



Chief Executive's Management Report

March 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 –
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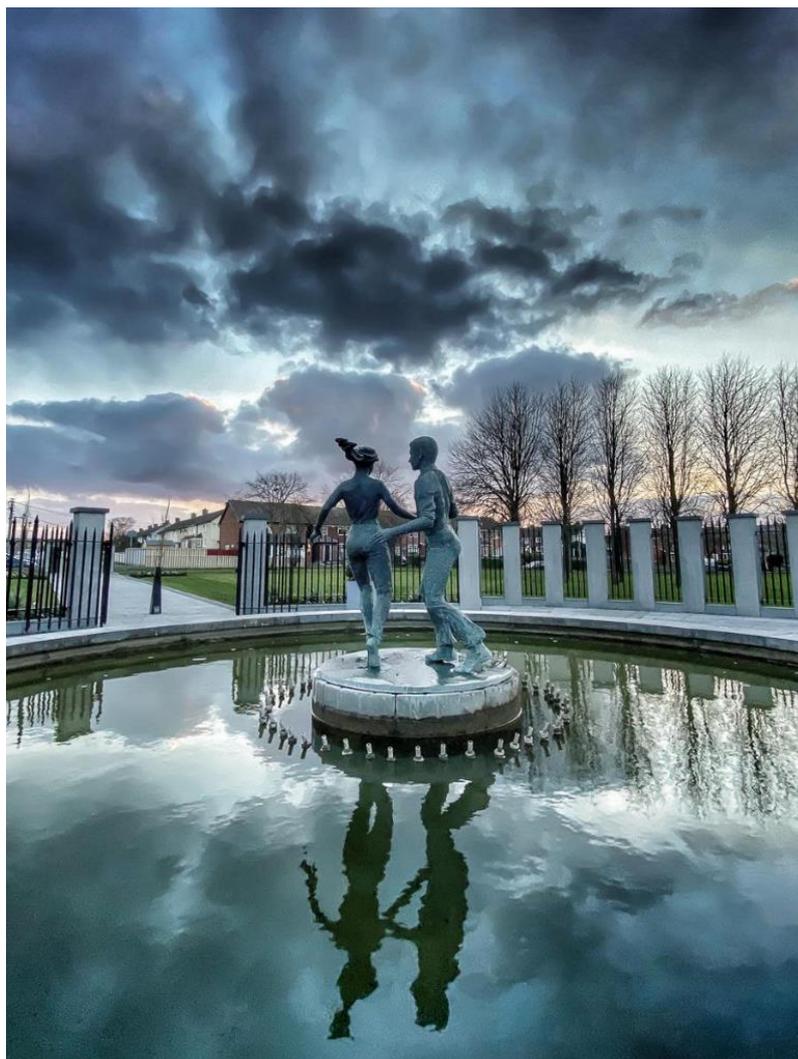


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Road Maintenance Services

During January, the Division's direct labour crews repaired/ made safe approximately 460 defects and hazards on the road network. Furthermore, over 40 critical defects and hazards on the road network were repaired/ made safe within 24-hours of them being reported.

The Division is continuing to deliver its Winter Maintenance Programme. There were twelve nights since the start of the year where road surface temperatures were forecast to fall below freezing. The Division's crews gritted approximately 300kms of roads on each of these nights.

Parking Tag and alternative methods of paying for parking

The numbers using the Parking Tag have increased and by week ending 11th February 2024, that week's revenue was €408,918.02. For week ending 11th February 2024, the usage of coin in parking meters was €18,959 and for week ending 11th February 2024 card payments were €138,468.

Permit Parking, Pay & Display

A new Residential Parking Permit scheme will commence in Botanic Avenue (No 108-152) on 26th February 2024. The hours of operation for this scheme will be Monday to Sunday 7.00 to 24.00.

A new Residential Parking Permit scheme will commence in Abercorn Road on 4th March 2024. The hours of operation for this scheme will be Monday to Saturday 7.00 to 19.00.

Waste Services Update.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd finances the Community Gain Fund and Dublin City Council administers the Fund and operates the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme. The Projects Grant Scheme is run every 18 months and invites, assesses, selects and funds project proposals from local community groups and organisations in the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area. The projects that are awarded grant funding enhance the local area, fulfil a genuine need within the community, enrich the available community facilities and services, are socially inclusive and accessible and sustainable and viable in the long-term. Since 2014, circa €14m has been credited by Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd to the Community Gain Fund.

32 grant applications were approved grant funding in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2023 and the total value awarded was €995,027. To date 10 grant recipients have completed their projects and drawn down grant funding to a value of circa €250K. The remaining 22 grant recipients have until the 1st September 2024 to complete their grant aided project

Protection of Water Bodies Office (PWBO)

Dublin City Council is working to deliver a number of projects to ensure that we meet our Water Framework Directive (WFD) obligation of achieving "good" status for all our water bodies by 2027.

Current updates on those projects:

Golden Lane Public Realm Redevelopment - Urban Runoff (Action 70): Preferred tender identified and contract to be signed.

Rainscapes Nature-Based Solutions Project ([River Santry and River Dodder Rainscapes | Dublin City Council](#)). Tender for construction to be issued shortly.

Bathing Waters: Voluntary fortnightly bathing water sampling continues at designated and other monitored waters outside of the Bathing Season. Statutory reporting to the EPA continues as required in accordance with Bathing Water Regulations SI 79 of 2008.

Further information on bathing waters can be found on Dublin City Councils website [Here](#) or on the National Bathing Water Website [Here](#)

Recommended Minimum Criteria Environmental Inspections: *Water* RMCEI returns are in progress. The final plan incorporating all DCC Returns (including Air, Noise, Water and Waste) will be submitted by the DCC coordinator to the EPA by the 29th February 2024.

Misconnection programme: Domestic and Commercial misconnection inspections are being conducted along the Santry Catchment, to compliment the Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project. Further information on misconnection inspections can be found [Here](#).

Flood Defence Project

Camac River

Consultants have been appointed by DCC to investigate the reduction of flood risk across the DCC and SDCC sections of the River Camac. Further public consultations are planned in April and June 2024 on emerging options both in the DCC and SDCC areas.

Further wintering bird surveys are ongoing in February and March 2024 to identify protected species as well as other bird quantities. A large Site Investigation for both Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council areas of the Camac catchment commenced in July 2023 and was completed in January 2024.

Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website www.camacfas.ie

Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme

Construction commenced in Tymon Park on 6th February 2024. Construction of flood defences proposed in Ravensdale Park, St.Martin's Drive and Mount Argus are due to commence in 2025-2026. With Public liaison meetings planned in these areas Q1-Q2 2024.

Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2

The Project Team is currently finalising tender documents for two construction contracts, namely:

- a contract the upgrade of the outfall at the Clontarf promenade, this will be advertised by the end of February/early March, with the appointment of a contractor in April/May. The contractor will commence work on site by the end of May/start of June and the construction programme is anticipated to be 8 weeks.
- The second contract is for a surface water sewer under the Howth Road, the will be advertised in March, with the appointment of a contractor in May. The contractor will commence on site in June with an anticipated construction programme of 6-8week

Drainage Planning, Policy & Development Control

The SuDS Working Group has produced a new "Property Level Guide to SuDS". This is intended to give guidance on SuDS implementation for small developments, individual houses, extensions, driveways etc. It provides straightforward advice on meeting SuDS requirements in the City Development Plan. It also assists anyone who may want to install water butts, permeable paving etc. to help protect their own local area from flooding and climate change. A media campaign was carried out before Christmas to highlight the issue of people paving their gardens with impermeable materials.

To ensure sustainable development within the City, the Drainage Planning, Policy and Development Control team has established a framework for auditors of Basement Impact Assessment Reports. There are five consulting engineer companies on the cascading framework and a number of BIA reports are currently under review.

Climate Action Team.

Climate Action Plan

The Local Authority Climate Action Plan for Dublin City Council was adopted and a launch is planned for March 6th alongside a working session to introduce a key implementation project “Towards the Implementation of a Transformative Climate Action Plan in Dublin”.

