



# Chief Executive's Management Report

April 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 April 2024 City Council meeting is submitted herewith –  
Report No: 86/2024



Almost 135,000 people visited the Hugh Lane Gallery during the recent '*Andy Warhol Three Times Out*' exhibition, the highest visitor count in the gallery's history.

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# ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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### Road Maintenance Services.

Road Maintenance Services' 2024 Annual Works Programme, for the upgrade of roads and footpaths aims to deliver approximately 32km of renewed footpaths and 13km of resurfaced carriageways across the City. Tender documents are presently being prepared for issue to contractors to tender for works packages. It is anticipated that these upgrade works will commence in May and continue through to November.

During January and February, the Division's direct labour crews repaired/ made safe approximately 900 defects and hazards on the road network. Furthermore, approximately 70 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024, that week's revenue was €516,152.01. For week ending 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the usage of coin in parking meters was €105,857.06 and for week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 card payments were €171,466.

### Permit Parking, Pay & Display

#### New Schemes:

A new Residential Parking Permit scheme will commence in Clare Road, Dublin 9, hours of operation will be Monday to Saturday 7am to 7pm and Ebenezer Terrace, Dublin 8, hours of operation will be Monday to Saturday 7am to Midnight. Both schemes will commence on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### Extension of Hours:

Munster Street, Dublin 7 – extension of hours to Monday to Sunday 7am to 12midnight to start on 2/4/2024

Viking Road, Dublin 7 – extension of hours to Monday to Saturday 7am to 12midnight to start on 2/4/2024

Charleston Avenue, Dublin 6 - extension of hours to Monday to Sunday 7am to 12midnight to start on 2/4/2024

### Waste Services Update

#### City Cleaning St Patricks Day Festival 2024

Over the busiest weekend of the year for Waste Management Services, 300 staff worked throughout the festival period across the core city centre. Showcasing the city involved extensive planning and preparation, deploying over 130 temporary bins, arranging rotas to cover all key cleaning windows at safe times and

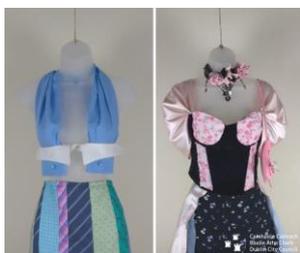
engaging appropriate access to waste collectors for household and commercial collections.

Waste Management Services are pleased with standards and feedback and a review of 2024's activities will take place.



### **Waste Education School Programmes**

The Relove Fashion Grand Final was held in the Rediscovery Centre on 21st March, there were 2 finalists representing DCC. The Green-Schools deadline was on 15th March. DCC staff are currently carrying out renewal visits to schools. Successful schools will be awarded their new Green Flag in May.



### **Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund**

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee are inviting nominations for the position of Community Representative on the Committee to represent the interests of the following sectors:

1. Community, Residents Association and Voluntary Sector
2. Arts, Culture, Education, Environment and Sports Sector
3. Business, Social Enterprise, Health and Social Care and Charity Sector

There are 3 Community Representative positions available, one for each of the above sectors. The nominees should be representative

of one of these sectors but will represent all of them on the Committee.

The call for nominations will be published in the April / May edition of the NewsFour local newspaper. The opening dates for the submission of nominations will be from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Eligible clubs / groups / associations and organisations representing these sectors in the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area are invited to submit an application form nominating a representative for consideration. Application forms will be circulated to the 120 community groups and individuals on the Projects Grant Scheme's e-mail notification list and will also be available by e-mailing [cglc@dublincity.ie](mailto:cglc@dublincity.ie)

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Committee held their first meeting of 2024 on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. At this meeting the Dublin Waste to Energy Projects Grant Scheme 2023 Annual Report was approved. The report will be circulated to both internal and external stakeholders and will also be made available at [www.dublincity.ie/dwte](http://www.dublincity.ie/dwte)

### **Fleet Management Services, Environment and Transportation Department**

A request for tenders for the establishment of a Single Operator Framework Agreement for the supply on lease hire with maintenance of Waste Management Services' Side Loaders (Side-Loading Box Cage Body Tipper Vehicles), used for street refuse collection was published on eTenders on Monday 4 March 2024, with a closing date for submissions of Friday 26th April.

As a decision was made to electrify at least 50% of these Side Loaders, this tender was broken into two Lots – one for low emission (ICE) vehicles and one for electric vehicles. It is expected that at least 25 EVs will be added to the fleet in place of diesel vehicles as a result.

In order that these EVs can charge at a sufficient rate so as not to affect service a tender is also currently being drafted for the supply and installation of up to thirty 22 kW AC EV chargers in the North City Operations Depot in Ballymun.

A request for tenders for the establishment of a Multi-Operator Framework Agreement supply on lease hire with maintenance of Light Commercial Vehicles for all DCC divisions is currently being drafted and will be published in Q2 of this year.

It is our aim then is that 40% of this Light Commercial Vehicle fleet (approximately 80 vehicles) procured in the upcoming procurement exercise will be electric vehicles, pending the installation of requisite charging infrastructure.

As such Dublin City Council aims to exceed the revised 'Clean Vehicles Directive' (Directive 2019/1161/EU established in law in S.I. No. 381 of 2021) across each of these procurements.

The S.I. establishes a minimum target for the share of clean vehicles procured by public bodies of 38.5%. Until 31/12/2025 a 'clean' vehicle is defined as a vehicle which emits a maximum 50 g CO<sub>2</sub> / km, thereafter a clean vehicle is defined as a vehicle which emits 0 g CO<sub>2</sub> / km – a zero emission vehicle i.e. an electric vehicle.

Because the standard lease hire term that DCC lease hire vehicles is 5 years we will equate clean vehicles with zero emission vehicles more immediately.

### 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 examples are:

**Golden Lane Public Realm Redevelopment - Urban Runoff (Action 70):** Tender awarded for multi design team and installation of monitoring equipment. Design and monitoring equipment installation is expected to commence within Q2 2024

**Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works.** The construction contract is substantially complete.

**Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project** ([www.santryriver.ie](http://www.santryriver.ie)) – The Design stage is ongoing, currently flood design element).

