirements and the Statutory Requests for lining and signage from Suir Road to Thomas Street. A new pedestrian crossing is also planned for Rialto Bridge. Installation of the scheme is planned to commence over the summer of 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 are developing concept designs for options for the cycletrack and public realm measures along Merrion Street Upper, Merrion Square West, Merrion Street Lower. This will require further consultations and engagement with stakeholders.

The designs for the **Trinity to Ballsbridge** scheme will go to Public Consultation following NTA approval. When the scheme is published more information, including the closing date for submissions will be available on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

The **Coolock to Clontarf** project team presented a scheme along Gracefield Rd, Brookwood Ave, Sybil Hill Rd & Vernon Ave to the Elected members in the North Central Area on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023. Following this, the scheme will proceed to non-statutory Public Consultation.

On the **Howth Road - Baldoyle to Fairview** route, interim protected cycling measures for 500m along the Grange Road from the Hole in the Wall roundabout to the border with Fingal County Council were installed in April/May 2023.

Concept designs are progressing and internal consultation ongoing in relation to both the **Grand Canal to Lincoln Place** and the **Rathmines to Milltown** schemes.

The Active Travel team are also 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 five 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.

Further information on the overall network, including an interactive GIS map of all routes and a complete list of all roads and streets involved, is available at [www.dublincity.ie/activetravel](http://www.dublincity.ie/activetravel)

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

### Projects at Design Stage – Continued

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
10.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	SDCC/DCC/ OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Preliminary design and EIAR completed. Part X application closing date was the 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2020. 25 submissions received by An Bord Pleanála, majority of people in favour of project with some reservations. Responses to an ABP queries sent by 11 <sup>th</sup> October. New Environmental data on public display from 19 <sup>th</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 in DCC and SDCC. A response from ABP is still awaited.
11.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECO	New Environmental and topographical surveys are completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment scenarios ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.camacfas.ie">www.camacfas.ie</a> Environmental surveys have revealed more significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded.  Preliminary flood alleviation scenario's being computer modelled. 58 boreholes and 20 trial pits have procured for DCC and SDCC and are due to take place June-August 2023. Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation programmed in Q3 2023.
12.	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC/OPW	Byrne Looby	Environmental and topographical survey's completed. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home">www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home</a> . Culvert surveys completed. Preliminary flood extent maps from computer model finalised. Initial flood options being

				considered and costed. Liaison with LA stakeholders on preliminary options ongoing. Some further site investigation required. Liaison with some local groups on preliminary options ongoing. Further public consultation planned on 22nd June 2023 with presentations before this at SE and Dundrum area offices.
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## 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 <a href="http://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home">www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home</a> . Culvert surveys completed. Preliminary flood extent maps from computer model finalised. Initial flood options being considered and costed. Liaison with LA stakeholders on preliminary options ongoing. Some further site investigation required. Liaison with some local groups on preliminary options ongoing. Further public consultation planned in 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 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022. Significant further environmental

				information submitted. New observation period closed on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 for Clontarf Promenade outlet. Awaiting ABP response.
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.

## Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

### 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	Silloogue 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 Street & Belmayne Avenue	DCC	Coffey Construction Ltd.	Oct 2021	April 2023	Surfacing works are progressing well and tenders have been received for the landscaping scheme.
6	Fitzwilliam Quay	DCC	Cunningham Civil & Marine	Nov 2021	June 2023	Reduction of seepage through sea wall and painting completed. Snagging ongoing. Investigating sacrificial anodes to further protect sheet piles. Construction 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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

### 1. New Policy/Strategic

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

Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<b>Development Plan 2022-2028</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan took effect from the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Work continuing with regard to a number of judicial reviews- most have now been referred to the Commercial Court in the past month. LAP programme of CDP underway</li> <li>• Tender process for consultants to prepare guide to delivering culture and community space in partnership with Arts Office now complete.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to respond to legal challenges</li> <li>2. Implementation of policies and objectives of Plan- Ballyboggan LAP (see below) now live as first major project. 5% Guide to be prepared over coming months with ambition to have a document available by end of the year.</li> </ol>
<b>Ballymun LAP</b>	<p>M50 Lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bid made for HSE new hospital, submitted 31<sup>st</sup> May 21 – awaiting decision.</li> <li>• Depot construction complete.</li> </ul> <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on Sillogue Gardens upgrade, continues on-site.</li> <li>• Agreement in principle from DHLGH for PPP development at Carton Terrace/ Balbutcher Lane – road realignment to be delivered with this scheme.</li> </ul>	<p>Awaiting HSE decision</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Sillogue Gardens work near completion. Road realignment to be delivered with new PPP housing scheme.</p>