EU Mission for 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities/Net Zero Cities:

The Climate Action Team is developing a pilot city application with Cork City Council that will be submitted in March 2024.

The climate action team is working to prepare the city’s climate city contract for submission in the Spring Window.

EU Projects

DCC is part of CULTIVATE an EU-funded project to increase public awareness and knowledge of Food Sharing initiatives (FSIs), to understand what drives or hampers their practice, and to foster sustainability, inclusion, and resilience in urban and peri-urban food systems through food sharing. As a hub city, CULTIVATE will develop the **Food Sharing Compass**, a social innovation support platform for FSIs, policy makers, food supply actors, researchers, and citizens. With its five tools, the Compass helps these stakeholders navigate food sharing landscapes and cultures to understand, develop, replicate, scale out and strengthen food sharing. The aim is to create more sustainable, resilient, and healthy urban and peri-urban food systems. CULTIVATE supports the EU’s inclusive climate mitigation and adaptation ambitions.

DCC is part of REGEN an EU Funded project. REGEN will pave innovative pathways for the decarbonisation of European neighbourhoods and cities. The project will address urgent socioeconomic, climate and built environment challenges by designing a multifaceted Toolbox leveraging cutting-edge digital technologies and life cycle sustainability assessments. Engagement of citizens and influencing behavioural change is key to this project. Ringsend and Poolbeg is the area of focus for this project and it is anticipated that the project will support the DZ and DDHP.

DCC has received funding to participate in Minority Report an EU Funded project. Minority

Report will explore adaptation pathways through the application of digital twin technology, in the Ringsend/Poolbeg area of the city.

Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

The Dublin CARO and Codema – Dublin’s Energy Agency and SMART Dublin assisted and supported the four Dublin local authorities in the making of Climate Action Plans, in terms of alignment with the national Climate Action Plan 2023 and related sectoral climate obligations and ambitions. The new Plans were prepared in accordance with Guidelines for Local Authority Climate Action Plans, which were launched by Minister Eamon Ryan TD in March 2023. The Dublin CARO chaired monthly meetings with all four Dublin Climate Action Teams, Codema and Smart Dublin, to oversee and share progress on Climate Action Plan preparation.

All 4 of the Dublin Local Authority Climate Action Plans were adopted by respective Councils on 12th February.

At present, Dublin CARO along and other CARO counterparts are at the initial stages of compiling an actions spreadsheet based on commonalities.

Further updates from the CARO team and events are posted regularly on www.caro.ie and for the Dublin CARO on twitter @DublinCARO. Dublin CARO leads in publishing the quarterly CARO newsletter. The twelfth edition was published in December 2023. There are over 1000 individuals signed up to receive the newsletter. Subscription to the CARO newsletter is available at www.caro.ie/#newsletter.

Draft Dublin City Centre Transport Plan 2023

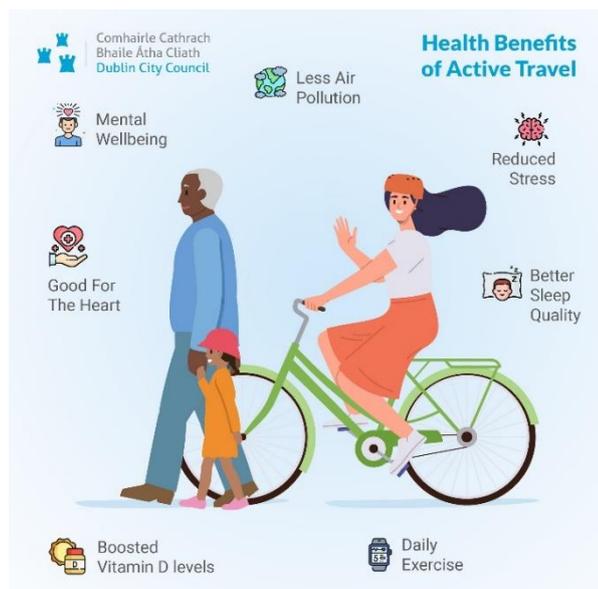
The current Dublin City Development Plan (2022-2028) objective SMT05 requires a update of the 2016 City Centre Transport Study. “*To review the City Centre Transport Plan 2016 in collaboration with the NTA in the lifetime of the plan, setting out a clear strategy to prioritise active travel modes and public transport use, whilst ensuring the integration of high quality public realm.*”

Consultation on the plan has finished and over 3,500 response were received. A full report on the consultation and the final plan was presented to the Transportation SPC on the 7th of February

2024. It is intended to bring the Plan to the full council meeting in April.

The Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) – Walk-Wheel-Cycle Network

The multi-disciplinary team within the Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) continues to work on the design and delivery of a number of projects as part of the overall network, which when fully completed, will result in 95% of people being within 400 metres of the high quality network within Dublin City.



A more extensive quarterly report on the activities of AcTPrO, was submitted to the Lord Mayor and Elected Members for the January Monthly Council Meeting, report no. 18/2024. The next comprehensive quarterly report for the programme will be issued for the April Full Council Meeting.

The updates below contain some recent highlights of ongoing activity for the Active Travel Programme.

The **Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC)** project will deliver 8km of walking facilities, 6km of cycling facilities, and 5.4km of bus lanes, from Alfie Byrne Road/Clontarf Road Junction to Amiens Street/Talbot Street Junction and a section of the Tolka Valley Greenway from Annesley Bridge to Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Junction. Construction commenced in Q1 2022 and will continue until Q2 2024.

There is currently a total of 2.45km of new inbound cycle-track and footway which is open

and in use (between Clontarf Promenade and Amiens Street / Buckingham Street junction).



From Talbot Street to Buckingham Street Lower, works are progressing well on the CIE retaining wall and railings. The concrete retaining wall has been entirely constructed and the mixed rubble stone wall is almost complete. Refurbishment of the original railing continues off site and shall be installed later in the Scheme once all works have been substantially completed in the area. Works are also progressing on the outbound side adjacent to Buckingham Street / Amiens Street Junction. At the Buckingham Street / Foley Street junction paving and landscaping works are now complete. Works have commenced on the junction of Talbot Street and Amiens Street with traffic ducting, watermain, tree pits, kerbing, public lighting, drainage, cycle-track and footway construction underway and progressing well.

All of the 6no. bus stops to be constructed on the inbound side are complete and in use, 2no. of the outbound stops are complete and in use. Construction of the remaining bus stops on the Scheme continue (12no. bus stops in total).

The latest C2CC Consultative Forum which includes local Councillors and representatives from local residents and businesses was held on Friday 15th December in Carleton Hall in Marino. The Project Team remain committed to engaging with the local residents and business owners along the route to discuss issues as they may arise, the meeting is scheduled to take place in March.

Engagement continues with utility providers to address conflict issues through Fairview Village.

On a day-to-day basis the Contractor crews typically remain at 35no. which is equivalent to approximately 100 Operatives with total staff, including supervision approaching 150no. The crucial traffic diversion from 'Edges corner' into the city that has enabled the Contractor to

progress works on multiple work fronts over nearly the full length of the scheme remains in place and is pivotal to the ability of the Scheme to be constructed.

Weekend and night works have recommenced with full depth road construction carried out at Marino Mart and Malahide road Junction. Separate night works are also underway to complete drainage works on Clontarf Road. Regular notifications of these works shall continue to be sent out via DCC's social media accounts, the DCC Alerts system which is open to the public and to the C2CC Consultative Forum which includes local Councillors, and representatives from residents and businesses.

Significant planned ESB works are required from Marino Mart through the Malahide Road Junction to the substation at that junction. This work is needed to complete kerbing, public lighting and drainage works in the area. Estimates for potential delay in this area are 16 weeks. Every effort is being made by the project team, the contractor and the ESB to reduce this delay as much as possible.

