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Executive Manager Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 18th February 2026



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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme – This project commenced on 9th February with work initially focused on the south end of the street, between Carman’s Hall and The Coombe. The project will progress in stages along the street (south to north on the east side, etc), ensuring that disruption is minimised. The contractor, Cairn Construction, will be responsible for regular communication with residents and businesses on the street over the period of the project, which is expected to take approx. 20 months.

Newmarket – New high quality street furniture and planting has been installed at Newmarket as part of ongoing improvements to this public space. The Area Office will continue to support greater use of Newmarket for events and activities in 2026.

Ormond Street/ Chamber Street/ Weavers’ Square – a number of improvements are being advanced for these streets. A pay & display/permit parking scheme was approved for Chamber Street in 2024 and is due to be installed in March. In addition 5 no. street trees are proposed to be planted at Ormond Street and Chamber Street in the environs of Weaver Park. A local consultation on the proposals is currently underway.

Additionally a petition to install pay & display/permit parking at Weavers’ Square is currently being considered. If approved, this may offer further opportunities to add greening to the area.

Parks Services have recently completed tree planting at Clarence Mangan Road as part of the Trees for Tenters programme.

Housing

Tyrone Place / Emmet Crescent

Several housing units have recently been placed on Choice Based Lettings (CBL).

At Emmet Crescent, 2 units are currently under offer.

At Tyrone Place, 6 units are under offer, and two new residents have recently moved in.



Clean-up works around Emmet Crescent are ongoing. (before and during the works).

Dolphin House

The Housing Clinic continues to operate every Tuesday morning, offering residents an opportunity to seek support and discuss any housing-related issues or concerns.

Several housing units have recently been placed on Choice Based Lettings (CBL). We are currently in the process of allocating two properties under offer: one to a new tenant and one for an internal transfer within the complex.

We are in the process of upgrading the fob system to a more secure platform. Our plan is to start with one or two blocks initially to ensure a smooth transition, beginning with the E Blocks. Once these blocks have been successfully upgraded, we will proceed with the remaining blocks.

Regarding the access control upgrade, we will be visiting each apartment to carry out the intercom works, we propose to distribute the fobs directly to residents during these visits. This approach will remove the need for the community centre to manage fob distribution. Once all fobs have been distributed, we can agree on a suitable week to complete the changeover and intercom upgrades for Blocks A, C1, C2, D1, and D2.

Garden View Court

A new fob access system has been approved and will be installed shortly. The Project Estate Officer recently met with the Caretaking and Groundskeeping team on site to review the complex and identify areas where improvements are needed.

Herberton

The Project Estate Officer holds a clinic every Thursday in the F2 Centre from 10:00 to 12:00.

Bow Bridge Court

Due to adverse weather conditions, the works in the Garden Area were delayed. They are now scheduled to proceed on 18 February 2026.

We are currently awaiting quotations for the removal of damaged and severely worn carpets and their replacement with anti-slip linoleum.

Basin Street Upper

A Housing Clinic is held at Eblana House to provide tenants with an opportunity to engage directly with their local Project Estate Officer or Dublin City Council representative regarding any queries related to their current tenancy. The clinic takes place at Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8, and is available every **Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Oliver Bond & Robert Emmet

The Project Estate Officer runs a weekly Housing Clinic each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Residents of Robert Emmet are now also invited to attend to discuss any tenancy-related queries.

School Street / Thomas Court Bawn Regeneration

An information evening will be held regarding the proposed regeneration of School Street / Thomas Court Bawn on Wednesday, 18 February 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This event will take place at the School Street Family Resource Centre.

Dublin City Council staff will be present on the night to discuss the proposals and hear attendees' views.