	<p><b>Commercial/ Main Street:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 1B: Market soundings exercise being carried out by DNG.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parks/ Open Space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Farm: Site for City Farm identified and letter issued.</li> </ul> <p><b>Housing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 10: PPP bundle No. 3: (Ref. 3926/22). Planning granted Sept 2022 (93 no. units). Tender for construction now closed.</li> <li>Sites 5 &amp; 15-18: PPP bundle No. 4... Design on-going.</li> <li>Sites 12 &amp; 14: Affordable Housing Pre-planning held 06/05/23 for Section 179A.</li> <li>Site 21: O’Cualann, planning granted March 2020, Ref. 3623/19. DCC submitted affordable housing subvention application.</li> <li>Site 25: O’Cualann. Site divided into 2: Phase 1 for (36 no.) senior citizens granted planning Aug 22. Phase 2 submitted for planning 18/11/2022 (Ref. 5252/22) FI requested.</li> <li>Site 19: O’Cualann. Planning submitted. Additional Information received 15/05/23.</li> <li>Site at Carton: Agreement in principle for a new PPP site, bundle 7.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Commercial/ Main St:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 1: Review Market Soundings.</li> <li>Site 1: Further investigation required into cause of ponding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 26, Enterprise, to be offered to the market.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Plaza: On Parks capital programme for 2023/25.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parks/open space</b> City Farm: Response from City Farm due.</p> <p><b>Housing:</b></p> <p>Site 10. Tender evaluation and issue.</p> <p>Sites 5, 15-18: Design team appointed. Meetings with Depts. commenced.</p> <p>Sites 12 &amp; 14: Preparing for Section 179A circulation.</p> <p>Site 21: expected on site 2023.</p> <p>Site 25: Phase 2 (44 houses &amp; crèche) Further Information to be submitted. Taking in charge of Parkview ongoing.</p> <p>Site 19: In Planning. Resolve land ownership with Church.</p> <p>Carton: awaiting design team for PPP 7 from Dept.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 6: Proposed Cost rental site.</li> <li>Sites 8 &amp; 9: preparing expressions of interest.</li> <li>Sites 11 &amp; 13: 4 no. expressions of interest received from the AHB Protocol – under review.</li> </ul>	<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 &amp; 9: DCC preparing expressions of Interest</p>
<b>Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site 1: Affordable Housing Part 8 approved Oct 2022 (172 no. dwellings). Application made for the Affordable Housing Fund.</li> <li>Site 2: PPP design team in place. Crèche preparing planning drawings for extension to include new land take.</li> <li>Site 4 &amp; 5: LDA have commenced engagement with DCC on these sites.</li> <li>Site 6, 7 &amp; 8: Greenseed sites: Site 6, SHD granted by An Bord Pleanála in Dec 21 for 750 no. apartments, 750 sq.m. retail / commercial, and a crèche.</li> <li>School site: letter issued to DES updating on progress implementing the LAP.</li> <li>Cherry Orchard Park: DCC Parks are engaging with Implementation team on redesign for park.</li> <li>Site 3B: update: CDETB re St. Oliver's Training Centre to remain on site.</li> <li>Community Wealth Project: meetings on-going.</li> </ul>	<p>Site 1: Part 8 for the road to progress Q3-Q3 2023. To go for tender for design &amp; build 2023. Aim to be on site Q 4 2023.</p> <p>Site 2: Need to agree on stream deculvert requirements to inform design team...</p> <p>Site 4 &amp; 5: LDA design ongoing in consultation with DCC. Aim to submit Part 10, July 2023.</p> <p>Site 6: Not yet on site Cherry Orchard Park: Design ongoing.</p> <p>DES timeline for new school sought.</p>
<b>Clongriffin-Belmayne</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part 8 Approved for 'Main Street' Belmayne in March 2019.</li> <li>DCC engaged in proposal for PCC, Garda Station and new library.</li> </ul>	<p>LIHAF and NTA funded 'Main Street' Belmayne is currently on site. Revision to Belmayne Masterplan published.</p>
<b>Finglas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luas: Finglas LUAS TII EIA scoping request completed, June 22.</li> <li>Jamestown Masterplan. Public display draft Masterplan completed.</li> </ul>	<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>CE report being prepared on public consultation. To go to July Council Meeting.</p>

<b>Baile Bogán (Ballyboggan) LAP</b>	Issues Paper published. Public consultation on-going till 9 June 2023.	Issues Paper consultation & CE report to follow.
<b>North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDZ Height review amendments. Further to Judicial Review, decision to refer back to ABP, which is now reconsidering the heights amendment application.</li> <li>• 28 March DOCF meeting to determine future development priorities.</li> <li>• Current application to make amendments to 'Cooper Cross' development.</li> </ul>	<p>Await outcome of process.</p> <p>DOCF follow up meeting on outcomes to be organised.</p> <p>Decision due 12th June</p>
<b>Poolbeg West SDZ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2; Application for 516 apartments in mixed use scheme (PWSDZ4058/22).</li> <li>• Phase A; Mixed use scheme fronting South Bank Road. FI received.</li> </ul>	<p>Decision imminent</p> <p>Decision due 8<sup>th</sup> June.</p>
<b>Dublin Port</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 May - Submission made on Dublin Port Company's non-statutory Masterplan (to 2040)</li> </ul>	Await process outcome.
<b>City Edge</b>	<p>Strategic Framework – 26 actions noted by DCC/SDCC elected members.</p> <p>31 May – Site visit with consultants...</p> <p>1 June – Workshop on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Draft priority areas.</li> <li>○ SEA alternative development scenarios</li> </ul>	Consultants brief extended.
<b>Public Realm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Francis Street Scheme is substantial complete.</li> <li>• Liffey St Project on site and proceeding with infrastructure and utility upgrades in first phase.</li> <li>• Temple Bar Square commenced.</li> <li>• Cathal Burgha Street. Outline design and stakeholder engagement commenced</li> </ul>	<p>Complete detailed Design and procurement of contractor.</p> <p>Construction underway</p> <p>Bring to Part 8 in 2023</p>
<b>Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey work ongoing to inform the design detail.. The Design Team are working to bring to construction tender Q3 2023</li> <li>• Meanwhile uses continue with approval of Members Advisory Group.</li> </ul>	The next meeting of the Members Advisory Group will be June 2023.

