



Monthly Management Report – 3rd April 2017

Report to the Lord Mayor, Members of the Corporate Policy Group and Group Leaders

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.

Finance: Please be advised that there are no additions or changes to the Monthly Local Fund Statement & EU/IMF Report

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Dated : 22nd March 2017

1. Culture Recreation and Economic Services

1.1 Strategic Priorities

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022 – Five year plan is currently being developed. Draft Plan will be presented to the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC in mid 2017 and subsequently to City Council.

1.2 Departmental Priorities

- **Green Flag Awards:** We have made submissions to retain the Green Flags for this year in the following Parks:-: Bushy Park, the Basin at Blessington St., St. Anne's Park, Poppintree and Markievicz.
- **Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Core Suite of Programmes** – Following two days of workshops with Sport Officers in mid-February, a core suite of sport and physical programmes has been finalised for role out across the City.
- **Creative Ireland** – As part of the Creative Ireland programme each local authority is required to hold a Creative Ireland workshop to offer the public an opportunity to contribute their suggestions and ideas towards Dublin City's 'Creative Ireland 2017 Action Plan'. The Dublin workshop took place on 15th March.
- **Pilot national delivery Service for Inter-Library Loans** – Dublin City Libraries joined the national pilot delivery scheme on 27th March. Under the scheme Dublin City borrowers have access to the stock of all library services in the country (and vice versa)
- **Home Energy Kit – Expansion – with the support of Codema and the SEAI** the Home Energy Saving Kits are now available to borrow in all Dublin City branch libraries.
- **Dublin North East Inner City Project – Readers in Residence & Coder Dojo programmes** – Dublin City Libraries are delivering two new initiatives under the Dublin North East Inner City Project, aimed at providing programmes of reading for pleasure in primary schools and youth clubs, and digital skills to children and young people of the north east inner city area. Both are being managed by a dedicated project librarian based in Charleville Mall Library.
- **Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016 – 2021**
The LECP Action Plan 2017 was agreed by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC and is expected to be published in April.
- **Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Awards 2017 (IBYE)** –
The IBYE final was held in Google Foundry on Sunday 5th March 2017, and Dublin City client Sam Dennigan of Strong Roots came first in the Best Start Up category.
www.strongroots.ie
- **Design4Growth** – A report on the Design4Growth pilot was presented to the Department of Jobs Enterprise and Innovation and a proposal will be submitted seeking support to provide further opportunities for small businesses to work with designers.

- **European Co-Working Conference** – A three day European Co-Working Conference will be held in Croke Park in November 2017 with the support of economic development and enterprise.
- **A Cultural Development Committee** to be established by this Department and the Planning Department to provide guidance and recommendations to Dublin City Council on the cultural actions set out in the Development Plan and implementation in new developments as well as practical criteria for responding to requests around particular buildings and potential cultural use.
- **New Partnership Arts Grants** have been agreed with Area Offices for Ballyfermot, Temple Bar, Cabra and Rathmines.
- **The National Neighbourhood part of Dublin Culture Connects** will begin again with new pairings of Institutions and City Neighbourhoods in April/May.
- **Seven North East Inner City Arts Projects** supported by the NEIC Fund and Arts Grants have met with the Arts Office at The Lab. Co-ordination of communications, venues and sharing resources were discussed and actions agreed.
- **Cruinniú na Cásca** will occur on April 17th as part of Creative Ireland. The Lab will host two events. A revival of the Nigerian carnival production of Yeats 'Only Jealousy of Emer' and an intergenerational dance off by Coiscéim Dance Theatre to coincide with the Theresa Nanigan Exhibition at The Lab Gallery. CoisCéim BROADREACH will showcase a new performance by young people and older people aged 50+ alongside an invitation to the public to join in and practise a few new moves.

