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Dublin City Council

# Chief Executive's Management Report

January 2024

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 December 2023 City Council meeting is submitted herewith – Report No: 08/2024.



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# ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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### Road Maintenance Services

The delivery of Road Maintenance Services' Annual Works Programme for 2023 is being delivered on-site. The programme will achieve approximately 30km of footpath upgrade works and 18km of carriageway resurfacing works this year. Twelve contracts have been awarded and construction works are currently being carried out across the City. During the period January to November 2023, the Division's direct labour crews repaired/ made safe approximately 5,000 defects and hazards on the road network. Furthermore, during the same period approximately 420 critical defects and hazards on the road network were repaired/ made safe within 24-hours of them being reported.

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

The numbers using the Parking Tag have increased and by week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, that week's revenue was €443,722.01. For week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, the usage of coin in parking meters was €107,855.85 and for week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 card payments were €157,270.45.

### Permit Parking, Pay & Display

A new Residential Parking Permit scheme commenced on Thor Place, Dublin 7 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The hours of operation are Monday to Sunday 7am to Midnight.

### Waste Services Update

#### Street Grading

A review of the street grading program is currently underway and a revised version of the program will commence in Q1 2024. Area Inspectors will take the lead in the revised

program, taking responsibility for grading and assessments in their own inspectorial areas resulting in improved accountability. Additional IT resources will be ordered to facilitate the revised program, and a detailed schedule of on street assessments will be rolled out thereafter.

### Recycling Services

#### Recycling Services – Public Survey

Waste Management Services collaborated with Economic Development Section's in October 2023 to complete a Your Dublin, Your Voice public survey on the Council's recycling infrastructure (84 Bring Banks, 8 Neighbourhood Bring Centres and 3 Recycling Centres). With over 1,000 submissions received, this was the highest response received for any Your Dublin, Your Voice survey to date. A summary of the findings and suggested improvements is detailed below.

#### Overall trends

- Majority of people are satisfied with our facilities - 74% are satisfied with Bring Banks, 75% are satisfied with our Neighbourhood Bring Centres and 75% are satisfied with the Recycling Centres.
- 91% of people say the reason they use our recycling facilities is because it is good for the environment.
- Younger and newer arrivals to Dublin are less likely to use recycling facilities
- Most people find their local recycling facility by searching the internet (45%).

#### Bring Bank Findings

- The Bring Banks are the most frequently used facility with 81% of people stating they use them. 78% visiting them at least once a month.
- 70% use a car, 43% walk and 16% cycle to a Bring Bank.

- On average it takes people 8 minutes to reach a Bring Bank.
- 59% would be in favour of a new Bring Bank within 100 metres of their home.

### Neighbourhood Bring Centres Findings

- 42% of people say they use a Neighbourhood Bring Centre with 36% visiting at least once per month.
- Most used Neighbourhood Bring Centres are Oscar Traynor Road (20%), Grangegorman (19%) and Windmill Road (17%).
- Saturday was the most popular day (45%) and between 11am and 1pm was the most popular time for a visit (28%).
- 78% of people use a car, 26% walk and 17% cycle to get to the Neighbourhood Bring Centre. On average, it takes people 12 mins to get there.

### Recycling Centres Findings

- 49% use the recycling centres with 14% visiting at least once a month.
- 94% of people use a car, 7% walk and 6% cycle to a Recycling Centre.
- On average it takes people 18 minutes to get there.
- Saturday was the most popular day (43%) and between 11am and 1pm was the most popular time for a visit (25%).
- North strand was the most used Recycling Centre (21%).
- Most commonly recycled free items at recycling centres are – glass (75%), clothes (53%) and batteries (51%)
- Most commonly recycled paid for items at recycling centres are – Household hazardous waste (e.g. pesticide, paints) (30%), green waste (30%) and bulky (27%).

### Potential Actions

- Bicycle stand / parking for loading and unloading, especially at Bring Banks and Bring Centres.
- Review and improve the search results on google (to help people find our facilities)
- Review and address the visual appearance of the facilities
- Awareness campaign targeting young people
- Awareness campaign targeting people new to Dublin (less than 5 years)
- Increase opening hours

- Ensure staffing levels appropriate for busy time and days - Saturdays and between 11am and 1pm.

### Grangegorman Bring Centre

Dublin City Council and Grangegorman Development Agency have reached agreement in principle on a proposal to ensure the short and medium term continuance of a bring centre facility in Grangegorman that provides the full range of services currently offered in the existing Grangegorman Bring Centre. Negotiations to reach formal agreement of the proposals are currently underway.



The existing Grangegorman Bring Centre will remain in place for a further two years. Following this two year period, the facility will move to a temporary site directly adjacent to the current bring centre for a further five year period. This proposed site will facilitate all of the existing recycling services currently available at Grangegorman Bring Centre. The development of this new temporary facility will progress during the two year period outlined above.

This proposal will ensure the continued provision of bring centre services in Grangegorman for a total of seven years, during which time Dublin City Council will source and develop a new permanent recycling facility in the Central Area.