<b>Draft NTA Strategy for GDA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public consultation period ended.</li> <li>Observations from DCC submitted to NTA.</li> </ul>	Await Final NTA Strategy
<b>Dart +</b>	<b>DART + WEST (Maynooth Line)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DCC Report submitted to ABP on Rail Order.</li> </ul>	Await An Bord Pleanála decision.
	<b>DART +SOUTH WEST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 May - Corporate submission on Railway Order submitted to An Bord Pleanála</li> </ul>	Await An Bord Pleanála decision.
	<b>DART + Coastal NORTH (Belfast Line)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> non-statutory consultation under way</li> </ul>	23 June deadline for DCC Submission to Irish Rail
	<b>DART + Coastal SOUTH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings held re approach to level crossings</li> </ul>	Await further meetings.
<b>Metrolink</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 October 2022 Railway Order lodged with An Bord Pleanála. .</li> <li>16 January DCC corporate submission issued to An Bord Pleanála.</li> </ul>	Await ABP Decision.
<b>BusConnects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBC 1 Clongriffin to City Centre.</li> <li>CBC 2 Belfield to Blackrock.</li> <li>CBC 3 Blanchardstown to City Centre.</li> <li>CBC 4 Liffey Valley to City Centre.</li> <li>CBC 5 Ballymun to City Centre.</li> <li>CBC 6 Lucan to City Centre</li> </ul> <p>The following routes are at pubic consultation stage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre.</li> <li>Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre.</li> <li>Ringsend to City Centre</li> <li>Swords to City Centre</li> </ul>	<p>CBC 1 to 6 - DCC Corporate response issued to An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>30 June – Deadline for Corporate submission being prepared.</p> <p>4 July – Deadline for Corporate submission.</p> <p>10 July – Deadline for Corporate submission.</p> <p>18 July – Deadline for Corporate submission.</p>
<b>Finglas LUAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing meetings with TII re Preferred Option. Comments issued on preferred route 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.</li> </ul>	Monthly preliminary/planning meetings on going. Lodgement of Railway Order Q4 2023.
<b>Gulistan Depot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masterplan agreed &amp; design process commenced.</li> </ul>	Consultation with Clúid (AHB) ongoing.



	draft map that satisfies the relevant criteria and is to be subject to the residential zoned land tax.	
<b>Strategic Acquisitions</b>	<p><b>Abbey Street CPO</b> Abbey Street Lower - Marlborough Street - Eden Quay - Old Abbey Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Abbey Theatre Redevelopment / Cultural / Amenity) Order, 2021</p> <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><b>Exchange Street CPO</b> 11- 14 Exchange Street Lower &amp; 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><b>Ryders Row CPO</b> Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/ Capel Street Area Compulsory (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2019. The Council has full possession of the site.</p> <p>Werburch Street CPO Project Steering Group formed with OPW to progress the CPO.</p>	<p><b>Abbey Street CPO</b> Report to be brought to City Council on terms of disposal to Abbey Theatre.</p> <p>Notices to Treat served on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.</p> <p><b>Exchange Street CPO</b> The Bord's decision is awaited.</p> <p>Housing &amp; Community Services intend developing the site.</p>
<b>City Valuers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on DCC property aspects of the Metrolink project. Relocation of Marckiewicz Leisure Centre – Negotiations with TII.</li> <li>• Instructions/maps etc., received for Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects route – DCC properties affected.</li> <li>• Engagement with OPW re disposal of site at Belcamp for new Garda Station including acquisition of Coolock Garda Station.</li> </ul>	<p>Try to progress with TII but no Railway Order.</p> <p>Valuations being prepared.</p> <p>Negotiations with OPW have commenced.</p> <p>Negotiations ongoing.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiations to acquire land at Belcamp lane from Developer.</li> <li>• Preparation of Disposal Brief for site at Main Street Chapelizod.</li> <li>• Engagement with claimant re Derelict Site at Richmond Avenue.</li> <li>• Major programme of house purchase for HAP tenants in situ</li> <li>• Acquisition of 18/19 Parnell Sq. from Failte Ireland</li> </ul>	<p>Draft brief to be completed</p> <p>Claimant unwilling to engage. Refer to Arbitration.</p> <p>Inspections/valuations/negotiations.</p> <p>Preparation of Valuation</p>
<b>Building Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive policy of enforcement of building regulations in place</li> <li>• 1200+ inspections across 1800+buildings and sites in 2022</li> <li>• 86% of all new buildings commenced in 2022 were inspected</li> </ul>	<p>Maintaining efficient management of building control service delivery, commencement notices, and disability access certificate applications.</p>

