



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

Meeting: 16th January 2024

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (1st January – 31st December 2023)

Estate Management

Statistics 2023 - Finglas Area Office	
Complaints	YTD 2023
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	34
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	36
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	218
No. Racial Harassment Complaints	1
TOTAL	289

Interviews	
No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act (Formal)	49
No. Other Interviews(Informal)	122
TOTAL	171

No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action	14
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• Withdrawn	0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	3

No. Requests for Mediation	0
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Allocations

Housing & Apartments			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	18	11	16
De-tenanting	N/A	0	
Estate Management	N/A	0	
Homeless	6	N/A	1
Homeless HAP	N/A	7	4
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	2	
Medical	2	5	1
Surrendering Larger	N/A	3	1
Succession	0	0	
Travellers	3	0	1
Welfare	5	0	
Total	34	28	24

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	5	5	
Medical	0	3	
Welfare	1	0	
Homeless	8	N/A	1
Homeless HAP	N/A	1	
Travellers	0	N/A	
Estate Management	N/A	1	
De-tenanting	N/A	0	
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	0	
Surrendering Larger	N/A	0	
Financial Contribution	0	N/A	
Succession	0	1	
Total	14	11	1

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (25 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	23/10/23	Appointed to contractor	March 24
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	11/10/23	To be appointed to contractor	R.T.L
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	15/12/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Barry Avenue	3 bed house	18/12/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Barry Park	3 bed house	23/10/23	Appointed to contractor	March 24
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	21/12/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	13/10/23	Appointed to contractor	March 24
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	21/12/23	To be appointed to contractor	May 24
Casement Green	3 bed house	14/07/23	Appointed to contractor	R.T.L
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	27/11/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Collins Place	2 bed house	10/11/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Dunsink Drive	3 bed house	26/10/23	Appointed to contractor	March 24
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	20/10/23	Appointed to contractor	March 24
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	10/11/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	21/12/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Glasnevin Ave	3 bed house	21/11/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Kilshane Road	3 bed house	25/10/23	To be appointed to contractor, issue with dwelling	T.B.C
Mellowes Park	3 bed house	14/12/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Ratoath Ave	2 bed house	12/10/23	Appointed to contractor	March 24
Ratoath Drive	2 bed house	18/08/23	Appointed to contractor	Feb 24
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Wellmount Ave	4 bed house	07/09/23	Appointed to contractor	T.B.C

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Glasnevin Ave	3 bed house	24/04/23	Issue with the wrap around	T.B.C
Heath Square	3 bed duplex	10/06/23	Issue with Insurance	T.B.C

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (9 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Brookville Court	1 bed	17/11/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	16/10/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Griifith Cres	1 bed	13/11/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Kildonan Court	1 bed	23/11/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Kilshane Court	2 bed	11/10/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Mellowes Court	bedsit	13/10/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Mellowes Court	bedsit	28/09/23	Direct Labour	Feb 24

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (more than 4 months)				
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	03/08/23	Direct Labour	Dec 23
Mellowes Court	1 bed	28/07/23	Direct Labour	R.T.L

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
15+15A+15B	Ratoath Drive	08/11/23	290	N/A
5+14+18	Mellowes Court	08/11/23	3	N/A

Rents Update

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

Assessments	2169
Applications for Permission to Reside	47
Refunds	28

General Matters

Kildonan Housing Project

The project is to be delivered in two phases. The first phase will see the construction of mixed tenure housing of approx. 136 housing units. The project team is currently working towards a Stage 2 Funding Approval application, which is expected in Q4 2024. Site Surveys ongoing.

The provision of affordable homes in Phase 2 is also under consideration

Finglas Employment & Training Working Group

The group will hold its next meeting on February 23rd 2024. In the meantime the Finglas Area Office is continuing to publicise the group within the local area. Work is on-going to finalise the event scheduled for March which aims to promote the supports and opportunities that will be available to potential employers and employees.

Prospect Hill

Applicants are currently being assigned to dwellings in Prospect Hill. It is anticipated that they will be moved in by the end of January.