### Schools Awards

Our Lady Of Victories, Infant School, Ballymun was announced as the winner in the City Neighbourhoods, Schools competition on Friday 1 December, 2023 in the Mansion House.

Gardiner Street Primary School received Runner-up with Canalway Educate Together, N.S, Scoil Aine, Raheny and Scoil Iosagain, Crumlin all receiving Endeavour awards.

**Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste** presented the awards and congratulated all the school for their involvement in environmental projects.

## Climate Action Team

### Global Green City Award

The “Sustainable Cities And Human Settlements Awards” (SCAHSAs) (originally “Global Human Settlements Award”) is an annual worldwide prize awarded by Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS) and supported by UNEP. The awards program is focused on promoting the implementation of UN sustainable development goals, notably SDG 11, recommending winners’ outstanding progress and valuable experience on building safer, greener, more resilient, inclusive and sustainable cities and human settlements, and driving more people to follow suit and take decisive actions on the ground.

Dublin City has been awarded the ‘Global Green City Award 2023’ by the Global Forum on Human Settlements during their 18th Annual Session of the Forum in Dubai, a COP28 associated event.

The ‘Global Green City Award’ has in the past been awarded to Vienna, Vancouver, Oakland, Curitiba, Nantes, Mannheim and Yokohoma and now brings Dublin City into a group of cities that must continue to lead on the global stage and be active in our commitment to sustainable urban development that is green, fair, smart, and transformative.



Dublin City Council's submission to the award was reviewed by a technical jury. The application was evaluated based on 85 indicators in key areas that determined Dublin City's performance in areas such as Sustainable urban Development, Climate Action, Transport, and Nature based solutions.

### Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

CARO was in attendance at the Green Procurement in Practice Conference at the Aviva Stadium on 30<sup>th</sup> November where CARO and LASNTG efforts in sectoral training under the GPP theme were showcased at an exhibitor stand.

DM CARO has submitted its' second biannual claim for 2023 to DECC for recoupment.



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## Smart City/Smart Dublin

### Dublin City Council wins designation for European Capital of Smart Tourism 2024



Dublin City has been announced as the Smart Tourism Capital designation for 2024 by the European Commission. This was announced after a presentation to jurors in Brussels that showcased Dublin's best sustainable, digital, accessible, and cultural projects across various sectors, including industry, government, the private sector and community.

The city's win among 30 candidates spanning 17 countries comes from its unique initiatives like 14 Henrietta Street, EPIC the Irish Emigration Museum, and the Dublin Discovery Trails App. In 2019, Dublin was among the first European cities to establish a dedicated smart tourism program, which has since evolved into a dedicated tourism unit for the city with the support of Dublin City Council, Culture Company Smart Dublin, and Dublin City Council.

More info:

<https://www.rte.ie/lifestyle/travel/2023/1130/1419328-dublin-city-wins-the-european-capital-of-smart-tourism-2024/>

### Dublin City Council represented at Rockefeller Foundation 'AI to Benefit Humanity'

Jamie Cudden, Smart City Programme Manager participated in an international workshop hosted by the Rockefeller Foundation and OpenAI with a selection of global cities, academia, philanthropy and NGO's to understand how AI can benefit humanity through its applications in cities. Cities need to get ahead of the curve on AI to develop frameworks to grab the opportunities but also need to manage the risk associated with AI. The event involved technical master classes from the OpenAI team, quick fire presentations and workshops challenging cities to think about how AI can be used to transform city services and deliver positive outcomes for our communities. The outcome of this will help support DCC's framework of use of AI in 2024.



### Smart Docklands Networking Event

At our end of year networking event in the vaults of Dogpatch labs almost 100 attendees joined us to celebrate achievements over 2023. This included a mix of attendees from across the Dublin ecosystem from big tech, SME's, start-ups, VC's, consultants, recruiters, academia, local authorities and public sector bodies.

Over the past 7 years we have built something unique with our Smart Dublin partnerships and collaboration model working with the SFI centres of CONNECT, INSIGHT and ADAPT. Through these investments we have been able to build and scale our Smart Districts Model and bring in new partners and opportunities along the way. Smart Docklands, Smart DCU and Smart D8 are

great templates of how we are working to accelerate smart city innovation in Dublin. Find out more about the event at [www.smartdocklands.ie](http://www.smartdocklands.ie).



A copy of the slides are available here: <https://smartdocklands.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Smart-Docklands-EOY-Networking.pdf>

### Implementation of the Irish Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty through Digital Services and Smart Cities Solutions in Dublin City Council



Dublin City Council's Smart Cities Unit and the Digital Services team have developed one of the first implementation plans; for mainstreaming human rights through the delivery and use of digital services and smart city solutions in Dublin. This is particularly relevant as the organisation is scaling up its digital service offerings as well as

deployments of Smart City solutions. The pace of change in technology is increasing at an exponential rate with new trends in AI completely changing the way we will work in the future. Working with nationally recognised Equality and Human Rights Expert Niall Crowley, both teams analysed the Irish Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty and created an evidence book to support the upholding of digital human rights in the public sector. A blog post was issued on Human Rights Day 10th December outlining the background to this project as well as a link to the completed plan. Find out more here: [www.smartdublin.ie](http://www.smartdublin.ie)

### Communications Office

The Communications Office has been working on a new project to brand all hoarding surrounding the Council's capital projects.

