

Ráiteas Misin

Beimid inár n-údarás áitiúil freagrach agus nuálaíoch, beidh ról lárnach againn i bhfeabhsú chailíocht na beatha i gCorcaigh, agus beimid ar thús cadhnaíochta agus sinn ag freastal ar riachtanais ár bpobail.

Mission Statement

We will be a responsive and innovative local authority, central to improving the quality of life in Cork and take the leading role in meeting the needs of our communities.

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Lord Mayor's Foreword



It was a privilege for me as Lord Mayor to be elected to my role in the middle of one of the most exciting years in our city's history. By the time I came into office, my predecessor, Cllr. Seán Martin had presided over some of the most spectacular and inclusive public Arts and Cultural events in the city's history. By the end of the year over one million people, seven times the city's population, attended official Cork 2005 events as local and international audiences turned out to experience the Cork 2005 programme. Visitors from across the globe converged on our city to experience not just the events in the Cork 2005 schedule but to experience first hand the unique welcome that Cork gives to its visitors. The challenge for us as a city is to ensure that those who came to Cork for

the first time during 2005 are encouraged to do so again and to spread the word.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those working in the Community and Voluntary sector who regularly give selflessly of their time and energy for the benefit of others, particularly to the elderly and infirm, though the range of organisations and the beneficiaries of such assistance are long and varied. Cork City Council is very proud of its association with organisations dealing with the homeless and is striving constantly to make inroads into this important issue.

I would also like to thank the staff of Cork City Council whose work on behalf of the people of Cork was acknowledged so publicly in the many awards gained by the organisation throughout the year in a variety of different fields.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their ongoing hard work and dedication to the citizens of Cork in whose interest they continue to strive.

2005 has been a momentous year for the city. Let us hope that in 2006 we can capitalise on the momentum created and achievements made during this memorable year.

Deirdre Clune

COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CLUNE
LORD MAYOR OF CORK

City Manager's Foreword



There is no question that 2005 was one of the most memorable years in our city's history. In preparation for our designation as European Capital of Culture, the city invested heavily in infrastructure. These projects ranged from physical improvements to the public realm, restoration of heritage buildings, provision of new cultural centres and provision of public amenities. The cost of this capital infrastructure was €196m. The cultural programme was designed to run for the full year. From the magnificent opening ceremony on the 8th January 2005 the city was on a roller coaster. The general public had an opportunity to experience and enjoy shows, exhibitions, music, drama, opera, dance, poetry, sport, literature, fairs, workshops etc. to a level never before experienced. Artists in the city had an opportunity to meet fellow artists from across Europe and to discuss and experience each other's work. Art administrators gained experience in preparing and managing major events which will stand to them in the future. Right throughout the city local communities were engaged in a whole range of projects. The Corporate Sector gave unprecedented financial and benefit-in-kind support to cultural and artistic events. The many new sponsors who came on board had a rewarding experience and will hopefully continue to support cultural events into the future.

2005 also saw Cork City Council recognised for the excellence of the service it provides for the public. During the year the City Council won six prestigious National awards. It won the top award as Local Authority of the Year under the award scheme organised by the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland. At the same event Cork City Council won the Partnership with Business Award for its "Connect Cork" Broadband initiative and

Cork 2005 won the Arts category. Cork City Council's website www.corkcity.ie won Best Public Sector Website - Local category in the Golden Spider Irish Internet Awards. Cork City Council's Lifetime Lab was also short-listed in the same category. St. Patrick's Street was named Best City Street for the second year running under the Neighbourhood Scheme run by the Dept. of Environment, Heritage & Local Government and the Council was given the 2005 Award by the Chartered Institute of Building for the work undertaken in promoting the development of the city. These awards were achieved through teamwork and are a tribute to the staff in all Departments and Directorates. They are also an indication of the breadth of talent and ability at our disposal as a public sector organisation. I would like to use this opportunity to sincerely thank every member of staff for their work during the year.

On the economic front the city saw a major increase in visitor numbers and in conference business throughout the year. As a result of the successful celebration of our designation as European Capital of Culture the positive profile of Cork City has been enhanced at national and international level. The city itself has benefited from major public renewal works particularly on St. Patrick's Street and in the pedestrianisation of St Oliver Plunkett Street. The cultural infrastructure has been further developed and private sector investment in the city is at its highest for decades.

The benefits of Cork 2005 will be long lasting for the citizens of Cork. 2006 will see even more impressive developments: the beginning of the Docklands Development Programme, the opening of the WebWorks, the restored Blackrock Castle and the completion of Cork City Council's new civic offices will consolidate our position as a most dynamic and progressive city. We now move on, fully confident, to our next major venture which will be Cork Expo 2010 – an international Expo on the theme of Urban Living to be held in Cork in the year 2010.

I would like to thank the Lord Mayor, members of the City Council and staff for all their support throughout 2005.

Joe Gavin

JOE GAVIN
CITY MANAGER

Members of Cork City Council

Baill de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

North-East Electoral Area Toghcheantar Thoir Thuaidh



Cllr.
Maureen Quill
PD



Cllr.
Tim Brosnan
FF



Cllr.
John Kelleher
LAB



Cllr.
Dara Murphy
FG



Cllr.
Annette Spillane
SF

North-Central Electoral Area Toghcheantar Lár Thuaidh



Cllr.
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SP



Cllr.
Catherine Clancy
LAB



Cllr.
Gary O'Flynn
FF



Cllr.
Damian Wallace
FF



Cllr.
Patricia Gosch
FG

North-West Electoral Area Toghcheantar Thiar Thuaidh



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Jonathan O'Brien
SF



Cllr.
David McCarthy
FF



Cllr.
Colm Burke
FG



Cllr.
Michael O'Connell
LAB



Cllr.
Tony Fitzgerald
FF

Senior Management Team of Cork City Council

Foireann Bhainistíochta Sinsireach Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

Principal Officers

Príomhoifigigh

SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT, INA SHUÍ

TIM HEALY

HEAD OF FINANCE
CEANNAIRE AIRGEADAIS

KEVIN TERRY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, ROADS & TRANSPORTATION AND CITY ENGINEER
STIÚRTHÓIR SEIRBHÍŚÍ, BÓITHRE AGUS IOMPAR AGUS INNEALTÓIR CATHRACH

DEBORAH HEGARTY

LAW AGENT
GNÍOMHAIRE DLÍ

DENIS O'MAHONY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT
STIÚRTHÓIR SEIRBHÍŚÍ, COMHSHAOL

JIM O'DONOVAN

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
STIÚRTHÓIR SEIRBHÍŚÍ, PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT

* JOHN D. FLYNN

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, CORPORATE AFFAIRS
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JOE GAVIN

CITY MANAGER
BAINISTEoir NA CATHRACH

G. P. O'HALLORAN

PERSONNEL OFFICER
OIFIGEACH PEARSANRA

PAT LEDWIDGE

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE,
STIÚRTHÓIR SEIRBHÍŚÍ, POBAL AGUS FIONTRAÍOCHT

JOE KENNELLY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, RECREATION, AMENITY & CULTURE,
STIÚRTHÓIR SEIRBHÍŚÍ, ÁINEAS, CONLÁISTÍ AGUS CULTÚR

STEPHEN KEARNEY

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, HOUSING & COMMUNITY
STIÚRTHÓIR SEIRBHÍŚÍ, TITHÍOCHT AGUS POBAL

RUTH BUCKLEY

HEAD OF IS
CEANNAIRE AR SHEIRBHÍŚÍ FAISNÉISE

DAN BUGGY

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF DOCKLANDS DEVELOPMENT
AND SPECIAL PROJECTS
BAINISTEoir CÚNTA NA CATHRACH, STIÚRTHÓIR FORBAIRT NA
NDUGANNA AGUS TIONSCNAIMH SPEISIÁLTA