### 3. Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p><b>Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 &amp; Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023</b></p> <p><b>BHIS 2023</b></p>	<p>The Conservation Section administers the <b>BHIS &amp; HSF</b> 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.</p> <p>DCC Conservation section received an allocation of <b>€492,800</b> from the Department of Housing Local Government &amp; Heritage under this year's BHIS Scheme. A total of <b>78 BHIS</b> applications were received by the closing date of 13<sup>th</sup> January, Following an assessment process, <b>64 projects have been recommended to the Department for funding.</b></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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</p>	<p>Inspections are continuing and have been carried out on the majority of successful projects.</p> <p>Letters of offer sent to successful BHIS applicants from the waiting list</p>

<p><b>HSF 2023</b></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>A total of 20 applications were received by the closing date of 13<sup>th</sup> January. All 7 recommended projects were approved for funding by the DHLGH (see table below)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="531 651 1236 907"> <tr> <td>Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1</td> <td><b>€200,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3</td> <td><b>€200,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2</td> <td><b>€50,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2</td> <td><b>€50,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8</td> <td><b>€50,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1</td> <td><b>€50,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7</td> <td><b>€30,000</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>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.</p> <p><b>HSF projects from 2021 &amp; 2022</b></p> <p>55 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 was originally granted HSF funding of <b>€50,000</b> in 2021 which has been carried forward with DHLGH approval into 2022 and then 2023, due to issues with owner tendering and contractor availability.</p> <p>34 Main St, Chapelizod, Dublin 20 was granted HSF funding of <b>€50,000</b> in 2022 which has been carried forward into 2023 with DHLGH approval.</p> <p>37 Thomas Court, Dublin 8 was granted HSF funding of <b>€100,000</b> in 2022; <b>€93,800</b> of which has been carried forward into 2023 with DHLGH approval.</p>	Parnell Square, North Frederick Street, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Dublin 1	<b>€200,000</b>	Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Dublin 3	<b>€200,000</b>	26 Clare St, Prices Medical Hall, Dublin2	<b>€50,000</b>	20 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2	<b>€50,000</b>	109 James's St, An Post Building, Dublin 8	<b>€50,000</b>	Portland Row, Aldborough House, Dublin 1	<b>€50,000</b>	Grangegorman, Clocktower, Dublin 7	<b>€30,000</b>	<p>The next BHIS return to the Department is due on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023</p> <p>Letters of offer sent to successful HSF applicants</p>
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## Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

### New Policy/Strategy

#### **Parks: Dublin City Parks Strategy 2023-2025**

Parks Biodiversity & Landscape Services has initiated a period of public consultation which will run from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 until 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to inform the development of the new Dublin City Parks & Landscape Strategy. As part of that public consultation process, Dublin City citizens have been invited to participate in an online questionnaire to gauge opinion on the quality and value of public parks operated by Dublin City Council. A press release was issued on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to advertise the public consultation. Submissions can be made via this link: [Parks Questionnaire 2023 - Dublin City Council - Citizen Space](#).

**Local Economic and Community Plan 2022-2027 (LECP)** The Advisory Group has advanced Stage 1 of the process in overseeing the development of draft high level goals and a socio economic statement. A joint meeting was held with LCDC and SPC members in Feb to agree these documents and to prepare for the Stage 2 public consultation phase.

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

**Arts:** Dublin City Development plan 2022-28 includes in its objectives (CUO29) **To undertake a feasibility study to assess the need for; and the possible form and scale of a new performing arts space (and ancillary spaces) within the inner city and the options for achieving successful implementation.** On behalf of Dublin City Council, Turley Planning Ireland and producer Arthur Lappin (Kilspin Ltd) are undertaking a conceptual feasibility into the need and design development of such a venue, taking as its starting point a 500 seater. It is anticipated that a draft of the study will be completed by end of June, an update was provided to the Arts SPC in May and a presentation on same will be given to the next Arts and Cultural Advisory Group meeting in early July.

The Arts Office has concluded a tendering process for a 2 year Framework Agreement for Cultural Infrastructure Planning Consultancy Services, to provide:

- professional policy advice and support to the Dublin City Arts Office and Planning Department
- development of related implementation strategies or initiatives which support the discharge of its planning function in a way which is strategically aligned with Dublin City Development Plan (Culture Chapter) 2022 – 2028.

**Sports:** The development of the DCC Sports Plan is underway. Consultation with area committees and public to be undertake in June and July.

**Tourism:** An update on the development of the Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028 was provided to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC at the April meeting.

**Dublin Place Brand:** An update on the development of the Dublin Place Brand Strategy 2023 – 2028 was provided to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC at the April meeting. The first campaign using the new Dublin Place Brand's brand driver – Always – I gConaí – promoting a range of cultural events and attractions available over the summer months to those living, working and visiting Dublin and will be seen on Lampost Banners, Bus-shelters, Digi-panels and Buses in June, supported by [www.dublin.ie](http://www.dublin.ie) and social channels.