Two pilot projects are being worked on from the Housing section and the hoarding is expected to be in place at both these sites within the next month. These are at Glin Court and St Finbarr's Court.

Once the hoarding has been installed, site visits will take place with members of the Senior Management Team.

A set of branding guidelines will then be developed for use on all DCC projects, including capital projects.

### Service & Digital Transformation

#### New Online Consultation Tool:

Tenderers have been informed of the outcome of the evaluation and it is anticipated that the contract will be signed in January 2024. A transition plan is in development to ensure a platform is available for statutory consultations in the early part of the year. Consultation training materials have been developed and will be available on the Councils eLearning platform. The team have engaged with the NDA in relation to training and are also working with NALA to seek support in relation to approving content.

### Chief Executive Order's system

The rollout is now complete and a review of the project will be undertaken. The Council is

working with Fingal County Council in relation to improvements identified as part of the rollout.

### Citidesk

- A number of new internal processes have been added, including mobile phone requests and the team are working on some solutions for DFB, Corporate Health and Safety Office, street cleaning, Fleet management, the ethics register and vehicle downtime analysis.
- It is anticipated that the new phonebook will go live in January 2024.
- Online collaboration tool procured for pilot to begin in January
- Staff awards – review complete and a framework is being developed for the 2024 awards
- Website Governance – working with the Law Department to finalise document on governance, privacy and accessibility standards to ensure our websites are compliant with legislation and regulations.

### Citizen Hub

Climate Action Grants are now available on the platform and a facility to book tables and make a charity donation for the Lord Mayors Ball. A service through Irish is also available and work is continuing the development of a dedicated Councillor Portal.

**Online Venue Booking** – working with City Hall to provide a facility for citizens to book online.

### Dublin City Council BETA

A Dublin City Council initiative to imagine, trial and scale solutions for a more liveable city.

- Pipeline of all BETA Projects: <https://trello.com/b/8jXnfMIO/beta-project-pipeline>
- Further information: [www.dccbета.ie](http://www.dccbета.ie) or [bета@dublincity.ie](mailto:bета@dublincity.ie) or @DCCbeta on social media. (You can also follow specific projects via the below hashtags.)

### Trialling

In the past month, we further developed these trials.

### Cargobike Sharing Service (#CargobikeSharingBETA)

Should/how should we provide a cargobike sharing service for the city?

Collaboration with Transportation Department.

- Trial being developed.

### BETAhood

A process to help communities to test solutions in their neighbourhoods, vote on what works and then install or run things that people want.

Collaboration with Areas.

- This project was funded via the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform '2022 Innovation Fund'.
- Trial underway in Drumcondra.

### Public electric barbecues (#BarbecueBETA)

Should we provide public, electric, barbecues in our parks and public spaces?

Collaboration with Parks Department.

- This project was funded via the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform '2022 Innovation Fund'.
- Electric hotplate installed in one of our parks (not yet public).
- Trial due to go live early 2024.

### Scaling

In the past month, we further developed these pilots and solutions.

### Street Art Platform (#ArtWallsBETA)

A process to help make street art as seamless as possible within the existing national planning laws, whilst aiming for the very best of quality.

Collaboration with Arts Office and Areas.

- Pilot being developed.

### Downpour Planters (formerly #RainBoxBETA)

Downpour Planters are a progressive and effective way to ease pressure on our drainage infrastructure and alleviate flooding while enriching neighbourhoods with verdant growth.

Collaboration with Protection of Waterbodies Office.

- This project funded via the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform '2023 Innovation Fund'.
- Pilot being developed.

### **Housing Maintenance 'Fixit App'**

A depot app which allows depot management and tradespeople to access and manage repairs on the go on a mobile device, allowing real time data capture of the job status.

Positioned under Housing Maintenance.

- Rolling out across Housing Maintenance depots.

## **Corporate Data and Analytics Unit**

**Citizen Hub:** There are 18 dashboards (Waste, Parks, E & T) completed and awaiting stakeholder signoff.

25 dashboards now in place including 4 additional dashboards created for customer services using Citizen Hub data.

**Digital Services:** There is 1 dashboard created for the communications team in order to help them with the DCC website analytics.

**Open Data:** Ongoing publication of Pedestrian & Cycle Counts, Pitch Playability, and New dataset published Culture data sets - Adult learning centres. Multiple data sets have been updated and published.

**Dublin Fire Brigade:** Work is ongoing in reviewing existing workflows and reporting systems with a view to improving data extraction, automated reporting and dashboards for incident management and mobilisation.

### **Environment & Transportation:**

Work has commenced on road works licencing data into the Confirm system.

The development of dashboard for Rainfall gauges is in progress.

**Annual Service Delivery Plan:** The stakeholder engagement with CRES is almost complete and engagement with the Planning Department has now started. Approximately 85% of the metrics for the Annual Service Delivery Plan have been documented.

**Gender Pay Gap:** The analysis and reporting for the Gender Pay Gap is now complete with final figures ready for submission to the LGMA, they will be published shortly.