JACK HEALY

A / CITY ARCHITECT
AILTIRE NA CATHRACH (FEIDHMEACH)

* JOHN D. FLYNN

(RESIGNED TO TAKE UP POSITION WITH KERRY CO. CO. SEPTEMBER 2005)
D'EIRIGH AS MEÁN FOMHAIR 2005 CHUN POST A GHLACADH LE
CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHIARRAÍ

FINBARR ALLISON

ACTING DIRECTOR UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST
STIÚRTHÓIR FEIDHMEACH GO 31 NOLLAIG



Membership of Boards/Committees

CITY OF CORK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Cllr Terry Shannon
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Cllr David McCarthy
Cllr Mairín Quill
Cllr Jim Corr
Cllr Deirdre Clune
Cllr Michael Ahern
Cllr Denis O'Flynn
Cllr Chris O'Leary

PORT OF CORK

Cllr Damian Wallace

CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Cllr. Patricia Gosch
Cllr Denis Cregan
Cllr Tom O'Driscoll
Cllr Denis O'Flynn

CORK AREA STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Cllr Brian Bermingham
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Cllr Jerry Buttimer
Cllr Michael Ahern
Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Tom O'Driscoll
Cllr Damian Wallace
Cllr Donal Counihan
Cllr Fergal Dennehy
Cllr Chris O'Leary

JOINT CORK CITY COUNCIL/CORK COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Cllr John Kelleher
Cllr Damian Wallace
Cllr Jim Corr
Cllr Jonathan O'Brien
Cllr Colm Burke
Cllr Ciarán Lynch
Cllr Fergal Dennehy
Cllr Mary Shields

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

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ASSOCIATION OF THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

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Cllr Sean Martin

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Cllr Jim Corr

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Cllr Fergal Dennehy
Cllr Donal Counihan

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Cllr Catherine Clancy
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CORK KERRY TOURISM

Cllr Mary Shields

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Cllr David McCarthy

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Cllr Tom O'Driscoll
Cllr Sean Martin
Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Con O'Connell

SCHOOL MEALS

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Cllr Mary Shields

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Cllr Dara Murphy
Cllr Denis Cregan
Cllr Ciarán Lynch
Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Michael Ahern

Cllr Damian Wallace
Cllr Gary O'Flynn
Cllr Tom O'Driscoll

Cllr Donal Counihan
Cllr Mary Shields
Cllr Annette Spillane
Cllr Con O'Connell
Cllr Mairín Quill

ARTS COMMITTEE

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Cllr Patricia Gosch
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Cllr John Kelleher
Cllr Sean Martin
Cllr Tim Brosnan
Cllr Tom O'Driscoll
Cllr Mairín Quill
Cllr Chris O'Leary

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Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Mary Shields
Cllr Catherine Clancy

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Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Michael Ahern
Cllr Damian Wallace
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Cllr Tom O'Driscoll
Cllr Donal Counihan
Cllr Mary Shields
Cllr Annette Spillane
Cllr Con O'Connell
Cllr Mairín Quill

AN GRÚPA STIÚRTHA

Cllr Jim Corr
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Cllr Donal Counihan

Cllr Tom O'Driscoll
Cllr Jonathan O'Brien

LEISUREWORLD

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Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Mary Shields
Cllr Michael Ahern
Cllr Jerry Buttimer

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Cllr Dara Murphy

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Cllr Michel O'Connell
Cllr Fergal Dennehy
Cllr Donal Counihan

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Cllr Catherine Clancy

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Cllr Fergal Dennehy
Cllr Ciarán Lynch

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Cllr Tim Brosnan

BOARD OF CORK OPERA HOUSE

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Cllr Mairín Quill
Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Damian Wallace
Cllr Sean Martin
Cllr Terry Shannon

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Cllr Tony Fitzgerald

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Cllr Fergal Dennehy

MUNSTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Cllr Denis O'Flynn
Cllr Tony Fitzgerald

HOUSING FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Cllr Patricia Gosch
Cllr Colm Burke
Cllr Deirdre Clune (resigned 27th of June 2005)
Cllr Denis Cregan
Cllr Ciarán Lynch
Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Catherine Clancy
Cllr David McCarthy
Cllr Fergal Dennehy
Cllr Tony Fitzgerald
Cllr Gary O'Flynn
Cllr Mairín Quill
Cllr Jonathan O'Brien
Cllr Mick Barry
Cllr Con O'Connell
Cllr Sean Martin (from 27th June 2005)

ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Cllr Tim Brosnan
Cllr John Kelleher
Cllr Mick Barry
Cllr Catherine Clancy
Cllr Patricia Gosch
Cllr Jonathan O'Brien
Cllr David McCarthy
Cllr Tony Fitzgerald
Cllr Deirdre Clune (resigned 27th of June 2005)
Cllr Chris O'Leary
Cllr Denis O'Flynn
Cllr Terry Shannon
Cllr Jim Corr
Cllr Jerry Buttimer
Cllr Fergal Dennehy
Cllr Sean Martin (from 27th June 2005)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Cllr Brian Bermingham
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Cllr Dara Murphy
Cllr Denis Cregan
Cllr Ciarán Lynch
Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Michael Ahern
Cllr Damian Wallace
Cllr Gary O'Flynn
Cllr Tom O'Driscoll

Cllr Donal Counihan
Cllr Mary Shields
Cllr Annette Spillane
Cllr Con O'Connell
Cllr Mairín Quill

ROADS TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Cllr Dara Murphy
Cllr Jerry Buttimer
Cllr Brian Bermingham
Cllr Jim Corr
Cllr John Kelleher
Cllr Denis O'Flynn
Cllr Michael Ahern
Cllr Damian Wallace
Cllr Terry Shannon
Cllr Donal Counihan
Cllr Mary Shields
Cllr Tim Brosnan
Cllr Tom O'Driscoll
Cllr Annette Spillane
Cllr Chris O'Leary

RECREATION, AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Cllr Deirdre Clune
Cllr Dara Murphy
Cllr Jerry Buttimer
Cllr Jim Corr
Cllr Tony Fitzgerald
Cllr Donal Counihan
Cllr Terry Shannon
Cllr Mary Shields
Cllr Chris O'Leary
Cllr Annette Spillane
Cllr Denis O'Flynn
Cllr Ciarán Lynch
Cllr Michael O'Connell
Cllr Damian Wallace
Cllr David McCarthy

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Cllr Denis O'Flynn
Cllr Terry Shannon
Cllr Tom O'Driscoll
Cllr Denis Cregan

Membership of Strategic Policy Committees 2005

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors	Sectors Represented	Representatives
Cllr Michael Ahern		
Cllr Deirdre Clune	Trade Unions	Michael Scanlon
Cllr David McCarthy	Business & Employers	Patsy Supple
Cllr Mairín Quill	Community/Voluntary/	Margaret O'Neill
Cllr Con O'Connell	Disadvantaged	
Cllr Denis O'Flynn		
Cllr Sean Martin (from 27th June 2005)		

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors	Sectors Represented	Representatives
Cllr Brian Bermingham		
Cllr Michael O'Connell	Trade Unions	John Bowen
Cllr Tim Brosnan	Business & Employers	Seán Cullinan
Cllr Fergal Dennehy	Community/Voluntary/	Anna Buckley
Cllr Chris O'Leary	Disadvantaged	
Cllr Terry Shannon		

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors	Sectors Represented	Representatives
Cllr Jim Corr		
Cllr Catherine Clancy	Trade Unions	Suzanne Mullins
Cllr Damian Wallace	Business & Employers	D. O'Riordan
Cllr Gary O'Flynn	Community/Voluntary/	Pearse Barrett
Cllr Annette Spillane	Disadvantaged	
Cllr Denis Cregan		