A Public Information Leaflet giving an update on the progress of the project was circulated to the local residents and businesses in the area in late January and early February. The updated leaflet along with regular updates on the project is accessible on the Dublin City Council webpages. The address is www.c2cc.ie

The **East Coast Trail Phase 1** (Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Section). This project will provide segregated cycling facilities and improved pedestrian facilities along a 1km route that extends from the entrance to the Eastpoint Business Park on Alfie Byrne Road, along Alfie Byrne Road and East Wall Road as far as East Road.

Work is progressing for the provision of the new crossing to link the scheme to Fairview Park. Works at the Church road junction are nearing completion. Most of the upgrades to the underground services and footways are now complete. A three week period of night-time work on resurfacing commenced on 19th February. Thereafter the linear cycle way segregation kerb will be installed followed by red surfacing to the cycle areas.

Works will be complete by late Q2 of this year.

Further information on the project is accessible on the Dublin City Council webpages. The address is www.dublincity.ie/ectnp1

The **Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3** will provide 2.1 km of cycling and walking facilities along the Royal Canal, from Newcomen Bridge (North Strand Road) to Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road). Construction commenced on site in February 2023 and is expected to continue until Q2 2025.

Cross Guns Bridge to Binns Bridge – Roadworks at Cross Guns Bridge junction are ongoing. Works on the inbound (east) side were completed on 7th February, including road crossing works that took place at night on 6th & 7th February. The outbound bus lane is currently occupied by the contractor to facilitate road works on the west side of the junction. These works are due for completion on 28th March 2024. Some traffic delays are anticipated.

New kerbing and ducting installations are ongoing along the new cycle track / footpath between Cross Guns Bridge and Binns Bridge. These works also include gully installation works and reinforced earth embankments with proprietary earth-reinforcing systems adjacent to the new footpath / cycle track / canal locks / Irish Rail retaining wall. Footpath and cycle track surfacing works are scheduled to take place in April 2024.



Cross Guns Bridge east side footpath works



Kerb works on north towpath between Cross Guns & Lock 4

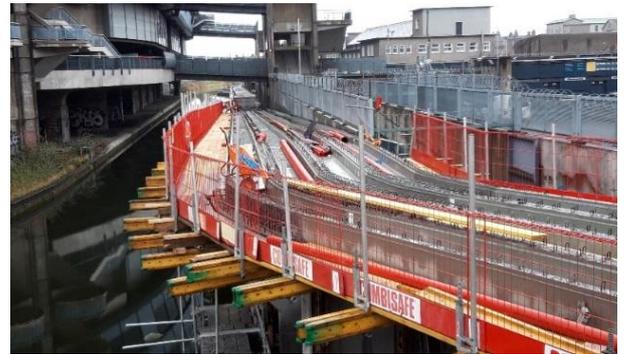
Binns Bridge to Bloody Sunday Bridge –

The detailed design for the Binns Bridge east side ramp is being finalised by the project consulting engineer, O’Connor Sutton Cronin (OCSC). Works on this ramp are scheduled to commence later in Q1 2024. Gas Networks Ireland are scheduled to relocate their existing regulating valve at Binns Bridge in Q2 2024, to facilitate the new ramp structure.

Russell Street / Jones Road was reopened to vehicular traffic on 8th February after road crossing works were completed. Lane closures will remain in place for up to an additional six weeks to complete all outstanding works on the east and west side footpaths. Temporary traffic signals are currently in place.

Bloody Sunday Bridge to Clarke’s Bridge –

The contractor is extending new services from Russell Street road crossing to the east side ramp structure – electricity, gas, public lighting, fibre & CCTV.



**Russell Street east side ramp structure
New services at east side ramp structure**



Russell Street road crossing works

Clarke’s Bridge to Newcomen Bridge –

Road crossing works on Summerhill Parade will commence when the C2CC diversionary route, of which Summerhill Parade forms a part, is lifted.

The contractor is preparing a method statement and risk assessment to expose and raise the current level of the extant 315mm diameter medium pressure gas main in the towpath adjacent to Clarke’s Bridge.

Works between Clarke’s Bridge and Charleville Mall are currently on hold and awaiting a detailed design to remediate the canal quay wall that has been deemed unstable.

The project webpage is updated as works progress on site; its address is www.dublincity.ie/rcgp3



Russell Street west side ramp structure

The South Grand Canal Cycle Safety Improvements scheme involves the upgrade of existing signalised junctions from Leeson Street Junction to Suir Road junction by ‘tightening’ wide junctions to improve safety for pedestrians

and cyclists, and will also provide signalised pedestrian crossings.

A completion plan is now in place to allow the project to be closed out. There are two main categories of works remaining – the resurfacing of the junctions and the completion of footpath works. These have now be split into two separate works packages to be completed under existing council Frameworks.

The resurfacing will be carried out under the Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Bituminous Pavement Contract 2020-2024. The footpath works will be completed under the Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Carrying out Roadwork Contracts 2021-25.

Tenders have been received and contractors will be appointed in the coming weeks to complete any high priority works remaining.

The **Georges Quay to Aston Quay** phase of the Interim **Liffey Cycle Route** will provide improved walking & cycling facilities for 0.8km along the southern Quays between Georges Quay and Aston Quay. The following works are proposed:

- A new two-way cycle track from George's Quay to Burgh Quay located on the river side of the quays
- A new one-way cycle track on Aston Quay located on the river side of the quay
- Closure of left turn slip from Burgh Quay to D'Olier Street (left turn vehicle movement retained)
- New traffic islands and associated traffic signals
- Road resurfacing of George's Quay, Burgh Quay and Aston Quay
- Other associated works (ducting, road markings, drainage etc.)

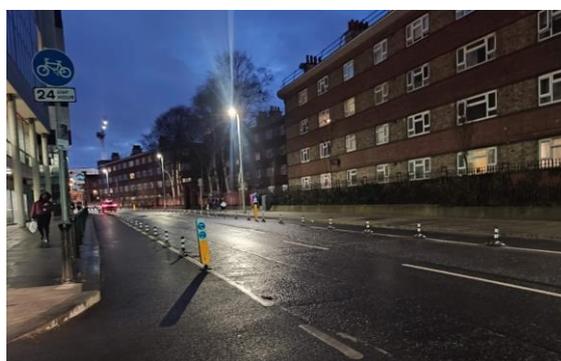
The NTA have granted approval for the project to proceed to Construction Stage. A Contractor, Cairns Construction has been appointed. The works are scheduled to commence at the end of February 2024 and continue until Q2 2025.

The **Kilmainham to Thomas Street** scheme will provide 2.6km walking & cycling improvements from Kilmainham Gaol to Thomas Street from the South Circular Road Kilmainham Lane junction to the Thomas Court Thomas Street

junction. The project is being delivered in phases:

- ***Suir Road to Thomas St (Rapid Build Scheme)***

The Contractor Citius Ltd commenced installation of first Phase of the scheme (along James Walk, Marrowbone Lane, Forbes Lane and Rialto Bridge) on 8th August, 2023. All civil works, bollards and line markings are completed along Marrowbone Lane, Forbes Lane and James's Walk, except for works on James's Walk from Rialto Street to the South Circular Road Junction / Rialto Bridge. Works at Rialto Bridge will be completed in Q1 2024. Installation of the coloured surfacing is programmed for March 2024, when the temperatures allow its installation.



Installation of segregated cycling facilities as part of Suir Road to Thomas Street Scheme

The Dodder Greenway (Herbert Park to Donnybrook Road)



Project has delivered 480m of walking and cycling facilities, including flood protection measures, along the Dodder River between the entrance to Herbert Park at Eglington Terrace and Anglesey Bridge.

Construction started in Q4 2022 and was officially on the 8th of February by Councillor Dermot Lacey, representing the Lord Mayor of

Dublin, along with the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan.

The Greenway fencing is to be extended along Eglinton Terrace. This is expected to be delivered during the second quarter of 2024.

Cleaning and Snagging on the Greenway are 99.5% complete.

There are currently two Active Travel projects which are at non statutory public consultation and are live on the Consultation Hub.

The **Milltown Road - Dodder Walk to Dundrum Road** Active Travel scheme went to public consultation on the 8th of February and this will run until the 15th of March 2024.