**Rainscapes Nature-Based Solutions Project** ([www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie) | [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie)). Tender for the contractor for phase 1 (McAuley Park) open for submission.

**Bathing Water:** Fortnightly sampling at bathing water locations continues in accordance with the DCC out of Bathing Water Season monitoring

schedule. Samples results are available online, on [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie) and [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie)

### 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. Environmental and topographical surveys are now complete. A computer model has been built to investigate tidal, fluvial and pluvial flood risks associated with the river. Preliminary flood extent maps have been verified. Flood alleviation options such as storage, walls, embankments and de-culverting are currently being computer modelled. A further public consultation is planned in April 2024 on emerging options following the successful ones in June 2022.

This study, as with all other flood alleviation projects, is being integrated into a desire to "de-culvert" and widen, what is now seen as an over engineered river, where possible so that it can, over time, be restored to a more natural state, as far as reasonably possible. The project will also involve identifying and remedying urban pollution sources, where possible. This is also being done in conjunction with an existing Greenway proposal and in tandem with Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) funded projects in the area. The new City Edge project gives opportunities to achieve some of this. River corridors of 10m-25m wide are policies in the development plan and these will be implemented where possible on this very constrained river. Liaison with large stakeholders is ongoing on possible flood storage areas in DCC and SDCC.

Further wintering bird surveys are ongoing in 2024 to identify protected species as well as other bird quantities. Building threshold surveys are completed. A large Site Investigation for both Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council areas of the Camac catchment commenced in July 2023 and is now complete. This involved over 100 areas of investigation.

Public consultation days are planned in Dublin City on 17<sup>th</sup> April and in South Dublin on 18<sup>th</sup> April see website below for details. Updates on this project can be seen on Camac Flood Alleviation Project website [www.camacfas.ie](http://www.camacfas.ie)

### 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*

Submissions received have been reviewed and compiled into the Chief Executive's Report, that was presented in draft for the SPC. The final report has been submitted to the Council along with the final plan for adoption. Submissions are broadly supportive and constructive, and where appropriate actions and text have been amended to reflect.

### *EV Strategy*

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy was published in June 2022.

To support the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy, the four DLAs agreed to a pilot project to install 200 charging points (at 50 locations) across the City and County.

The final date for submission of tenders was 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 and the successful tender is expected to be appointed in March 2024. The pilot project is primarily focussed on destination charging.. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments will be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

### *Energy Management*

DCC Energy Oversight Committee have agreed to progress towards attaining ISO 50001 Energy Management System Accreditation.

Achieving ISO 50001 certification will enhance DCC's reputation as a socially conscious and responsible organisation.

Putting structures in place to induce collaboration between departments will facilitate a more effective response to tackling GHG emissions and improving our energy efficiency.

### *Decarbonising Zones*

Workshops in Ballymun and Ringsend/Poolbeg have been completed. Drafting of the plans will now be completed by Codema.

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

In June 2023, a new Service Level Agreement between the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and the lead Local Authorities, for each of the four CAROs was agreed and signed. The new SLA will be in place until June 2029. New governance arrangements are in place including the establishment of the Strategic Implementation Group and the Strategic Advisory Group.

The CARO 2024 Work Programme has been agreed and the Dublin CARO team are working with the other CARO regions to prioritise and schedule work for the year ahead.

The team are currently involved in organising the first CARO Networking Event with climate action teams which will take place in April 2024.

## **Draft Dublin City Centre Transport Plan 2023**

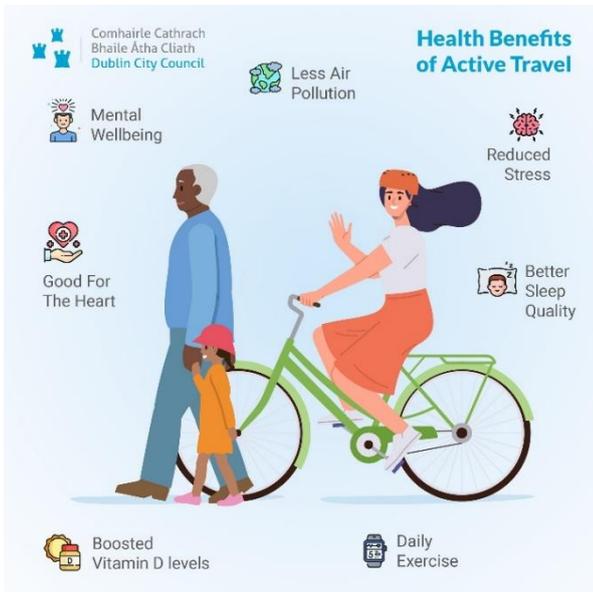
The current Dublin City Development Plan (2022-2028) objective SMT05 requires a update of the 2016 City Centre Transport Study. "To review the City Centre Transport Plan 2016 in collaboration with the NTA in the lifetime of the an, setting out a clear strategy to prioritise active travel modes and public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

Consulation 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 7<sup>th</sup> of February. It is intended to present it to the Council Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 this April Council Meeting, report no. 85/2024.



Kerbing installation on south side of canal between Binns Bridge and Lock 3



Kerbing installed on north side towpath between Cross Guns Bridge and Lock 4



Works commencing on Burgh Quay

## Progress Report on Design & Construction Projects

### Projects at Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green Dame St Project	NTA/DCC	TBC	The procurement process for a new Multi-disciplinary design team for the project is almost complete.
2.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 5 – Duke Street / South Anne Street Area	DCC	DCC	Work is continuing on the detailed design. ESB Networks will shortly be commencing a major upgrade of their infrastructure in this area, this work needs to be completed in advance of the public realm works.
3.	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 6 – Suffolk Street	DCC	DCC	A Project Brief has been circulated to the Public Realm Working group for their information and comment.
4.	Cathal Brugha Street/Findlater Place	DCC	DCC	The Landscape Architect recommenced the design of this project in May 2023.
5.	Dodder Bridge	DCC/LIHAAF /NTA	Roughan O'Donovan &	The planning application for this project will now be lodged as part of the NTA BusConnects project. Preliminary design is complete and the draft EIAR is being amalgamated into that of BusConnects. Land acquisitions are being progressed by DCC but NTA will also lodge for CPOs.
6.	Forbes St Bridge	DCC/NTA	TBC	DCC's Governance Board have approved the preliminary appraisal to re-start this project. Governance documentation is now being finalised for the NTA, to allow the project to recommence and to begin procurement of a new design team
7.	Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge and Tom Clarke Bridge Widening works.	DCC/NTA	Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers Ltd & others	At the Docklands Bridges Steering Group meeting on 29/03/23 the NTA attended and advised that they are satisfied in principle with the proposal to proceed with a bridge at Forbes Street.
8.	Poddle Flood Alleviation Project	OPW	Nicholas O'Dwyer	SDCC are the lead authority for this project. An Bord Pleanala granted approval for the proposals in June 2023. Construction programmed to start