1.3 Departmental Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Re-design of the Peace Garden	Part 8 process completed.	Awaiting report from Planning
Upgrade of St. Audeon's Park and Grounds	Clarifications of Tenders in progress	Award Tender and appoint Contractor.
Bushy Park (a) Tearooms (b) Tennis Court Upgrade	(a) Part 8 presented to Area Committee (b) Contractor selected	(a) Part 8 advertised end March (b) Work to commence end April
Merrion Sq. Park Tearooms	Pre Part 8 consultation underway	Part 8 initiation at April Area Committee Meeting
Renovation / Greening of Wolfe Tone Park & Public Realm	Part 8 report completed.	Part 8 report to be presented to the April City Council meeting.
Rockfield Park - Resurfacing of Tennis Courts/Training area	Contractor selected	Work to commence end April

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Bull Island – Causeway traffic and car parking improvements	Part 8 process complete	Awaiting report from Planning Dept.
Le Fanu Park, Ballyfermot Skatepark / Playground	Part 8 process complete	Tender to issue early April
Outdoor Gyms – Poppintree, Mellows, Griffith, Ellenfield and Martin Savage Parks	Tender awarded	Contractor due on site by end March
Proposed New City Library, Parnell Square	Site investigations works commenced on site on 20 th February 2017 and are continuing. Separately, the City Council is undertaking a range of remedial works (steel doors, rubbish removal, replacement fire safety equipment) aimed at improving the security and safety of the buildings during the course of the project.	Site investigation works to be completed.
Library Management System	Implementation of the national library management system was completed on 22 nd March, will all library services now part of the system. The national project was led and managed by Dublin City Council.	Review of system parameters and performance, and required enhancements..
Creative Ireland	Public consultation workshop held	Collating of material for Creative Ireland activation plan.
Commemorations programme 2017 – historians-in-residence	Six historians have been offered contracts as Historians-in-Residence with to work with communities in the five areas.	Commencement of contracts.
North Inner City Community Based Artists Collectives Project – Partnering Creative EU Initiative CAPP – March 2017 – May 2018	Following an open call to artists and/or arts collectives, 41 applications were received and are currently under assessment.	Appointment of successful applicant and commencement of project – March/April 2017
Refurbishment and environmental upgrading of Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane	Tender for Design Team will be assessed in early April. Works expected to commence in early 2018, 1930's wing will be closed for that year.	Appointment of Design Team
Beat the Street	Beat the Street is evidence based intervention to increase physical activity levels across a community. The programme connects individuals with their local environment and supports long term behaviour change by creating a social norm around getting active. Following a targeted community engagement period, a defined area in the South City Centre will be turned into a game for a 7 week period commencing September 2017, where people earn points as they walk, cycle and run around.	Commence Community engagement

1.4 Dates/Events for your Diary

Event	Location	Date / Time
Official opening ceremonies on All Weather Pitches	Brickfields Park, Crumlin St. Anne's Park, Raheny Glendale Park, Kilbarrack	Dates/Times to be confirmed. All Councillors will be notified
The Dodder Gathering: Interactive Exhibition on Biodiversity Family Fun Morning, including a walk along the River. Fly casting demonstrations by the Dodder Anglers, face painting and live music	The Hive, Herbert Park River Dodder	01/04/2017 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. 02/04/2017 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Barnardo's Easter Egg Hunt	Merrion Square Park	15/04/2017
Dodder Action Day: DCC Biodiversity team will be on hand with advice on spotting and recording riverbirds and invasive alien species	Various points along the River Dodder	22/04/2017 All day
Go For Life Game (Older Adult Physical Activity Initiative) Southside Regional Finals Northside Regional Finals National Finals	Sport & Fitness, Ballyfermot Cabra Parkside Community Sports Complex DCU, Dublin 9.	16/05/17, 10 a.m- 1 p.m. 23/05/17 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 10/06/17 10.00 a.m.
Startbox Showcase Finals	National Boxing Stadium, North Circular Road	3 rd /4 th /5 th of May 12 noon – 2.00 p.m.
Metropolitan U15 Council Cup (Rugby)	Donnybrook Stadium	05/04/17 12 noon – 4 p.m.
International Dublin Literary Award – shortlist announcement	The Mansion House	11/04/2017
One City One Book	Venues around the City	Month of April
Unity Walk for Parkinsons	Merrion Square vicinity http://www.parkinsons.ie/ParkinsonsUnityWalk	09/04/2017
Music Town	Various Citywide Venues http://www.musictown.ie/	07 – 17 April 2017
Handels Messiah	Fishamble Street http://www.musictown.ie/	13/04/2017
Cruinniú Na Cásca National Day of Culture	City Hall, Smithfield, Dublin Castle, Custom House Quay and St. Stephens Green	17/04/2017
Virgin Media Night Run	Start / Finish – North Wall Quay https://www.virginmedia.ie/nightrun/	23/04/2017
Let's Walk and Talk – Jonathon Swift guided walk	Palace St. to St. Patrick's Cathedral	04/04/2017 – 2.30 p.m.
Celebrating Handel's Messiah - 2 hour walk	Andrew St. (Molly Malone Statue) to Fishamble St.	13/04/2017 – 10.15 a.m
Weekly Historical Walking Tours – Social walking groups led by volunteers, including French, Spanish & Irish.	Full details at www.dublincity.ie	Daily except Sundays
Eugeen Van Meghem Exhibition	Hugh Lane Gallery	Continues to 11 th June 17
Coffee Conversations	Hugh Lane Gallery	Every Wed at 11.00 a.m.
Breakfast Launch of Issue 9 of the Dublin Economic Monitor	Hugh Lane Gallery	27/04/2017:7.30 – 9.30am

