

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

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**Office of City Recovery  
Public Domain Report  
December 2023**

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Above: Launch of the Henry Street, Christmas Market, on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December with Lord Mayor Cllr Dáithí de Róiste.

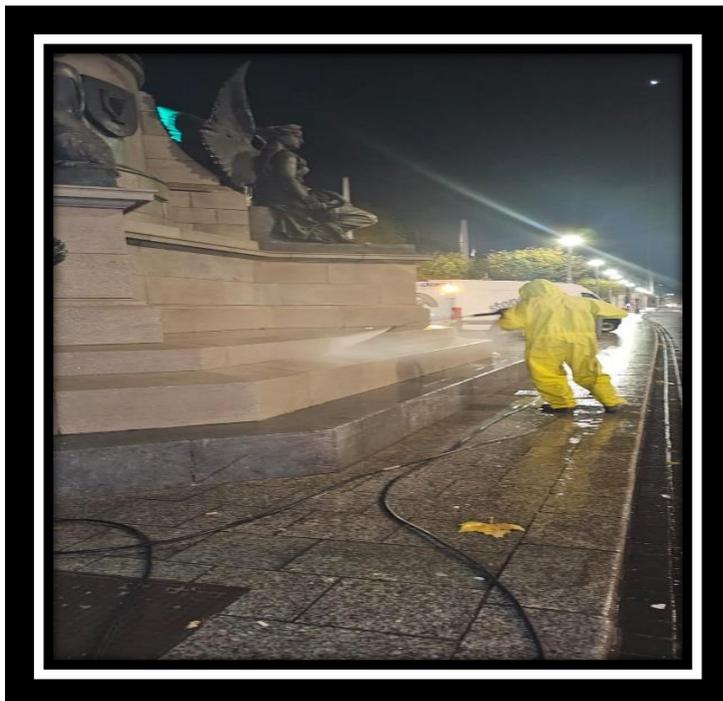
The Office of City Recovery have been multiplying efforts in recent weeks in light of the awful events that took place in the City end of November. We have been working with all relevant departments in DCC ensuring the upkeep of the Public Domain within the City Centre. Our staff are auditing the streets of the City Centre daily and reporting all necessary works to the relevant departments and following up to ensure the works are completed.

## O'Connell Street

Power Washing of O'Connell Street is currently taking place twice weekly and on request where necessary. Public Domain Staff will be present each day on the street ensuring arising issues are addressed immediately. O'Connell Street is monitored daily and any issues actioned. Our painting crews have just completed a full paint of all bins, bollards, utility boxes and lamp standards. Completed 4<sup>th</sup> December.



Plinths of all Statues on O'Connell Street (and other City Centre statues) are deep cleaned regularly by a specialist company. This is done overnight at weekends to limit disruption in the City Centre.



## **Grafton Street Area**

As per O'Connell Street a full painting programme for the City Centre has been actioned and Grafton Street will also get a full repaint of all bins, poles etc. Waste Management have a continuous presence on the street and all issues that arise are actioned immediately. Grafton Street being the most popular Street for busking in the City is also continuously monitored by our Inspectors to ensure compliance with the Bye Laws. Grafton Street is also power washed twice weekly.

## **Waste Management**

The Public Domain Team as part of the City Recovery Programme of works work closely with our Waste Management colleagues and ensure quick responses to issues that arise.

- **Footprint of current Waste Management city centre area is 2.17 KM SQ**
- **Street cleaning service 24 Hrs 6 days a week and 6am to 9am each Saturday.**
- **684 Public Litter Bins serviced at least 4 times in each 24 Hr period. Bins located on priority locations such as O'Connell Street, Henry Street, Grafton Street are serviced 6 times in every 24Hr period**
- **Street wash services provided by night shift on Sunday to Thursday nights, focusing on priority pedestrianised locations and main streets.**
- **Litter Warden Staff on duty from 6am to 9pm 365 days a year.**
- **Their duties include the enforcement of the Litter Pollution Acts, 1997-2009 and Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste 2018 and Prevention and Control of Litter.**
- **The Litter Warden Service investigate any illegally dumped waste for evidence in order to prosecute offenders.**
- **The Litter Wardens enforce the Bye-Laws at commercial businesses around the city to ensure they are cleaning outside their premises on a regular basis. They also ensure their waste is presented appropriately and at the correct time.**
- **The Litter Wardens also observe private property such as basements, front gardens etc which are visible from a public place to ensure they are maintained and kept free of litter.**

The Public Domain Officer advises WM Coordinators of needs/changing needs on City Centre Streets.

New, modern fleet has recently been added to the City Centre which should assist greatly in the cleansing of the City. (pic below)

Ensuring with WM that Staffing Levels are adequate to service the City Centre.

Advising and ensuring an adequate Power Washing Schedule is in place for the City Centre and planning for supplementing same if necessary.

Weekly meetings with Senior Staff to ensure continuity of service.



### Lane Cleaning Programme

The Public Domain Officer carried out a survey of lanes below and arranged for a deep clean of same, this was completed 30<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Areas/ Lanes:**

- Fosters Place
- Harbour Court
- Marlborough Place
- St. Catherine's Lane
- Laneway beside Store Street
- Thomas Lane North
- Moore Street Lane
- Bachelors Way

#### **Work Completed**

- Sharp removal, human waste removed, cleaning and sanitisation
- All weeds removed
- All sharps removed
- All human waste removed and area to be sanitised.
- Finally low-pressure steam clean maintenance wash



## **Street Furniture Licensing**

To date in 2023 143 new Street Furniture Licences processed and issued.

A total of over 250 SF Licences now in place

330 Enforcement Notices issued.

66 Seizures of unlicensed furniture.

The team have been working with the Transformation Department to move the application system online to create a more efficient service for the customer, this system should be online 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024

We are continuing to engage with businesses and business representative groups to assist them in complying with the terms of their licences and follow up with enforcement measures where necessary.

## **Street Performers and Event Trading Licences**

Street performance licensing and event trading licences went live online on 13<sup>th</sup> November and the response from the customers has been positive. This is a move forward in making the application process more streamlined.

## **Casual Trading**

A review of the Casual Trading Bye Laws is being progressed. Issues arose in relation to some aspects which needed clarification. These issues have now been clarified and an initial meeting with Councillors and SPC is planned for early in the New Year before the formal process commences.

## **City Markets**

The OCR celebrated the opening of the Henry Street, Moore St and the re-launch of the Meeting House Square Markets on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Lord Mayor Cllr Dáithí de Róiste was there to launch both and was well received by all the stall holders. New wooden huts were added to the Henry Street Market this year on a trial basis to give a more Christmas feeling to the market and to activate Coles Lane.

Meeting House Square Market got a new Christmas Lights installation for the festive season this year. Again this was well received by both the traders and visitors to the market.



## **Street Activations**

The OCR are working with all stakeholders in the City to activate the City Centre as a place for families and visitors to enjoy. This will be ramped up significantly over the next number of weeks.

To date this year we have been both the driving force and support for the following events:

- **Family Fun Days in Capel Street and Parliament Street over 3 weekends in July**
- **Summer in Dublin with Dublin Town in July and August.**
- **The US Navy Band on 26<sup>th</sup> August to tie with the American Football Game**
- **Winter in Dublin, early November two fantastic nights in the City. (Purple Flag Event) Dublin by Night Fest**
- **Christmas in Dublin with Dublin Town commenced 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

Just a glimpse of some of the activations to date:







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