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors	Sectors Represented	Representatives
Cllr John Kelleher		
Cllr Mick Barry	Trade Unions	Patrick Guilfoyle
Cllr Patricia Gosch	Business & Employers	David Ronayne
Cllr Colm Burke	Community/Voluntary/	Charlie Hennessy
Cllr Donal Counihan	Disadvantaged	
Cllr Mary Shields		

RECREATION, AMENITIES & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillors	Sectors Represented	Representatives
Cllr Jerry Buttimer		
Cllr Dara Murphy	Trade Unions	Denis Lyons
Cllr Ciarán Lynch	Environmental/Conservation/	Gerry Kelly
Cllr Tony Fitzgerald	Culture	
Cllr Jonathan O'Brien	Environmental/Conservation/	Maurice McCarthy
Cllr Tom O'Driscoll	Culture	

Conferences attended in 2005

No.	Name	Location	Date	No. of Councillors
1.	Achieving Full Economic Growth while sustaining strong Social Support Systems – How do we do it?	Gresham Metropole Hotel, Dublin	10th January	1
2.	The Duhallow Conference	Duhallow Park Hotel Killarney Road, Kanturk Co. Cork	20-22 January	1
3.	Public Relations and the Elected Representative	The Galway Bay Hotel Salthill, Co. Galway	26-27 January	5
4.	A Theatre of Tourism	The Dunadry Hotel & Country Club, Muckamore Dunadry, Co. Antrim	28/29 January	2
5.	Merriman Winter School	The Shannon Shamrock Hotel Bunratty, Co. Clare	28-30 January	2
6.	Implementation of the National Spatial Strategy – The Role of the Regional Authorities	Temple Gate Hotel Ennis, Co. Clare	3/4 February	5
7.	The Local Government Planning Service	The Clonea Strand Hotel Clonea, Co. Waterford	4/5 February	5
8.	AMAI Spring Seminar 2005	Holiday Inn Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	11/12 February	7
9.	The Economic & Social Benefit of Heritage Development in Irish Towns	Listowel Arms Hotel Listowel, Co. Kerry	17/18 February	3
10.	Suicide – Prevention & Awareness	The Abbey Manor Hotel Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim	18/19 February	1
11.	Carlow Tourism National Conference	Seven Oaks Hotel Athy Road, Carlow	24/25 February	3
12.	Colmcille Winter School	Colmcille Heritage Centre Gartan, Churchill Co. Donegal	25-27 February	5
13.	General Council of County Councils, Enfield, Co. Meath	Johnstown House Hotel	3-5 March	10
14.	(1) The “Rapid” Programme (2) A Life After Politics	The Slievenamon Golf Club & Fairways Restaurant Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	4-5 March	1
15.	Nuclear Energy: Does it have a future?	Westcourt Hotel Drogheda, Co. Louth	10-11 March	1
16.	Digging Wexford	Riverbank Hotel, Wexford	11-13 March	4
17.	Genealogical Conference 2005	Oranmore Lodge Oranmore, Co. Galway	19-20 March	1
18.	The Common Agriculture Policy – Implications for Local Development Post 2006	Kilkee Bay Hotel Kilkee, Co. Clare	14-15 April	4

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19.	International Festival of Peace	Tipperary Excel Centre Tipperary	15-17 April	3
20.	Air Pollution	Carrigaline Court Hotel Carrigaline, Co. Cork	21-22 April	1
21.	The Duhallow Conference	Duhallow Park Hotel Killarney Road, Kanturk Co. Cork	21-24 April	4
22.	The Local Housing Service – Training Seminar for Councillors	The Commercial and Tourist Hotel, High Street Ballinamore Co. Leitrim	22-23 April	1
23.	Dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour: Complaint to Court	Tullamore Court Hotel Tullamore, Co. Offaly	27-28 April	1
24.	Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference	Golf Hotel Ballybunion, Co. Kerry	4-7 May	2
25.	Local Partnerships...troubles without end?	Hibernian Hotel Mallow, Co. Cork	19-21 May	4
26.	The Westport Experience	Hotel Westport Westport, Co. Mayo	19-21 May	2
27.	The Caring City? – Ending Homelessness in Cork	Millennium Hall City Hall, Cork	24-25 May	1
28.	Media Skill Seminar for Councillors	Arklow Bay Hotel Arklow, Co. Wicklow	21 May	1
29.	Creating Future Policy: Sharing what works and learning from others on the provision of health and social services to new communities	Tullamore Court Hotel Tullamore Co. Offaly	25-26 May	1
30.	National Housing Conference	City Hall, Cork	30-31 May	1
31.	Training Programme for Chairs of Strategic Policy Committees	Rochestown Park Hotel Rochestown, Co. Cork	3 June	1
32.	The Potential for Sport in Modern Ireland	Mullingar Park Hotel Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	23-24 June	2
33.	Byrne/Perry Summer School – “1916: Origins and Legacies”	Christian Brothers School Gorey, Co. Wexford	24-26 June	9
34.	The Land of Ireland – 18th Douglas Hyde Conference	Ballaghaderreen and Strokestown Co. Roscommon	15-17 July	2
35.	MacGill Summer School & Arts Week 2005	Glenties Co. Donegal	17-22 July	3
36.	Parnell Summer School 2005 - Fixing the Boundaries – Ireland from the Margins	Avondale House & Forest Park, Ratdrum Co. Wicklow	14-19 August	6
37.	Merriman Summer School 2005	Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare	20-27 August	2

No.	Name	Location	Date	No. of Councillors
38.	General Humbert – Michael Davitt Summer School 2005	Ballina, Killala, Lacken & Kilcummin Co. Mayo	23-28 August	8
39.	Local Government & the Arts	The Silver Tassie Hotel Milford Road, Letterkenny Co. Donegal	26-27 August	2
40.	AMAI Annual Conference 2005	Oakwood Arms Hotel Shannon, Co. Clare	15-17 September	6
41.	Advancing the Irish Ports Policy Agenda	Faithlegg House Hotel Co. Waterford	30 September	1
42.	The Role of Local Authorities in the Promotion of Public Order	Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones Co. Wicklow	30 September to 2 October	4
43.	Conference on Planning – Rural V's Urban	Bay View Hotel Killybegs, Co. Donegal	5-7 October	2
44.	Getting a Grip 2005 – Counting the Costs	Hotel Europe Killarney, Co. Kerry	6-7 October	5
45.	Féile Frank McGann	Strokestown Park House Strokestown, Co. Roscommon	6-9 October	1
46.	Reform of Local Government Financing: Value for Money & Effectiveness	Mount Wolsely Hilton Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow	21 October	2
47.	Education and Local Government	The Carraig Hotel Main Street, Carrick on Suir Co. Tipperary	28-29 October	2
48.	LAMA – Annual Winter Conference	Mount Errigal Hotel Letterkenny	4/5 November	7
49.	Filling the Vacuum?	West County Hotel & Conference Centre, Ennis Co. Clare	8/9 November	3
50.	Local Economic Development Conference 2005 - Owning & Shaping your future prosperity	Radisson Hotel Limerick	24 November	2
51.	“Positioning Tourism - Quality or Price?”	The Falls Hotel Ennistymon, Co. Clare	25 & 26 November	5
52.	Anti-Social Behaviour Seminar	Wellington Park Hotel Belfast	6 December	1
53.	Partnerships for reducing youth suicide	Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel	7-9 December	4
54.	Local Government Budget	Carlton Millrace Hotel Bunclody, Co. Wexford	10 December	3
55.	Southern Regional Drugs Taskforce	Ambassador Hotel Cork	16 December	1