2. Environment and Transportation Report

2.1 Strategic Priorities

Traffic Management Changes, North and South Quays

DCC commenced a non statutory public consultation under Section 37 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994, for a 6 week period beginning the 27th of February 2017.

The following is a brief summary of proposals:

The proposals for the **north quays** include a new dedicated bus lane from Ormond Quay to Bachelors Walk and across to Eden Quay, with buses stops being extended. It is proposed that general traffic which turns left onto O'Connell St, will be allowed to access Bachelors Walk as far as O'Connell Bridge. This will facilitate access to car parks and deliveries into the O'Connell Street, Henry Street and Abbey Street areas. General vehicular traffic on Bachelor's Walk at O'Connell Bridge will not be allowed to go straight on to Eden Quay or to turn right to O'Connell Bridge. Eden Quay as far as Marlborough Street will be reconfigured as a public transport, cycling and pedestrian only link.

Eden Quay is to consist of two eastbound bus lanes (one for buses stopping) on the north side of the road and the taxi rank will remain on the building side. The right turn from Bachelors Walk onto O'Connell Bridge will be removed for general vehicle traffic, but will remain for buses, taxis and cyclists.

South Quays: It is proposed to provide an additional bus lane along Burgh Quay, Aston Quay and Wellington Quay. This will facilitate the provision of additional bus stopping points, and the overtaking of stopping buses. One lane of general traffic will be retained along this length of the south quays, which will limit the level of westbound through traffic while facilitating access for retail and commercial premises.

In order to line the bus up to access the bus lane on the North Quays, a new dedicated bus lane is planned on Winetavern Street.

It is proposed that the works should be carried out under Section 37 (traffic signage and lining) or Section 38 (traffic management measures) of the Roads Traffic Act 1994, which are executive functions.

2.2. Departmental Priorities

Waste to Energy Project

Construction remains on schedule for completion in Q3 2017 with all construction related activities currently programmed on a 24/7 basis. The facility operator and process system designers have now mobilised their commissioning team to the site with the facilities hot commissioning expected to commence in Q1 2017. Environmental monitoring and mitigation measures continued to be implemented during the construction phase of the DWtE facility

Community Gain Liaison Committee (CGLC) Update

The Projects Grants Scheme 2017 is now open for applications between the 1st March 2017 and noon on the 30th April 2017. €5 million will be made available for disbursement for projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.

Full details, catchment area map and application forms are available at :

www.dublinwastetoenergy.ie/cglc and www.dublincity.ie/cglc.

A Community Gain Liaison Committee newsletter has been published and distributed to residents and businesses in the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area and will be made available for download at www.dublinwastetoenergy.ie/cglc and www.dublincity.ie/cglc

A Community Gain Liaison Committee website has been set up at www.dublincity.ie/cglc. This website will be housed, managed and updated by DCC on behalf of the Community Gain Liaison Committee. A suitably qualified independent assessor will be in situ shortly and will be engaging with grant recipients undertaking major community projects. The assessor will ensure works are carried out to an acceptable standard and to monitor progress on projects so that the Committee can release funds in accordance with the schedule agreed with the successful applicants. The CGLC are scheduled to meet at the end of March 2017 to discuss recent developments regarding ongoing community projects.