This route would facilitate continuity of a cycle route along the Dodder in advance of the Permanent **Dodder Greenway**.

An information event on the project will be held from 4-7pm on the 22nd of February 2024 Milltown Parish Hall, Milltown Road, Dublin 6 D06 Y7T3

More information on the scheme can be found on the Consultation Hub <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/milltownactivetravelscheme/>

The **Finglas Village Improvement Scheme** went to public consultation on 12th of February and this will run until 15th March 2024. This is a transformational scheme for Finglas Village to address inadequate pedestrian and cycling facilities within Finglas Village while significantly improving the public realm.

An information event on the project will be held from 4-7pm on the 29th of February 2024 in Finglas Sports & Fitness Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas, South Dublin 11, D11 HK09

More information on the scheme can be found on the Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/traffic-and-transport/finglas-village-improvement-scheme/>

Further information on the overall network, including individual project pages, an interactive GIS map of all routes and a complete list of all roads and streets involved, is available at www.dublincity.ie/activetravel

Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green Dame St Project	NTA/DC C	DCC	The procurement process for a new Multi-disciplinary design team for the project is on-going.
2.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	Work is continuing on the detailed design. An artist has been appointed to design an Art Feature, which will be incorporated into the public realm works. ESB Networks have advised of major upgrade works they will be undertaking in advance of the public realm scheme, to deal with on-going issues with the network in the area.

3.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk Street	DCC	DCC	Active travel have requested that cyclists are accommodated. Road Design confirmed with their planner that before the Pathfinder Project it was agreed that cyclists should give way to pedestrians and that there will be no dedicated cycle route.
4.	Cathal Brugha Street/Findlater Place	DCC	DCC	The Design team are having a final check to see if the Dublin Bikes stand can be relocated within the Project boundary
5.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIH AAF/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan	The Dodder Bridge forms part of the BusConnects Route 16 project for which a planning application was lodged to An Bord Pleanála in July 2023. During a Dockland Bridges Board Meeting held on 30/06/23, it was agreed by the board that the detailed design commence in parallel with the planning stage in order expedite the programme in line with the Poolbeg West Development. It is anticipated that an Advanced Works contract for the reclaimed land required for the Dodder Bridge and point Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge will be carried out prior to construction of the Bridge. The NTA have requested that Dublin City Council still pursue obtaining an agreement for the acquisition of lands if possible, irrespective of the CPO packs issued.
6.	Forbes St Bridge	DCC	RPS/COWI	Governance documentation is being prepared to assess whether the project should recommence.
7.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	NTA Phase 2 Project Control Documents completed and approved. Preliminary design is ongoing.
8.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Construction started in Tymon Park on 6 th February 2024. Construction of flood defences proposed in Ravensdale Park, St.Martin's Drive and Mount Argus are due to commence in 2025-2026. Public liaison meetings planned in these areas Q1-Q2 2024. Website www.poddlefas.ie
9.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SD CC/OPW	AECOM	Website www.camacfas.ie Further public consultation programmed in April and June 2024.
10	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DL RCC/OPW	Byrne Looby	Website www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home . Further site investigation commencing April 2024, 50 boreholes and associated trial holes in DCC and SDCC areas. Further public consultation planned in April/May 2024 on preferred option.
11	Mary's Street Pedestrianisation	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	Integrated Design Team appointed, preliminary design options being developed. Internal consultation continuing. External consultation to resume following lifting of restrictions.

12	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2	DCC	Nis cholas O'Dwyer	Temporary flood alleviation interim measures being progressed. Contract Documents for Phase 2; tunnel under Howth Road and Promenade outlet being progressed, programmed delivery September 2024.
13	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.
14	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NT A	Arup	The projects is being reassessed to ensure that it will provide a project that can be built and that can provide infrastructure that will not adversely affect traffic flows in the area
15	Green Infrastructure Pilot Project	DCC	McCloys	Consultants are appointed to prepare a detailed design for 9 pilot sites adjacent to the Dodder and Santry Rivers. The purpose is to introduce effective surface water management Infrastructure to support biodiversity and meeting our EU Water Framework Directive objectives. Design work has commenced on this project.
16	Grand Canal Storm Water Outfall Extension	DCC/ IW	JBB	This will see the current storm water overflow being channelled from the confined Grand Canal Dock and discharged into the River Liffey. This will improve water quality in the Grand Canal Dock and enhance the amenity & recreational value of the area.

Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1	Dodder Flood alleviation works, Phase 2. Railway Bridge to Lower Smurfit Weir.	ARUP DCC	OPW	Aug 2007	Sept 2023	Safety file being compiled. Rest of Phase 2 works are operational
2	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECO M	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	Oct 2014	May 2024	Investigating options for sealing 13m gap in flood defences on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. Consulting major stakeholders. OPW approved new proposal. Procurement of flood defences and contractor ongoing to complete existing scheme.

3	Silloge Infrastructure Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Nov 2020	July 2023	The project is now complete but the Contractor continues to return to site to resolve damage to the works caused by anti-social behaviour. A meeting has been set up with local gardai to try and resolve on-going issues. Additional school zone bollards and road markings are being installed at Holy Spirit school.
4.	Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue	DCC	Coffey Construction Ltd.	Oct 2021	April 2023	All parties are working to get the sections of the road open to allow for the opening of the School.
5.	Liffey Street Public Realm Improvements	DCC	Via Mercanti Ltd, trading as Cairn Construction	Jan 2023	Oct 2024	Works commenced on site 23 rd January 2023 and good progress is being made.
6.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd	April 2023	Oct 2024	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd has commenced construction and paving on the square and the adjacent streets is nearly complete.

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Smart City/Smart Dublin Smart D8 Physical Health and Wellbeing Initiatives

Smart D8 supports organisations in Dublin 8 that aim to empower people by contributing to their health and wellbeing. This month, Smart D8 will focus on ‘physical health and wellbeing’ by supporting, together with other organisations, two great community groups and their initiatives:

1. Fatima Groups United in the delivery of ‘dance classes’ during its Change For Life Programme;
2. St Andrew’s Community Centre in the delivery of the ‘Love Your Heart’ initiative.

For more information about dates, times, and locations, please check out our latest article on the Smart D8 website:

<https://smartd8.ie/physical-health-wellbeing-events-supported-by-smart-d8/>

Smart D8 Pilot Updates



Smart D8 ran its third open call for pilots to address health and wellbeing challenges in March 2023 and received a record number of 60 applications from private and public organisations. Four projects were selected to pilot.

Brace focuses on the development of a physiotherapy app, connecting patients with their physiotherapy plans. As of December 2023, Brace has engaged 118 Monthly Active Users, with a Stickiness Ratio of 8% — demonstrating adherence to users’ rehabilitation programmes.

A total of 1,110 Individual user actions have been generated, including Exercise Set Completed, Plan Created, Check-In, Diary, and Goals.

MoveAhead is an interactive programme developed to engage with primary school children. It encourages daily activity to support children’s health and wellbeing. They have now engaged with over 500 children and families in the Dublin 8 Area. This outreach includes participation from four primary schools, each with 100 children, and five after-school programs, each with 25 participating children. Due to the success of the afterschool program, MoveAhead has introduced an additional 3-week module focusing on health and well-being strands. Website: <https://moveahead.io>

Menopause and the City focuses on bringing information on the topic of Menopause together in an online one-stop-shop as well as delivering community workshops within the D8 area. Workshops are scheduled for March 5th at St Patrick’s Mental Health Services and Cherry Orchard/Ballyfermot Community Centre. For more details: <https://informd.ie/>

Sleep Apnea Identifier project aims to support people with Sleep Apnea by gathering patient information in advance of visiting the hospital. This aims to streamline the outpatient process. Pilot activities are still ongoing in the OSA Identifier pilot by St. James’ Hospital, following app development and patient enrollment. 72 patients are reported as being now enrolled in the programme. The first video clinic was scheduled on Monday 22nd January.