Voids



Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status
Apartment	Bertram Court	1	30/03/2025	Awaiting nomination
Apartment	Bow Bridge Court	1	30/11/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Braithwaite Street	2	21/01/2026	For Framework
Senior Citz	Bulfin Court	1	09/03/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, viewing arranged
Senior Citz	Bulfin Court	1	04/09/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, viewing arranged
Flat	Bulfin House	1	15/06/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Apartment	Cathedral Court	1	30/06/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Dolphin House	3	15/12/2024	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	2	03/11/2024	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	2	07/09/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	2	30/03/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	1	19/08/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	1	27/04/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	3	27/07/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	1	24/08/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	1	06/04/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	3	03/11/2024	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Dolphin House	1	07/09/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Dolphin House	1	24/08/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Dolphin House	2	26/10/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Echlin Street	1	22/04/2024	Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination
Flat	Emmet Buildings	Bedsit	23/11/2023	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Emmet Buildings	3	20/01/2026	With Contractor
House	Emmet Crescent	2	02/09/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
House	Emmet Crescent	2	11/06/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
House	Fingal St	1	10/10/2025	Awaiting nomination - CBL advertised
Apartment	Garden View Court	1	13/05/2025	With Depot
Flat	Garden View Court	1	19/01/2026	For framework
Flat	Islandbridge Court	2	27/08/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Islandbridge Court	2	27/08/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Joyce House, Viking Harbour	2	26/06/2025	Awaiting nomination
Apartment	Margaret Kennedy Court	2	10/11/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	24/11/2025	With Depot
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	28/01/2025	New Nomination - EM clearance pending
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	30/03/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	Bedsit	05/12/2025	With Contractor

Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	Bedsit	18/07/2025	With Depot
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	1	14/09/2025	For Framework
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	1		Awaiting nomination
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1	25/09/2025	With Depot
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	2	04/05/2025	Nomination Received
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1	24/04/2025	With Depot
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1	11/07/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Apartment	Metropolitan Apartments	2	03/12/2024	Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination
Flat	Michael Mallin House	1	16/10/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Newmarket Square	1	28/09/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Newport Street	1	16/05/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Old Mill Court	1	27/01/2026	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	06/08/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	27/02/2025	Waiting for keys from contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	19/11/2025	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/10/2025	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	02/07/2023	Under Offer - EM Cleared, viewing arranged
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	12/01/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	16/06/2024	Back with Depot
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	02/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	Bedsit		Back to contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	23/05/2025	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	06/01/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	05/10/2025	With Depot
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/02/2025	Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	18/11/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	10/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	27/01/2026	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	12/01/2026	For Framework
Apartment	Reuben St	1	01/09/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Reuben St	1	01/09/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Reuben Walk	2	01/12/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Robert Emmet Close	1	20/10/2025	For Framework
Senior Citz	Robinsons Court	1	31/10/2025	With Contractor
House	Saint Audeons Terrace	2	27/11/2025	With Depot
Flat	School Street	2	05/09/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Summer Street South	2	26/05/2024	For Framework
Flat	Thomas Court	1	17/04/2024	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Thomas Court	2	23/11/2025	For Framework

Flat	Thomas Court Bawn	2	23/09/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Thomas Court Bawn	2	25/03/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Tyrone Place	Bedsit	17/12/2023	With Depot
Flat	Tyrone Place	Bedsit	22/07/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Tyrone Place	Bedsit	30/03/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Tyrone Place	2	15/07/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Tyrone Place	2	03/08/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Tyrone Place	Bedsit	12/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Tyrone Place	2	12/01/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Tyrone Place	2	28/09/2025	For Framework
Apartment	Weavers Row	2	02/03/2025	With Depot

Community

Dublin City Community Grants 2026 Now Open

The Community and Social Development have been actively promoting the 2026 Dublin City Community Grants scheme, supporting groups and organisations that promote social inclusion across the city. With a total fund of €386,500, this year's programme includes the Local Area Grant and the Informal Adult Education Grant. Applications are now open through the Citizen's Hub, with full details and terms provided online. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, 20th February 2026 at 1pm.**

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Community_Grant_Application

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Informal_Adult_Education_Grant

The South West Inner City (SWIC) Community team are hosting information clinics on the Community and Informal Adult Education Grant Scheme. All community groups are invited to attend, either online or in person, to learn about the scheme's criteria, receive support in completing an application, and discuss project ideas. To register interest in attending, please click [here](#)



Local Enhancement Programme 2026 – closing date 27th February at 1pm

A new €7 million Local Enhancement Programme has been launched to support small community groups nationwide in 2026. Delivered through Local Community Development Committees (LCDC), the scheme will fund small capital works, accessibility upgrades, energy-efficiency improvements and essential equipment, with a strong focus on disadvantaged rural and urban areas. Community centres, parish halls and voluntary groups can apply. The programme aims to strengthen local infrastructure, enhance participation, and improve facilities for marginalised and under-represented communities. For more info click [here](#).

Culture Date with Dublin 8 Launches 5 Year Strategic Plan!

