



Report on Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021



Goal 1: Ensure that all residents and visitors, regardless of social or cultural background, feel a sense of ownership and engagement with the City, feel safe in their communities and are welcome to fully participate in the community, social, cultural, business and political life of the City.

- **Objective 1.1** Enhance quality of life in the City by supporting individuals and groups to actively participate in their communities

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 3	Provide venues and channels for citizen consultation with Dublin City Council and other agencies	Number of venues / consultation / online promotions and opportunities in 2016	Libraries	Public consultation on public realm in Ringsend branch-with DCC South East Area Office January 2016. Disability Group consulted re; New City Library at Parnell Sq - February 2016. National Cultural Institutions Communities framework set up with branch libraries April 2016.
Action 6	Preserve and make available documents and records of Dublin City Council	Use of Dublin City Archive	Libraries	Ongoing – Annual Statistics available end year



Goal 2: Work in partnership with communities to promote social inclusion, tackle poverty and disadvantage, and promote participation, empowerment and positive social change.

- **Objective 2.1** Use a community development approach to achieve social inclusion

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 26	Address poverty and disadvantage and promote social inclusion by providing a free library service/prison library service/mobile service	Free library services maintained	Libraries	Free Public Library, Prison Library and Mobile library service maintained.



Goal 4: Put in place the infrastructure that positions Dublin as a safe, environmentally sustainable, vibrant, diverse and attractive place to live, work, visit and invest in by planning and providing for balanced and sustainable social and economic development, catering for a growing population.

- **Objective 4.3** Improve the quality of Dublin City's environment through the delivery of services in a sustainable manner, recognising local, regional and national responsibilities and implications

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 126	Maintain and upgrade Wi-Fi availability in branch libraries	Wi-Fi upgrade complete	Libraries	50% Achieved
Action 127	Provide free access to the internet in all city branches	Number of internet sessions	Libraries	65,808 sessions in 1 st qtr. (WiFi access citywide-statistics not yet available)
Action 137	Provide energy assessment kits through the Dublin public libraries system to allow individuals to self assess energy usage and to implement measures to reduce energy consumption	Number of kits provided	Libraries	11 kits available - 86 issued from March 15 th – April 30 th



Goal 5: Provide and protect a range of public, safe and affordable amenities activities and facilities that are relevant and accessible to people of all ages and abilities and that contribute to the health and well-being of all.

- **Objective 5.1** Maximise the use of available facilities, community venues and public space across the City to encourage healthier communities

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Area	Current Status
Action 148	Develop a strategy for parks and open space in the city and implement a programme of improvements including the development tearooms in public parks	Strategy developed Number of proposals commenced. No of tea rooms provided	Parks and Landscapes	Strategy In Progress – Consultation in Q 3 Four 4 tea rooms – Herbert Pk, Harolds Cross Pk., St. Patrick’s Pk. Red Stables St. Annes Pk. 1 tram café, Wolfe Tone Sq.
Action 149	Consult and adopt a strategy for tree management in the city	Consultation completed and Strategy adopted. Number of trees planted	Parks and Landscapes Services	Draft Dublin City Tree Strategy to be presented to the June SPC 1,349 trees planted (2015/2016 season)
Action 150	Consult and adopt a strategy for biodiversity conservation in the city	Consultation completed and Strategy adopted	Parks and Landscapes Services	Consultation completed and Strategy adopted

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 152	Consult with stakeholders to implement proposals for conservation plans for historic parks	Number of consultations completed. Number of conservation plans in place	Parks and Landscapes Services	Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Herbert Park , Sandynount Green, Merrion Sq. complete . St. Patrick's Park - CMP ongoing Mount Joy Square – CMP commenced. Three in place
Action 163	Identify a suitable site and commence the first Dublin City farm	Site identified Project commenced	Parks and Landscapes Services	Feasibility of City farm being examined.
Action 164	Consult with stakeholders regarding options for visitor facilities on Bull Island	Visitor facility developed	Parks and Landscapes Services	Feasibility study being carried out
Action 148	Develop a strategy for parks and open space in the city and implement a programme of improvements including the development tearooms in public parks*	Strategy developed Number of proposals commenced No of tea rooms provided	South Central Area Office	Liberties Greening Strategy agreed November 2014. Plans for Weavers Park and St. Audeons Park progressing. No tea rooms planned.
Action 158	Continue to implement further actions under the Biodiversity Plan	Number of actions implemented	South Central Area Office	5 actions implemented through a range of activities / projects.
Action 161	Assist in the sustainment and protection of the natural environment, including parks and open spaces	Number of interventions	South Central Area Office	Ongoing

- **Objective 5.2** Proactively seek out opportunities to develop additional recreational and sporting facilities and activities in the City