Meetings of Council

Name	No
An Grúpa Stiúrtha	0
Ordinary Council Meetings	21
Special Meetings	11
Annual Meeting	1
Budget Meeting	1
Housing Functional Committee Meetings	12
Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meetings	2
Roads & Transportation Functional Committee Meetings	12
Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meetings	5
Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee Meetings	6
Recreation, Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee Meeting	3
Environment Functional Committee Meetings	6
Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meetings	4
Planning & Development Functional Committee Meetings	6
Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee Meetings	5
Joint Cork City/County Council Committee	5
Arts Committee	2
Twinning Committee	5
Corporate Policy Group	10
Cork Area Strategic Plan Committee	3
Intoxicating Liquor on the Streets Committee	0
Public Art Advisory Committee	0
School Meals Committee	1
Sports Committee	0
Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	10

Freedom of the City

14th June Roy Keane & Sonia O'Sullivan

Civic Receptions

19 th January	Rockmount A.F.C. 2004 F.A.I. Intermediate Cup Champions
20 th January	Douglas Minor Football Team - 2004 Cork County Premier Minor Football Champions
15 th February	White's Cross Junior Football Team & Mayfield Junior Hurling Team
8 th March	International Women's Day
7 th September	40th International Universities Power Engineering Conference
19 th September	Mayor of San Francisco and the San Francisco - Cork Sister City Committee
22 nd October	85th Anniversary of the death of Terence MacSwiney
26 th October	Cork Senior Hurling Team
18 th November	Cork Senior Camogie Team
28 th November	Mr. Kunio Takeda, Chairman, EU Japan Fest
5 th December	Cork City F.C.

Expenses

The total payment by Cork City Council in respect of attendance, authorised by the authority, at a meeting of a prescribed association of local authorities of which the authority is a member, and attendance, authorised by the authority, at a conference, seminar or other meeting or event was €121,088.21 in 2005. The total amount of this payment which related to travel and subsistence expenses within the State was €103,310.64 and €11,563.99 outside the State. The total payment by the Council in respect of the councillors annual expenses allowance was €182,127.48.

Twinning – Cork City Council and the Shanghai People's Municipal Government signed a formal Sister-City Agreement between the two cities on May 19th 2005. This is the City of Cork's 6th twinning arrangement. The Sister-City relationship provides a framework to promote co-operation between the two cities. The relationship between the cities will be based initially on business, culture, tourism and education. In 2005 Cork City Council expended €208,339 on twinning.

Entertainment Expenses

In 2005 Cork City Council expended €41,926.22 on the Freedom of the City.

In 2005 Cork City Council expended €124,856.05 on Civic Receptions.

Bye-Laws

Adopted at ordinary meeting of Council on 13th June 2005: "having regard to the report of the Director of Services/City Engineer dated the 2nd June 2005, Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 4(2) and 36 respectively of the Road Traffic Act 1994 (No. 7 of 1994) and having consulted with the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána hereby make Bye-Laws cited as Cork City Parking Bye-Laws 2005 in relation to the control and regulation of the parking of vehicles in its administrative area."





City Architect's Department



The City Architect's Department provides architectural services and advice to the City Council, City Manager, Director of Services and Heads of Function. In addition to providing these services, this Department has a wider role in advising on the care of municipal buildings and also in the promotion and encouragement of design and architectural awareness in the city. Architectural Services provided include the following:

- Consultation/brief preparation
- Design
- Planning
- Housing & Regeneration
- Libraries
- Fire Department
- Civic Buildings
- Project Management
- Maintenance
- Refurbishment
- Conservation and Restoration

New Civic Offices at Anglesea Street

The development brief for the proposed new Civic Offices Facilities was prepared in 2003 and the project began on site in October 2004. The site is between the City Hall and the Fire Station on Anglesea Street. The new building will become the administrative centre of Cork City Council, while City Hall will remain as the Cultural and Political Centre of Cork City Council. The proposed Civic Offices will incorporate both public reception and meeting facilities for an improved public interface, as well as private offices and support services for a number of Council departments. The offices will provide high-quality staff facilities including modern, open-plan offices and a canteen.

The development is progressing well and is due for completion in 2006. The new offices will constitute a major contribution to the city, taking pride of place next to City Hall.

The Government's Policy Action on Architecture 2002–2005

This policy on Architecture aims to place architecture on the political and cultural agenda and in so doing to remove impediments to the achievement of a built environment of good quality. While a Government Policy on Architecture cannot, by itself, deliver good architecture, it can:

1. Recognise the social and cultural importance of architecture in society.
2. Promote improvement in the quality of the built environment, by fostering conditions conducive to the production of good architecture and the protection of the architectural heritage, and by stimulating improved practice in both the public and private sectors.
3. Promote the concept of sustainability in design, construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of buildings.
4. Set an example for the community at large by the quality of what the State builds, and the care it displays towards the buildings it inherits.
5. Promote high standards of environmental provision in local government, semi-state and private sectors through legislation, regulation and financial measures as appropriate.
6. Help to create and sustain an ethos that values quality in buildings through education and encouragement.



Work currently in progress

Status at December 2005

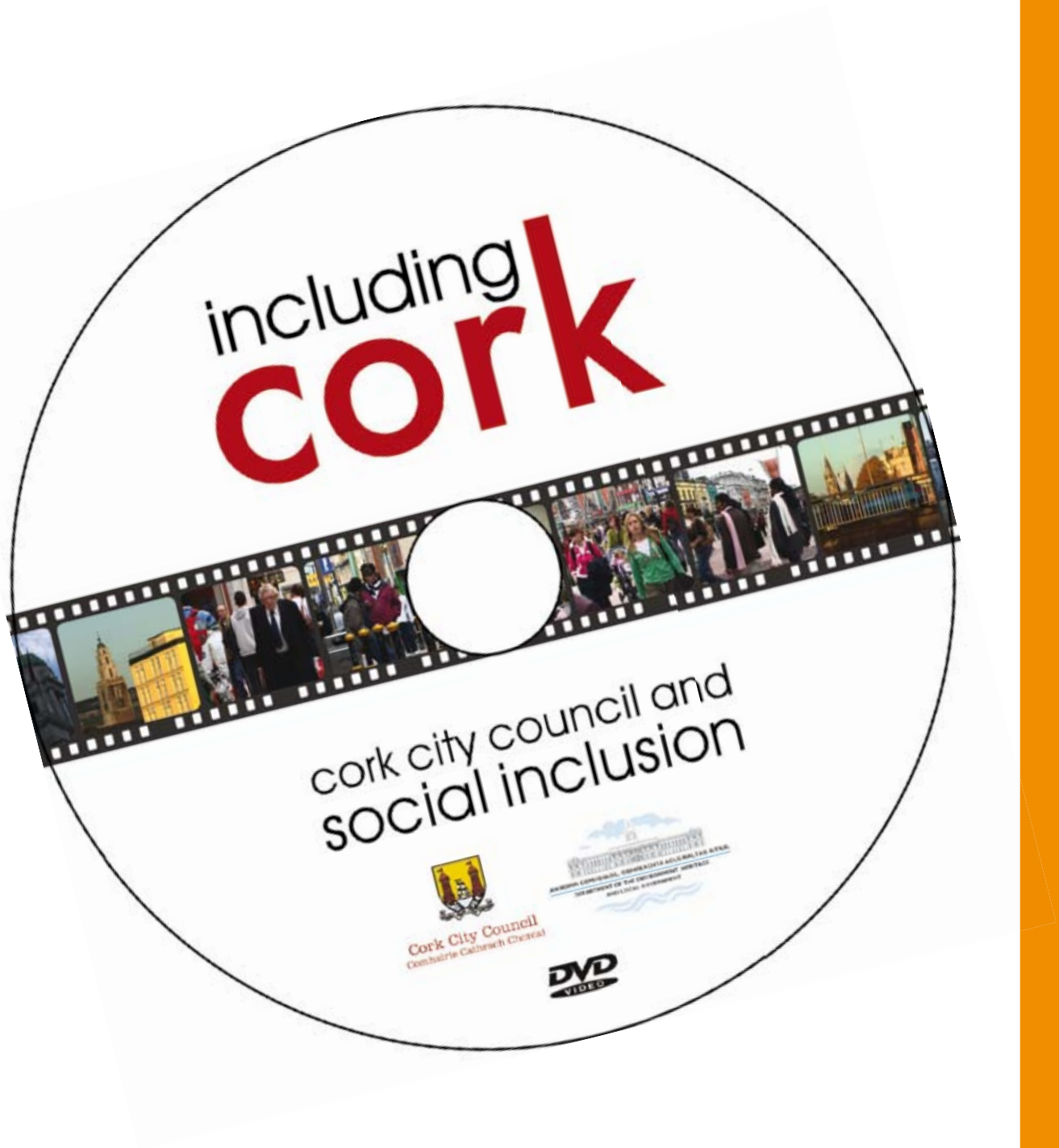
Glen Regeneration Phase 1	Practically complete
Glen Regeneration Phase 2	To be submitted for Planning
Knocknaheeny Regeneration, stage D	On site
Knocknaheeny Regeneration, stages EFGH	To be submitted for Planning
Civic Offices at Anglesea Street/Eglinton Street	On site, due for completion in 2006
Tory Top Road Branch Library, Ballyphehane	Completed May '05
Archives in Blackpool	Due for completion March '06
Turner's Cross Housing	On site
Bishopstown Library at Wilton	On site
Ringmahon House, Mahon	On site
Sheltered Housing, Mahon	On site
Museum, Fitzgerald's Park	Complete
Suzie's Field Housing	On site
Civil Defence buildings, Blackpool	Completed Jan '05
St John's Well Housing	Completion due March '06
City Hall facades	Complete
City Hall railings	On site
Housing extensions and refurbishments	Varies
Princes Street Market alterations	Design Stage
Extension to Leisureworld	Planning stage
Central Fire Station refurbishment	Design Stage