## **Departmental Priority**

### **Parks: The Green Flag Award 2023**

The Green Flag Award is an international benchmark for the quality and standard of parks introduced into Ireland in 2015. DCC achieved Green Flags for 2 parks in 2015 (Bushy Park & Poppintree Park) with this number increasing to 11 by 2022. In 2023, it is proposed to submit the following parks for a Green Flag Award:

Ringsend Park – new	Blessington Street Park Basin	Bushy Park
Eamonn Ceannt Park (new)	Poppintree Park	Markievicz Park
Bridgefoot Street Park (new)	Albert College Park	St Audeons Park
Ballyfermot Peoples Park (new)	St. Anne’s Park	Weaver Park
Griffith Park (new)	Father Collins Park	St. Patrick’s Park
Johnstown Park (new)	Herbert Park	

These parks for the first time will represent each Electoral Area.

**Economic Development & Enterprise SPC** Hybrid meeting in City Hall / Zoom took place on 25/04/23. Agenda items included International Relations Update, Tourism Strategy, Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor, LECP, Dublin Place Brand Strategy, Circular Economy Hotspot 2023, Night Time Economy & SoCircular Outcomes Report/Brochure. Next meeting scheduled for the 12/09/23 with pre SPC meeting arranged for the 04/09/23.

**Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024** DCC is leading on and supporting 20 of the 26 actions within the plan.

**Night Time Economy** - The closing date for applications for the position of a Night Time Economy Advisor was 26<sup>th</sup> May. Applications are now being reviewed.

**Dublin Circular Economy Hotspot 2023** DCC is supporting the Circular Economy Hotspot international four day event hosted in Dublin from 29<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

**Dublin Belfast Connected Circular Economy** - An application was successfully made by DCC to the Shared Island Fund on 02/06, winning funding for a joint initiative between DCC and Belfast City Council to carry out a feasibility assessment to create a Connected Circular Economy between the two cities. DCC/Belfast City Council are continuing work on implementing the feasibility study.

**Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2023:** 60 applications approved to a value of €129,854  
**Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals 2023:** 24 grants were approved to the value of €443,769 supporting the creation of 34 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy.

**Mentoring:** 535 hours of mentoring completed 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 30<sup>th</sup> April 23. Annual target 1,000 hours.

**Training:** 2688 participants & 18 courses delivered 1st Jan – 30<sup>th</sup> April 23. Annual target 3,000 hours

**Start Your Own Business:** 208 participants attended 7 courses 1st Jan – 30<sup>th</sup> April 23. Annual target, 227 participants & 13 courses.

**Libraries:** A new branch library will open in **Finglas** on the Seamus Ennis Road this summer. The existing library in Finglas Village Centre has served the community well over the last few decades and will close its doors on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> June at 5:00pm in preparation for the move to the new building. The opening date of the new library will be advertised widely on social media in July, date to be confirmed.

Libraries welcomed **4 new librarians** to the team recently.

**Summer Stars**, the free national reading programme for children will be launched on the 12<sup>th</sup> June and will take place in Dublin City Libraries from June to August.

The '**My Little Library Book Bag**' initiative will be launched nationally on 6<sup>th</sup> June. The project is part of the National First 5 Strategy and is available free for every child starting school in 2023. Bags can be collected at any library.

As part of the **Right to Read** programme, Libraries Ireland and FIFA will launch the COYGIG Aus/NZ23 activity book at the start of June (for 3rd - 6th classes)

**Cruinniú na nÓg**, the national day of free creativity for children and young people takes place on June 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a number of [events](#) in our branches for young people and families to participate in a programme of fun, free, creative activities; from theatre performances, to drama and storytelling workshops along with creative writing sessions.

Branch libraries are preparing **Social Stories** to support autistic children when visiting the library. More information [here](#)

There are a number of [events](#) in branch libraries to celebrate Bloomsday on 16<sup>th</sup> June including a lecture on Ringsend in 1904 and an exploration of the connection between Joyce and Flann O'Brien.

The winner of the 2023 **Dublin Literary Award** is *Marzahn, Mon Amour* Written by Katja Oskamp & translated from the original German by Jo Heinrich. The winner was revealed on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at the International Literature Festival Dublin. Join the Central Library for special [Pop-up Book Club](#) to discuss the winner on Friday 16 June at 12pm.

**Seoda** – 5 stories from Irish authors, Claire Keegan, Wendy Erskine, Danielle McLaughlin, Mary Costello & Kevin Barry translated into Korean, Icelandic, Portuguese and French. Co-ordinated by Literature Ireland and supported by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature – launch by Minister Catherine Martin will occur at Literature Ireland on 14 June at 11.30

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

### Departmental Projects

Project	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Tearooms, Merrion Square Park.	Construction of the new Tearooms in Merrion Square Park will commence during the summer of 2023. The new tearoom will comprise refreshment facilities, accessible WC facilities, a space for interpretation/artwork and an external seating terrace. The indicative timeframe for completion of the project is Quarter 3 / Quarter 4 2024.	