More information on all the Smart D8 pilots can be found on the website here: [Smart D8 Projects](#)

Service & Digital Transformation

DCC Draft Digital Transformation Strategy

We are commencing the consultation on the draft digital transformation strategy, commencing with presentations to Area Committees during March and April. A video and short survey is being developed for the PPN.

New Online Consultation Tool:

Implementation of the new corporate consultation tool has commenced, and it is hoped the first consultations on the platform will be in May/June.

Chief Executive Orders system

A review of the implementation of the project is nearing completion. The Council has agreed some improvements identified as part of the review with Fingal County Council and work is being scheduled with the supplier.

Digitally Enabled outdoor workforce project

Additional teams have been identified to participate and the project will be extended to these teams shortly.

Service Design

Currently two services are being designed with the assistance of a service designer – the Council's business travel system and phase 2 of the Disabled Persons Organisations Consultation and Participation Process.

Digital Workplace

- The team are working on solutions for Dublin Fire Brigade, Corporate Health and Safety Office, Waste Management, Finance and Fleet management.
- A street washing app has been development for Waste Management where crews can upload images of before and after. An app for street grading is currently being explored
- Downtime analysis app for fleet management is now live
- The ethics register is live for Staff and Councillors
- Work is nearing completion on the new internal phonebook and it is anticipated that this will go live in Q1

Staff Awards 2024

The Staff Awards Scheme 2024 was launched on 19th February with additional categories based on the feedback from the inaugural awards in 2023. It is anticipated the award ceremony will be in May.

Website Governance

Work is ongoing with the Law Department to finalise procedures for governance, privacy and accessibility standards to ensure our websites are compliant with legislation, regulations and are accessible for all citizens.

Citizen Hub

A number of new services are available from February:

- Citizens can report issues with electoral posters
- Local Enhancement Grants can be applied for through the platform
- Additional features in relation to reporting issues in for public litter bins

Work is continuing on the development of a dedicated Councillor Portal.

A review is taking place of live services to identify areas improvements that can be made to enhance customer experience of the online platform and communication with customers who have logged requests.

Scoping is ongoing with the Housing Department to develop an online portal for affordable housing.

DCC Alerts

The image shows a screenshot of the DCC Alerts website and its mobile app interface. The website header includes 'Alerts Home' and a 'Register Now' button. The main heading is 'DCC Alerts', followed by a description: 'DCC Alerts is a FREE notification service from Dublin City Council. Subscribe to this free service to receive a variety of useful and important notifications and alerts for your area of the city by email and SMS.' Below this is a photo of two smartphones displaying the app. The app interface shows a 'DCC Alerts' screen with a list of notifications and a map view showing the user's location and nearby alerts. On the right side of the website, there is a sidebar menu with 'Alerts Home' selected, and a list of alert categories: Latest Alerts, Active Travel Alerts, Bathing Water Alerts, River Height Alerts, Pitch Playability Alerts, How it Works, and Live Map. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a 'Manage your Account' section with the text: 'Your mobile number is your username. Please enter it as 10 consecutive digits'.

A service for pitch playability is now live and a comms campaign to encourage clubs/individuals to register was launched. Active travel are also using the alert service to provide updates on the progress of various projects

Google Maps

We are actively claiming some City Council sites on Google – we have started with sports and leisure facilities as often there is a discrepancy between information on google and information on the City Council website (in relation to opening hours etc.)

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 or beta@dublincity.ie or @DCCbeta on social media. (You can also follow specific projects via the below hashtags.)

Concept Stage BETA Projects

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.

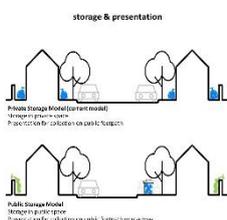
- Trial being developed.

Residential Communal Bins (#SharedBinsBETA)

Would shared, onstreet, residential waste bins be a useful solution to improve our waste services and also reduce dumping?

Collaboration with Waste Management.

- Trial being developed.



Scaling Stage BETA Projects

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.

**downpour
planters**

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 **Comhairle Ceitreach
Éilice Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council**

Communications Office

Number of visits to the website: 109,816

Number of engagements through social media:

- Twitter: 456,877
- LinkedIn: 102,244
- Facebook: 1,038,781
- Instagram: 159,915

Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

Annual Service Delivery Plan: Stakeholder engagement for all departments has been completed and all of the metrics have now been documented. Overarching documents for CRES and Planning are currently being created, alongside an estimated RoI for automation.

Open Data: 163 datasets are published on Dublick with ongoing publication of weekly Pitch Playability and monthly cycle and pedestrian counts. New publication of Culture Dataset - Heritage Sites, Historic Monuments and Government Buildings DCC.

The Data & Analytics Unit has also engaged/supported projects in Tourism, HR, Communications, Climate, Housing, Planning, Active Travel and Learning & Development.

The data team have been asked to advise Limerick City and County Council on their process as they are planning to undertake similar work in 2024 and have also engaged with DLR to discuss this work and share our learnings with respect to the initial planning for a centralised data platform.

North City Operations Depot Project

The North City Operations Depot became operational immediately after completion of construction (substantial completion) in June 2023. The project is now in the 12-month Handover Stage. 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.

Customer Services

- 13,690 calls were answered between 18th January 2024 and 14th February 2024, with 41.28 % of those calls answered in less than 30 seconds.
- 3,257 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 18th January 2024 and 14th February 2024 from the generic customer services email account.
- 1,933 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 18th January 2024 and

14th February 2024 from the generic Parking Permits email account.

- Customer Services have processed 2,109 Parking Permits between 18th January 2024 and 14th February 2024.
- Customer Services have taken 3,624 payments between 18th January 2024 and 14th February 2024.
- The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with 1,449 visitors greeted at the reception desk between 18th January 2024 and 14th February 2024.

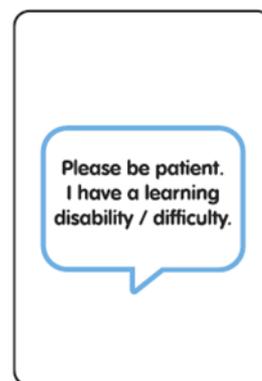
Improving Customer Experience Initiatives

- **Customer Focus Group**

A Customer Focus Group has been established through the PPN to engage with customers and citizens and get feedback on the City Council's front-line performance. The first Customer Focus Group meeting will take place in March.

The primary focus of this, first consultation will be the following:

- Dublin City Council's Digital Services, i.e. Citizen Hub
- Dublin City Council's telephone service, i.e. call answering via 222 2222.



- **Jam Card Training**

Customer Experience continues to raise awareness of the JAM Card initiative and a proposal is currently with Senior Management to expedite the roll out of the training, using structures currently in situ, for example the HR Reps and the E-Learning Platform. It is likely that local JAM Card Champions will be trained to deliver the training within their own

departments. A further three public libraries are now fully trained. The requirement of 70% of staff trained is expected to be realised during 2024 and early 2025.

- **Mystery Shopper**

A Mystery Shopper Programme will be rolled out at the end of the 1st quarter of 2024. A mystery shopper is a technique commonly used in business and the feedback from this programme will allow us measure the quality of Customer Services and to collect information about service delivery.

Human Resources

The total number of employees at 31st December 2023 was 6,085 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number was 5,711.85.