On the 28th January, Culture Date with Dublin 8 launched the Strategic Plan 2025–2030. The strategy aligns with the objectives of the Dublin City Development Plan and Dublin City Council’s Cultural Strategy, with priorities including strengthening district within the city delivery capacity, supporting inclusive and accessible programming, deepening partnerships, and enhancing the identity and visibility of Dublin 8 as a vibrant cultural district.

The Community and Social Development team are organising a meeting for Community Groups and Services about how groups can get involved in Culture Date with Dublin 8 either by hosting an event or activity or by participating in programmes led by partner organisations. The session will take place on Wednesday, 21st January at 7.30pm in Digital Hub.



Get Involved with Culture Date with Dublin 8, the vibrant neighbourhood celebration of D8’s culture, history and heritage! To apply as a programme partner or participate with your business, simply send an email expressing your interest to info@culturedatewithdublin8.ie (or for sponsorship enquiries to grace@culturedatewithdublin8.ie). The initiative welcomes creative and community contributions to its annual May festival and year-round cultural programme. Discover more and connect with the team [here](#).

South Central Area Sport Fora Meeting

The Community and Social Development Team were delighted to join the Sport Office at the first South Central Area Sports Forum meeting on 27th January. Looking forward to working collaboratively through this shared platform with other DCC Council Departments, local Councillors, National Governing Bodies and local community groups, to develop sports and physical activities in the South Central Area



Love Your Heart – Community Heart Event 2026

The Community and Social Development Team were proud to support the annual Love Your Heart Event, held on 12th February at St. Andrew's Community Centre in Rialto. The event was very well attended and delivered a strong community-focused approach to health and wellbeing.

Attendees accessed holistic therapies, blood pressure checks with the Irish Heart Foundation, hearing checks with Hidden Hearing, and a Mental Health First Aid talk delivered by Kieran Doyle. The programme also included healthy snack and smoothie demonstrations, along with AED and defibrillator training.

This event plays an important role in promoting preventative health, raising awareness of cardiovascular wellbeing, and increasing access to vital health information and supports within the local community.

Dublin City Community Grants support 2026

The Community Team have been actively engaging with local groups and organisations to assist them in completing their Community Grant applications. This support has focused on answering queries, offering guidance on the application process, and ensuring all applicants understand and adhere to the grant's terms and conditions. The team has been working closely with groups to help them progress confidently and avoid any issues that may delay or affect eligibility.

We continue to highlight the upcoming submission deadline of 20th February at 1 p.m. and encourage any group requiring further assistance to get in touch as soon as possible so that timely support can be provided.

For support in making your application contact South West Inner City Community Team office, please click [Community Funding - South West Inner City Information Clinic](#)

South Central Area Older People's Council Inaugural Meeting – 27th January

The first meeting of the South Central Area Older People's Council took place on **Tuesday 27th January at 11am to 2.30pm** in the Hilton Hotel Kilmainham. Professor David Robinson, Clinical Director / Consultant Physician and Geriatrician at St. James's Hospital was the guest speaker.

Over the months of November and December our SWIC Community Team were out across the community connecting with older persons to encourage engagement from individuals in the council.

We had a turnout of over 100 people. We are looking forward to the working with the elected Older People's Council members in the development and expansion of the age-friendly programme across Dublin 8 in 2026.



Older People's Council

Dublin Age Friendly warmly invite individuals from all backgrounds to join the South Central Area (SCA) Older People's Council

Join us for the AGM of the new SCA Older People's Council

- Hilton Hotel, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
- 11am - 2:30pm
- All Welcome - Booking Required

For More Information or To Register

(01) 222 4664

Aoife.hannan@dublincity.ie

Use the link or scan the QR Code
<https://forms.office.com/e/wTL1Sd-pTRd?origin=iprLink>



2026 Dublin City Council Community and Adult Informal Education Grant Scheme



The 2026 Community and Adult Informal Education Grant was announced in late January, The South West Inner City (SWIN) Community team will host information clinics on the Community and Informal Adult Education Grant Scheme. All community groups are invited to attend, either online or in person, to learn about the scheme's criteria, receive support in completing an application, and discuss project ideas. To register your interest, please click here <https://forms.office.com/e/MTEEit4vpN>

Closing date Friday 20th February '26 @ 1pm

Public Domain

Graffiti Contract

260 Meters of graffiti treated in South West Inner City. Painting out graffiti has been impacted by adverse weather conditions Jan/Feb 2026. Remaining open cases will be treated as soon as weather permits. Locations treated: Con Colbert Road, Sarsfield Road Bridge, Hanover Lane, Emmet Road Shutters on derelict buildings, Parkgate St & St. Lukes Avenue



Street Cleaning Waste Management

Mount Brown clean-up of pedestrian access route through the *Ceannt Fort* estate to upper carpark. All leaves and debris cleaned from around entrance and along channels. Public Domain requested clean-up of estate after inspection.