The Data & Analytics Unit has also engaged/supported projects in Tourism, HR, Communications, Climate, Housing, Planning and Learning & Development since the last report

## **Customer Services**

- 11,068 calls were answered between 18th November and 13<sup>th</sup> December, with 34.71% of those calls answered in less than 30 seconds.
- 2,956 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 18th November and 13<sup>th</sup> December from the generic customer services email account.
- Customer Services have taken 2,790 payments between 18th November and 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Customer Services have processed 1,590 Parking Permits between 18th November and 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Customer Services have introduced one new parking scheme between 18th November and 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with 1,081 visitors greeted at the reception desk between 18th November and 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Improving Customer Experience Initiatives**

- Customer Experience and Customer Services have set up touchscreen technology to for customers in the Atrium of the Civic Offices. This will allow customers to self-serve using Dublin City Council's website, in areas such as Voters Reg. and Citizen Hub. Staff will be made available for customers who need help with these units. Two units are already in place and are just awaiting power and data points. Two further units will be put in place in the New Year.



- Housing Allocations have increased their phone service from 10:00 to 16:00
- Housing Allocations have increased the number of appointments by 33%. There are now 50 housing appointments available per day. Housing Allocations will continue to issue appointments.
- The Reception Desk will revert to a reception only function and non-housing and planning related customer business will be dealt with in the Customer Service Centre. This will reduce queuing and waiting times.
- Customer Experience and Customer Services have started the process to engage with the Public Participation Network to hold quarterly focus group sessions. The concept is to examine opportunities for improvement in service provision and the customer experience. The first area that will be looked at is Customer Services.

## Human Resources

The total number of employees at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was 5,971 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number was 5,667.55

Recruitment Programme 2023

Year	Recruitment campaigns complete / in process
2023 (YTD)	102

## Interviews held/concluded December 2023

Executive Engineer	Assistant Engineer
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Technician Grade 1	Smart Dublin Communications and Content Lead
Sports Officer	Duty Supervisor
Traffic Officer (Civils)	Head Porter

## Campaigns Advertised December 2023

Retained Fire Fighter
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The Public Appointments Service has ongoing recruitment campaigns for:

Senior Architectural Conservation Officer	Executive Parks and Landscape Officer	Senior Executive and
Professional Accountant		

## North City Operations Depot

The North City Operations Depot became operational immediately after completion of construction (substantial completion) in June 2023. The DCC NCOD Project Team continue to work with the Contractor and Design Team on snags and minor work. Work is also on-going on the contract accounts.



Project Team – Claire Liston, Sharon McMahon & Ingrid Nolan at the opening of the NCOD

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## New Policy/Strategic



<p><b>Development Plan 2022-2028</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One judicial review (on the Z15 zoning) has been withdrawn and there is no change in relation to the remaining three judicial reviews of the Development Plan which are in progress.</li> <li>2. Variation No.2- DCU lands. A decision on the variation will be made at the January Council meeting.</li> <li>3. Variation No.3- Botany Mills. A decision on the variation will be made at the January Council meeting.</li> <li>4. Variation No. 4– Finglas SDRA-public consultation closed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2023; a report is now being prepared for circulation to the Elected Members</li> <li>5. Variation No.5 –Built to Rent change, public consultation to commence 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 4 week consultation closing date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024; following which a report will be prepared for circulation to the Elected Members.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Baile Bogán (Ballyboggan) LAP</b></p>	<p>Consultation with stakeholders ongoing; workshop for Elected Members to be scheduled in Jan/early Feb 2024 to give update on consultation and future direction.</p> <p>Procurement nearing completion for key baseline and environmental reports to aid preparation of LAP.</p>
<p><b>Werburgh Street SDRA</b></p>	<p>Site survey and baseline analysis taking place, along with vegetation removal along the City Wall.</p>

<b>City Edge</b>	Work ongoing on the preparation of a draft masterplan to inform a future variation to enable a phase 1 variation. Consultation with Elected Members to take place and an update to the Area Committee will take place in Q1 2024.
<b>NEIC LAP</b>	Baseline and internal information and data being collected as part of the preparatory work for commencing the LAP.
<b>Cherry Orchard LAP</b>	Part X application submitted by LDA for scheme on site 4 – 708 no. residential units.

## Departmental Priority

### Active Land Management

#### Derelict Sites Register /Compulsory Acquisitions

#### Ongoing Acquisitions Strategy

A submission was made to An Bord Pleanála on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 in relation to the intention to acquire 18 Cadogan Road, Fairview, Dublin 3 following the receipt of five objections to the intended acquisition.

#### Residential Zoned Land Tax

Land appearing on both the draft and supplemental maps was, subject to the

outcome of submissions / determinations / zoning changes / decisions and appeals made in respect of both maps, included on the final map of land published on 1st December 2023. This land will be subject to the tax unless it is exempt as a residential property.

#### City Valuers

- Two properties in the Abbey Theatre CPO being referred to Arbitration.
- Acquisition of 18/19 Parnell Sq. from Failte Ireland - Approved terms now with the Law Agent for completion.
- Acquisition of licence for St. Werburgh's Church - Negotiations continuing with input of Dublin Culture Company.