Red Stables Building Enhancements Works	The first phase of the enhancement works were completed in early May and the upgraded café premises is now in operation. The next phase of the project; the creation of a multi-functional first floor function room has just commenced with works targeted for completion in Quarter 4 2023.	
Hugh Lane Gallery	Visitors Numbers in April were 14,142	Maintain rich visitor experience
Social Media	Facebook Reach: 28,000   17 new followers Instagram Reach: 44,000   466 new followers Twitter reach: 37,000   10 new followers	Build online presence
Refurb of 1930s Wing	Refurbishment Project is now part of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning. Demolition to rear of Colaiste Mhuire is complete. Detailed Design Stage is underway.	Construction date TBC
Collection displays /Exhibits	Current Exhibitions Richard Gorman <i>Living through Paint(ing)</i> Hugh Lane Gallery is currently presenting a survey exhibition by Richard in collaboration with the Contemporary Art Museum of Villa Croce, and Oriental Art Museum E. Chiossone, Genoa, Italy. Ends 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 John Beattie: <i>Reconstructng Mondrian</i> This exhibition is based on his filming of Mondrian's reconstructed Paris Studio, in collaboration with Frans Postma, the Director of STAM, Delft Holland (the architect of Mondrian's Paris reconstructed Studio). Ends 6 <sup>th</sup> August Future Exhibitions <i>Andy Warhol Three Times Out</i> 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 The exhibition examines Andy Warhol's work in exploring the role of the individual in ever shifting and recurring social-political landscapes.	Opened Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> Opened March 8th
Programme of art education	There were 59 educational programmes in April with 866 participants. Our education and outreach programmes in April included our early years programmes, Zoom@HughLane Gallery primary schools project, Coffee Conversations, Culture Clubs, Make and Be community art workshops, family art classes and adult art courses including course on making stained glass art, Lunchtime talk in tandem with One Dublin One Book, Basic Talks series, Film Screening programme, Saturday Looking at Art Club, Neurospectacular family workshop and more.	Ongoing development
Nth Fredrick Lane	Fit out is underway for this property acquired by DCC for HLG including Conservation, Archive, Operations and Fine Art Storage.	Preparing facility Q2'23
20 & 21 Parnell SQ	Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG	Feasibility Study Q2 '23
Collection care	Monitoring of gallery environmental conditions and security continues 24/7. Technicians Panel in place.	Appointment of art techs

LEO Support	LEO to support businesses 10-50 employees underway on a pilot basis.	Process development underway.
LEO One360 Management Development Programme	New client centred programme and delivered based on client needs assessment. Based on combination of mentoring & training workshops.	Process been finalised with first applicants to be triaged in Mid-Late June.
Your Dublin Your Voice	The Q2 Survey on Tourism closed 21/05. Tender awarded. Dissemination of Q1 survey results. Analysis of Q2 survey.	Services agreement with legal.
Dublin Economic Monitor	Q2 PMI & Spending Pulse analysed and published. New FDI indicator identified	Q2 DEM being drafted and June event being organised.
MODOS	Additional funding awarded to MODOS for 2023. New website live <a href="http://www.modos.ie">www.modos.ie</a> to support development of circular economy training on a national basis.	MODOS shortlisted for staff awards
ENFUSE	A student team from DCU won first place at ENFUSE Finals 2023 held in Wood Quay on 25/05/2023	ENFUSE shortlisted for staff awards
Dublin Place Brand	Place Brand Campaign in June promoting culture in Dublin. Outdoor & Online Campaign using the 'Always' tagline to promote DCC supported cultural assets and activities.	Campaign will be live in June
Dublin Place Brand	Content Tender Framework	Publishing RFT document on eTenders for a panel of content and report writers.
City Library, Parnell Sq	The project is currently at Stage 2a with engagement between the design team and stakeholders on-going.	Completion of Stage 2a
Charleville Mall Library	Tender for Phase 2 of refurbishment in preparation.	Works including a full roof and ceiling replacement, will commence in 2023.
Terenure Library	Pre Part 8 discussions with DCC technical Depts. are underway.	Commencement of the Part 8 procedure in Q3
George Bernard Shaw Writers Residence, 33 Synge Street	Preparation of Tender Docs underway. Proposed: Use of existing framework of contractors for conservation and building repairs (Ref DCC Structural Engineering) Architectural Oversight (Site Works and Contract): resource to be confirmed (either in-house or external consultant led)	Completion of Tender Stage - Q3 2023
7/8 and 9 Merchants Quay	Preparation of Tender Docs underway	Appointment of multidisciplinary Design Team and Framework to also include former Eden Restaurant and Filmbase
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Tender for accessibility works issued	Tender package for accessibility works

		was issued, returns due 6/6/23 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. Preliminary clean out underway.
Northside Swimming Pool	Feasibility Study Complete	Tender to be developed for appointment of a Design Team in Q2/23
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction	Works are progressing in line with programme. arrangements have been made during June 23 for a deep clean, refill pool tank, treatment/heating of water etc to prepare for re-opening in July
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Design Team Appointed	Tender assessment complete. Contractor appointment pending, works in Summer.
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Under construction	Works ongoing for completion June 2023.
Clontarf GAA all-weather Pitch	Tender Issued	Tenders received. Contractor appointment pending. Works over Summer Months.