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 171	Increase participation in sport through the provision of facilities and sports development officers and engagement of sports coaches	Number of people using facilities Number of sports development officers	South Central	2016 figures will be available year end. 4 Sport Development Officers in South Central Area
Action 172	Identify projects for Sports Capital Grant funding and support local sports groups to seek Sports Capital Grants	Number of projects identified Number of programmes run Number of applications made	South Central Area	9 projects identified No Sports Capital Grant funding available for 2016
Action 175	Carry out a feasibility study for provision of a sports campus in South Central Area	Feasibility study completed	South Central	An audit is currently being carried out on existing sports facilities in the area.
Action 176	Carry out a feasibility study for skateboard and children's playground at Le Fanu Park	Feasibility study completed	South Central Area	Public consultation completed, plan finalised.
Action 174	Implement Dublin City Play Plan	No of actions implemented	South Central Area	Supporting the long term sustainability of 11 local parks which include playgrounds and 3 local playgrounds within housing estates by encouraging and supporting community use of these recreational and play facilities. Ongoing collaborative working with DCC Parks and Landscape Services and Play Development and local community groups to support the development of

		<p>*Please note that similar activities are being implemented citywide</p>	<p>new playgrounds. Willie Pearse Park was officially opened in March 2016. Plans underway to upgrade 4 playgrounds in local parks and housing estates - Jim Mitchell Park, Ring St., Bluebell Park Playground, Cherry Orchard Park Playground and Ceannt Fort Playground. Develop 1 new playground - Stanaway Park.</p> <p>Provide information for local community groups in order for them to avail of 'play' support for local area summer projects, 6 local summer projects attend Fun Inc. and Runamuck Play Programmes.</p> <p>Promote National Play Day. Support 'play' initiatives and activities through DCC Play Development Officer and promotion of grant funding for National Recreation Week. All local groups that applied for grants were successful in 2016. Supported 4 community groups to host local Playdays and family friendly events.</p>
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LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 170	Develop a Sports and Well-Being Strategy to promote active living for all	Strategy developed	Sports and Recreation	Work on the strategy in progress and due to be completed by end of 2016.
Action 171	Increase participation in sport through the provision of facilities and sports development officers and engagement of sports coaches	Number of people using facilities Number of sports development officers	Sports and Recreation	There are 33 Sport and Recreation facilities located in Dublin City. In 2015 there were 1,416,855 visits to our facilities. There are also 20 co-funded Officers across Boxing, Cricket, Rowing, Rugby and Soccer
Action 172	Identify projects for Sports Capital Grant funding and support local sports groups to seek Sports Capital Grants	Number of projects identified Number of programmes run Number of applications made	Sports and Recreation and Parks	56 Sports Capital grants applications are currently being worked on. There is no Sports Capital Grant funding going to be announced in 2016.
Action 173	Implement two year programme 2016 to 2017 to increase accessibility to the library service citywide: Complete refurbishment and access works at Rathmines, Kevin Street and Dolphins Barn Libraries. Investigate options for accessibility upgrade of library service at Finglas Deliver universal access works at Inchicore library. Re-fit and refurbish Coolock Library to increase accessibility	Number of works carried out	Libraries North West Area	Works completed in Rathmines and Dolphins Barn. Kevin St. ongoing. Architects working on finalising a design brief for Coolock and Inchicore. Feasibility study conducted for Re-location of Finglas.

- **Objective 5.3** Promote healthy lifestyles and well-being in communities

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 180	Promote well being through the delivery of an annual programme of library events, projects and collections	Number of events / programmes delivered. Number of collections promoted	Libraries	<p>Bibliotherapy collection maintained.</p> <p>Tai Chi in Central Library</p> <p>Interconnect project, Ballyfermot – 15 adults with mental health difficulties (with HSE)</p> <p>Social drop-in weekly in Ballymun (with Dublin North City Mental Health Services)</p> <p>Weekly mental health group in Cabra (with recovery Hub)</p> <p>Pilot Autistic Spectrum Disorder reading group in Cabra from 7th March</p>



Goal 6: Maximise opportunities and support for the creative industries and cultural and artistic sectors to develop. Promote the Irish language and access to cultural experiences for all through the provision of diverse cultural artistic programming.

- **Objective 6.1** Promote the development of the creative industries, bringing together individuals, organisations and businesses for the development of the sector

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 197	Support creative industries through the provision of a Design Centre, music performance space and library and Business Information Centre in Parnell Square Cultural Quarter	Progress achieved	Libraries	New City Library at Parnell Sq - awaiting approval of the Stage 2(a). Sketch design to be brought to SPC. Site investigations have been approved and commencement date to be issued shortly. Digital advisor working with libraries. First Music Contact and Music Network briefed on Musical Hub
Action 192	Implement the Dublin City Council Cultural Strategy 2015 - 2021	Number of actions implemented	Arts Office	Cultural Audits Commenced. Arts in Education Policy complete. Projects with National Cultural Institutions and City Council areas commenced.
Action 198	Provision of support for Temple Bar Cultural Trust cultural tenants	Number of tenants supported	TBCT	20 TBCT cultural tenants supported. Ongoing support of tenants.