## Departmental Projects

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p><b>Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024 and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024</b></p>	<p><i>The continued implementation of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) in 2024 has been announced. The Conservation Section of Dublin City Council will administer these schemes for buildings that are either on the Record of Protected Structures, Proposed Protected Structures or buildings within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) within the Dublin City Council Area only.</i></p> <p><b>Built Heritage Investment Scheme</b> The <b>BHIS</b> supports small-scale conservation projects and the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.</p> <p><b>Historic Structures Fund</b> The <b>Historic Structures Fund</b> enables larger scale conservation works to be carried out on significant historic structures in need of urgent support.</p>	<p>The deadline for applications to be received by the Conservation Section is <b>4pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.</b></p>



Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p><b>Community Monuments Fund (CMF) 2023</b></p>	<p>In 2023 a total of 6 projects were supported by CMF in Dublin City. The CMF team monitored the progress of all works and grant projects throughout to ensure they were carried out in accordance with the</p>	<p>CMF team to promote grants internally in</p>

requirements of the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage (**DHLGH**).

Documentation was reviewed and payments made to community and City Council applicants. Recoupment documents and assessments forms for all approved CMF projects sent to (**DHLGH**) on 17/11/23. CMF 2024 advertised on DCC website and priority DCC projects identified by CMF team for 2024.

<b>Total funding allocated by CMF</b>	<b>€402,260.15</b>
No. applications received	11
Total Amount sought	€695,952.65
Successful applications	6

6 CMF grants to a total value of **€402,260.15** were paid out in November 2023.

Site	Stream	Type	Applicant	Award	Reference
St Audoen's Medieval Church, Cornmarket, Dublin 8	1	Works	Church of Ireland	€93,416.65	CMF23-1DC001
Christchurch Cathedral, Christchurch Place, Dublin 8	2	Survey	Church of Ireland	€30,000.00	CMF23-2-DC004
Drimnagh Castle & Gardens, Long Mile Road, Dublin 12	1	Works	Drimnagh Castle & Gardens	€120,000.00	CMF23-1-DC002
St Mary's former COI Crumlin, Dublin 12	2	Conservation Management Plan	Church of Ireland	€30,000.00	CMF23-2-DC001
City Walls-Cook Street & Lamb Alley, Dublin 8	2	Survey	DCC Archaeology & Heritage	€28,019.40	CMF23-2-DC005
St Canice's Graveyard, Finglas, Dublin 11	1	Works	DCC Parks CRES	€100,000.00	CMF23-1-DC005

**Notes:**

\* €75,000 capital funds from Archaeology Budget went to support completion of conservation of church at St Canice's Church and Graveyard project. Implementation of Conservation Management Plan (CMF 2021) is ongoing. This project is led by CRES in close collaboration with DCC Archaeology and Area Office.

DCC and externally with community noting deadline of 31 January for assessment and submission to DHLGH by deadline 14 February.

Receipt, review and submission of all final project reports 2023 to DHLGH.

Recoupment of funding from DHLGH.

Prepare priority DCC CMF projects for CMF 2024.

# CULTURE, RECREATION & ECONOMIC SERVICES

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### Libraries

#### New Policy/Strategy

Dublin City Libraries will commence a public and stakeholder consultation process in Spring 2024 to inform the preparation of a new 5 year library development plan. This plan will be the successor to [Libraries Unlimited: A Strategic Direction for Dublin City Libraries](#)

#### Departmental Priority



The **Ringsend Library Square** Part 8 public consultation process is currently underway. Details can be viewed and observations may be made [here](#).

With **Comics Plus** and a Dublin City

Libraries card users can access thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga on their phone, computer or tablet. No holds. No reserve queues, no borrowing limits. All for FREE

**A Commemorative plaque for writer Maeve Brennan** will be unveiled at her childhood home (48 Cherryfield Avenue) in Ranelagh on 6 January 2024 at 11am. All welcome. Sinéad Gleeson, a champion of Brennan's work, will speak at the ceremony, alongside the Lord Mayor.



The **Dublin Literary Award 2024** longlist will be announced on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am on the award's social media channels and [website](#)

**Healthy Ireland at Your Library** provides valuable health information and support to communities and individuals at all life stages. From January to March 2024, Dublin City Libraries will host a series of presentations and workshops on the themes of #Be Well #Eat Well #Think Well focusing on physical health and keeping active, eating well, and positive wellbeing.