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 application can be made through the following link and the deadline is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> June; <a href="#">DCSWP   Support for New and Existing Sports Clubs (dcswphub.ie)</a>
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.  May 26 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> June Counterpunch Culture in Residency Sport Programme see details in link below; <a href="#">Counterpunch official launch: Thursday, May 26th. - Irish Athletic Boxing Association (iaba.ie)</a>	June 2023 Highlights  4th June- Women's Mini Marathon Programme  10 <sup>th</sup> June- Youth group Hell N Back
Training 2023	Safeguarding 1,2 & 3/PHECC/	Ongoing
Active Cities	This month the launch of Boxup will be rolled out in Mount Bernard park in Cabra and Sundrive Park in Kimmage.The idea behind Boxup is to make sports and leisure equipment accessible to all.	For information on this project please visit; <a href="https://boxup.app/en/">https://boxup.app/en/</a>

### **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](#)

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Official Opening Diamond Park	Diamond Park	23.06.2023
Official Opening of James Joyce Street Pocket Park	James Joyce Street Pocket Park	23.06.2023
Dublin Pride <a href="https://dublinpride.ie/">https://dublinpride.ie/</a>	Citywide	24.06.2023
Funtropolis <a href="https://dublin.ie/whats-on/listings/funtropolis/">https://dublin.ie/whats-on/listings/funtropolis/</a>	Merrion Square	08.07.2023 and 09.07.2023

## **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](#).

#### ***Development of a Drones Strategy for DCC: Industry Engagement Event***

The Smart Cities Team hosted a Drones Showcase Event in the Guinness Enterprise Centre on the 27th April to demonstrate the potential of drones to DCC Staff. Over 14 sections were represented from across DCC with over 100+ attendees and 16 exhibitors showcasing the latest innovations in drone services. Some of the applications included thermal scanning, infrastructure monitoring, search and rescue, grocery and medical deliveries or using Augmented Reality goggles by drone pilots for safer operations. The event was a part of the development of the Dublin City Council drone strategy, which is a follow-up from DCC project 'Accelerating the Potential of Drones for Local Government' (<https://bit.ly/3QbSiB5>).

#### ***Dublin City Council PIN for Eco Hub operations in Dublin City Centre***

[Dublin City Council](#) have published a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to promote Eco Hub operations in Dublin City Centre, which directly relates to the EU H2020 SENATOR project. Dublin City Council is seeking interests to facilitate the sustainable deliveries eco hubs and micro distribution centres in Dublin City. This aligns with the Last Mile Deliveries goals of Dublin City Development Plan and Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area and overarching goal of Greener, Smarter Dublin.

#### ***EU Digital City Leaders Network Meeting***

Dublin City Council & Belfast City Council co-hosted a meeting of the Council of Global City CIOs (CGCC) bringing together digital innovation leaders from international cities from the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This included city representatives from Bratislava, The Hague, Helsinki, Karlsruhe, London, New York, Paris, Rotterdam, Vienna and Zurich. The purpose of the CGCC, supported by Bloomberg Associates, is for cities to share best practices and strategic advice on smart cities, digital technologies and urban innovation. The meeting focused on collaboration opportunities and discussing the achievements and challenges faced by each smart city.

#### ***Project Air View Research Opportunities***

Dublin City Council launched the results of the Project Air View initiative in Feb 2023, which measured the air quality of Dublin City's streets over a period of 16 months. The data will also be used by the City Council to help inform current and future environmental and climate policies, and planning efforts. <https://smardublin.ie/fresh-datafresh-thinking-google-project-air-view-results/>

DCC's Smart City Programme in partnership with the Air Quality Unit is offering a limited number of research bursaries (up to 10 bursaries @€500 each) to support research projects that utilize the Project Air View data.

## **Service & Digital Transformation**

Requirement gathering is complete in relation to procurement for a corporate public consultation and engagement tool. In gathering requirements discussions were had with staff from across the organisation, Councillors, members of the public and PPN, journalists and academics. The tender will be published in June.

The project to implement a new Chief Executive Orders system based on the system developed by Fingal continues to be rolled out. Currently working on phase 3 with Housing, Area Offices and the Law Department.

The team continued to roll out the online appointment booking system to allow citizens and businesses to book either in-person or online meetings.

The online venue booking system is now live with the Arts office. This allows groups or individuals book and pay for a DCC venue online. The solution will be publicised and we're currently examining other venues.

The pilot has begun for the digitally enabled outdoor workforce project. Staff from Sweeneys Terrace Waste Management Depot and Housing Maintenance Ballymun have been provided with phones and access to Citi desk. The team are now working with the Communications unit and Learning and Development to provide content of interest to the outdoor workforce.

Submissions for the inaugural Staff award scheme have been shortlisted and assessed. The Awards ceremony will take place in June,

Work is continuing on developing collaborative workspaces for staff to facilitate in-person and hybrid team-working.

Work is continuing on the digitisation of internal processes on CitiDesk. We have commenced engagement with Housing and Planning and property development.

Work is continuing on the draft Digital Strategy.

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***

We are currently in a review period where we are improving services based on how customers have used the platform 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 in test as is a solution for customers who wish to engage with us through Irish. The reporting solution is being developed.

## ***North City Operations Depot***

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

The scheduled completion of construction is currently within the next couple of weeks. I.S. fit out has already commenced and the furniture fit out is due to commence next week. 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 were issued to all depots and staff at the start of May. Staff from all sections moving to the NCOD visited the depot over the course of a full week in mid-May. Local Councillors and Trade Union representatives were also invited out to see the depot during this time.

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

The Data & Analytics Unit have completed management reporting dashboards related to Waste Management, Parks, and EV charging points for Citizen Hub.