Rialto Cottages clean-up of litter from torn domestic waste bags and debris in the channels. Rialto Cottages, Rialto Street, and Rialto Court/Park areas cleaned. Joint initiative to combat bag collection day debris. Flyers were hand delivered to residents and additional resources deployed.

Marrowbone Lane bring banks cleared of discarded clothing and other recyclable goods. Clothing pulled from the Clothes Pods and domestic waste are cleared morning and evening from this location.

Camac Close, Emmet Road, Inchicore – the lane way runs behind St Pats football club and was cleaned up after complaints from local residents.



Rialto Cottages Clean-up





Camac Close cleaned. Enforcement action to follow. Public Domain monitoring the location



Waste Management Power Washing

Locations Power Washed:

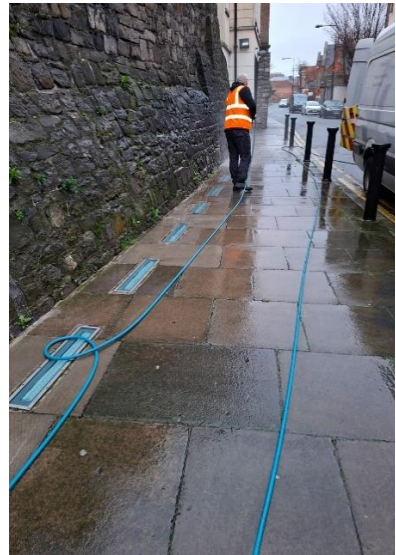
Guinness Store House environs: Bellevue, Market St, Grand Canal Place. Rialto Shopping Area and Plaza. Inchicore Village, Grattan Crescent Bottle bank, Our Lady of Lourdes School St & Vincent Street West. Augustine St/Oliver Bond St, Merchants Quay, Basin View Schools, Longs Place, Marrowbone Lane, Taylors Lane, Swan Alley, Molyneux Yard/vicar St.



Marrowbone Lane



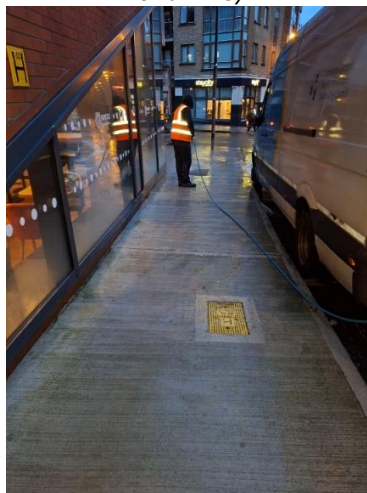
Swan Alley



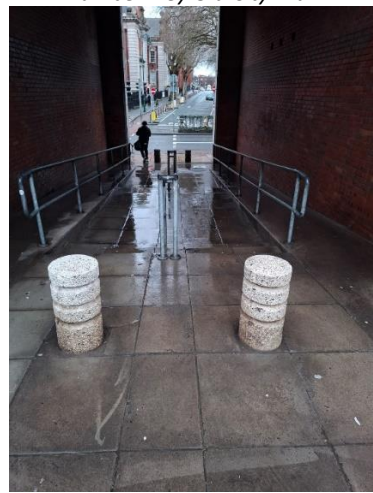
Lambe Alley Old City Wall



Augustine St



Point A/Stay City Hotels



Hanover Arch



Rialto Village



Market St Guinness Store House



St Vincent St West

Environmental Projects/Tree Care SWIC

Clarkes Terrace Plaza Maintenance works completed. The boundary of Plaza between Mallin Ave and Herberton Street Complex was thoroughly cleaned by Parks crew. The pyracantha was hard pruned as it was encroaching on the footpath. The wind-blown litter and illegal dumping were removed. This work was requested by The Linear Park Stakeholder Meeting to mitigate ASB and increase safety security and visibility. Future works e.g. Ballylusk dressing and weed treatment will enhance the appearance.

Ceannt Fort Mount Brown- Trees at the upper playground were pruned. Additional pruning to be completed lower playground.