Launch of 'Graffiti is a Crime, Think Don't Tag' Campaign

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Brendan Carr officially launched Dublin City Council's 'Graffiti is a Crime, Think Don't Tag' campaign, on Thursday, 2nd March. Dublin City Council in partnership with An Garda Síochána has teamed up with Cork Animator Andrew James to produce a coloured animated video and poster campaign to raise awareness among children about tagging and graffiti and how this criminal activity can have serious consequences for them in the future. It is hoped that this new animated video which features 'Buddy' will appeal to younger people and encourage them to make better choices when they are older and respect other people's property.

Getting smarter on cycling in the Capital

€100k of Innovation procurement funding announced by Dublin City Council and Enterprise Ireland to help scale up cycling in the city. Four companies have been each awarded €25,000 Phase 2 funding to develop smart technology solutions to help increase bicycle usage, to gather better data to understand cyclist behaviour and also help deter bicycle theft. Six months ago Phase 1 of the Smart Dublin Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) competition saw five small businesses receive €12,500 in funding to research and demonstrate the viability of their Smart solution. Four of these companies have now been selected to work with the city council to pilot their solutions over the next three to six months.

The chosen smart solutions are:

- BikeLook which monitors bicycle usage and deters and detects bicycle theft.
- Fluidedge introducing the Liberty Bell, a bicycle bell that allows cyclists to record actual or perceived obstacles to aid safe cycling in Dublin.
- See.Sense offers the See.Sense tracker which allows cyclists to collect anonymised crowd-sourced data that gathers unique data including the identification of road surface conditions and collision and near-miss hotspot areas, that will assist cities to design safer and smarter cities for everyone.
- Smartcharge introduces a tracking, logging and data harvesting system for use with bicycles in an urban area aiding the cyclist in predicting the ease of a journey, safety along the way and creating a secure parking facility at the end of the journey.

2.3 Project Update - Roads and Transportation Design Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Designer	Comments
1	College Green	NTA	DCC	<p>Consultants have been appointed to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment of proposed Traffic Management Measures and Civic Plaza</p> <p>Consultant design team have been selected to prepare designs for Civic Plaza.</p> <p>Part 10 Planning submission on proposed Traffic Management Measures and Civic Plaza scheduled to be lodged with An Bord Pleanala in March 2017.</p>
2	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 2 – Chatham Street, Harry Street and Balfe Street	DCC	DCC	Detailed design nearly complete. Tenders expected to be invited in early 2017.
3	Grafton Street Quarter Phase 3 – Clarendon Street/Clarendon Row	DCC	DCC	Part 8 Planning process to be initiated in early 2017

Construction Stage

	Project	Funding Agency	Contractor	Start Date	Finish Date	Comments
1	S2S Cycle & Footway Interim Scheme	NTA/ DCC/Irish Water	KN Network Services	Nov. 2014	April 2017	Substantial Completion end of March 2017 subject to (1) successful water mains testing. (2) ESB installations. Anticipated Opening April 2017
2	Newcomen Bridge Cycle Project	DCC	Jons Civil Engineering	Mar. 2016	June 2017	Bridge lifting 5 th March. Ancillary works Q2 2017.
5	St. Stephen's Green Traffic Management	NTA	Clonmel Enterprises Ltd	Aug. 2016	Mar. 2017	Construction of Cycling facilities on SSGS and foundations for the Grace Weir Sculpture to be completed in March 2017
6	Heuston To Chapelizod Greenway- Toucan Crossing at the junction of Conyngham Road & Chesterfield Avenue	NTA	KN Network Services	Jan. 2017	Mar. 2017	Construction of Toucan Crossing started 18 th Jan. and the anticipated completion date is end of March 2017
7.	South Campshire Cycle Track	NTA	OPW	2015	June 2017	Construction to continue from 1 st week of February.

3. Housing and Community

3.1. New Policy/Strategic –

Homeless Housing Assistance Payment (Homeless HAP)

A total of 58 Homeless HAP tenancies were created in February 2017.

Leap Cards

Rebuilding Ireland contains a commitment to provide free public transport for school journeys for families experiencing homelessness. To meet this commitment leap cards will be provided to families in hotels in the coming weeks. This project has been coordinated by the DRHE and will be funded by the DHPCLG.