The development of improved reporting on the Annual Service Delivery Plan is commencing with Environment and Transport. The second phase of the automation of Housing ASDP will also commence shortly.

The Open Data Liaison Officer has completed an audit of the Council's open data and is currently listing out priorities with respect to open data.

Stakeholder engagement continues with Dublin Fire Brigade to automate their reporting processes.

### **Customer Services**

- 17,440 calls were answered and approximately 3,744 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 14<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> May from the generic customer services email account.
- Customer Services have taken 4,646 payments between 14<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> May.
- Customer Services have processed 3,458 Parking Permits applications and renewals between 14<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> May.
- The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with 1,411 visitors to reception between 14<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### ***Improving Customer Experience Initiatives***

- 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 14<sup>th</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> May, this has now reduced to an average of 1 minute and 35 seconds.
- A new Irish speaker has joined Customer Services and is currently undergoing training to deal with business queries through Irish.
- Work is continuing on the development of the new Parking Permit System to facilitate online applications.
- Engagement has started with Housing Allocations and Housing Maintenance in relation to new Service Level Agreements.

## **Human Resources Department report – May 2023**

The total number of employees at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was 5898 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (ie taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5584.80.

Interviews held / concluded in May 2023

Waste Enforcement Officer WERLA (Temp)	Assistant Engineer
Community & Social Development Officer.	Housing Support Officer
Executive Planner	Beach Life Guard
Assistant Planner	Relief Attendant
Social Media & Online Marketing Officer	Stakeholder Engagement & Offline Marketing Officer
Storekeeper Grade 1	Public Domain Officer
Executive Engineer	Executive Engineer (Structural)
Superintendent Road Maintenance	

The following posts were advertised

Night Time Economy Advisor	Chargehand Gardener
Assistant Parks and Landscape Officer	Senior Environmental Health Officer
Environmental Health Officer	Head Attendant – Hugh Lane Gallery
Attendant – Hugh Lane Gallery	Operations Officer – Hugh Lane Gallery
Assistant Operations Officer – Hugh Lane Gallery	Inspector – Corporate Fleet Maintenance Workshop - \NCOD
Inspector – Corporate Signage, Paint and Carpentry Workshop - \NCOD	Building Inspector, Clerk of Works
Inspector – Metal Workshop - \NCOD	

Competitions with Public Appointment Service –

Deputy City Architect, Senior Executive Architect, Chief Quantity Surveyor, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer, Assistant Chief Executive, Head of Financial Accounting, Professional Accountant, Dublin City Planner and Deputy City Planner.

**Law Department**

**Freedom of Information**

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/9842/2023	Records re KPI's used by DCC to assess performance of private companies contracted	Press	03/04/2023	
FOI/9843/2023	Seeks HAP records	Client	03/04/2023	04/04/2023
FOI/9844/2023	Requests details re named address	Client	03/04/2023	
FOI/9848/2023	Seeks records re named junction between two streets	Solicitor	04/04/2023	
FOI/9849/2023	Requests DFB records	Client	05/04/2023	
FOI/9850/2023	Seeks details re short term letting complaints and eviction notices	Client	05/04/2023	
FOI/9851/2023	Seeks records relating to named property	Client	05/04/2023	
FOI/9854/2023	Records regarding named skatepark	Press	11/04/2023	
FOI/9855/2023	Records re: plans to upgrade Dublin's electricity infrastructure and district heating system	Press	11/04/2023	
FOI/9858/2023	Records relating to Dublin City Electoral Rolls Project 1937-64	Client	13/04/2023	
FOI/9859/2023	seeks records re: named property	Press	13/04/2023	
FOI/9860/2023	Seeks list of companies who breached their regulated emissions for 2020,21,22 and Q1 23	Other	14/04/2023	20/04/2023
FOI/9861/2023	Records regarding President Biden visit under key search words	Press	14/04/2023	
FOI/9862/2023	Records re: recent meeting between named Minister and Dublin City Council.	Client	17/04/2023	
FOI/9865/2023	Seeks records re short term car leasing companies	Client	18/04/2023	
FOI/9867/2023	Seeks records re Joint Policing Committee	Client	18/04/2023	
FOI/9868/2023	Seeks DRHE records	Client	18/04/2023	
FOI/9869/2023	Records between named organisation and DCC	Press	19/04/2023	
FOI/9873/2023	Records in relation to Council inspections of private rented properties (PRP)	Press	19/04/2023	
FOI/9874/2023	Requests planning file	Client	19/04/2023	
FOI/9877/2023	Requests records re: operation of lights at two named junctions	Client	20/04/2023	
FOI/9878/2023	Records in relation to named complex	Press	20/04/2023	
FOI/9881/2023	Records re: Rough Sleeper count	Press	21/04/2023	
FOI/9884/2023	Requests HAP and Homeless HAP records	Press	24/04/2023	

FOI/9885/2023	Seeks records re no left turn at named street	Client	27/04/2023	
FOI/9886/2023	Records between DRHE and Minister for Housing	Press	25/04/2023	
FOI/9887/2023	Records re: costs incurred by DCC in relation to the visit of US President	Press	26/04/2023	

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2023 – 30/04/2023	301
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2023 – 30/04/2023	241