Recruitment Programme 2024

Year	Recruitment campaigns complete / in process
2024 (YTD)	32

Interviews held/concluded February

Administrative Officer	Climate Action Regional Coordinator (Temporary)
Traffic Officer	Traffic Control Room Operator

Campaigns Advertised February 2024

Environmental Health Officer	Executive Quantity Surveyor
Executive Architect	Integration Coordinator
Integration Support Worker	Divisional Librarian
Conservation Ranger	Area Community and Social Development Officer
Senior Community and Social Development Officer	Community and Social Development Officer

The Public Appointments Service has ongoing recruitment campaigns for:

Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer	Assistant Chief Executive
Professional Accountant	Executive Manager



Dublin City Council Customer Service Team receiving the Q Mark Award with Lord Mayor of Dublin Daithí de Róiste at the Mansion House, credit Conor McCabe Photography

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New Policy / Strategy



<p>Development Plan 2022-2028</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no new information in relation to the three judicial reviews of the Development Plan which are in progress. 2. Variation No. 4– Finglas SDRA. - Adopted 12th Feb 2024 with immediate effect. 3. Variation No. 5 –Built to Rent, public consultation closed on the 2nd February 2024. 5 no. submissions were received. A report will be prepared for the April City Council meeting.
<p>Baile Bogán (Ballyboggan) LAP</p>	<p>Consultation with stakeholders ongoing; workshop for Elected Members to be scheduled in March 2024 to give update on consultation and future direction.</p> <p>Procurement completed and work commenced on the baseline and environmental reports to aid preparation of LAP.</p>
<p>Werburgh Street SDRA</p>	<p>Site survey and baseline analysis taking place, along with vegetation and graffiti removal along the City Wall.</p>
<p>City Edge</p>	<p>22 February Joint DCC/SDCC Workshop held to discuss future options for phase one.</p> <p>Update to the Area Committee will take place in March 2024.</p>
<p>NEIC LAP</p>	<p>Baseline and internal information and data being collected as part of the preparatory work for commencing the LAP.</p>

Departmental Priority

Active Land Management

Derelict Sites

The following sites Vested in the Council on 9th February, 2024:

- 56 Killester Park, Killester, Dublin 5
- 39a Main Street, Chapelizod, Dublin 20

Notices of Intention to acquire compulsorily issued on the 16th February 2024 in respect of;

- 77 Parnell Street, Dublin 2
- 78 Parnell Street, Dublin 2

Last day for objections is 22nd March 2024.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The annual draft RZLT map was published on the Dublin City Council website on 1st February 2024 and is available for public inspection up to 31 May 2024. Landowners and third parties can make submissions to challenge the inclusion or exclusion of land, make rezoning requests or request a change of date that makes the land eligible for the tax. There are two submission deadlines within this public consultation period:

- 1 April 2024 for submissions regarding the inclusion in or exclusion from the final map of specific sites, or the date on which a site first satisfied the relevant criteria.
- 31 May 2024 for submissions regarding rezoning requests.

City Valuers

- Acquisition of licence for St. Werburgh's Church - Negotiations continuing with input of Dublin Culture Company.
- Terms agreed with the HSE for Rotunda Hospital, to purchase the retail units on the ground floor of Dominick Hall, Lr. Dominick Street.
- Derelict building in DCC ownership at 30/31 Lr, Liffey Street now on the market for sale, with a view to attracting redevelopment proposals.
- Engagement with St. Patricks Athletic to agree a development approach Framework Agreement.



IMG_7275 Photo: Barrow Coakley Photography Tel: 087-2856527, 13th August 2016

Departmental Projects



Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024 and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024</p>	<p>The Conservation Section of Dublin City Council has assessed the 113 projects submitted for the BHIS and has approved 68 projects. These projects have been provisionally approved for a total of €492,400 in funding.</p> <p>A total of 41 applications were received for the HSF funding. Five projects have been provisionally approved for HSF funding for a total of €400,000.</p> <p>Overall applications for both funding streams were higher than normal for 2024.</p> <p>Built Heritage Investment Scheme The BHIS 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>Historic Structures Fund The Historic Structures Fund enables larger scale conservation works to be carried out on significant historic structures in need of urgent support.</p>	<p>It is expected that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will advise DCC on the successful projects by the end March 2024.</p>



Community Monuments Fund Update

Please see below table containing details of all applications to the Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for funding under the Community Monuments Fund 2024. These applications were assessed and submitted by the Archaeology, Conservation & Heritage Sections of DCC.

There were a total of eight applications, with the majority (six) coming from community projects and two DCC projects. The applications are spread out over three streams, with Stream 1 funding capital works, Stream 2 funding Conservation Management Plans/specification of works and Stream 3 funding interpretation projects. A total of €506,198.55 was applied for.

Project	Stream	Local Authority/Community	Amount
St. Audeon's Church of Ireland	1	C	€100,000
St. Mary's Church Crumlin	1	C	€100,000
St. Patrick's Cathedral	1	C	€100,000
City Walls Capital Works	1	LA	€100,000
Christ Church Cathedral	2	C	€30,000
St. Mobhi's Church of Ireland, Glasnevin	2	C	€16,205
St. Patrick's Cathedral	2	C	€30,000
St Canice's Church, Finglas	3	LA	€ 29,993.55

Total: € 506,198.55

The announcement from the Dept. of which projects received funding is normally in April. All are very worthy of progression so hopefully as many as possible are successful.

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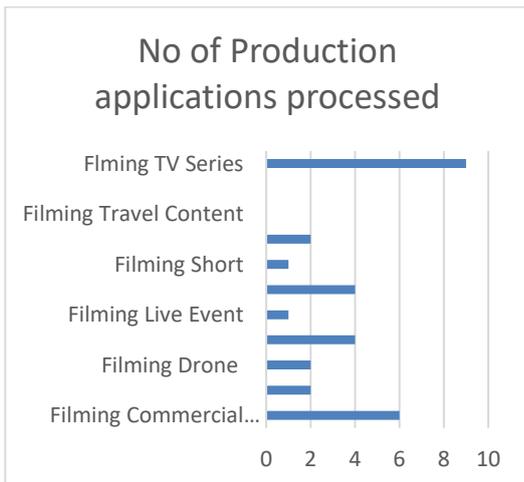
Project Updates

Hugh Lane Gallery

Arts Office

- Little Amal - a major international spectacle project is sponsored by Belfast City Council and is scheduled to visit Dublin on 24/25 May.
- Assessment of the Tenders for an Integrated Design Team for Artists Workspaces including 8/9 Merchants Quay was due to occur on February 20th.

Filming Report March 2024



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 23/01/24. [Economic Development and Enterprise SPC - Tuesday 23 January 2024, 3:30pm - Dublin City Council Webcasting \(public-i.tv\)](#) Next meeting is on 23/04/24. Pre SPC meeting 12/04/24.

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

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/>

Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards 2024:

The call for social enterprises to apply to the Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards will be launched at the SoCircular event 05/03/2024 during Local Enterprise Week. Information will be available on the ICE website: <https://innercityenterprise.com/>

ENFUSE: ENFUSE matches enterprises with master's students in Dublin universities & colleges. Full information: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Enterprise-Development/ENFUSE/>

Dublin Economic Monitor: Q4 Spending Pulse & Q4 fDi indicator published. Next stage preparation, publication, dissemination and annual event for Q1 DEM.

Your Dublin Your Voice: Q1 survey to inform Urban95 opened 21 Feb.



Dublin Place Brand

Always Brighter Stories campaign: Running through February and into March, the campaign highlights seven Dubliners involved in their communities, spreading kindness and inclusivity. Primarily seen through digital channels, videos were published weekly and

boosted across Meta & TikTok. Supporting out of home advertising was also used.

Joining the Dots: An event bringing local authorities from across the UK & Ireland together to build connections and share opportunities around economic development. Run in partnership with the British Embassy in Ireland.

Local Enterprise Office

Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants approvals 2024: 5 grants have been approved to the value of €61,415 supporting the creation of 7 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year. The second Evaluations & Approvals Committee Meeting of the year is due to take place in March.

Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2024: 16 applications approved to value of €34,291, as of 7th February 2024.

Mentoring: 79 hours of mentoring completed 1st Jan – 31st Jan 24. Annual target 1,000 hours.

Training: 408 participants & 17 courses delivered 1st Jan – 31st Jan 24. Annual target 3,000 hours.

Start Your Own Business: 27 participants attended 1 course 1st Jan – 31st Jan 24. 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: 2038854 - Letters issued. Contract sealing. ID: 2038854 – Letters issued. Contracts to be signed late February.

Contractor inductions have taken place setting service expectations & reporting structures.

Consultancy Video Case Studies:

Videos in production: Rua Foods, Paddybox and Basecamp are complete.

Nutty Delights or Drinks Botanicals will be the final one. Next stage is promotion plan to build product pipeline.

