



**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 18th July 2023

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (1st June-30th June 2023)

Statistics 2023 - Finglas Area Office		
Complaints	June 2023	YTD 2023
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	4	15
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	1	12
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	5	94
No. Racial Harassment Complaints		0
TOTAL	10	121

Interviews		
No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act(Formal)	1	20
No. Other Interviews(Informal)	12	41
TOTAL	13	61

No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action		8
No. Section 20 Evictions		1
No. Excluding Orders		0
• Applied for by Tenant		0
• Applied for by DCC		0
• Granted in Court		0
• Refused / Failed in court		0
• Withdrawn		0
No. Surrender of Tenancy due to Anti-Social Behaviour		0
No. Tenancy Warnings served		0
No. Abandonment Notice Served		0
No. Possession Orders requested		0
No. Possession Orders granted		0
No. Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges		0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)		0
No. H/A of refusal / deferral to let due to Anti-Social Behaviour		2

No. Requests for Mediation		0
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Allocations

Housing & Apartments			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	13	8	12
De-tenanting	N/A	0	
Estate Management	N/A	0	
Homeless	2	N/A	
Homeless HAP	N/A	4	2
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	0	
Medical	2	4	1
Surrendering Larger	N/A		
Succession	0	0	
Travellers	3		1
Welfare	1	0	
Total	21	16	16

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	3	3	
Medical			
Welfare			
Homeless	6		
Homeless HAP	N/A	1	
Travellers			
Estate Management		1	
De-tenanting			
Maintenance Grounds			
Surrendering Larger			
Financial Contribution			
Succession			
Total	9	5	n/a

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (16 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Barnamore Grove	3 bed house	18/04/23	CBL Closing Date 16/06/23	Aug 23
Berryfied Road	4 bed house	19/06/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Cappagh Avenue	3 bed house	13/04/23	CBL Closing Date 09/06/23	R.T.L
Cappagh Drive	2 bed maisonette	14/03/23	CBL Closing Date 16/06/23	July 23
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	30/03/23	Structural issues	T.B.C
Casement Drive	3 bed house	03/04/23	Appointed to contractor	Sept 23
Glasnevin Ave	3 bed house	24/04/23	To be appointed to contractor	Sept 23
Hazelcroft Gardens	3 bed house	23/05/23	Appointed to contractor	Aug 23
Mellowes Road	3 bed house	17/05/23	Appointed to contractor	T.B.C

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	09/01/23	Applicant Refused	Ready
Barry Park	3 bed house	01/02/23	Assigned to applicant	July 23
Casement Green	3 bed house	14/07/22	Assigned to applicant	Awaiting E.S.B
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	10/11/22	Selecting Applicant	June 23
Finglas Park	3 bed house	23/08/22	Assigned to applicant	Awaiting E.S.B

Pappins Road	3 bed house	19/01/23	Assigned to applicant	Awaiting E.S.B
Westwood Road	3 bed house	20/02/23	Selecting Applicant	June 23
Vacant Senior Citizens Units (8 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Glasaree Court	1 bed	14/03/23	Assigned to contractor	T.B.C
Glasaree Court	1 bed	19/05/23	Assigned to contractor	T.B.C
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	02/05/23	Direct Labour	T.B.C
Mellowes Court	bedsit	28/06/23	Direct Labour	T.B.C
Mellowes Court	1 bed	24/03/23	Assigned to contractor	July 23
Merville Court	1 bed	30/06/23	Direct Labour	T.B.C

Vacant Senior Citizen Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Brookville Court	1 bed	22/02/23	Assigned to applicant	Aug 23
Mellowes Court	1 bed	09/01/23	Assigned to applicant	Aug 23

Choice Based Lettings

- The following dwellings were advertised through the above scheme.

Type of Dwelling	Location	Closing Date	No of applicants eligible	No of applicants not eligible
3 bed house	46 Casement Drive	09/06/23	94	20
2 bed house	55 Casement Drive	09/06/23	209	20
3 bed house	72 Cappagh Ave	09/06/23	84	10
2 bed house	4 McKelvey Road	09/06/23	279	22
2 bed maisonette	58 Cappagh Drive	16/06/23	46	13

3 bed house	52 Westwood Road	16/06/23	91	14
3 bed house	41 Barnamore Grove	16/06/23	79	14
3 bed house	10 Hazelcroft Gardens	21/07/23	N/A	N/A

Rents Update

- The Finglas Area Office continues to offer rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Assessments	1,047
Applications for Permission to Reside	24
Refunds	10

General Matters

New Finglas Library:

Dublin City Libraries is due to open shortly. The opening date is yet to be confirmed.