Strategy for the Provision of Accommodation for Families experiencing Homelessness

The DRHE are coordinating a regional response to the Minister's commitment to end the use of commercial hotels for families by July. This delivery of accommodation is being pursued through a suite of housing provision options. These options include the Rapid Build Programme and the provision of new Local Authority owned units. There are currently 130 Rapid Build units and 70 Local Authority units under construction. Other options being pursued include Approved Housing Body leasing arrangements, Housing Agency acquisitions and the recently introduced Repair and Leasing Scheme.

Housing Management

A differential rent analysis is being carried out by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, and a report is due in late Q2

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) was introduced for new applicants only on 1st March 2017. A document issued to all Councillors to assist them in responding to enquiries.

An IT System to facilitate Choice Based Lettings is to be procured.

An Annual Housing Needs Assessment will be carried out on the 4th May 2017

Rent Pressure Zones were introduced in the Dublin City Council area on the 24th December 2016.

3.2 Departmental Priorities

Use of Commercial Hotels for homeless families

The DRHE continues to work towards the Rebuilding Ireland mid-year deadline to end the use of commercial hotels for families experiencing homelessness. Agreement is being sought to move forward with new family hub facilities in the city.

Homelessness – People at risk of Sleeping Rough

The DRHE continues to explore opportunities to secure new facilities and ensure that there is an adequate number of beds available for people at risk of sleeping rough

3.3. Departmental Projects

Project Name	Status	Update
Family Hub on Clonliffe Rd.	Refurbishment underway of existing educational building to cater for approximately 50 families.	Refurbishment underway of existing educational building to cater for approximately 50 families.
Longfields site (9/10 Fitzwilliam St. Lower, Dublin 2)	Works underway	Approximately 40 bed spaces will be available on completion
Voids Refurbishment Programme	Works underway	186 units refurbished by end of March and 299 further refurbishments in progress or to commence
Energy Upgrade Project to 183 Timber Fronted Houses in Ballymun	On site	25% complete
St Bricins Court Senior Citizens: 3 Blocks (Two into one)	1 Block completed 2 blocks on site	12 completed
Verschoyle Court Senior Citizens (Two into one)	6	6 Completed
Richmond Road Senior Citizens (Two into one)	6 on site	6 on site
Greendale Court Senior Citizens: Two Blocks (Two into One)	16 completed 15 on site	15 practical completions
St Andrews Court Senior Citizens (Two into One)	4	4 on site
Thomas Clarke House: 3 Blocks (Two into One)	2 blocks completed 1 block on site	2 blocks completed 1 block practical completion
Basin Street (Two into One)	8	4 completed and 4 due for completion by end of June
Michael Malin House (Two into One)	2	2
St Mary's Place Deep retrofit	Preliminary Cost Report submitted to Department	Business case being prepared for full site
Estate Retrofit Proposal Dorset Street; Constitution Hill; Tyrone Place; Bernard Curtis House	Brief submitted to Department	No formal response yet from Department
Energy Improvement Phase 2 External insulation & other energy improvements	Awaiting Confirmation of funding	Awaiting confirmation of funding
Disabled Persons Adaptations	Extensions Shower/Ramps/Stairlifts	6 completed 60 completed

See Report on Agenda No. 130/2017 – **Dublin City Council Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report**

4. Human Resources / Corporate Services

Workforce Numbers

The total number of employees at 28th February 2017 was 5738 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of worksharing arrangements) was 5384.

The total workforce number of 5,618 represents a reduction of 23.2% since December 2008. Reduction in resources has taken place in Management grades where numbers have reduced by 34%, Clerical/Admin have reduced by 28.8%, Professional/Technical grades (e.g. engineer, planner, architect grades) where numbers have reduced by 22.4%. Numbers in Operational grades have reduced by 24.2% and in Firefighter operational grades by 8.3%.