Dates for your diary

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date&Time</u>
Local Enterprise Week	In person & hybrid https://shorturl.at/rxyM9	4 th – 9 th March
SoCircular (Mini Event)	In person	5 th March (Evening)
Dublin Economic Monitor Annual Event	Grant Thornton Conference Room	27 th March 8:00am to 9:30am

Sports & Recreation

The Sports & Recreation Section continue to progress its capital programme, project updates in able below:

Sports & Recreation Projects	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim St Sports Centre	Contractor appointed	Accessibility works commencing in February 2024
Irishtown Sports Stadium	IDT Tender closes in January 2024	Evaluate tenders and appoint design team.
Donore Community Centre	Stabilizations works complete	Investigate Surveys commenced in December and stage 1 report due at the end of February
St. Catherine’s Sports Centre	Works Completed	Handover has taken place
Upgrade of leisure facilities including Ballymun, Finglas Ballyfermot etc.	Design Framework developed	Design framework to be established for improvement
Municipal Rowing Centre Refurbishment	Tender Documents to be update following CPU input	Design Team Tender currently advertised on etenders

Dalymount Park Redevelopment	Part 8 Lodged	Part 8 to be submitted for Approval at February Council Meeting
All-Weather Surfaces, Bluebell, Sherriff Street, Pearse Street etc. & /Irishtown track refurbishment:	Specialists invited to tender for specification development	Issue tender in Q1 for construction.

Works completed in St. Catherine’s Sports Centre, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8.



Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP). Consultation for the Dublin City Sports Plan is completed and work on 1st draft is being finalised. The sports plan 2024-2029 will be presented to the City Council at its April 2024 meeting.

DCSWP - Links for Information on ongoing/upcoming

Events.

DCC: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure>
DCSWP Hub: www.dcswpclub.ie
Twitter: @dccsportsrec
Facebook: [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)
Instagram: @dublincitysportandwellbeing

DCSWP, Sports Officers – Change for Life Programme, 6 different walking groups from all over the city. A recent walk organised by DCSWP - The bad weather didn’t dampen the participant’s enthusiasm.



Libraries

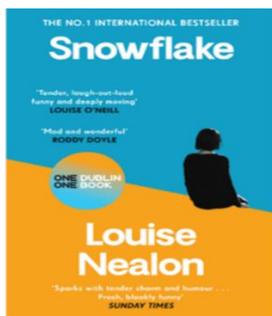
Q4 2023 Library stats	
No. items issued (+ e-resources)	600,624
Reserves satisfied	34,964
Visits to libraries	533,977
Online visits (DCL websites)	940556
Social Media, photo/video views	43,501
Total no of events held	1832
Attendance at all events	36707
Total no. of outreach events	130
Attendance at outreach events	2,399
Internet sessions & Wi-Fi	14,451
Internet (Wi-Fi not available)	
Printing & reprography (pages)	124.684

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.

Departmental Priority

The 2024 One Dublin One Book, Snowflake was launched on Tuesday 27th of February in the Mansion House. The exciting programme of [events](#) will run through the month of April.



Pop-up Gaeltacht at the Central Library

Cur snas ar do scéalta dochreidthe, uafásach no bréagach roimh an lá mór. Beidh briosaí agus tae le fáil. Fial agus fáilte roimh cách 14 Márta 2024

The next **Historia Live Dublin** event, 'Beyond Ireland's Shores', takes place on Wed 6 March, Pearse Street Library. Details [here](#).



Check out the most popular picks on **BorrowBox** in 2023 [here](#)



A series of **Starting a Business** workshops in the Central Library, running until the end of March will signpost supports and information required when starting a new business. See events [here](#).

Project Updates

Update	Current Status	Next Stage
City Library	2b, Detailed design	Completion of Stage 2b
Ringsend Library	Pt 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: Details of all library events [here](#) or subscribe to the Library newsletter [Here](#)

Hugh Lane Gallery

The critically acclaimed **Andy Warhol Three Times Out** exhibition closed on the 28th January. We welcomed an astonishing 135,000 visitors over the duration of the exhibition. In January 2024 alone we welcomed 41,683 visitors to the Gallery. Maintain rich visitor experience

Social Media

In January 2024, we issued a press release to regional publications to flag that there was only 3 weeks to go until Warhol closed. We followed by publicising a countdown across social media and on our newsletter.

We ran a competition across Instagram and Facebook to promote our Late Thursday opening hours and arranged a free public tour. We asked followers to like the Hugh Lane Gallery Insta/FB page, like the post and tag a friend to generate buzz and to increase engagement and followers across both platforms.

These tactics resulted in selling out all the tickets for Late Thursday opening and unprecedented numbers in the last two weeks with the final weekend selling out online.

Below are statistics of our Facebook and Instagram pages for January alone, all showing upward trend in Impressions, engagement and acquiring new followers:
Facebook Reach: 157,581 | 49 new followers
Instagram Reach: 42,250 | 972 new followers
Twitter reach: 24,700

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 moving to 2c to complete detail design. 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

6th October – 28th January 2024

Exhibition ended 28th January 2024.

All works being de-installed and returned to lenders.

Future Exhibitions: Preparations in place for a new display of a selection of recent acquisitions is in process for March 2024.

Sarah Purser: Irish Activist, Collector Artist June – 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.

North Fredrick Lane

Ground floor of this property has been brought into operation for Conservation, Archive, Operations and Fine Art Storage. Plans for 1st floor fit out in 2024.

20 & 21 Parnell SQ

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

Collection Care

Andy Warhol exhibition closed 28th January and all works being de-installed, packaged and returned to lenders around the world. Conservation project being carried out on works for upcoming exhibition Sarah Purser. Monitoring of gallery and environmental conditions and security continues.

Programme of Art Education

Dates for your diary

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

George Moore in Dublin seminar with contributors including Adrian Frazier, Dr Noreen Doody. Peter Costello, Logan Sisley as well as a piano recital by Una Hunt connected to music in George Moore's Dublin.

Two performances of ***In the Dark***, the acclaimed show that brings to life dramatic turning points in the lives of five people who are blind or visually impaired through live stories of adversity, adventure and determination.

Young Visionaries is a new collaborative project where Transition Year students learn about curatorial practice in the context of the Hugh Lane Gallery and its extensive collection. Students will have the chance to work with the Hugh Lane Gallery's curatorial team.

The group will be encouraged to reflect on their own perspectives as young citizens and the larger role art plays in society as they explore the unique facets of art and curatorship, and as they brainstorm and execute their own curatorial vision. The results will be exhibited in Hugh Lane Gallery. Outreach collaborations include *High Expectations*, a yearlong Early Years artist residency with artist Helen Barry in collaboration with Ozanam House and NEIC. Following call out via e-tenders a new panel of HL Artists, Guides and Lecturers 2023-2030 is in place.

Ongoing innovative art education programmes and partnerships

<https://hughlane.ie/explore-learn/>
<https://www.facebook.com/thehughlane>

Events

St. Patricks Festival is a joyful, spectacular event. We are a bright spot in the calendar, the start of spring. St. Patrick’s Festival is a celebration of something unique to Ireland, showcasing the breadth of creativity and diversity on our little island that has truly gone international.

The festival includes the world-famous National St. Patrick’s Day Parade, returning bigger and better than ever before with 14 Marching Bands, 8 large creative pageants, 10 exciting new transition pieces, and a huge variety of installations as we work with creative organisations and community groups from around the country.

Returning for 2024 is the St. Patrick’s Festival Quarter at the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks which will be home to a magical day-to-night urban Festival for all on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March.

The Colours Boat Races, an annual rowing competition between University College Dublin (UCD) and Trinity College (TCD) Boat Clubs, will take place on Saturday 30th March 2024 on the River

Liffey. This annual boat race has been held on the River Liffey since the inaugural event held in 1947(Gannon Cup for Senior Men) and 1980 (Corcoran Cup for Senior Women). The race involves men’s and women’s crews, at both novice and senior level, competing head to head through the centre of Dublin city on the River Liffey.