Finglas Library – General Information

Opening Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 1pm to 8pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Did you know...?

- You can use your Finglas Library card to borrow items from every public library in Ireland.
- You can order an item from any public library in Ireland and it will be delivered to the library of your choice free of charge.

- Fines are a thing of the past, so if your items are overdue, don't be afraid to return them – there are no penalties for being late

Other items of interest:

C-Pen

The C-Pen is a reader pen which scans and then reads text aloud to assist with independent reading. People with dyslexia, aphasia or other reading difficulties, those learning languages, or those with vision problems may find these pens to be useful for home, study or work. The pen reads text aloud with a natural speaking voice.

You can try out a C-Pen by borrowing it from the library, using your Adult Library Card. (We ask that children borrow this item on an Adult card belonging to a parent or guardian.) The C-Pen can't be reserved online, but each library will have a local waiting list. The C-Pen may be borrowed for three weeks. There is also a C-Pen available to try out in the library. Please ask staff for details.



Codema Energy Saving Kit

The Home Energy Saving Kits have been developed by Dublin's energy agency [Codema](#) and contain six practical tools to help you save energy at home. The items in the toolkits

address three key areas of energy use in the consumption - and can help identify common problems such as lack of insulation, poor ventilation and the appliances in the home that might be driving up electricity bills.

The kit is also accompanied by a step-by-step user manual and links to a [demonstration video](#) which explains how to use each tool correctly.

You can borrow the kit for up to 2 weeks in order to conduct a mini home energy audit. Contact Finglas Library to check availability.



Tovertafel

The Tovertafel is a fun, interactive 'magic table' ideal for people living with dementia, autism or learning disabilities and their carers, family and friends.

Interactive light Tovertafel games are projected on to the table and sensors respond to the movements and gestures of the players. The games encourage shared experience and stimulate physical activity.

We welcome use by local groups – up to eight people can sit around the table. Please contact Finglas Library for further information and to book.

As part of the **Little Library Book at Bedtime** initiative, free bedtime story books (in English and Irish) and library card wallets are available at the library for all children aged 0-4, to pick up and keep.

Every child can receive a copy of *No Matter What* by Debi Gliori or *Eoinín ag Dul a Chodhladh* by Muireann Ní Chíobháin.

This exciting initiative aims to engage all parents of young children to read stories with them at bedtime.

Finglas Library staff post details of forthcoming events and programmes on our Facebook page. If anyone would like to promote any Dublin City Council-related initiative then please email details to finglaslibrary@dublincity.ie and we will share these on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FinglasLibrary

Finglas Library Events January 2024

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Non-Regular	Crafts	Pop-Up Screen Printing with Creative Spark – explore screen printing techniques and print your own Andy Warhol-inspired fine art print.	Adults	Monday 8 th January 1- 3pm (pop in anytime, no booking needed)
Non-Regular	Crafts	Screen Printing Workshop for Children aged 8 to 11 yrs with Creative Spark – let Gráinne Murphy guide you as you print your very own Andy Warhol-inspired artwork, then	Children (8 – 11 yrs)	Monday 8 th January 4 - 6pm (places limited - booking essential)
Regular - NEW	Inclusion and Diversity	Autism-Friendly Library with Sensory Room	All Ages	Saturdays from 10am – 11.30am starting January 6th
Regular - NEW	Inclusion and Diversity	Tovertafí is available for groups to book. Please contact Finglas library for further information. Children must be accompanied by an adult.	All Ages	Please contact library to book a session for your group.
Regular	Book Club	Book Ends Adult Book Club – open to all who live or work in the Finglas area	Adults	1 st Saturday of the month @ 2pm
Regular	Book Club	Adult Book Club (contact library for waiting list)	Adults	1 st Thursday of the month (fully subscribed but contact library)
Regular	Book Club	D11 Readers Children’s Book Club	Children	2 nd Wednesday of the month @ 3.30pm
Regular	Crafts	Knitting and Craft Group	Adults	Fridays at 11am
Regular	Book Club / Crafts	Parent and Toddler Book & Craft Group with Barnardos (contact library for waiting list)	Children (Toddlers)	Tuesday and Thursday mornings – the groups are currently full but contact the library if you would like to be added to the waiting list.
Regular	Education	CDETБ Beginner’s Guide to Smartphones / New Technology	Adults	New times and dates to be confirmed in the New Year

Community & Social Development Section

Lord Mayors Charity Gala Christmas Concert

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Dáithe de Róiste hosted the annual Christmas Concert on Sunday 10th December in the Mansion House. Invitations were extended to volunteers and participants from community groups throughout the City.