Major works completed 2005

Value (€)

Tory Top Road Branch Library, Ballyphehane	2.3m
Glen Regeneration Phase 1	18.0m
Extension to Museum at Fitzgerald's Park	2.00m





Community and Enterprise



The Directorate of Community and Enterprise has responsibility for the following functions:

- The Cork City Development Board
- The RAPID Programme
- Social Inclusion
- Community Development
- Local Agenda 21

It is primarily concerned with the integration of local public services in order to improve the effectiveness of public service delivery. Of particular concern is responsiveness to local needs and increased participation by local communities and other stakeholders in policy formulation. Throughout 2005 the Directorate was engaged in the following:

Connect Cork - Cork City Council's ICT Plan for 2005

Phase one of the Connect Cork Project was completed in 2005. The objectives of the Cork ICT Plan are:

- To advance Cork's ICT environment to assure the city's future competitiveness
- To position Cork as a truly e-enabled city
- To increase ICT usage in businesses, particularly the SME market
- To improve general level of ICT skills across the community
- To educate non-users of ICT as to the benefits of using the internet.

Three main Connect Cork events held in 2005 were - technology for business; wireless and mobile technology; and technology for education. The project won the 'Partnership with Business' award of the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland in November. Further details on Connect Cork can be found on www.connectcork.ie

"Discovery" Exhibition

Cork's first Science and Technology Exhibition 'Discovery 2005' took place in the City Hall in March to promote science and technology and to raise awareness around careers in the science, engineering and technology fields in the Cork area. The event attracted over 4,500 pupils from Cork city and county.

Cork Lifelong Learning Festival

Over 140 events took place in April involving a wide variety of learning providers across the city.

Shanghai

Cork City Council was formally twinned with Shanghai on May 19th 2005. Events included a Business Forum, a Tourism Forum and an exhibition of Shanghai books. A musical performance and a fashion show were also held in the Concert Hall to mark the occasion.

Lord Mayor's Community and Voluntary Awards

These awards recognise groups who, through their commitment to voluntary and community activity, have played a significant role in enhancing the quality of life of their communities. The 2005 awards were presented in the City Hall in March with almost 100 groups nominated for awards.

Gurranabraher Hut

A €1.6 million state of the art community facility is underway which will provide a multi-use service delivery point and much-needed sustainable community facility. This development was progressed through the RAPID process in collaboration with the steering group representatives from the area, Cork City Council and other stakeholders.

RAPID Programme

RAPID stands for "Revitalising Areas through Planning, Investment and Development". The programme is currently being delivered in 45 areas throughout the country to target disadvantage and to integrate services in local areas.

The four RAPID areas in Cork are:

- Knocknaheeney/Hollyhill/Churchfield
- Blackpool/The Glen/Mayfield
- Fairhill/Gurranabraher/Farranree
- Togher/Mahon

In each RAPID area, local community groups and residents come together to discuss the programme and choose their representatives for their Area Implementation Team. Each RAPID area has its own Programme Coordinator who works with the AIT to plan and progress specific actions that will address needs in their area.

Funding Streams

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

ENHANCEMENT SCHEME (LAHES)

€100,000 was allocated to each of the four RAPID areas for 2005-2006. Projects carried out under the scheme include landscaping, boundary walls, improvement to open spaces, seating areas, public lighting, and streetscaping and are co-funded by the Dept of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs and Cork City Council.

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

In 2004 and 2005 €552,000 was allocated to develop playground facilities in each of the four RAPID areas.

EQUALITY FOR WOMEN MEASURE – RAPID STRAND

Almost €1 million was allocated through the Equality for Women Measure to seven projects in Cork City following an endorsement process undertaken locally.

HEALTH LEVERAGE FUNDS

Through Health Leverage funding the four RAPID areas received approximately €500,000 for small-scale health and community projects to meet local needs.

DORMANT ACCOUNTS

Approximately €1.7 million was allocated to projects in the RAPID areas in 2005. Grants range from €5,000 to €485,000. A full list of allocations is available from www.dormantaccounts.ie

SPORTS CAPITAL

Over €2 million was allocated in 2004/2005 to projects across the four RAPID areas. An extra 30% was allocated by the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs to each project endorsed by the RAPID AIT.

Social Inclusion Unit

In 2005 the Cork City Council Action Plan 2004-5 was revised and new priorities were set for 2006. The Social Inclusion Unit in partnership with University College Cork and with the support of the Cork City Partnership published the “City of Difference: Mapping Social Exclusion in Cork”. The report maps the key demographic, social and economic characteristics of Cork city and focuses on social exclusion and inequality.

‘Including Cork’, a DVD on social inclusion was developed by Cork City Council Social Inclusion Committee in conjunction with the Social Inclusion Unit and the Personnel Department.

Two of the European Projects that the Social Inclusion Unit was involved with were finalised:

1- The Local Authorities Social Inclusion EU Project provided a Peer Review Report on Cork City Council relating to the process of social inclusion and organisational and cultural change.