#### Project Updates

Update	Current Status	Next Stage
City Library, PSCQ	Stage 2b, Detailed design	Completion of Stage 2b deliverables

Ringsend Library	Part 8 process underway	Completion of Part 8 process
Charleville Mall Library	Tender for Phase 2 of refurb in preparation.	Full roof and ceiling replacement.
Terenure Library	Pre Part 8 discussions have been concluded	Formal Part 8 submission will be lodged in Q1 2024

**Dates for your diary:** See details of all library online and in-person events [here](#) or for regular updates on library events, activities and developments subscribe to the Library newsletter [here](#)

### Economic Development Office

#### Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2027 (LECP):

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/culture-recreation-and-amenity/local-economic-and-community-plan-2023-2029>

#### Economic Development & Enterprise SPC:

Hybrid meeting in City Hall / Zoom took place on 28/11/23. [Economic Development and Enterprise SPC - Tuesday 28 November 2023, 3:30pm - Dublin City Council Webcasting \(public-i.tv\)](#) The next meeting is on 23/01/24, pre meeting 15/01/24

**Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024:** DCC supporting many of the 26 actions in the plan.

**Night Time Economy:** This year's Dublin City Summit Series focused on the Night Time Economy. The summit took place on 30/11/2023 at the Projects Arts Centre. Outcomes Report is currently being produced.

**Dublin Belfast Circular Economy Capital Expenditure Feasibility Shared Island Funding:** DCC/Belfast City Council are continuing work on implementing the feasibility study to create a connected circular economy between the two cities.

**MODOS:** MODOS 2024 Training Programmes to help businesses adopt circular economy principles launched. Winter, Spring and

Summer programmes available. Info:

<https://modos.ie/>

**ENFUSE:** ENFUSE 2024 officially launched by Minister Simon Coveney. ENFUSE matches enterprises with master's students in Dublin universities & colleges. Businesses can apply here:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Enterprise-Development/ENFUSE/>

**Dublin Economic Monitor:** Q3 Fdi data published. Q4 DEM complete. Next stage publication and dissemination of Q4 DEM.

**Your Dublin Your Voice:** Q4 Survey on recycling live from results analysed, presented, disseminated. Awaiting briefing for Q1 survey. Q4 recruitment completed.



The Dublin Place Brand team are working with the Lord Mayor on an outdoor and online marketing campaign highlighting Dubliners who are doing social good in their community and to encourage others to do similar across Dublin. The campaign will go live in mid-February 2024.

### Local Enterprise Office

#### Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants

**approvals 2023:** 61 grants have been approved to the value of €1.2million supporting the creation of 94 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year.

**Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2023:** 149 applications approved to value of €328,000.

**Mentoring:** 1170 hours of mentoring completed 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 23. Annual target 1,000 hours.

**Training:** 4827 participants & 179 courses delivered 1st Jan – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 23. Annual target 3,000 hours.

**Start Your Own Business:** 380 participants attended 15 courses 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 23. Annual target, 227 participants & 13 courses.

## LEO Training (ID:2013584) & Mentoring (ID: 2038854) Multiparty framework Tenders for 2023 - 2029

<https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/home.do>

ID:2013584 - Letters issued to contractors.

ID: 2038854 - Letters due to issue to contractors Pre-Christmas.

Next stage is meetings with contractors to set service expectations & reporting structures.

### Consultancy Video Case Studies:

Videos in production: Rua Foods & Nutty Delights. Next stage is promotion plan to build product pipeline.

### LEO Dublin City Women in Business Awards

The 2023 WIB took place in December. Post event promotion ongoing with membership drive for 2024.

### Dates for your diary

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date &amp; Time</u>
EDE SPC	Hybrid: City Hall / Zoom	23/01/24 at 3.30 pm

### Hugh Lane Gallery

In November 2023 we welcomed 34,687 visitors to the Gallery to see the critically acclaimed Andy Warhol Three Times Out Exhibition.

October and November 2023 are the highest monthly totals since we began recording in May 2006

### Social Media

Facebook Reach: 430,224 + 424,210 **Q4 854,434**

Instagram Reach: 507,305 + 425,749 **Q4 933,054**

Twitter reach: 17,300 + 25,200 **Q4 42,500**

New Followers: 226 new Facebook followers and 2,629 new Instagram followers.

Build online presence

### Refurb of 1930s Wing

Refurbishment Project is now part of the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning including the Francis Bacon Studio. In stage 2b currently. Conservation project on works for upcoming exhibition Sarah Purser.

Monitoring of gallery and environmental conditions and security continues Stage 2c: detailed design

### Collection displays & Exhibitions

**Andy Warhol Three Times Out** 6<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Future Exhibitions:** A new display of a selection of recent acquisitions is planned for March 2024.

### Sarah Purser: Artist, Collector Activist

12 June – 20 October 2024

Sarah Purser (1848 – 1943) was a hugely influential figure in Irish artistic circles, both as an artist and as an organiser. This exhibition, drawn largely from the HLG collection, will present her life and work from three different perspectives: artist, collector and activist. Purser was born in 1848 in Dún Laoghaire and studied in Switzerland, Dublin, and Paris before establishing herself as a leading portraitist in the city.

### Online Collection

Hugh Lane Gallery's online collection has been updated and intergrated into the Gallery's new website. It can be accessed through the homepage or via

<https://onlinecollection.hughlane.ie>

### North Fredrick Lane

Fit out is progressing for this property acquired by DCC for HLG including Conservation, Archive, Operations and Fine Art Storage. Preparing facility Q4'23

### 20 & 21 Parnell SQ

Feasibility study to be carried out which will form part of the development plan for HLG Feasibility Study Q1 2024

### Collection care

Conservation project on works for upcoming exhibition Sarah Purser.