- **Objective 6.2** Develop and promote a community based infrastructure to encourage the use of the Irish language

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 199	Promote the use of Irish in all City Council communications	Use of Irish language in communications	Libraries	Irish language included in library marketing. Staff identified with Irish language skills for tours and storytime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish language collections promoted. • Ciorcail Comhra weekly in 9 branches
Action 201	Develop a programme of community events and festivals to support the development of the Irish Language	Number of community events held	Libraries	Seachtaine na Gaeilge programme delivered. Special events organised for Ciorcal Comhra. Irish Language authors invited to participate in Children's Book Festival and Dublin Books festival. Links to IMRAM and Oireachtas na Gaeilge fostered.
Action 199	Promote the use of Irish in all City Council communications	Use of Irish language in communications	Ballymun Area Office	An item in the Irish Language is included in each edition of the area e-zine. Event invitations are bilingual as standard

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 201	Contribute to the range of events to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge	Seachtain na Gaeilge programme implemented	Ballymun Area Office	<p>The area office participates in seachtain na Gaeilge annually.</p> <p>Axis, which receives significant funding from the Ballymun Social Regeneration fund has a broad Irish language programme annually.</p> <p>The City Council supports and funds Ballymun BEO festival, a four day trad and ballads festival, with events in axis and Setanta, and a ceílí on Cearnóg an tSeachtar Laoch.</p>
Action 201	Contribute to the range of events to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge	Seachtain na Gaeilge Programme implemented	South East Area	<p>Workshops, storytelling sessions, seanos dancing, Irish music, historical tours and lectures. Weekly Irish walking group meet every Friday.</p> <p>Specific focus on Irish language throughout the year and on Seachtain na Gaeilge.</p>

- **Objective 6.3** Enhance participation in arts and cultural activities and events with access for all

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 205	Work in partnership with cultural agencies in the area to design and deliver events	Number of events delivered	TBCT	30 Annual Events Plans in place
Action 206	Provide funding for Culture Night	Funding provided	TBCT	Funding arranged for Culture Night with City Arts Office
Action 219	Develop a programme of cultural events on Meeting House Square	Number of cultural events developed	TBCT	10 Programmes of cultural events arranged.
Action 209	Support a broad range of accessible artistic and cultural activities in DCC venues and facilities	Number of activities supported	South Central	22 events held in 8 venues across the South central Area
Action 210	Prepare a brief for a feasibility study for a Transport/Railway Museum and examine options for funding	Brief prepared for a feasibility study Options for funding examined	South Central Area	Not proceeding at present
Action 211	Explore the potential to develop a craft fair or pop-up design shop as part of Graduate Week and assist with greater promotion of Graduate Week	Examination complete Graduate week promoted	South Central Area	Discussions held with NCAD to facilitate event, waiting for response from College
Action 204	Implement the City Arts Plan 2014 to 2018	Number of actions implemented	Arts Office	Annual Funding allocated. Arts Officers Clinics monthly. Childrens Arts in Libraries – projects completed. Commemoration Projects at Lab Gallery completed. Youth Arts Projects in Commemoration completed.
Action 207	Carry out a Citywide Cultural Needs Analysis and a Cultural Audit of each Electoral Area	Analysis and audit complete	Arts Office	Currently being commissioned. Methodology agreed

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 208	Develop a Local Area Cultural Plan based on Audit	Plan written and published Achievable objectives and goals set in each area 20% increase of events, programmes and participation as measured against Cultural Audit	Arts Office	Awaiting Audit Results

- **Objective 6.4** Promote the Decade of Commemorations in the City

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 224	Develop a programme of exhibitions and events that encourage local participation and contribute to the National Commemorations Programme	No. of events /exhibitions held Publications produced	South East Area	27 events held
Action 223	Continue to host Dublin City Council Decade of Commemorations 2016 - 2022	Number of programmed events / consultations / publications in 2016	Libraries	Ongoing – statistics available at year end
Action 225	Redevelop Richmond Barracks as a National Commemoration project	Construction completed Visitor centre open	South Central	Construction completed Visitor Centre due to open June 2016



Goal 7 Identify and support the growth sectors such as tourism, technology, food chain, education, retail and green business that will create, sustain and grow quality employment and self-employment opportunities for all.