				in Tymon Park on 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024. Construction period estimated at 2-3 years. In Dublin City councils' functional area there are flood defences proposed in Ravensdale Park, St.Martin's Drive and Mount Argus with Public liaison meetings planned over the next few months. Website <a href="http://www.poddlefas.ie">www.poddlefas.ie</a>
9.	Camac Flood Alleviation Project 2	DCC/SDCC/OPW	AECOM	<p>New Environmental and topographical surveys are completed. Computer flood modelling of catchment scenarios ongoing, including associated flood damages assessments. Website <a href="http://www.camacfas.ie">www.camacfas.ie</a></p> <p>Environmental surveys have revealed more significant flora and fauna in the river and beside it than previously recorded.</p> <p>Meetings with major stakeholders ongoing. Further public consultation on preliminary options programmed on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>
10	Dodder Phase 3 Clonskeagh Orwell Bridge	DCC/DLRCC /OPW	Byrne Looby	<p>Environmental and topographical survey's completed. Computer flood modelling ongoing. Website <a href="http://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home">www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-3/home</a>. Initial flood options being considered and costed. Liaison with LA stakeholders on preliminary options ongoing. Some further site investigation commenced in February 2024. Further public consultation planned in Q2 2024 on preferred option.</p>
11	Mary's Street Pedestrianisation	DCC	DHB Architects Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates Engineers	<p>Integrated Design Team appointed, preliminary design options being developed. Internal consultation continuing. External consultation to resume following lifting of restrictions.</p>
12	Santry River Restoration Project	DCC	Nichloas O'Dwyer	<p>The project objectives include achieving Substantial flood resilience and meeting Water Framework Directive goals which improving biodiversity and amenity.</p> <p>The project team is anticipating delivering an Emerging Preferred Design for the Santry River catchment, including Greenway amenity in Q3 2024.</p>
13	Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2	DCC	Nicholas O'Dwyer	<p>ABP approved proposal for Clontarf outfall on the 04<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. Dublin City Council has appointed the consultant for the detailed design and contractor procurement stage of the project. Landowners and major stakeholders liaison is continuing, with a view to commencing work in Q2/Q3 2024.</p>
14	Traffic Works – Package 8.	NTA	DBFL / Atkins	<p>Consultants appointed. At Preliminary Design Stage.</p>

15	Point Junction Upgrade	DCC/NTA	Arup	The non-statutory consultation for the Point Junction Upgrade has been completed
16	Rainscapes Nature Based Solutions Project	DCC	McCloys	The purpose is to introduce effective surface water management, within specific catchments. Detailed design for proposed scheme is now complete.  Construction Contract currently at tender stage. Construction phase expected to commence in Q2 2024
17	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.  The Project Consultant is now appointed and the Project Team is currently progressing the detailed design for the Project.
18	Golden Lane Public Realm Redevelopment - Urban Runoff (Action 70):	DHLGH	OCSC	Appointment of a multi disciplinary team in Q1 2024 to prepare a cost effective public realm design to sustainable manage urban run-off waters.

### Projects at Construction Stage

#	Scheme Name	Client	Contractor	Start Date	End Date	Comment
1.	South Campshires flood alleviation works	AECOM	OPW, Rock Roadstone and KN Network Services	Oct 2014	May 2024	Procurement of flood defences and contractor ongoing to complete existing scheme and seal 13m gap in flood defences on Sir John Rogerson's Quay.
2.	Francis Street Improvement Scheme	DCC	KN Circet	Oct 2020	April 2023	Construction on site has commenced. Works are progressing.
3.	Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue	DCC	Coffey Construction Ltd.	Oct 2021	April 2023	Surfacing works are progressing well and tenders have been received for the landscaping scheme.
4.	Liffey Street Public Realm Improvements	DCC	Via Mercanti Ltd, trading	Jan 2023	Oct 2024	Works commenced on site 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023

			as Cairn Construction			
5.	Temple Bar Square Refurbishment	DCC	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd	April 2023	Oct 2024	Circet Networks (Ireland) Ltd has commenced construction.
6.	Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works	DCC	Tobin Consulting Engineers (TCE) & Stephen Byrne Const.	Q2 2022	Q2 2024	Detailed design at 17 culvert screen sites located throughout the city completed.  The PWB Office is managing the Construction stage, which is now substantially complete.

# CORPORATE SERVICES, TRANSFORMATION & HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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### Customer Services

- 13,055 calls were answered between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, with 45.91 % of those calls answered in less than 30 seconds.
- Average call answered by Customer Services in 2 minutes and 29 seconds between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- 3,906 emails were received by Customer Services between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, from the generic customer services email account.
- 5,626 emails were sent out by Customer Services between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, from the generic customer services email account.
- 2,283 emails were received by Customer Services, relating specifically to Parking Permits, between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, from the generic Parking Permits email account.
- 1,842 emails were sent by Customer Services, relating specifically to Parking Permits, between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, from the generic Parking Permits email account.
- Customer Services have taken 3,354 payments between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Customer Services have processed 2,069 Parking Permits between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- The Reception Desk in Civic Offices continues to be busy, with 1,866 visitors greeted at the reception desk between 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### Improving Customer Experience Initiatives

#### Focus Group

- The first focus group session was held during March 2024 with external customers invited from the Public Participation Network and via Customer Services “X” account.
- Major issues raised related to digital accessibility, language service offerings, physical accessibility to DCC offices and the use of Plain English in all written areas, e.g. website. These areas are to be reviewed with the relevant areas and possible improvement solutions considered and implemented where possible.