Monitoring of gallery and environmental conditions and security continues.

### Workforce Planning

A number of Critical Vacancies were filled in November 2023

- 1x Paper Conservator
- 2x GO Attendants
- 1x ASO : Education Assistant

## Programme of Art Education

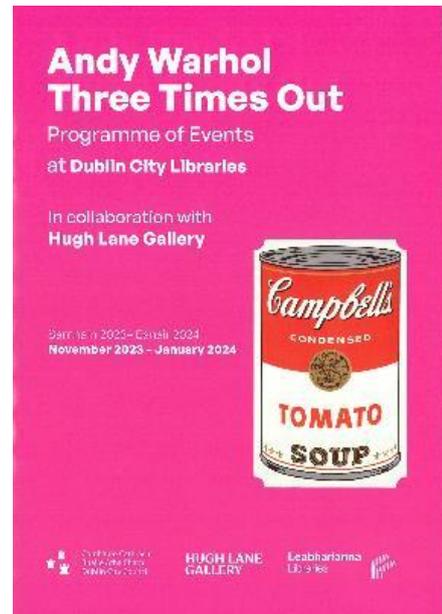
In **November** 2023 there were **c. 235** education and outreach programmes for adults and children with approx. **4,642** participants. Our education and outreach programmes in November include We Can Can Can community engagement display in gallery 6, Warhol Mixtape Reading group, extensive Warhol programme of collaboration with DCC Public libraries, Zoom@Hugh Lane Gallery city-wide project with primary schools, Silver Night Warhol inspired evening of music and fashion; 'So What' Warhol seminar with guest Irish and international contributors and much more.

<https://hughlane.ie/whats-on/>

<https://twitter.com/TheHughLane>

<https://www.instagram.com/thehughlane/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thehughlane/>



The **Film Office** has received 3 Filming applications for January.

## Sports & Recreation

Consultation on the Dublin City Sports Plan is complete and work on an initial draft plan is underway. It is anticipated that the sports plan 2024-2029 will be presented to the SPC/Area Committee's and full council during Q1 2024.

### The Capital Programme:



Works underway at St. Catherine's, Sports & Community Centre, Dublin 8.

Sports & Recreation Projects	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim St Sports Centre	Contractor appointed	Accessibility works to commence in January
Irishtown Sports Stadium	Tender closes in January 2024	Appoint design team.
Donore Community Centre	Stabilisation works complete	Investigative Surveys to commence.
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Works Commenced	Completion due Q1 2024
Municipal Rowing Centre Refurbishment	Tender Documents to be update following CPU input	Procurement to commence for a design team Q1 24.
Dalymount Park Redevelopment	Part 8 Lodged	Part 8 to be submitted to February Council Meeting 2024.



A recently completed project, the newly refurbished GAA all weather pitch (in addition to the soccer pitch highlighted in the last report) at Clontarf, Alfie Byrne Road.

### Dates for your diary:

Event	Location	Date & Time
Tom Brennan Memorial 5k Run (LM5 Alive 2024)	Phoenix Park	1 January 2024 at 9.30am
Raheny 5 Mile Run (LM5 Alive 2024)	Raheny Village/St. Anne's Park	28 January 2024 at 3pm

