

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

SEAN MCDERMOTT STREET POOL – UPDATE JUNE 2023

Improvement works to Sean McDermott Street Pool began in February of this year and are ongoing with a finish date for the works scheduled for the beginning of June.

The scope of works include:

- Re-tile damaged areas of pool hall, deck and basin
- Recover the existing roof
- Repair the roof structural deck at the point of a leak, and repaint the roof trusses
- Some electrical and ventilation works are also included.
- Some reconfiguration of the reception area including providing more public space
- Recladding and decoration of the building façade to provide a more modern welcoming centre.

With construction works finished it will take a number of weeks to carry out a deep clean of the facility and also to get all services back on line, including filling & heating the pool, plant restart etc. The pool will reopen to the public at the beginning of July.

During the period of deep cleaning in June DCC will host an exhibition of work developed through community engagement by the DCC Culture Company as part of the Arts&Sports Residency. The exhibition will be open to the community/public with controlled access to view the art installation throughout the building. The Culture Company will liaise with the local community in relation to access to the exhibition.

In relation to the future operation of the pool and as outlined at the December Area Committee meeting DCC have been engaged with Swim Ireland with the intention of expanding their previous role in operating the pool going forward. This will ensure a significant increase in public swim hours for the community while facilitating previous users of Sean McDermott Street including clubs and schools.

DCC will enter into a 3 year agreement with Swim Ireland, whereby DCC will contribute to the day-to-day running costs of the facility with Swim Ireland providing programmes, swimming lessons, membership etc. the cost of which will mirror other DCC facilities. It is proposed that Swim Ireland will operate the pool from September. DCC will reopen and operate the pool from the first week of July until September.

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