#### Interpreter Service

- Customer Experience has looked at sourcing an interpretation service to improve the customer experience at the reception desk and to reduce the need for customers to make multiple visits.
- A pilot project is being considered with interpreter services via an online app which uses live people. It is expected that the interpretation service will be available within 5 minutes for customers.
- A survey of customers using the building, along with information from key frontline services, to decide on the main languages required.

#### Reception Desk

- An additional staff member from Customer Services has now been assigned to the reception desk to improve the customer experience and to speed up the service being offered to customers.

## **Mystery Shopper**

- A mystery shopper programme started on 13<sup>th</sup> March and will run for approximately four weeks. The results will be available at the end of the four weeks.
- The programme will look at a variety of frontline touchpoints using both in person visits and telephone calls, based on publicly available information on the Dublin City Council website. The programme will also look at some of our digital offerings, e.g. Citizen Hub.

## **Communications Office**

Number of visits to the website: 163,986

Number of page views on the website: 431,848

Social media impressions / engagements

Twitter: 651,940 / 25,620

Facebook: 1,489,530 / 17,871

Instagram: 293,237 / 9742

LinkedIn: 106216 / 1719

As one of the principal funders of the St Patrick's Festival, we helped to promote the festival across our outdoor advertising sites. We also promoted 'One Dublin, One Book' across all our OOH sites and the designation of Dublin as 'European Capital of Smart Tourism for 2024'.

Work continues on the development of a new Communications Strategy for the organisation, as well as standard branding design for hoarding to be used on all City Council capital projects.

## **Service & Digital Transformation**

### **DCC Draft Digital Transformation Strategy**



Consultation has commenced on the Draft Digital Transformation Strategy. Presentations have been made to two area committees and good feedback and suggestions have been received. 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**

The Council is implementing some of improvements identified as part of the review. We are working with Fingal County Council and the supplier to pilot a solution on digital signatures.

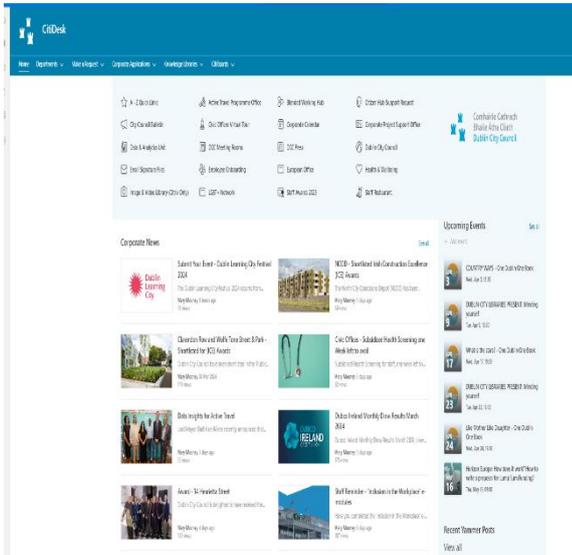
### **Digitally Enabled outdoor workforce project**

Additional teams have been identified to participate and the project will be extended to these teams following award of the mobile phone contract

### **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. Looking at building on this for other waste management activities including response to Citizen requests. An app for street grading is currently being explored
- Work is nearing completion on the new internal phonebook. Verifying extension numbers has taken longer than we anticipated but we are hoping to go live in April/May.

**Staff Awards 2024** Nominations for The Staff Awards Scheme 2024 have now closed 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

A Website Governance policy and standards document has been agreed by the Senior Management team and will be issued to all Departments. The aim is to ensure the Council is compliant with all our statutory obligations including accessibility, cookie policy and Irish Language obligations.

## Citizen Hub



The team are working on an online nomination form for the Local Elections

Work is continuing on the development of a dedicated Councillor Portal. We are currently investigating integration with Modern Gov so Councillors have everything they need in one site.

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

Alerts Home

**DCC Alerts**

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.

Register Now

Alerts Home

- Latest Alerts
- Active Travel Alerts
- Bathing Water Alerts
- River Height Alerts
- Pitch Playability Alerts
- How it Works
- Live Map

Manage your Account

Your mobile number is your username. Please enter it as 10 consecutive digits

There was a lot of positive feedback from Councillors on this service, particularly in relation to water outages. We will promote this service so that more Citizens are aware of it and will look to include other services.

## 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 [beta@dublincity.ie](mailto: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:



### Public electric cooktops

Should we provide public, electric, cooktops 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'.
- Trial due to go live first half 2024.

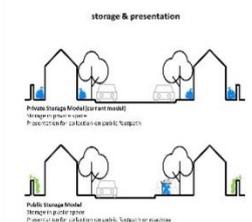


### Cargobike Sharing Service (#CargobikeSharingBETA)

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

Collaboration with Transportation Department.

- Trial being developed.



### Residential Shared Bins (#SharedBinsBETA)

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

Collaboration with Waste Management.

- Trial being developed.



### Future of Housing Maintenance (#HousingMaintenanceBETA)

How might we transform the housing maintenance service and amplify the experience for tenants and staff?

Collaboration with Housing Maintenance.

- 6 project aspects being developed.
- This project was recently awarded funded from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform '2024 Innovation Fund'.

## 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 Areas and Arts Office.

- Pilot being developed.

**downpour  
planters**

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### 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.

## Corporate Data and Analytics Unit

### Data Management:

Bearing Point is being contracted as a supplier to develop a business case for the centralized data platform and presentation to Senior Management Board.

For the Data management strategy and framework, a supplier is being sought under OGP Framework.

### Customer Service:

We facilitated mailbox report for the customer services account was facilitated through collaboration with IS.

**Dublin Fire Brigade:** FME issue progress has been made and we will be moving forward with report automations using FME. HIQA process automation is in final stages. Testing with the stakeholder is in progress. Started the BI review process for DFB. Dataedo setup efforts are underway in collaboration with IS and DFB. Received signed NDA from Mallon Technology. Talks are on with Bearing Point to initiate the business case for centralised data platform. Requirements document is being compiled for supplier for data management framework.

**Annual Service Delivery Plan:** Stakeholder engagement for all departments has been completed and all of the metrics have now been documented. Overarching documents for all sections are now completed, alongside an estimated ROI for automation and an initial estimation for automation. The data team have advised 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. Initial investigations into automation of some of the workflows are underway.