Throughout recent years, and on a continuing basis, managers and staff have undertaken restructuring, reassignment and prioritisation of work to continue service delivery to citizens and customers despite reduced workforce numbers. Managers and staff are continuing to review how services are delivered to optimise customer service, within constrained resources.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UPDATE					
Ref No	Request Details	Name(s)	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/5075/2017	Seeks report on UK motor tax made to Finance SPC	Noel O'Regan	Client	01/02/2017	01/02/2017
FOI/5076/2017	Seeks records regarding public lighting and waste management in the North Central Area	Sarah Wilson	Client	01/02/2017	09/03/2017
FOI/5079/2017	Seeks records regarding Social Housing Waiting & Transfer lists, Part V fund, numbers presenting to homeless services, funding for homeless accommodation, numbers of social housing unit construction commenced/approved, vacant social units, and Incremental Purchase scheme.	Mark Canavan	Other	02/02/2017	02/03/2017
FOI/5080/2017	Seeks all correspondence between DCC and a named individual	Dublin City Bid Company	Business	02/02/2017	10/03/2017
FOI/5081/2017	Seeks clients housing file	Merchants Quay Ireland	Other	02/02/2017	15/03/2017
FOI/5082/2017	Seeks records regarding numbers of unclaimed bodies in city mortuary	Irish Daily Mirror	Press	03/02/2017	02/03/2017
FOI/5083/2017	Seeks records of litter fines for years 2013 - 2016	The Times	Press	03/02/2017	24/02/2017

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FOI/5084/2017	Seeks records regarding spending of surplus Local Property Tax	RTE	Press	03/02/2017	24/02/2017
FOI/5085/2017	seeks records re legal practitioners engaged by DDDA	Irish Independent	Press	07/02/2017	07/03/2017
FOI/5086/2017	Seeks records regarding property in Dublin 7	Mary Linden	Client	08/02/2017	02/03/2017
FOI/5087/2017	Seeks records of client's housing file.	Focus Ireland	Other	08/02/2017	
FOI/5088/2017	Seeks records regarding development of all weather pitch in Kilbarrack, Dublin 5.	Darren O'Brien	Client	08/02/2017	10/03/2017
FOI/5089/2017	Seeks records regarding complaints from persons in emergency accommodation from July - December 2016	Irish Daily Star	Press	09/02/2017	08/03/2017
FOI/5090/2017	Seeks records regarding pyrite	Maples and Calder	Solicitor	10/02/2017	09/03/2017
FOI/5092/2017	Seeks records in relation to client's housing file.	Mercy Law Resource Centre	Solicitor	10/02/2017	24/02/2017
FOI/5093/2017	Seeks records regarding clamping of vehicles in 2016.	Mail on Sunday	Press	15/02/2017	
FOI/5098/2017	seeks records relating to dogs	Helen O'Neill	Press	20/02/2017	10/03/2017
FOI/5100/2017	seeks records re salaries and allowances for councillors in Cabra and Finglas Electoral Areas	Sam Roberts	Press	20/02/2017	24/02/2017
FOI/5101/2017	seeks records re parks and landscape services	Adam Daly	Press	21/02/2017	
FOI/5104/2017	Seeks records regarding claims made against the City Council by both staff and members of the public in 2016.	Amy Murphy	Press	22/02/2017	
FOI/5105/2017	Seeks correspondence between DCC and Greyhound since January 2016 regarding company's attempts to encourage customers to switch bin collection.	The Times	Press	23/02/2017	
FOI/5107/2017	Seeks records that refer to the operation of the Homeless Housing Assistance Payment.	Mercy Law Resource Centre	Solicitor	23/02/2017	
FOI/5108/2017	Seeks records regarding public right of way at The Demesne, Killester.	Maurice H Walsh	Client	23/02/2017	02/03/2017

Ref No	Request Details	Name(s)	Requester Type	Date Opened	Date Closed
FOI/5109/2017	Seeks records regarding Abbeyfield Lawns, Killester.	Maurice H Walsh	Client	23/02/2017	02/03/2017
FOI/5110/2017	Seeks records regarding payroll, HR Training & Learning and rostering systems/suppliers.	SAP (UK) Ltd	Business	23/02/2017	07/03/2017
FOI/5113/2017	Seeks records regarding payments/sponsorship paid to Dublin Business Improvements District in years 2008 - 2016	Adrian Cummins	Business	24/02/2017	
FOI/5114/2017	Seeks all records relating to alleged data breach	Dublin Inquirer	Press	24/02/2017	
FOI/5115/2017	seeks records re overcrowding in private rental accommodation	RTE	Press	27/02/2017	
FOI/5116/2017	seeks records re cost of repairing potholes and related compensation claims	Irish Daily Mirror	Press	27/02/2017	
FOI/5117/2017	seeks records re headcount of staff in 2015 and 2016	Thomas Heavey	Client	28/02/2017	
	The above table represents a snapshot of the position with non-personal FOI requests only, received in February 2017				
	The overall position regarding FOI requests from 01/01/2017 is outlined below.				
	Carried forward from 2016	30			
	Total opened at February 2017	100			
		130			
	Total closed at February 2017	74			
	Live cases	56			