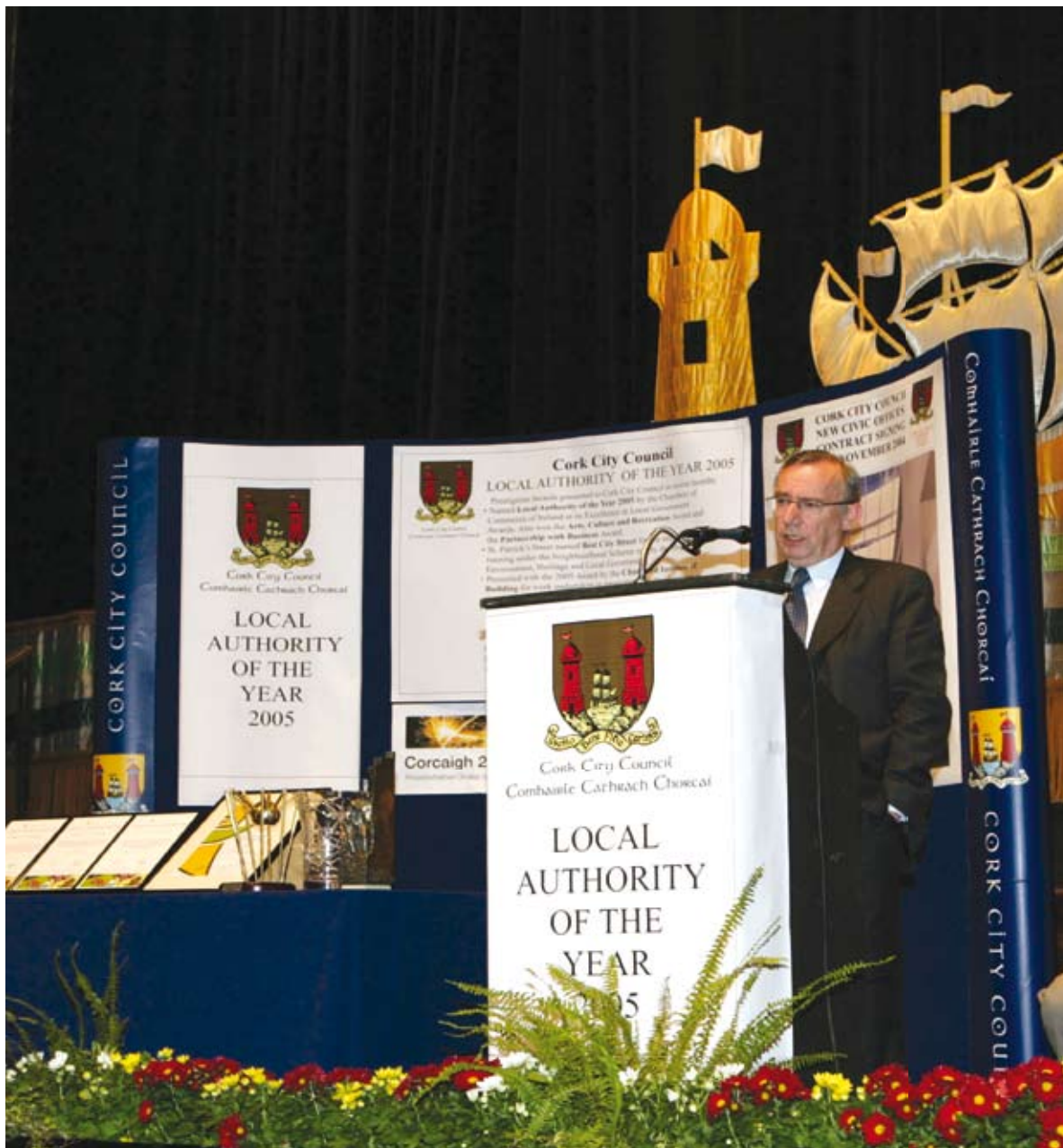
2- The QUASI (Quality and Access as Factors in Improving Social Inclusion) European Project was finalised with a European Conference at University College Cork. The aim of this conference was to raise awareness on the European, National and local role Social Services play in combating social exclusion.



Community Development Grants 2005

Ballinlough Community Association	€5,000	Building Extension
Ballyphehane Community Association	€25,000	Refurbishment/car park lighting
Bishopstown Community Association	€19,000	Building Extension
Blackpool Community Association	€7,800	Office/security equipment
Cork CAN	€42,000	Administration
Farranree Community Association	€7,500	Fencing/maintenance/furniture
Mayfield East Community Association	€24,305	Upgrading equipment
Ógra Chorcaí	€42,000	Summer schemes
South Parish Community Association	€20,000	Refurbishment
St. Josephs Community Association	€15,000	Refurbishment
Togher Community Association	€8,500	Refurbishment



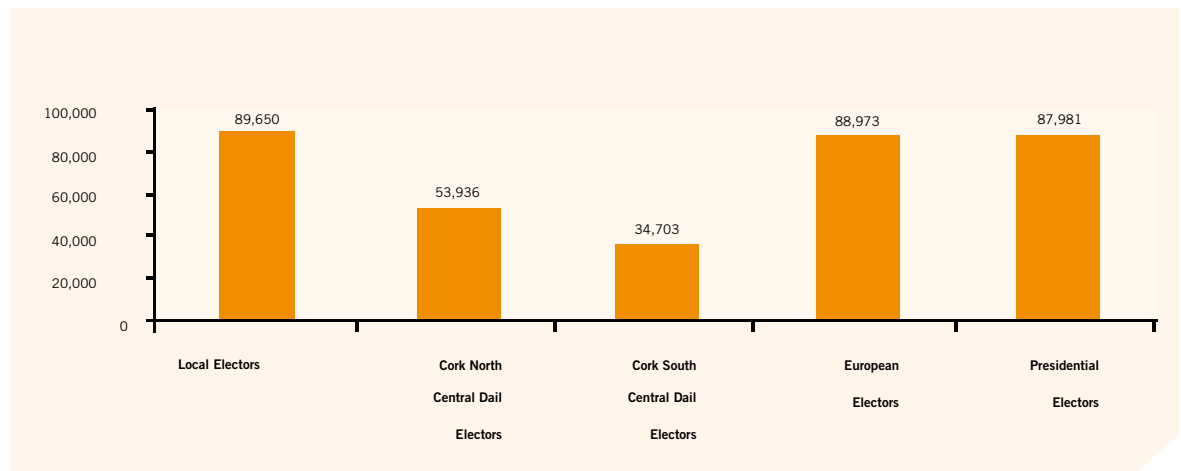


Corporate Affairs

Register of Electors

A Register of Electors is produced annually. The Register of Electors is a list of persons over 18 years of age resident in the city who are entitled

to vote in Local, Dáil, European Parliament and Presidential Elections and Referenda.



2005-2006 Register of Electors

Higher Education Grants

Cork City Council administers the Higher Education Grants Scheme on behalf of the Department of Education and Science.

Special Maintenance Grants are available for disadvantaged students.

ACTIVITY LEVELS 2005

New Applications (students entering college)	536
Grants Renewed (students in college already)	927
Grants Awarded	902
Special Maintenance Awards (new)	80
Special Maintenance Awards (renews)	252
Maximum Maintenance Grant	€5,355

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

Maintenance Grant	€3.4Million
Special Maintenance Grant	€400,000

Workplace Partnership

Cork City Council's Workplace Partnership Committee was involved in a number of projects during 2005

REHABILITATION OF FOOTPATHS

Two dedicated teams of City Council employees completed a series of Footpath Rehabilitation Schemes during the summer months of 2005. This was the fourth successive year during which schemes have been undertaken.

RETURN TO LEARNING

Seven City Council employees commenced a twenty six week Return to Learning course in September 2005.

FUNCTION FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEES

The annual function for retired employees took place in the Concert Hall, City Hall, on the 13th December 2005. Presentations were made to a number of employees who retired during 2005.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED EMPLOYEES

The annual Ecumenical Service for deceased employees took place in the Concert Hall, City Hall, on the 23rd November 2005. Representatives from four churches participated in the service.

STAFF UNIFORM SCHEME

The issue of a uniform for office based employees was finalised during 2005.

UPGRADE OF CITY WATERWORKS

Discussions continued to take place during 2005, in relation to the proposed upgrade of the City Waterworks.

PARTNERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

A partnership communications sub-committee put forward sixteen recommendations in relation to internal communication within the City Council. The recommendations are under consideration.