**CORE People XD:** The data team have been asked to advise on the next stage of data migration for the HR project, scoping is due to begin this month.

**Citizen Hub:** All waste dashboard is published. A new service report fallen leaves is added to the waste and published. Which will also be added to all waste dashboard next sprint. On street - weed collection is to be added to waste in the next sprint.

### Open Data:

166 datasets already published on Dublicked. Ongoing publication of weekly Pitch Playability, monthly Cycle & Pedestrian counts. New publication of Culture Dataset – Museums and Archives DCC, Sport pitches and Facilities DCC. Dublin Economic Monitoring DCC Q3 updated. API automation Eco-Visio & Share File in progress. 1XOpen Data Query for the Planning data resolved and 2XOpen Data research Queries (FOG, Dublin Electoral Division) in progress. Roadmap 2024 for Culture data publication is in progress. Supporting Open Data Tourism Innovation challenge, April-2024

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

### North City Operations Depot Project

The NCOD has been operational since late June 2023. The Project Team continues to work in the background on wrapping up the contracts and final accounts.

### Smart City/Smart Dublin

#### 1. Smart D8 2024 Call for Pilots



Following three years of success, Smart D8 opens its fourth Call for Pilots. Continuing to focus on the measured health and wellbeing needs of the 45,000 strong diverse Dublin 8 population, this call will focus on three themes:

- Community Health,
- Health Literacy
- Environment

Smart D8 seeks to support the development of impactful and sustainable pilots with the potential to scale that involve enterprise, academic and other relevant public and private stakeholders. The pilot proposals should be ready to deploy with end-users and should be in a position to measure impacts within a six-month timeframe. Up to six pilots will be chosen for individual project resourcing of up to €12,500. The closing date for proposals is Friday, 29th of March @ 23:00 here: [https://bit.ly/SmartD8\\_PilotApplication2024](https://bit.ly/SmartD8_PilotApplication2024)

View the press release here: <https://smartd8.ie/smart-d8-opens-new-call-for-pilot-projects-following-three-years-of-success>.

#### 2. Smart D8 2nd @EPSA awards in Maastricht

EPSA – the European Public Sector Europe-wide award scheme for public at all levels of government which has organised every two years since 2009 by Institute of Public Administration (EIPA). European public administrations, EPSA generated highly valuable know-how and that can be used for the benefit of innovative solutions and learning EPSA brings together the best, most and efficient performers from the public sector.



Award – is a sector entities been the European For all has vital results providing opportunities. innovative European

Smart D8 received 2nd prize in the category “*Innovation in Public Administration*”, showing the district’s exemplary work in devising new administrative problem-solving paradigms and creating a network of public excellence.

### 3. Dublin City Council Announce Partnership with OpenAI

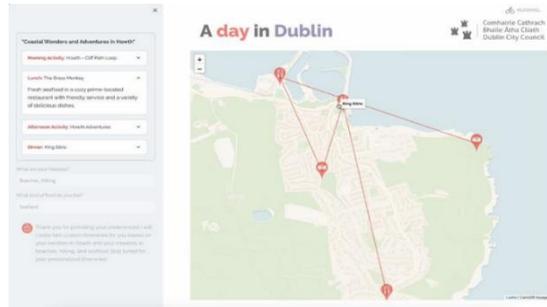


Dublin City Council and OpenAI announced a partnership that leverages the power of artificial intelligence to support Europe’s tourism industry. This collaboration comes as Dublin proudly accepts the title of European Capital of Smart Tourism for 2024, underscoring the city’s commitment to innovation in tourism. The partnership aims to set a new standard for smart tourism innovation across Europe, showcasing the potential of AI to enhance the visitor experience.

Key initiatives include:

- Co-development of a Dublin itinerary planner proof of concept “A Day in Dublin”, using OpenAI’s GPT-4

- Supporting tourism across Europe. A hands-on workshop will be held for leaders of smart tourism destinations across the EU this September in Dublin. This session will explore how AI can be utilised in various aspects of tourism, including city promotion, destination branding, tourism engagement, and itinerary planning.



### 4. Dublin City launches ‘Data Insights for Active Travel’ Project to determine impact of Active Travel infrastructure as part of Global Network of Cities

Dublin City Council has joined *Partnership for Healthy Cities* to pilot new cutting-edge technologies for evaluating and measuring the impact of the city’s travel investments (walking and cycling). The project gap in current methodologies by developing an Travel Data Toolkit, replacing the ad-hoc approach of collection with a systematic and integrated process supports and guides future investments in active travel. By establishing a robust framework for data gathering and analysis, DCC, in collaboration with the NTA will be able to measure the true value of active travel enhancements more accurately. The initiative will be through DCC’s Smart City team, leveraging the partnerships with ADAPT and collaborating with Prof Brian Caulfield, TCD.



active travel data that will fill a gap in existing data that is able to measure the true value of active travel enhancements more accurately.

### 5. Expl[ai]n Workshop



On Tuesday, March 19th, 25 Dublin City Council staff from various departments participated in the first Artificial Intelligence awareness workshop: **expl[ai]n!** The **expl[ai]n!** workshop aimed to raise awareness of participants about Artificial Intelligence. The workshop looked at knowing and understanding Traditional AI and Generative AI, determining the risk levels of using AI, and examining opportunities and challenges that could come from using AI in Dublin City Council. As Artificial Intelligence is an increasingly topical

technology tool, this workshop brought this information to DCC staffers to increase their knowledge and to create an environment where people could ask questions and learn more about AI. The expl[ai]n worksop was delivered through the Smart Docklands district: a unique partnership between Dublin City Council and the CONNECT Research Centre at Trinity College Dublin.