Finglas Employment Initiative:

The Local Area Office has initiated contact with all the major infrastructural investors in the Finglas Area with a view to providing employment opportunities to local people with regards to the LUAS and various other projects happening in the area. New members to include Colaiste Idé, The Finglas Training Centre which will add depth to the level of services to be offered under this project.

The next meeting will take place on the 29th September 2023.

Scribblestown

An order of magnitude costing for the drainage and surface water issues in Scribblestown will be completed this week. It is the Area Offices intention to seek tenders for this work with a view to completing by end Q3 2023.

The Area Office will also seek to engage a suitably qualified consultant to complete the survey of roads and footpaths in the estate and produce order of magnitude costs. Once complete the Area Office will seek tender to complete this work.

Public Lighting have completed their survey of public lighting in the area and a report on findings is due.

Berryfield

The Housing, Community and Public Domain Sections are working with the residents in Berryfield and the surrounding area with a view to alleviating some of the issues that have been identified by residents.

Rivermount FC

Work has begun on the works agreed with the Club under the Discretionary fund. The works are expected to be completed by the end of July.

Small Scale Works

Small scale works are currently being identified across the area to enhance the physical environment. Entrances to the Finglas area are to be enhanced, derelict sites cleaned up, small repairs to railings etc have been identified for attention.

Community and Social Development

Finglas Night at the Opera

The Finglas Night at the Opera took place on Wednesday 21st June in St. Canice's Church, Main Street Finglas.

The very special guests on the night were Rising Voices Choir which are based in Odin's Wood Day Care Centre, Kildonan Road. The choir consists of people with Dementia, their family members and friends.

Over 400 people attended the event which raised €2,000.00 for Rising Voices Choir. A presentation for €2,000 was made. This funding will go towards the cost involved in running the choir and supporting families with family members living with dementia.

Many thanks to Fr. Hanley, Fr. Shields, Tony Smullen and the staff of St. Canice's Church for all their help with this event.

As ever "Finglas Tidy Towns" showed their versatility by supplying the very welcome refreshments on the night.

Dublin City Council Arts Office kindly sponsored the event and the Community Development Team in Finglas for all their work in organising the evening.



The Rising Voices Choir in full flow at "Finglas Opera Night"



Many thanks to all for the kind support.



Exercise Classes

The chair aerobics and adapted Thai chi classes resumed on the 3rd of July, they are running for a larger audience in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre every Monday morning for the month of July.

All classes are free, it is a great way to make new friends in the community, a number of places are still available.



Community & Informal Education Grants:

Dublin City Council's Community & Informal Education Grants Scheme area now available.

The annual scheme is open to a range of local resident community, environmental and festival groups throughout the North West Area.

Community activity and active citizenship will be supported with an emphasis placed on community development and social inclusion initiatives. These will bring an array of benefits to local communities in Dublin.

Dublin City Council has identified the following key themes that brings benefits to local communities;

- Recreation
- Play
- Educational
- Environmental
- Festival and event
- Children and young people
- Older persons

- People living with a disability
- People at risk of Social / Economic Exclusion
- Health and Wellbeing
- Art, Culture and Heritage

Further information and application form can be found at:

[Community Grant Application - Self \(dublincity.ie\)](https://dublincity.ie/Community-Grant-Application-Self)

Please note applicants must register on Citizens Hub

Community & Social Development Staff in the Finglas Area are available to assist groups with applications.

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Traveller Pride Day

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Section supported Traveller Pride Day in the Civic Centre on Tuesday 4th July 2023.

A traditional Traveller Wagon, Tin Smiting and samples of flat breads were the focus of attention.

The event attracted the attention of people passing by.