Customer Care

Arising from the actions set out in the Customer Action Plan 2004 - 2009 the following were initiated in 2005

- Sign Language Course commenced in September 2005.
- A Commercial Sector Survey was carried out in 2005.
- A new FETAC certified Customer Care course was held in September 2005.
- Disability awareness training continued throughout the year.

In addition the day to day functions of the Section, such as operation of the Reception Desk, dealing with Ombudsman queries, etc continued.

Property

The Property Section deals with management of City Council property which involves:

- Processing / recording all purchase and sales of City Council property
- Administration of lettings of City Council property including leasehold rents
- Co-ordination of compulsory purchase orders from initial mapping through to arbitration
- Administration of Derelict Sites Act procedures
- Administration of wayleaves etc
- Street Trading Legislation
- City Council Markets

Many of the services operated by the Property Section are for other directorates/departments of

the City Council but some services are provided directly to the public.

As part of the Housing Directorate's housing strategy, the Property Section processed the purchase of 83 no. houses in 2005.

The Section administers the City Council's Derelict Sites Register (there were 40 no. sites on the Register at the end of 2005), as well as undertaking compulsory acquisitions under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 (10 no. compulsory acquisitions during 2005). A cross-departmental working group met regularly in 2005 to review progress on derelict sites, and identify priority sites for acquisition.

The Section contributed to the Cornmarket Street Area Action Plan, whereby a street market strategy has been drawn up by the City Council, relating to the designated casual trading area at Cornmarket Street/ Kyle Street.

The Section acquired lands as required for the City Council during 2005, including sites for the Kinsale Road Overpass, a compulsory acquisition of lands at Victoria Cross, and property for the Knocknaheeny Masterplan. During 2005, the Section processed, mapped and recorded over 100 property disposals, together with an additional 35 no. fee simple interest disposals.

Communications

The Communications Section manages Cork City Council's relationship with the public, other organisations, media - local, regional and national - and staff, with the support of the City Council's Communication Liaison Officers. Press releases were issued in respect of Civic Receptions, Freedom of the City, official openings etc. and photos were taken for the City Council's photographic archives. Publications produced included Annual Yearbook & Diary, Pocket Diary, City News (delivered to households in the city) and FOCUS (staff newsletter). Monitoring content on the City Council's website www.corkcity.ie and intranet together with promotion of the City Council through advertisements in local and national publications was also included in the 2005 Communications programme.

AN ACHT TEANGA 2003

Cork City Council appointed an Irish Officer in March 2005 with responsibility for the implementation of the Council's scheme to fulfill its obligations under An Acht Teanga 2003. An Irish language skills audit of staff was undertaken in August. The City Council supported organisations, publications and events in the city which supported the Irish language. A Ciorcal Comhrá (conversational Irish table) in the staff canteen, City Hall, encouraged staff to practice their spoken Irish. Staff and children of staff received financial support to attend Irish Language College through a government-funded Gaeleagras scheme and also through a City Council support programme.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The number of requests received in 2005 under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003 amounted to 38. Hereunder is a breakdown of the details

Received	38
Personal	10
Non personal	28
Granted	16
Part granted	4
Refused	15
Withdrawn and handled outside of FOI	1
Brought forward from 2004	2
Carried forward to 2006	4
Applications for internal review	2
Appeals made to the Office of the Information Commissioner (including 2 relating to 2004)	4





Docklands Development





The development of Docklands is one of the core elements contained in the Cork Area Strategic Plan (C.A.S.P.) and the Cork City Development Plan 2004. The area's redevelopment is seen as a key factor in growth of the Metropolitan Cork.

The Docklands Directorate was established in recognition of the importance of Docklands regeneration project. The goal of the Docklands Directorate is:

"to actively encourage, influence and facilitate the development of Cork Docklands as a new high density mixed-use urban quarter where people, knowledge and innovation will flourish, thereby supporting Cork's ambition as a confident, competitive, friendly city of the 21st Century."

In order to achieve the goal, the Docklands Directorate will work closely with other Directorates within the City Council and external stakeholders.

A long-term vision for the effective revitalization and rebirth of Docklands was outlined within the Docklands Development Strategy, 2001. Docklands will be people and amenity centred with as many as 6,000 new homes. It will also be a highly attractive location for commercial uses with potential for 560,000m² of non-residential space for offices, educational institutions, retail outlets as well as culture and leisure facilities.

The Cork City Development Plan 2004 transposed this vision into land use and development objectives and recommended the preparation of two Local Area Plans for Docklands – one for the North Docks, the other for the South Docks, in order to

provide more detailed development guidance. In addition, the Directorate is actively pursuing other initiatives.

North Docks Local Area Plan 2005

The Docklands Directorate is responsible for the co-ordination of the implementation and delivery of the objectives of the North Docks Local Area Plan, 2005. The Plan sets out proposals for the transformation of the North Docks area of the city, which has the potential to become a thriving new urban quarter, attractive for business, as well as for people to live, work and visit. An extensive range of uses is proposed including a substantial amount of new commercial floor space, approximately 1,500 new homes, a new national conference / events centre at Kent Station and a continuous quayside amenity area. In addition, major transport improvements are proposed including a reconfigured Kent Railway Station fronting onto the River Lee, new pedestrian routes and new two-way traffic systems.

South Docks Local Area Plan

A multi-disciplinary team of consultants has been appointed to prepare a Local Area Plan (incorporating a Landscape Design/Public Realm Strategy and Infrastructure Strategy) for the South Docks area. This L.A.P. will amplify and develop in more detail the existing planning framework, development policies and objectives contained in the Cork Docklands Development Strategy 2001 and the Cork City Development Plan, 2004 as

well as other relevant policies and material. In addition, the preparation of the L.A.P. will involve consultation with key stakeholders in the South Docks area. The resultant L.A.P. will act as a focus for moving the development of the area forward by providing clear guidance for the development and implementation of the agreed development strategy. A Draft Plan will be placed on public display in autumn 2006.

Economic Study

In order to underpin the economic realities of developing Docklands and to explore property led-solutions the Docklands Directorate has commissioned DTZ Pieda to prepare an Economic Scope Study for the area which will:

- provide guiding economic parameters for the overall regeneration of Docklands;
- identify key sectors that provide employment opportunities which will build on Cork's key attributes and competitiveness;
- quantify the spatial and configuration requirements to facilitate identified proposed uses;
- highlight the commercial opportunities for potential private and public investors and developers

S.U.R.C.H. Project

The Docklands Directorate is currently participating in an E.U. project (S.U.R.C.H. - Social Inclusion in Urban Regeneration through Cultural Heritage) developed under the URBAN II Community Initiative Programme. The aim of the overall Programme is to improve urban actions and policies so as to effectively address multiple problems in urban situations through exchange of knowledge and experience. The Lead City Partner on the Project is Valletta, (Malta) with the other city partners being Athens, (Greece); Cork; Kaunas

(Lithuania); and Nicosia (Cyprus).

Infrastructure Studies

A number of infrastructure initiatives were commenced in 2005 that will provide information for the South Docks Local Area Plan:

- The Feasibility Study into Water Supply was completed by consultants and identified strategic improvements to the water supply network to provide a satisfactory water supply to both the North and South Docks.
- The Surface Water Drainage Feasibility Study was also completed and it identified the deficits in the drainage system in Docklands as well as proposing necessary upgrades and the development of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS).
- A Contamination Study of Docklands began in August 2005 and the Phase 1 desk study has been completed by consultants. This study identified areas for further investigation in Phase 2 of the study based on the historical uses of the site.
- The Office of Public Works has agreed to undertake a study of the whole River Lee catchment. A critical element is the potential for tidal flooding and this area will be a priority focus of the study.
- A Feasibility Report on the Water St. Bridge is nearing completion. New river crossings are essential elements in the provision of access to Docklands.