## Human Resources

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

### Recruitment Programme 2024

Year to Date	Competitions Completed/In process
	37

### Interviews held/concluded March 2024

Senior Accountant	Retained Firef Fighter (Balbriggan and Skerries)
Apprentice Bricklayer	Apprentice Stonemason
Apprentice Painter	Apprentice Metal Fabricator
Digital Content Editor	Clerical Officer
Videographer	Administrative Officer (Procurement)
Foreman Fleet (NCOD)	Senior Librarian
Foreman Signage (NCOD)	Foreman Metal (NCOD)
Traffic Officer ITS	Open Data Lead
Graphic Designer	Climate Action Regional Coordinator

### Campaigns Advertised March 2024

Senior Staff Officer	Laboratory Technician Grade 2
Craft Gardener	Data Analyst
Depot Officer Supervisor (NCOD)	Conservation Park Ranger
Assistant Scientific Officer	Executive Scientific Officer
Assistant Planner	Executive Planner
Planning Enforcement Officer	

The Public Appointments Service has ongoing recruitment campaigns for:

Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer	Assistant Chief Executive
Executive Manager	Senior Valuer
Senior Executive Valuer	

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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### New Policy/Strategic



<b>Development Plan 2022-2028</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There is no new information in relation to the three judicial reviews of the Development Plan which are in progress.</li><li>2. Variation No. 5 –Built to Rent, public consultation closed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. 5 no. submissions were received. The variation will be brought before the April City Council meeting for decision.</li><li>3. Work is now underway on the prioritisation of Plans and programmes as part of the implementation of the City Development Plan and the identification of data for the 2 year monitoring report.</li><li>4. The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) process requires DCC to consider submissions seeking a change of zoning in response to their lands being identified for RZLT. It is anticipated that a number of submissions will be received prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> of May deadline. Each submission received will be assessed and a report prepared; and if considered appropriate, may be recommended for a variation process.</li></ol>
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<b>Baile Bogán (Ballyboggan) LAP</b>	Consultation with stakeholders ongoing. Workshop with Central Area Committee held on 12/03/24. Further workshops with members to be scheduled post local election. Work ongoing on the baseline and environmental reports to aid drafting of LAP.
<b>Werburgh Street SDRA</b>	Site survey and baseline analysis taking place.
<b>City Edge</b>	12 March update to South Central Area Committee. The emerging preferred option for urban regeneration of the lands being formulated.
<b>NEIC LAP</b>	Baseline and internal information and data collection work ongoing. .

## Departmental Priority

### Active Land Management

#### Derelict Sites

An Bord Pleanála gave their consent to the compulsory acquisition of 2 Ranelagh, Dublin 6, arrangements are being made to Vest the property.

No objections received to the Notices of Intention to acquire compulsorily;

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

Arrangements are being made to Vest these properties.

### 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.
- Successful negotiations with TII to confirm funding of successful design tender for new Irishtown Leisure Centre.



IMG\_7275 Photo: Barrow Coakley Photography Tel: 087-2856527, 13th August 2016

## 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>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>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 Conservation Section of Dublin City Council has assessed the 114 projects submitted for the BHIS and has approved 68 projects. These projects have been provisionally approved for a total of €492,400 in funding. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have approved these provisional grant offers.</p> <p>A total of 41 applications were received for the HSF funding. Three projects have received provisional funding offers under the HSF totalling €271,000. Two further projects have funding rollovers from 2023 totalling c.€350,000. Acceptance letters have been returned to the Dept. for the three 2024 projects.</p> <p>Overall applications for both funding streams were higher than normal for 2024.</p>	<p>Provisional Letters of Offer will be issued shortly to the successful applicants, followed by letters to the unsuccessful applicants.</p> <p>The Conservation Section will then commence coordination of the inspection stage of the grants. Once an initial inspection has been made, works can commence on site with ongoing inspections as required.</p> <p>The final date for completion of all projects is 27th September 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.

### Strategic Heritage Plan 2023 – 2028 update:

The annual action plan of the Strategic Heritage Plan has received funding for five initiatives to be delivered by 15 November 2024.

<b>HERITAGE COUNCIL HERITAGE PLAN GRANT FUNDING</b>	
Pilot Survey and Statements of Significance for Places of Worship Study	17,500.00
Dublin Through the Ages – Killester (publication)	6,000.00
An Introduction to the Industrial Heritage of Dublin's South East Area (publication)	8,000.00

Oak Room Public Lecture Series with ISL interpreters (Jan - Nov 2024)	6,000.00
St Anne's Park Community Archaeology Programme (ph 4)	20,000.00
<b>CREATIVE IRELAND FUNDING ALLOCATION</b>	
St Anne's Park Community Archaeology Programme (ph 4)	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED</b>	<b>€75,500.00</b>

Other Heritage Officer led projects at brief development stage to be commenced and/or delivered in 2024:

- Conservation Management Plan for Historic Public Sculpture on O'Connell Street and College Green to inform a conservation works programme.
- Conserve Your Dublin Period House lecture series, delivered in partnership with the Irish Georgian Society, comprising 13 lunchtime lectures delivered in person or online each Tuesday (ex public holidays) from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> May. **Approved for CPD by the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland, Engineers Ireland, the Irish Planning Institute and the CIF Heritage Contractors. Available for free to Dublin City Council employees.**

14 Henrietta Street museum project was developed by the Planning Department between 2015 and 2018. The conservation and adaption of the house to a social history museum was awarded the prestigious Silver Medal for Conservation and Restoration for the years 2017 – 2019 by the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The last Dublin City Council project to receive this award was the conservation of City Hall for the period 1999 – 2001.

# CULTURE, RECREATION & ECONOMIC SERVICES

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### New Policy/Strategy

Dublin City Libraries has commenced a public and stakeholder consultation process to inform the preparation of a new 5 year library development plan.

### Departmental Priority

The 2024 **One Dublin One Book**, programme, featuring *Snowflake*, will run through the month of April. Details [here](#).



Plans for a new library for the Drimnagh/Crumlin area were presented at a public information evening on 13<sup>th</sup> March. More information [here](#)



The **Aontas Star Award** has been presented to the ComUniversity programme [CoolockLibrary](#) and [Walkinstown Library](#) play a significant role in facilitating the programme which is managed by NUI, Maynooth and the Northside/South City Partnerships.



**Spring Into Storytime** is part of the national Right to Read project. All library branches will facilitate storytelling events in April. The Storyteller in Residence will also visit locations beyond the library walls to entertain children and promote literacy.