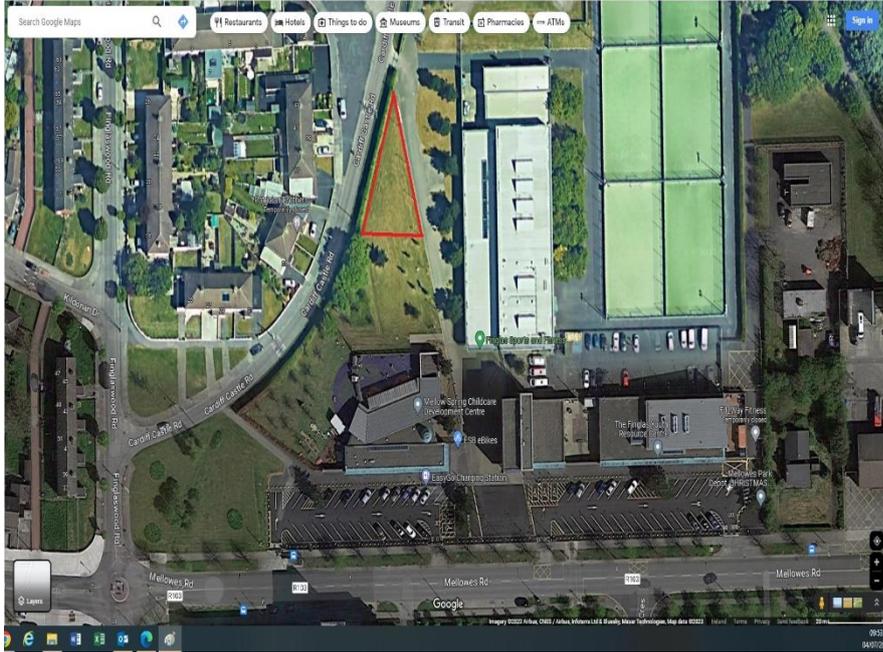


Teen Space

Following on from the June NWA Committee, meeting Dublin City Council Finglas Area Office and Parks Section looked the options around the location of the proposed space. Please see below.

The site is located at the side of Finglas Leisure Centre and not far from the “Out Door Gym and Mellows Park Playground. The site is safe and secure, with many Teenagers using the walk through the Park after attending the Youth Resource Centre, Leisure Centre or on their way to and from school.

The original consultation pointed to young people wanting a safe space to hang out, WiFi and a shelter .Dublin City Council will now look at appropriate companies from our works framework and seek tenders.



Sports Capital & Equipment Programme 2023.

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gealtacht, Sport & Media has announced the Sports Capital & Equipment Programme 2023.

Groups intending to make an application must first with the Department by 5.00pm on Friday 25th August 2023.

The 2023 Sports & Equipment Programme will open for applications at 9.00am on Monday 17th July until 5.00pm on Friday 8th September 2023

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Staff will assist groups with applications where possible



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Sports Capital & Equipment Programme 2023 announced with increased thresholds for local and regional projects

- Local project maximum grant increased from €150,000 to €200,000
- Regional project maximum grant increased from €300,000 to €500,000
- Specific focus on climate action, sustainability and gender equality

The Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin T.D., and the Minister of State for Sport and Physical Education, Thomas Byrne T.D., today announced that a new round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme (SCEP) will open for new applications from 17 July. The SCEP is the Government's primary vehicle for providing support to sports clubs and communities to develop sports infrastructure around the country. Applicants for local projects can now apply for up to €200,000, increased from the previous maximum grant of €150,000. The maximum valid grant available for projects deemed to be of regional significance has been increased from €300,000 to €500,000. In addition, this year's SCEP "Guide to Making an Application" has a focus on climate action and sustainability for the first time, supporting local clubs to take steps to reduce their energy consumption and applying for more efficient lighting. For the first time in the history of the SCEP, projects will only be considered for grant support if access is guaranteed to men and women on equal terms. As one of the stated objectives of the Programme is to increase female participation, all applications for funding of women-only facilities will be deemed valid for consideration.

Minister Martin said: "This is excellent news for sports organisations that have plans to improve their facilities and wish to avail of support. The Programme has already made an enormous difference to communities in every part of the country. To encourage as many people to participate in sport and physical activity as

possible, we need to have appropriate sports facilities and equipment. The new round of the Programme will again prioritise applications from disadvantaged areas, those that target people with disabilities, and projects that share facilities amongst different organisations and sports. In relation to changes to the scheme, I am very pleased that applications for improvements to swimming pools will be accepted for the first time. I also welcome the fact that, for the first time, the “Guide to Making an Application”, as published today, has a specific focus on climate action and sustainability issues”.

Minister Byrne said: “I have seen at first hand the huge difference that Sports Capital and Equipment Programme grants make to sports clubs and community groups across the country. I am also very aware of the impact that construction inflation has had on our sports clubs and community groups in recent years and I am delighted to note that we are increasing the maximum grants available under the Programme. Ensuring equality in sport has been a particular priority for me since my appointment. Under this round of the Programme, applicants that do not provide access to facilities on similar terms to male and female users will not be eligible for capital funding. As one of the stated objectives of this Programme is to increase female participation, all applications for funding of the very small number of women-only facilities will be deemed valid for consideration. This new requirement is highlighted in the Guide to Making an Application which is available to download on the Department’s website”.

The first step in obtaining a grant is to register on the Department’s online system and the Ministers encouraged any clubs that are not already registered to do so now. Clubs can register at www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie

Once registered, all applications must be made on the same website. The system will be open for applications from 17 July to 8 September.

The “Guide to Making an Application” was also published on the Department’s website today and can be found here: gov.ie/sportscapital The Guide essentially sets out the terms and conditions of the Programme. A review of the 2020 round of the Programme was published in May and all of the main recommendations have been included in the Guide.

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