5. Planning and Property Management Department

5.1 Strategic Priorities

An Taoiseach launched a national consultation issues paper for the National Planning Framework. Progress is being made on the draft Poolbeg SDZ and draft Ballymun LAP which will significantly contribute to the continued regeneration of the city. The regulations relating to the Planning & Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 are expected in mid-May, at which point the Act will come into operation in relation to applications for 100 or more residential units and 200 or more student bed spaces.

Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Development Plan 2016-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Development Plan now being implemented. 	Implementation of plan objectives. "Publication" version due shortly.
Local Area Plans/Local Environmental Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phibsborough draft LEIP presented to June Area Committees. Two Council Members have been nominated to Implementation Group. Implementation Group to have first meeting 07/03/2017. Finalised Plan now up on DCC website. 	Shopfront survey to be carried out.
	<u>Ballymun LAP:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail survey carried out by consultants. Sports & recreation workshop held 18th May. Tenure report presented to Area Committee 8th November. Pre-publication draft briefing to Councillors on 1st March & Ballymun Civic Alliance briefed 9th March. 	Draft LAP nearing completion. Draft envisaged to go on public display first week of April.
Architectural Conservation Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCAC have agreed to proceed with proposed 2 x ('deletion') ACAs for (1) Hollybrook Road and (2) Haddon Road & Victoria Road, - in conjunction with proposed deletions from RPS (see also RPS below). Survey and assessment underway for proposed Temple Bar ACA (in accordance with Built Heritage priorities of the 2016-2022 City Development Plan). Consultants study on proposed Aungier Street ACA underway (in accordance with Built Heritage priorities of the 2016-2022 City Development Plan). 	Commence statutory procedures for public display end of March with final reports to June City Council meeting. Continue survey work and prepare draft, internal discussion document by Autumn-2017. Preliminary draft document received for discussion and review in coming weeks.
Poolbeg West SDZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information meeting for members of full Council was held 08th February. Statutory consultations with stakeholders and communities ended 08th March. 	Chief Executive's report on submissions to be circulated to Members by 13 th April. Motions to be received by 28 th April. Special Meeting of City Council scheduled for Thursday 18 th May.

Changes in Policy or Practice from Department or DCC	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Public Realm Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Centre Masterplan projects have commenced with Luas Associated projects due to timelines. These will go through Part 8 shortly. Part 8 in process for Wolfe Tone Sq, Peace Garden & Cork Hill, Grafton St. Quarter and College Green. PR Group continue to review and input into corporate issues and submissions on major infrastructure projects. The group support pilots & smart /eco trials to achieve efficiencies & additional gains, currently ibeacons, SUDs measures & smart tech which negate need for fixtures on the street. 	Work is continuing.
Section 49 – Luas Cross City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on submissions received following public display of Draft Section 49 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for Luas Cross City – prepared and circulated to Councillors 16th March. 	Report 114/2017 Section 49 SDCS - Luas Cross City on agenda for decision at April Council meeting.
National Planning Framework Ireland 2040 Our Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation document launched by Minister. Presentation made to SPC. Submission incorporating views of SPC and City Council is being prepared. 	Engage with all stages of process. Make submission.

5.2 Departmental Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Housing Land Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement reached by DCC and Minister on O'Devaney Gardens. Joint SPC held with Housing, Planning & International Relations on 9th December; agreed to proceed with Oscar Traynor, O'Devaney Gardens and St. Michael's Estate to procurement stage. At January City Council Meeting the next stage was agreed. 	Community Consultative Forums are being progressed for Oscar Traynor Road and O'Devaney Gardens. Existing St. Michael's Estate Consultative Forum being used. First meeting regarding Oscar Traynor Road scheduled for 30 th March.
North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning permission granted for Blocks 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15 & 17. Street linking North Wall Quay and Sheriff Street – Construction ongoing. Planning applications submitted for 180,000m² commercial and 572 residential units to date. Public Realm Plan - consultation completed. Dodder Bridge now at design stage. 	Ongoing assessment of a number of planning applications on North Lotts. Construction working hours being closely monitored and draft proposal being finalised.