Event	Location	Date & Link
St Patrick's Festival	Citywide	15/03/24 - 18/03/24 www.stpatricksfestival.ie
Gannon Cup - Colours Boat Races	River Liffey	30/3/24

LAW DEPARTMENT

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Freedom of Information

Ref No	Request Details	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/696/2024	Requests records from parking enforcement	Client	02/01/2024	29/01/2024
FOI/697/2024	The total number of homeless deaths in each of the following years: 2018- 2023	Client	02/01/2024	29/01/2024
FOI/700/2024	Records regarding renaming of Winter Lights festival	Press	02/01/2024	25/01/2024
FOI/701/2024	Requests records regarding mould complaints in 2023	Client	02/01/2024	23/01/2024
FOI/702/2024	seeks records re: DRHE planned property on named street for IP applicants	Press	03/01/2024	31/01/2024
FOI/703/2024	seeks records re: Planning Enforcement at named property.	Client	03/01/2024	12/01/2024
FOI/704/2024	seeks records re: copy of the Plan Phase 1 of the Main SHD Works at O'Devaney Gardens.	Client	03/01/2024	29/01/2024
FOI/706/2024	seeks records: money spent by council on the acquisition of housing units over last 10yrs.	Press	03/01/2024	
FOI/708/2024	seeks records: DRHE director and any Dublin councillors regarding the use of named pub.	Press	03/01/2024	31/01/2024
FOI/709/2024	Records: Cost of contract, conditions attached contract road resurfacing named Avenue.	Client	03/01/2024	
FOI/713/2024	Records: All offers made to Council from private owners or public to purchase property	Councillor	03/01/2024	
FOI/714/2024	records: no. contracts awarded to named company by DCC exceeding €20k in 2022/23.	Client	04/01/2024	
FOI/715/2024	seeks records: relating to clamping of vehicles within local authority area DCC for 2023.	Client	04/01/2024	31/01/2024
FOI/719/2024	seeks records: Named Guesthouse, was to be used for homeless accommodation.	Client	04/01/2024	31/01/2024
FOI/721/2024	seeks records re: all clamping company working on behalf of DCC.	Client	04/01/2024	30/01/2024
FOI/728/2024	Records regarding Part M of Building Regulations	Client	05/01/2024	
FOI/729/2024	Records between DCC and named residents group	Client	05/01/2024	01/02/2024
FOI/731/2024	Requests records from DRHE	Press	04/01/2024	22/01/2024
FOI/734/2024	Copy of the responses for questions CE for South East Area committee meeting of 13.11.23	Client	05/01/2024	11/01/2024
FOI/739/2024	Requests records regarding flooding in named area	Client	08/01/2024	
FOI/742/2024	Records regarding Dublin Bikes	Business	09/01/2024	
FOI/743/2024	Seeks records re cost of Winter Lights	Press	09/01/2024	

FOI/744/2024	Requests fire safety and structural survey reports for named address	Solicitor	09/01/2024
FOI/745/2024	seeks records: Provision of accommodation for refugees in period 01/07/23 - 04/01/24.	Press	09/01/2024
FOI/746/2024	Request records regarding Housing First and Homeless Services	Press	09/01/2024
FOI/748/2024	Seeks records re named property at Dublin 1	TD / Senator	09/01/2024
FOI/749/2024	Seeks records re Bridge Project	Press	10/01/2024
FOI/753/2024	seeks records re: Event Management Plan (EMP) for Skerries Mid-Summer Festival 2019	Client	10/01/2024
FOI/754/2024	records: complaints received use of vacant former nursing home, D4, for emergency accommodation	Press	10/01/2024
FOI/756/2024	records re: surveillance devices/systems utilized by DCC for traffic management purposes	Client	11/01/2024
FOI/760/2024	seeks records re: complaints, inspections etc of named flat complex.	Solicitor	11/01/2024
FOI/763/2024	Seeks records re water supply to site at Dunsink Lane	Press	12/01/2024
FOI/767/2024	Availability or access to emergency homeless accomm, applicants international protection	Client	15/01/2024
FOI/771/2024	Records regarding pay and displays in DCC area	Client	16/01/2024
FOI/772/2024	Requests records regarding all artwork lost or stolen at Hugh Lane Gallery	Press	16/01/2024
FOI/776/2024	records re: Emails to DCC's director of services from named company re e-bike expansion.	Client	17/01/2024
FOI/778/2024	Records: noise/environmental health created since 2022 Named Hotel	Client	18/01/2024
FOI/780/2024	records re: all internal external com and works carried out at named Homeless Hostel D2	Solicitor	18/01/2024
FOI/781/2024	Seeks records re rates on vacant commercial properties related to a named developer	Client	18/01/2024
FOI/785/2024	Seeks records re use of Mansion House by named group	Client	22/01/2024
FOI/786/2024	Seeks records re public toilets	Client	22/01/2024
FOI/787/2024	Seeks records re lease of named property	Press	22/01/2024
FOI/792/2024	Seeks records re playground at Ceannt Fort	Client	23/01/2024
FOI/793/2024	Seeks records of meetings between Parks and Active Travel office	Client	23/01/2024
FOI/794/2024	Records correspondence between CE, Housing Dept with named production company.	Press	23/01/2024
FOI/795/2024	Seeks records of correspondence between traffic department and named store	Press	23/01/2024
FOI/796/2024	Records re: amount of dogs euthanized in CC Pound for the years 2021, 2022 2023.	Client	24/01/2024
FOI/802/2024	Records: copy of incident report from DFB for International Protection Accom in East Wall.	Client	25/01/2024
FOI/803/2024	seeks records re: no of HAP, RAS tenancies within DCC	TD / Senator	29/01/2024

FOI/805/2024	Records: existing utility services, storm water and public lighting in the Belcamp area	Client	29/01/2024
FOI/806/2024	Seeks records of questions submitted to North Central Area meeting	Client	29/01/2024
FOI/811/2024	Records: relating to the decision of the city council to close access to Harbour Court in D1.	Press	29/01/2024
FOI/812/2024	Records: property copy of the surveyors report and surveyors decision from Dec 2022	Client	29/01/2024
FOI/816/2024	Records: internal audits to work, functions, or expenditure of the DRHE 1 Jan 2022 to date.	Press	31/01/2024

The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in Jan 2024

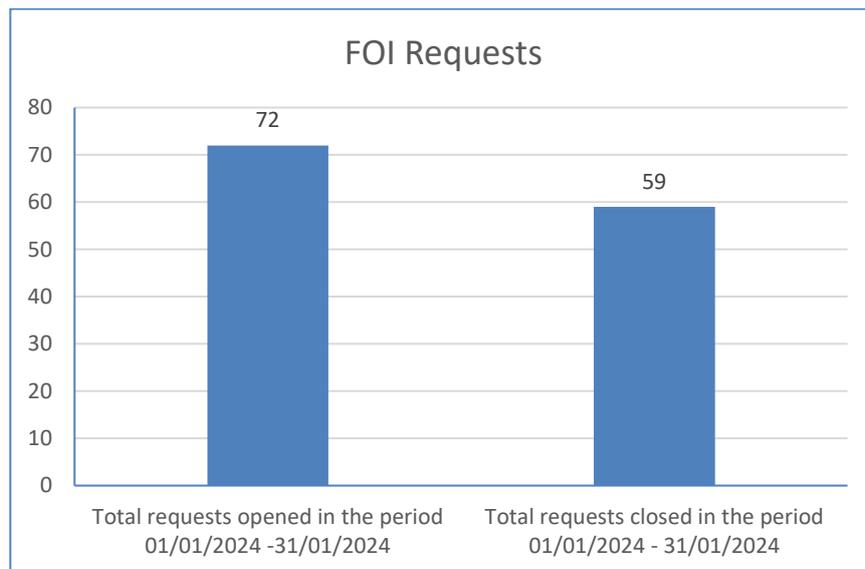
The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2024 is outlined below.

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2024 - 31/01/2024

72

Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2024 - 31/01/2024

59



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