The shortlist announcement for the 2024 **Dublin Literary Award** was announced on Tuesday 26 March. Details [here](#)



## Project Updates

Update	Current Status	Next Stage
City Library	2b, Detailed design	Completion of Stage 2b
Ringsend Library	Pt 8 process underway	Presentation at May City Council Meeting
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 Q2 2024

**Dates for your diary:** Details of all library events [here](#) Or 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 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 is open for applications Information available on the ICE website: <https://innercityenterprise.com/>

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

**Dublin Economic Monitor:** Q1 DEM published and disseminated. Annual Event held. Next stage preparation, publication of Q1 PMI.

**Your Dublin Your Voice:** Q1 survey to inform Urban95 completed. Results being analysed.



### **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:** 14 grants have been approved to the value of €300,332 supporting the creation of 26 employment opportunities in the Dublin city economy this year. The third Evaluations & Approvals Committee Meeting of the year is due to take place in May.

**Trading Online Vouchers (TOV) in 2024:** 30 applications approved to value of €64,175, as of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**Mentoring:** 244 hours of mentoring completed 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 24. Annual target 1,000 hours.

**Training:** 683 participants & 34 courses delivered 1st Jan – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 24. Annual target 3,000 hours.

**Start Your Own Business:** 57 participants attended 3 course 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 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>

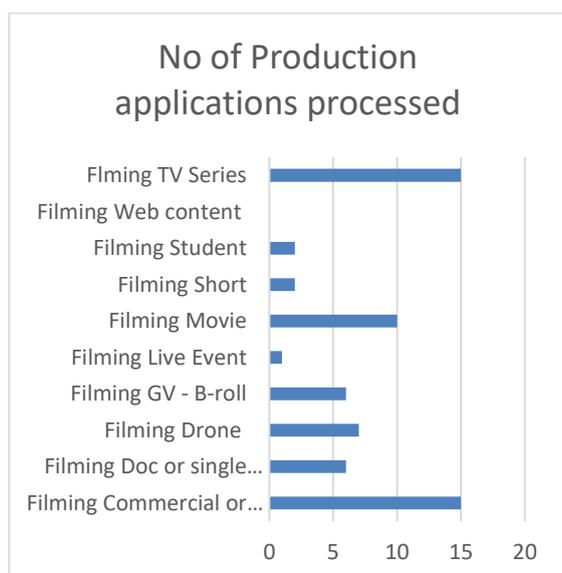
ID: 2038854 - Letters issued. Contract sealing.

ID: 2038854 – Letters issued. Contracts to be signed end of March / start of April.

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

**Consultancy:** Export programme commencing April. Lead generation for SME's with export potential in Europe. On boarding companies.

### Filming April Management Report 2024



### Upcoming Events

**13<sup>th</sup> April Handel's Messiah, Fishamble St**  
Annual outdoor performance on Fishamble Street to celebrate the anniversary of the first performance of Handel's Messiah.

**28<sup>th</sup> April Sensoria, Merrion Square Park**

As part of Autism Acceptance month in April 2024, Dublin City Council is putting on a x1 day neurodiverse family friendly event which will be held in Merrion Square Park, Dublin 2 on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024, and will run from 1100 - 1700. This event will, at a minimum, cater for neurodiverse children and all the entertainment

and event programming will be neurodiverse friendly.

### 28<sup>th</sup> April Lá Mór na Gaeilge, Smithfield Square

A family-friendly, free event promoting the Irish language through fun activities, encouraging people to enjoy and immerse themselves in the language throughout the event. The programme will consist of music, céilís, workshops, panel discussions, family fun games

### Hugh Lane Gallery

#### Social Media

In February 2024, we focused on promoting all the events taking place in the month across all our social media channels. Our social media posts also focused on some of our collections, as well as Dega's artwork which came back to Gallery after being on loan to Paris.

We also worked on strategy of creating templates for social media post, for brand awareness and uniformity.

There was substantial work done on our current website to improve user experience and to increase the number of visitors on our website.

We have also focused on changing all the Andy Warhol related banners & posters from Gallery & the website, updating the same with our on-display collections.

Below are statistics of our Facebook and Instagram pages for February:

Facebook Reach: 37,100 | 40 new followers

Instagram Reach: 15,700 | 518 new followers

Twitter reach: 14,600

#### 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

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

#### Sarah Purser: Champion of Irish Art

10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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**

The online collection (<https://onlinecollection.hughlane.ie/collections>) is available again after a two-month system outage. As work on restoring the website was in progress, we improved the experience of using the online collection by making its design more accessible and user friendly.

### **North Fredrick Lane**

Ground floor of this property has been brought into operation for Archive Storage. Plans for 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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/>

### **Early Years Artist Residency: High Expectations**

We are delighted to be working with the North East Inner City (NEIC) on 'High Expectations', an early years artist-residency with artist Helen Barry and Ozanam House in Mountjoy Square. This year long initiative, which began in May 2023, sees artist Helen Barry working with three groups of children at the preschool in Ozanam House on a weekly basis and including monthly visits to the Hugh Lane Gallery where children and their parents creatively engage with artworks and the gallery space. As part of their experiences at the Hugh Lane Gallery, the young children and their parents met poet Paula Meehan whose portrait in the collection they are very familiar with.

### **Make and Be**

Through this art education project, we hope to encourage families from international communities within the DCC area to develop a relationship with the HLG and our programmes. To date we have worked with artists Nasrin Golden, who speaks English and Farsi; Anca Danila led workshops from the Romanian community; Olga Knukova assisted by Olga Khomiak led workshops for the Ukrainian community; and Bríd Higgins Ní Chinnéide who led a programme through Irish in the autumn and winter of 2023/24. In spring 2024 we are seeking to engage with families within the African-Irish community led by Victory Nwabu-Ekeoma and Rema Hamid.

### **Ongoing innovative art education programmes and partnerships**

<https://hughlane.ie/explore-learn/>

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

## Sports & Recreation

The Dublin City Sports Plan was presented to the relevant SPC and all five Area Committee's during March 2024. The Sports Plan is on the Dublin City Council Agenda for its April 2024 meeting by way of a report.