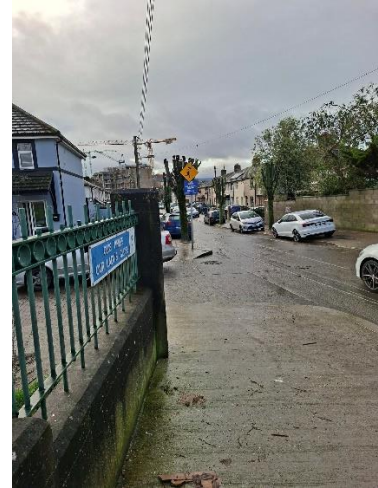
Maryland Estate -contractors are currently engaged in tree pruning on Our Lady's Road with Loreto Road, Lourdes Road, Morning Star Road and Rosary Road to follow - selected to be part of citywide trial *Pollarding of Fastigate Hornbeams*.

Clarkes Terrace





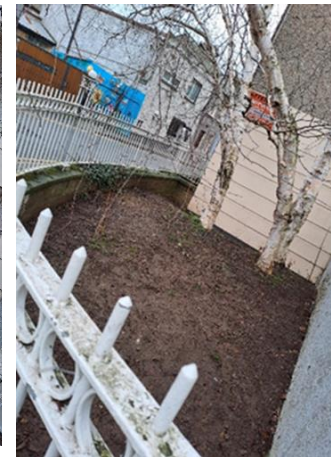
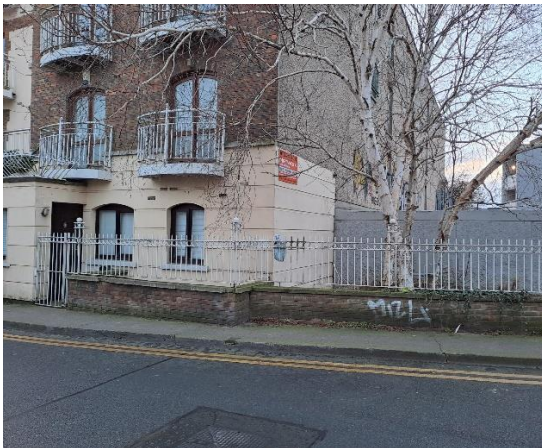
Ceannt Fort, Mount Brown



Our Lady's Close-Maryland

Litter Act Compliance

The Weavers Apartments Meath Place/ Earl St South. The landscaped grounds overlooking Earl St. South have been very littered for some time. Public Domain contacted the Management Company and advised them of their obligations under the Litter Acts 1997. The Area has now been cleaned up.



Illegal signage removed from the Liberties. Signs Currently being investigated by the litter management office.

Community Clean-ups

A total of 10 clean ups logged/requested this month including groups such as Liberties Litter Pickers and the Dolphins Barn Canal and Biodiversity Group.

We would also like to acknowledge a new clean up group from Tyrone Place who have just been established and gotten a starter litter pick kit. We look forward to supporting them further in the future. Groups or individuals who would wish to participate in community clean ups can email Southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie for more information.



Bags ready for collection after a weekend clean up by Inchicore Environmental Group on St. Vincent St. West

Public Domain manages the administration for 126 allotment plots across four locations: Braithwaite Street, Reuben Street (BOTP), Thomas Abbey, and Grattan Crescent. The 2026 growing season commenced on 1 February, with allotment agreements renewed in line with the new season. A small number of plots became available at the start of the season and are currently in the process of being allocated to applicants on the existing allotment waiting list. The ongoing management of these sites ensures their effective use, supports community engagement, and promotes sustainable urban gardening practices. Please contact Ewa on email southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie

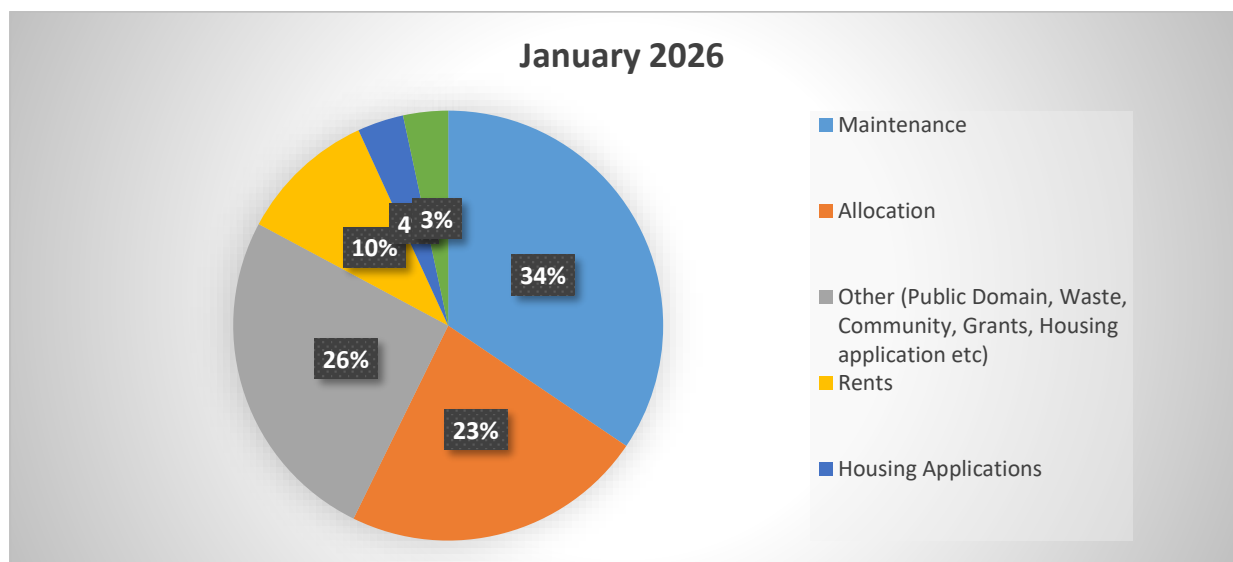
BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Administration

During the month of January, the Administration Team in the Ballyfermot – Drimnagh Area Office continued to provide excellent customer service through a challenging time, **dealing with almost 1000 queries** through phone calls, face-to-face public counter interactions and through the dedicated email.

With disruptive weather playing its part Housing Maintenance concerns were to the forefront of issues raised by the general public. The heavy rains and strong winds led to an increase in reports of properties affected. All were reported to Housing Maintenance teams with issues of the reports during the month including:

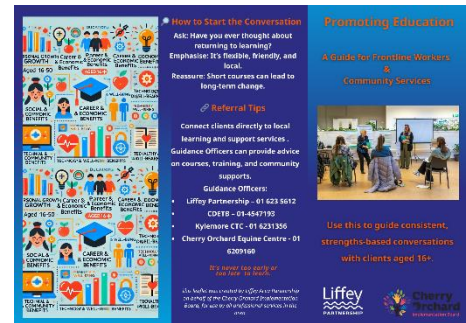
- Roof leaks
- Issues with radiators
- Boiler problems
- Shores not draining
- Windows not closing correctly



The Administration Team have been engaging with the **Local Councillors** and the other teams in the Ballyfermot – Drimnagh Area office in relation to the **Discretionary Budget** to support activities in the community.

In collaboration with the **Cherry Orchard Implementation Board**, the Liffey Partnership have launched a **promotional education leaflet** for frontline staff in local services.

The aim of the leaflets is to help front line services share a consistent message about lifelong learning, ensuring people receive the same information and encouragement wherever they go.



Housing

Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Community Safety Forum meeting held 15th January 2026 AND The Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Public Safety Forum meeting 29th January 2026

Cornamona Court



New **No Parking** sign installed at the gate to resident's car park

Blackditch Court



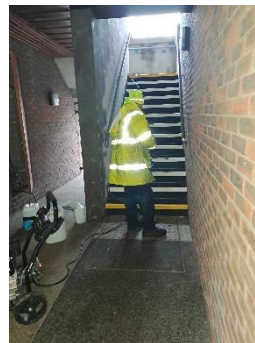
Dumping blackspot at Blackditch Court cleaned and cleared by Dublin City Council Groundskeeping Crew

Rossaveal Court



Contractors on site cutting back trees. Work is still ongoing

Claddagh Court Our Housing Team visited the complex recently and discussed proposed improvements with Resident Committee chairperson.