5.3 Project Updates

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Record Protected Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of buildings to be added under review – in particular outstanding recommendations from already adopted ACAs (Thomas Street & Environs ACA and Capel Street ACA). • Review of NIAH recommendations ongoing between Conservation Section & NIAH. • List of RPS errors and clarifications being addressed (RPS updated, corrected and GIS referenced). • Proposed additions to RPS for Central Bank, Stella Cinema, St. Mary's (Donnybrook) and Fumbally Exchange. Reports by consultants completed. • NCAC have agreed to initiate process for deletions to RPS at Hollybrook Road and Haddon Road/Victoria Road, in association with proposed new ACAs for these areas (see also ACAs above). 	<p>Consultants reports being prepared. On completion to be brought to SCAC and CAC.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed. To be brought to SEAC. Proceed with public notification and display (in conjunction with proposed ACAs) end March/early April with final report to June City Council meeting.</p>
Buildings at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations ongoing on the "Register"; with significant progress in a number of cases. 	Ongoing.
Residential Land Availability Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage two completed: data uploaded to myplan.ie website. 	Prepare RLA update for DCC when DELG initiates process.
Dubline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art works and design works completed. • Phase 2 – sign off proofs for new maps. • Branding of existing wayfinding completed May 2015. • Installation of new information panels completed along Dublin Route. 	Replacement of existing maps with bilingual maps to be completed by Spring 2017.
Dublin Wayfinding Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 3 completed, radial/orbital routes. • Tenders awarded. • "Cooling off" over. New orders placed November 2016. 	Subject to six monthly review/ monitoring.
Coca Cola Zero dublinbikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8s for 4 no. Metropoles – approved by Council at November meeting. • Grangegorman expansion agreed with project partners. • Construction commenced on 15th February on new Station required at Clarendon Row to replace existing Chatham Street station due to Public Realm upgrade. • Update of Strategic Plan inc. Advertising Funding Options to be carried out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropoles under construction. • Working group to be set up between Planning and Env & Trans. • Update of strategic plan to commence during March 2017.
Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of the Car Park and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is progressing and it is anticipated will go to tender in March. • The car Park will continue as pay and display until the build program. • Design Detail for Redevelopment of Markets building being progressed by City Architects and outside experts. 	Procurement process will continue in tandem with design elements being undertaken by DCC.

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Living City Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the Living City Initiative is to bring life back into the heart of the relevant cities by offering tax relief for qualifying expenditure incurred on the refurbishment or conversion of certain buildings where conditions are met. To date, take-up on the scheme has been lower than anticipated. Finance Act 2016 has removed restrictions in relation to floor area and reduces minimum spend threshold. Scheme has also been amended to include tax relief for landlords in respect of residential element. FAQs updated on DCC website. 	<p>Ongoing for the next 5 years.</p> <p>Active Land Management Unit has in place a multi-disciplinary team to meet with property owners or developers to advise on issues related to the Scheme. A re-launch of the scheme in light of changes made in Finance Act is being organised.</p>
Site development brief for Belcamp Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site brief/review to be developed for Belcamp Lane area (further to previous work contained in the Clongriffin Belmayne LAP). 	Progress/update research ongoing.

6.4 For your Diary

Items of Interest	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
Built Heritage Investment Scheme & Structures at Risk Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016 BHIS was very successful for DCC with 45 projects receiving grant funding ranging from €3k to €13k. All projects, project supervision and (now much more substantial) administrative paperwork required by the Department of AHRRGA completed on time. DCC awarded €298k in grant funding to administer the BHIS for 2017. Structures-at-Risk 2017 grant funding application to DAHRRGA being prepared for their approval (In 2016 funding received for 2 projects at Goldenbridge Cemetery and Montpellier Hill). 	<p>Deadline for return to DAHRRGA of applications is 28th March. DAHRRGA will revert to LA with formal approval by 13th April 2017.</p> <p>Awaiting approval of DAHRRGA for submitted applications.</p>