The Sports & Recreation Section continue to progress its capital programme, project updates are provided in the table below:

Sports & Recreation Projects	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim St Sports Centre	Contractor appointed	Accessibility works commenced and should be complete by Q2 2024
Irishtown Sports Stadium	Works Contractor Tender assessment ongoing	Appointment of contractor
Donore Community Centre	Stage 1 Report has been issued	Stage to commence in Q2 2024
Upgrade of leisure facilities including Ballymun, Finglas Ballyfermot etc.	Design Framework developed	Design framework to be established for improvement
Municipal Rowing Centre Refurbishment	ITT closed and tenders been assessed	Design Team to be appointed
Dalymount Park Redevelopment	Part 8 Approved	Detail Design to commence
All-Weather Surfaces Bluebell, Sherriff Street, Pearse Street etc. & /Irishtown track refurbishment:	Specialist PM to be appointed to manage process	Issue tender in Q2 for construction.



Photos from the Diwali Indian festival at St. Lawrence O`Toole Recreation Centre, Sheriff Street and other recent events in the Recreation Centres.

### **Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP).**

The DSWP continue to engage with those most marginalised through the variety of programmes etc. Delivered by its Sports Officers, Sports and Social Integration Officers and Co-funded Officers.

### **DCSWP - Links for Information on upcoming Events/Programmes.**

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

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

**Twitter:** [@dccsportsrec](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)

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

**Instagram:** [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)



## LAW DEPARTMENT

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FOI/818/2024	Seeks department circulars	Client	02/02/2024	07/03/2024
FOI/821/2024	records: all active quarry sites operating in the council's admin area with planning permission	Press	06/02/2024	21/02/2024
FOI/827/2024	seeks records re: All correspondence (sent and received) DRHE and Minister for Housing	Press	07/02/2024	05/03/2024
FOI/831/2024	seeks records: internal audit reports, Review of the allocation of social housing units in DCC	Client	08/02/2024	06/03/2024
FOI/832/2024	Seeks records re planned traffic restrictions	Press	08/02/2024	
FOI/833/2024	seeks records re: illegal dumping at Priorswood & Moatview D17	Client	08/02/2024	
FOI/835/2024	Seeks records re Merrion Gate	Other	09/02/2024	
FOI/837/2024	records: enforcement notices issued DCC non compliance with Housing Regulations 2019-23	Press	12/02/2024	
FOI/838/2024	records: in relation to houses taken over by DCC in 2019 under Derelict Sites Act	Client	12/02/2024	04/03/2024
FOI/845/2024	Seeks records re DFB calls	Client	13/02/2024	
FOI/848/2024	Seeks records of correspondence with named company re traffic plans for City Centre	Press	14/02/2024	
FOI/849/2024	Seeks records of correspondence with named hospital re traffic plans for City Centre	Press	14/02/2024	
FOI/850/2024	records: email exchanges & meetings notes concerning payment of gym fees to DCC gyms	Client	14/02/2024	
FOI/852/2024	seeks records re: traffic stats East Link Toll Bridge / Tom Clarke Bridge	Client	14/02/2024	
FOI/853/2024	Seeks submission made to Department of Housing as part of review of private rental sector	Press	16/02/2024	
FOI/855/2024	Seeks records re hazardous inspections of site at named location in Dublin 15	Other	19/02/2024	06/03/2024
FOI/865/2024	records: All correspondence between DCC & named company, re: proposed traffic plans.	Press	20/02/2024	
FOI/870/2024	Seeks records re Fire Brigade call outs	Client	21/02/2024	
FOI/874/2024	records: all Purchase Orders for €20,000 or above made by DCC in each year from 2019-24.	Press	21/02/2024	04/03/2024
FOI/875/2024	seeks records re: Local Election Expenses Disclosures	Client	21/02/2024	
FOI/879/2024	records: The ref number planning application that was decided Section 48 from 2017-23	Press	22/02/2024	
FOI/882/2024	Seeks records re Crampton Buildings	Client	23/02/2024	
FOI/884/2024	seeks records re: The taking in Charge Of the Roadway at named location	Client	26/02/2024	
FOI/885/2024	seeks records: relating to a city farm, community farm or urban farm in Ballymun	Client	26/02/2024	
FOI/886/2024	records: A list of each site owner & amount outstanding in payments for vacant site levy	Press	26/02/2024	

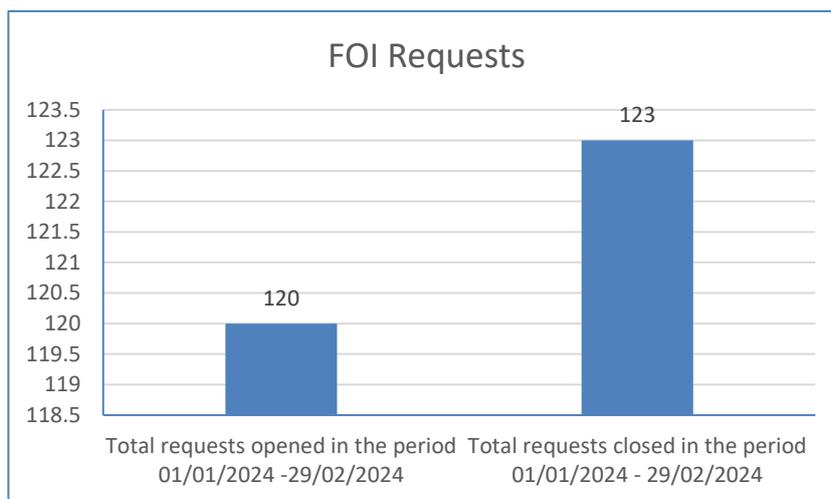
FOI/888/2024	seeks records re: minutes of the pre Tag meeting held in early May 2023	Client	26/02/2024
FOI/892/2024	records re: database of incidents/accidents maintained by DCC for the calendar year 2023.	Press	27/02/2024
FOI/896/2024	Seeks records re safeguarding policies and complaints procedures	Client	28/02/2024

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

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

Total requests opened in the period 01/01/2024 -29/02/2024 – 120

Total requests closed in the period 01/01/2024 - 29/02/2024 – 123



# IMAGES OF THE MONTH

Almost 300 staff from our waste management section were on duty over the St. Patrick's Festival weekend and collected over 30 tonnes of litter in the city-centre





CEO Richard Shakespere and Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste accepting the European Capital of Smart Tourism a Award 2024.



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