Claddagh Court Power washing of stairs and around the area

Voids

Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status	Estimated Completion date/Status
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	02/12/2025	For Framework	
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	10/10/2025	For Framework	
Apartment	CEDARBROO WAY	3	21/11/2025	With Framework	06/05/2026
House	COLEPARK ROAD	2	02/12/2025	For Framework	
House	CLEGGAN AVENUE	2	12/11/2025	With Framework	12/03/2026
House	Le FANU DRIVE	4	17/12/2025	With Framework	10/04/2026
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	9/11/2025	Tenant Selected	13/02/2026
House	BARNEVILLE PARK	2	15/01/2026	For Framework	
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	2	13/08/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3		With Framework	11/12/2025
House	COLEPARK ROAD	2	2/12/2026	For Framework	
Apartment	CEDARBROOK PLACE	1	5/08/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	CREMONA ROAD	3	19/11/2025	With Framework	Ready
House	KYLEMORE ROAD	2	31/10/2025	With Framework	4/03/2026
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	28/08/2025	With Framework	12/03/2026
Senior Citizens	CORNAMONA COURT	1	14/01/2026	With Framework	21/05/2026
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	28/01/2026	For framework	
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	28/08/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	KYLEMORE DRIVE	2	11/01/2026	For Framework	
Senior Citizens					
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	2	25/06/2025	Tenant selected	31/02/2026
House	LOUGHCONN ROAD	2	5/06/2025	With Framework	28/02/2026
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	14/12/2026	For Framework	
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2	7/12/2025	For Framework	
House	O'MOORE ROAD	3	09/12/2024	Tenant selected	Ready
House	CHERRYORCHARD AVENUE	3	03/08/2025	For Framework	
Senior Citizen	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	28/05/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
Senior Citizen	ROSSMORE AVENUE	1	27/01/2026	For Framework	
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2		Tenant selected	Ready/ESB works
House	CROFTWOOD GROVE	4		Tenant Selected	13/02/2026
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	24/8/2025	With Framework	Ready

Community

Cherry Orchard:

The Orchard Community Centre staff were delighted to welcome back groups through the doors following the festive break. The Centre is once again buzzing with activity, conversation & familiar faces. As we plan, the centre staff are looking to provide additional drop-in clinics to facilitate & support those of whom are living in Cherry Orchard.



Planning is now under way as the Community Development team look to support the Annual St. Patricks Parade event in Cherry Orchard.

The Orchard Community Centre were delighted to provide space & support for Marians annual ballroom dancing event.

DCC launch opening of Community and Informal Education Grant Scheme

The team have been sharing information surrounding the opening of the scheme on Thursday the 22nd of January with their networks. The launch of both DCC's Community Grant and The Informal Education Grant will support local groups and services to facilitate projects, events and activities with the goal encouraging social inclusion. In the weeks leading up to application deadline the team will be meeting with and assisting groups with their submissions.

New Intergenerational Project Kylemore College

The Community Development Team have begun work on an Intergenerational Pilot Project between transition year students attending Kylemore College and Rossaveal Court Sheltered Housing Complex. The objective of the project is to build community connection and increase participation and engagement amongst young people and senior citizens.

It is hoped that the project will reduce isolation and loneliness and improve the wellbeing of both groups through shared experiences. The project will be co-designed and developed with students and will run until the end of March.

As part of the project the Community Team gave presentations to three transition year classes in Kylemore College about the work of Dublin City Council and what the project involves. They also gathered feedback and suggestions on the current events in the area that the Community team are supporting and what the students would like to see.



The Community Development Team presenting to Transitions Year Students in Kylemore College (left), Rossaveal Court where project will take place (right).

URBACT WISH Cities Project

A member of the Community Development Team travelled to Paris to take part in a Peer Review as part of the URBACT WISH Cities Innovation Transfer Project. The trip involved getting feedback and advice on the current Investment Plan to improve youth wellbeing in our area. The project is in the planning stages with key stakeholders currently being consulted and invited to be part of our URBACT Local Group (ULG). Young people across schools, youth services, garda youth diversion projects and further education bodies in our area will be central to the project's success.



Community Development Team member at the Peer Review as part of URBACT WISH Cities Innovation Transfer.

Bluebell

Artist-In-Residence at “The Bungalow” Marie Soffe has been awarded a Neighbourhood Arts grant from Dublin City Council. The grant – which can fund projects and programmes created by an artist working closely with a neighbourhood community, will entail a series of workshops on linocut printmaking. The workshops will cover both fabric and paper with a collaborative steamroller printing event planned for this summer.

'There are so many creative people in Bluebell and I am delighted to have been welcomed into their dynamic orbit' says Marie. 'It's so great to have been awarded this funding by DCC to enable me to share some printmaking skills and contribute towards the artistic development of this wonderful community.'



Maire Soffe with some of her paintings on display in Bluebell community centre

The recording room at “The Bungalow” in Bluebell has been redesigned and is now a fully equipped professional recording and editing studio. In January a series of podcasts was recorded by a team of students from Maynooth University and songs from local musicians Marty Rainsford and Paul Kennedy. In the first quarter of 2026 further DJ equipment will be installed and there are plans for an assistant sound engineer to become a regular volunteer.