➤ **Links to information on our programmes etc.**

**DCC:** <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure>

**DCSWP Hub:** [www.dcswphub.ie](http://www.dcswphub.ie)

**Instagram:** @dublincitysportandwellbeing

**Twitter:** @dccsportsrec

**Facebook:** [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)

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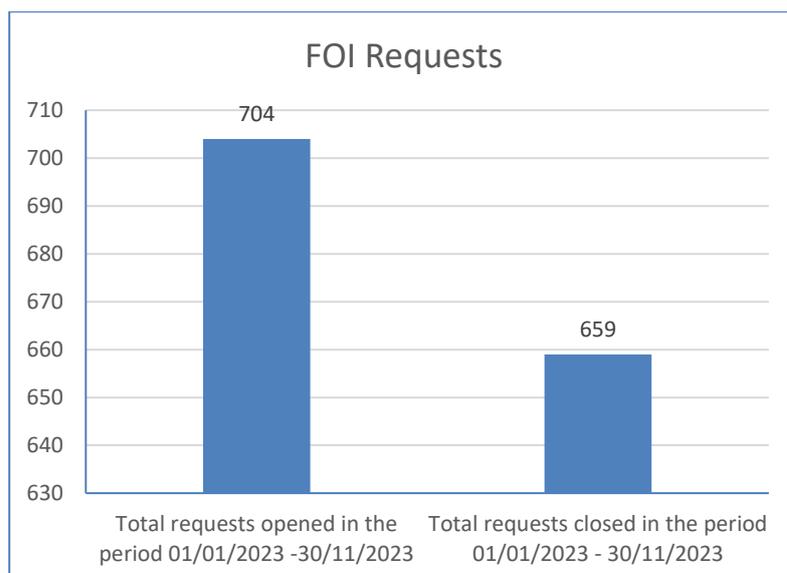
#### Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/536/2023	seeks records re: Housing First procurement	Press	01/11/2023	28/11/2023
FOI/538/2023	seeks records re: correspondence - Chief Executive & Housing Minister Sept-Nov 23	Press	01/11/2023	
FOI/539/2023	seeks records re: Ad hoc briefings for DSPS on where and how to enforce parking laws	Press	01/11/2023	28/11/2023
FOI/541/2023	Seeks records re: records from NBCO	Press	02/11/2023	
FOI/543/2023	seeks records re: DCC vehicle clamped by (DSPS) Nov 2023	Client	02/11/2023	28/11/2023
FOI/544/2023	Records regarding Walking and Cycling Scheme	Client	03/11/2023	30/11/2023
FOI/546/2023	A list of properties donated to Dublin City Council in the last ten years.	Press	03/11/2023	
FOI/547/2023	A list of the properties owned by DCC that have been deemed unsafe for habitation.	Press	03/11/2023	
FOI/549/2023	Companies North Central Area Office of DCC hired out external health & safety companies	Client	06/11/2023	29/11/2023
FOI/550/2023	Records regarding road signs	Client	07/11/2023	
FOI/554/2023	Seeks records re complaints made against specific quarry	Press	08/11/2023	
FOI/555/2023	Seeks records re void units	Press	08/11/2023	20/11/2023
FOI/557/2023	seeks records re: redevelopment of named Street Dublin 2	Client	08/11/2023	27/11/2023
FOI/562/2023	seeks records: No of homeless accom services/sites used by the DRHE of Gardiner St,	Press	08/11/2023	30/11/2023
FOI/563/2023	seeks records: Social housing complaints in Dublin 7: Issues related to unsafe conditions	Client	09/11/2023	21/11/2023
FOI/565/2023	seeks records re; DCC referencing the Palestinian flag or a 'peace flag	Press	09/11/2023	
FOI/567/2023	Requests records re: Licences and permissions granted in closing off named road in D1	Business	10/11/2023	
FOI/569/2023	seeks records re: DCC fire safety in the proposed Dublin Metro	Press	13/11/2023	
FOI/572/2023	Seeks records re named association	Client	14/11/2023	27/11/2023
FOI/573/2023	seeks records re: DFB fire safety in the proposed Dublin Metro.	Press	13/11/2023	
FOI/577/2023	copy of the Road Safety Audit in respect Clontarf to City Centre Project Scheme	Solicitor	16/11/2023	
FOI/578/2023	seeks records re: All minutes of the a sub-committee of the housing SPC, for 2022 & 23	Press	16/11/2023	
FOI/582/2023	Seeks records of correspondence with named company	Client	16/11/2023	
FOI/583/2023	Copies of annual audits carried out by the Council of PMcVT properties 2019	Press	16/11/2023	
FOI/584/2023	Request records between DCC and Peter McVerry Trust	Press	17/11/2023	
FOI/588/2023	seeks records DCC chief executive in relation to the staging of the Dublin City Marathon.	Press	20/11/2023	
FOI/589/2023	seeks records re: no. of personal Injury claims made against DCC for last five years.	Client	20/11/2023	

FOI/590/2023	Seeks records re traffic lights at Brookwood Avenue	Solicitor	20/11/2023
FOI/595/2023	seeks records re: a list of traffic related requests eg new requests, renewal of existing traffic marking	Client	20/11/2023
FOI/598/2023	Seeks records re incident at Poppintree	Client	21/11/2023
FOI/599/2023	Seeks records re live crib at Mansion House	Press	21/11/2023
FOI/600/2023	seeks records Ceannt Fort playground, design risk assessment and post install inspection	Client	23/11/2023
FOI/602/2023	Seeks records re named property	Solicitor	24/11/2023
FOI/603/2023	seeks records re: list of the dates and open/closed status of each park in Dublin in 2022	Client	27/11/2023
FOI/605/2023	Request records between DRHE and Peter McVerry	Press	27/11/2023
FOI/608/2023	Requests records from DRHE	Other	28/11/2023
FOI/610/2023	Requests records regarding Martin Savage Park	Client	28/11/2023
FOI/611/2023	Requests records regarding Martin Savage Park	Client	28/11/2023
FOI/614/2023	Requests records regarding Martin Savage Park	Client	28/11/2023
FOI/615/2023	seeks records re: Fixed Asset Register for each of the last five years.	Client	28/11/2023
FOI/617/2023	seeks records re: Concerts in Fairveiw park 2020-23	Client	29/11/2023
FOI/618/2023	seeks records re: maintenance activity of trees Merrion Square	Client	29/11/2023
FOI/620/2023	seeks records re: rate charges for vacant commercial units Clongriffin	Client	30/11/2023
FOI/624/2023	seeks records re: audit reports, reports into waste or losses 2019-23	Client	30/11/2023
FOI/626/2023	seeks records re: all works, notes, and repairs carried out at Clonshaugh Road, Dublin 17	Solicitor	30/11/2023

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in Nov 2023. The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2023 is outlined below.

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2023 -30/11/2023	704
Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2023 - 30/11/2023	659



## IMAGES OF THE MONTH





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