- **Objective 7.1** Identify and support growth sectors

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 244	Provide an annual “Start and Grow your Own Business” programme	Programme delivered	Libraries	Delivered- 184 participated
Action 245	Design and deliver a career direction and development programme	Programme delivered	Libraries	Delivered- 1,221 attendances



Goal 8: Promote access to a range of education, training and developmental opportunities starting in early childhood, leading to a culture of lifelong learning and an appropriately qualified and skilled workforce.

- **Objective 8.1** Promote and support quality early childhood and education supports for children, including supporting parents, early years practitioners and teachers to help children achieve their full potential

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 276	Progress children’s reading skills through a number of targeted literacy programmes	Number of literacy programmes held	Libraries	<p>Citywide reading for Children: January – March.</p> <p>Storytime literacy project In Coolock and Ballyfermot.</p> <p>Challenger Programme Coolock, Ballyfermot.</p> <p>TTRS Central Library; 38 licences.</p> <p>Grangegorman Doodle den Central Library - 60 children from 4 schools completed a year long programme.</p> <p>Toddler Groups in 12 branches.</p> <p>Storytime in 7 branches.</p> <p>1916 Schools Resource pack in all branches .</p>

- **Objective 8.4** Provide targeted training and educational opportunities to match current and future skills needs

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Area	Current Status
Action 321	Provide digital skills training opportunities as part of Central Government “Digitise the Nation” programme	Number of digital skills training opportunities provided	Libraries	48 Digitise the Nation sessions delivered in Cabra, Central Library and Coolock. Ballyfermot delivered 10 sessions in digital learning - 32 adults. Library staff delivered 208 Websmart sessions in the 1 st qtr.
Action 322	Provide employability skills through Microsoft Office Specialist and Microsoft Academy IT	Numbers participating on Microsoft training courses	Libraries	Currently 262 Microsoft students



Goal 12: Enhance the recognition of Dublin as a globally connected city region and as the national economic generator.

Objective 12.1 Build mutually beneficial economic and other links with key cities globally, while also continuing to bid for, and host, leading international events and festivals

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Area	Current Status
Action 384	Work with Fáilte Ireland to promote the Dublin as the City of Words showcasing literary attraction such as One City, One Book; Words on the Street; and Bram Stoker Festival	Number of literary events promoted	Libraries	Literary element of EPIC Ireland promoted via social media. Over 70 events in Dublin and 25 in Belfast promoted Two Cities One Book for month of April. Words on the Street took place on 18 th May in 12 venues in Temple Bar attended by hundreds of people (final figures not yet available). Bram Stoker festival in planning phase
Action 385	Liaise with other members of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) to promote the Literary City using a wide range of channels	Number of partnerships with other Cities of Literature and UCCN members Number of promotions through the Embassy Network	Libraries	23rd-25 th May Dublin hosted meeting of 17 UNESCO Cities of Literature attended by 28 people. Partnerships discussed and planned. Two Cities One Book and Literary Award promoted via embassy network
Action 386	Continue the international reach and influence of Dublin through the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award	Award re-branded to full Dublin City ownership	Libraries	Achieved: Dublin Literary Award-160 titles, shortlist of 10, Winner announced 9 th June 2016

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 387	Maintain connections with the Diaspora, international authors, tourists and Irish Citizens through the Dublin Festival of History 2016	Number of events held Number attending events	Libraries	To be achieved September 2016.
Action 388	Support events that aim to position Dublin as a major cultural capital in Europe	Number of events supported	Events	<p>11 Events</p> <p>St Patricks Day Festival</p> <p>Battle for the Bay Kite Boarder Cross Tour.</p> <p>City Spectacular</p> <p>Aer Lingus Classic, Boston College</p> <p>American Football</p> <p>Ironman 70.3 Dublin</p> <p>Dublin International Film Festival</p> <p>1916 Commemorative Events</p> <p>Tradfest</p> <p>Bram Stoker</p> <p>Dublin Marathon</p> <p>NYF 3 day New Years Eve Festival</p>

Objective 12.3 Promote Dublin as a dynamic and resilient place to do business

LECP Action Number	Action	Measurement	Section	Current Status
Action 398	Produce a calendar of events promoting a broad range of activities and events in the City	Calendar of events produced	Events South Central	Calendar of Events Produced. 12,000 copies printed, 6,000 first half of the year and 6,000 second half of year. Calendar of Events booklet distributed to tourists offices, libraries, etc Calendar of events on DCC website Programme of events May – December 2016 published
Action 399	Provide funding to, and collaborate with, external event organisers to support a mix of quality public events and street animation	Number of events held Number of participants	Events	62 Events planned for 2016 25 Events held to date. 25 applications for funding have been granted to date. Numbers in attendance at events vary from 1,000 – 100,000 depending on the event.