Entertainment on the night was provided by the following local community based groups. The Walkalies, Joyful Sounds, the Forget-Me-Not, Aontas Choirs and the Army No. 1 Band.

Community & Social Development Staff from the Finglas Area Office distributed tickets to community groups in the Finglas area.

Proceeds from the raffle and donations went to Children's Charity Oscar's Kids.



Women's International Football:

Finglas has had over the years a proud history of sporting greatness. In this respect an amazing 18 women from Finglas represented the Irish Women's International Football Team during the 70's and 80's. To celebrate and acknowledge the ground-breaking work and dedication of these women, the Finglas Area Office will host an event in the Mansion House to honour the women involved. A presentation will be made to each of the women involved.

The event will take place on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 19.00 in the Mansion House with the invitation extended to family and friends.

MPAC (Meeting Place Arch Club).

Dublin City Council has and continues to support the Meeting Place Arch Club.

The Club has approached the Finglas Area Office in relation to sourcing space to run the club's activities. The club requires a space on the following days and times:

- Mondays 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- Wednesday 3.30pm – 7.00pm
- Friday 4.00pm – 7.30pm

Merville Court is a possible space for the group as it meets the particular needs of the club and its members.

It should be noted that Merville Court is used a Meals Service and by local residents, the centre will not be for the sole use of the Meeting Place Club.

Residents of Merville have been informed of and asked for their views on the possibility of the club using the space and to date no negative views have been expressed.

The group has requested a viewing of Merville Court which Finglas Community Section will arrange in the coming weeks. The Meeting Place Arch Club & the Fairlawn/Prospect Hill Allotment holders jointly use Fairlawn/Prospect Community Garden. Dublin City Council is working towards a licence and a Memorandum of Understanding that reflects the needs of both parties.

The purpose of the MoU is to clearly outline the responsibilities of both groups in relation to the garden. Dublin City Council Development Section has recommended that a new entity be formed between both parties and that any licence agreement would be with the new entity.

Dublin City Council, Finglas Community & Social Development Section has supported the Meeting Place Club throughout the year with funding, resources and through promotion of the group at Halloween and Christmas Events.

The Community & Social Development Section supported MAPC's annual Christmas party which took place in WFTRA hall on Friday 1 December 2023.



Teen Space:

Work on the Teen Space at the side of Finglas Leisure Centre has commenced. The space will feature a seating along with a “concrete” table tennis and board games areas.

The board games and concrete table tennis equipment is due to be put in place in early February.

A number of issues exist with regard to the provision of WiFi/Charge Points, which formed part of the original plan/survey. The issues include the fact that WiFi/Charge points aren't robust and can be easily damaged and the cost of a bench or table is high.



Above picture shows seated area, plinths for outdoor games and a walkway around the space.

Finglas Area Community & Social Development Plans 2024

The Community & Social Development Section has set out a plan for 2024: highlights of the plan include the following:

- International Women's Day
- Seamus Ennis Events
- Finglas Opera Night in conjunction with Finglas Counselling Services
- The Promotion and Support of 8 Summer Projects in the area
- Supports to Community Groups running "Family Fun Days"
- Social Inclusion Week
- Active Age Week
- Youth Expo in conjunction with Youth Services/Supports/Sports Clubs etc.
- On-going supports to the age Friendly Programme
- Halloween 24
- Delivery of Dublin City Council Community Grant Scheme
- Delivery of information/support on other grants available to the community
- Supports to Healthy Ireland
- The establishment of "A Welcome Room"

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