Guitar lessons will be on offer every Thursday morning, for details on availability of the studio and to book Guitar lessons please contact admin@bluebellcdp.ie

Dynamic Drimnagh

Two Drimnagh residents put themselves forward to be members of the Executive for the Older Persons Council in the south-central area. John Corr, Chairperson of Our Lady's Hall and the Drimnagh Residents Community Group. John is also a member of Dynamic Drimnagh and Tidy Drimnagh and, Mary Dempsey, Treasurer of the Drimnagh Women's Shed and member of Dynamic Drimnagh. We look forward to their participation in the OPC.

In the first Drimnagh Celtic event of 2026 there was an exhibition of local crafts from the Liberties weavers, The Ballyfermot and Bluebell sister sheds, the Drimnagh women's shed and good counsel GAA knitting and crocheting group.

There was also a talk about St. Brigid by Padraicín Clancy and attendees participated in a pop-up Gaeltacht, learning how to make a St. Brigid's cross while listening to traditional Irish music. This event was hosted by Good Counsel GAA with support from Dynamic Drimnagh, Conradh na Gaeilge and Dublin City Council.

Historian in Residence

The Ballyfermot/Drimnagh CSD met with the new Historian in Residence for the south-central area Katie Blackwood on the 29/01/26. The team will be working with Katie on local History talks and projects, in particular heritage commemoration project at Le Fanu Park. The CSD team will be assisting with linking Katie in with community groups in the area.

Age Friendly Programme

On Tuesday 27 January 2026, the SCA hosted the inaugural Older People's Council AGM at the Hilton Hotel, Kilmainham. There were 104 attendees at the event, over 80 were older persons from across the South Central Area – representing their neighbourhoods and including diverse and minority groups. The AGM started at 11am and concluded with lunch at 2.30pm. Presentations from AFI Regional Dublin Manager, Bruce McDevitt, Age Friendly Homes Adviser, Naomi Dixon and guest speaker Professor David Robinson, Clinical Director and Geriatrician, St James Hospital were very well received by attendees, who found the presentations informative and thought provoking. Aoife Hannan, SCA AFI Programme Manager MC'ed and presented about the OPC: what it does and will do in the future. 17 expressions of interest were received from residents to join the OPC Executive. The first meeting of the OPC Executive takes place Tuesday 24 February 2026 at 6.30pm Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

Public Domain

New raised bed and bench on Cherry Orchard Avenue



Cherry Orchard Ave– raised bed and bench

Public Domain Office is delighted to inform members of the completion of this Discretionary funded Project on Cherry Orchard Avenue. This Project was the vision of the On Track Committee who had secured funding from the 2025 Discretionary budget.

The Public Domain Officer met with the On Track Committee in late August 2025 to discuss their ideas and then helped them develop a scope for the project. Public Domain then procured and engaged a contractor to carry out the works.

The area was designed to be robust and low maintenance while yet giving the local community a lovely place to sit and watch the world go by. The raised bed will take a little time to mature but with the help and support of the On Track Committee and the local community I'm sure it will be a most valued addition to the Public Domain.

The Public Domain Office also request the inclusion of some small Christmas tree type trees, that can over the years, be dressed at Christmas time to give a lovely festive vibe to the area.

Public Domain Officer recent attendance at the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Community Safety Forum

Public Domain Officer was delighted to attend the recent Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Community Safety Forum and to listen and engage with all the local community stakeholders. A few community safety issues were raised with the Public Domain Officer. While some have already been addressed, others are currently under review and will be actioned/reported on in due course.

For anyone wishing to report issues in the Public Domain there are a number of ways this can be done.

The easiest and quickest way for reporting an issue or to request a service, for most issues, is via Dublin City Council's Citizen Hub portal. The Citizen Hub can be accessed by doing a simple web search.

Or using this link <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/>

Dublin City Council Customer Services is also available during normal office hours @ 01 222 2222 to report issues.

Also the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Public Domain office have a direct email ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie which can be used especially for those issues that can't be addressed by the above, members of the public can also call the Ballyfermot Area Office @ 01222 4660 Monday to Friday between 9am to 5pm.

Below is a sample of graffiti January 2026



Tesco car park



Raheen Park



Markievicz Park



Illegal dumping Below a sample of the illegal dumping removed from the area