Website

Further information on the progress of the above projects can be obtained from the website:

www.corkcity.ie/DOCKLANDS



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Environment

Lifetime Lab

Lifetime Lab at the Lee Road Waterworks was officially opened by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government on the 14th October, 2005.

This facility is a valuable educational, cultural and heritage attraction which includes a visitor centre with interactive display units, a steam centre, an energy advice office, a schools resource centre as well as a science themed playground. All the buildings receive their heat and electricity from renewable resources.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

Facilities were introduced for the deposit of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment at the Civic Amenity Site, Kinsale Road.

Waste Management Plan

A review of the Waste Management Plan was made in 2005 under the Waste Management (Amendment) Act 2001. This plan, based on the original Waste Management Strategy adopted by both City and County Councils, sets out the City Council's objectives and proposals for Waste Management in the city for the period 2004-2009.

Household Dry Recyclable Collection

The Final phase of the introduction of the Household Dry Recyclable Collection was completed during 2005. In excess of 5000 TPA were diverted from landfill in this project.

Chewing Gum Removal

Chewing Gum was removed from St. Patrick's Street during 2005 at a cost of €30,000.

National Award for Best Shopping Street

St. Patrick's Street won the Neighbourhood Scheme National Award for Best Shopping Street organized by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Cork Main Drainage Scheme

To comply with the EU Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive and the Government's Environmental Action Programme, the City Council has completed the Cork Main Drainage Scheme. The Scheme is co-financed by the European Union's Cohesion Fund and the Government's National Development Plan via the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The Cork Main Drainage Scheme has cost over €300m.

With completion of the Cork Main Drainage Scheme, a total change in treatment and disposal of urban sewage is now underway, with all foul sewage being treated and discharged in the upper harbour rather than being discharged directly, untreated into the Lee within the city. This involves a major new pumping station at Atlantic Pond, Header Chamber at Ballinure, Siphons at Custom House and Loughmahon and fourteen additional pump houses. The new Treatment Plant at Carrigrenan is being operated on a contract basis by Northern Lyonnaise Ltd. on behalf of the Joint Venture Group who were contracted to design, build and operate the plant. As a result of this work the waters of the Lee, Lough Mahon and Lower Harbour will dramatically improve.

Lee Road Waterworks Upgrading

DOEHLG approval has been issued to proceed with the above scheme under the National Development Plan (2001-2006). The scheme is listed in the Water Services Investment Programme 2005 – 2007 with an allocation of €15.3 million.

The scheme envisages large-scale improvements and upgrading of the Lee Road Waterworks with a view to modernising the plant and ensuring that the quality of drinking water continues to be in full compliance with the E.U. Drinking Water Directive and that the Plant meets Environmental requirements.

Proposed Supplementary Supply

Approval has been received for the planning of a trunk main from Glashaboy Water Scheme (Little Island) to Tivoli Industrial Estate for fire-fighting purposes and for augmentation of existing supplies. €2,040,000 has been allocated in the Water Services Investment Programme 2005 – 2007 for this scheme.

Cork City Council Improving Its Water Supply

Rehabilitation of Watermains

The Water Conservation Investment Programme includes an allocation of €13.03 million for rehabilitation works in Cork city. Significant lengths of watermains have been renewed or rehabilitated in conjunction with Cork Main Drainage Scheme Contracts and other street improvement schemes e.g. Shandon Street and Watercourse Road.

A Preliminary Report on the rehabilitation needs of the Water Distribution Network has been forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for approval.

Docklands Development Area

Consultants were commissioned to carry out feasibility studies for the provision of improved water supply and drainage schemes in the Docklands Development Area. €10.1million has been allocated under the Water Services Investment Programme 2004-2006 for this work. Feasibility Studies on water supply and surface water drainage of the Docklands have been received.

A sum of €5.2 million is included in the Water Services Investment Programme 2005 – 2007 in respect of the water supply element of the Docklands Supply. A Design Brief has been prepared for the appointment of a Consulting Engineer to prepare a Preliminary Report on the water supply.

Strategic Water Study of Cork County Council (Southern Division) and Cork City

Under the Water Services Scheme Investment Programme (2005 - 2007) DOEHLG has allocated €1.37 million for the preparation of a Strategic Water Study for the Southern Division of Cork County Council and Cork city. R.P.S. Consulting Engineers, Innishmore, Ballincollig were selected to carry out the study. A final report will be ready in mid 2006.

Water Services Investment Programme 2005–2007

Under the Government's Water Services Investment Programme 2005-2007:

- a) €15.3 million is provided for the refurbishment of the Lee Road Water Works
- b) €4,490,000 has been provided for the provision of a new water storage reservoir at Shanakiel
- c) €1,730,000 has been provided for replacement of the old rising mains to the Shanakiel Reservoir
- d) €10,300,000 is provided for the Docklands Water and Drainage Schemes.
- e) €1,370,000 is provided for a Water Strategy Study of Cork County Council (Southern Division and Cork city)
- f) €2,040,000 is provided for the construction of the Little Island to Tivoli watermain.

Strategic Policy Committee

There were four Environment SPC meetings in 2005. Among the items considered by the SPC were:

- Review of Cork City Development Board policy document "Imagine Our Future"
- South Western River Basin Project - 2 members nominated to Advisory Council
- Litter Management Plan Review





Housing and Community



Homelessness

A review of the original Integrated Homelessness Strategy for Cork was completed and an updated strategy launched in 2005. The new Strategy marked a shift away from direct provision of homeless accommodation towards a stronger emphasis on prevention and the breaking of the cycle of homelessness.

2005 saw the provision of a Foyer for young persons aged 18-25 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Carrying broad-based support from state agencies, including the Health Services Executive, FÁS, the VEC and the City Enterprise Board, the facility will offer an integrated approach to the needs of young people allowing them to move from dependent to independent living. It will provide safe affordable accommodation, guidance and support as well as access to learning, employment and training opportunities. There are eighteen accommodation units within the Foyer. The City Council also approved the provision of a gateway project comprising of a fourteen bed facility for rough sleepers in 2005. The aim of the proposed project is to address the issue of homelessness on the streets and to eliminate rough sleeping in Cork city.

Rental Accommodation Scheme

In 2005, the Rent Accommodation Unit was set up to address the housing needs of rent supplement recipients under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme. The new arrangements will involve Cork City Council progressively assuming responsibility for accommodating rent supplement recipients of eighteen months continuous duration who are assessed as having a long term housing need. This will involve sourcing accommodation from the private rented market or through other social housing measures.

Travellers

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2005-2008 was adopted by Council in February 2005. This Programme, which is part of a continuum spanning the first such plan, covering the period 2000-2004, and future plans, outlines policies, strategic initiatives and implementation measures that will cater for traveller accommodation needs in the short to medium term, but which are appropriate, achievable and measurable.

A new Group Housing Scheme was formally opened by President Mary McAleese in March 2005 in

Mahon for the residents of the Mahon Halting Site. The scheme consists of eight four-bedroom bungalows, one three-bedroom bungalow and three halting bays. Each halting bay has a service block comprising a kitchen/living room, bathroom and utility room. It has been designed to the highest building standards and houses two family groupings. The scheme also provides for economic activity and a community facility for meetings or group activities.

Housing Capital

254 no. units were completed or were nearing completion at the end of 2005

■ 5 & 6 BallymacThomas Street	4 units
■ 21 Chapel Street	2 units
■ Foyer, Blackpool	18 units
■ Sunvalley Drive	8 units
■ Wherlands Lane	10 units
■ St. John's Well	7 units
■ Glen Regeneration Project	48 units
■ Regina Mundi	39 units
■ Berlingford Drive	42 units
■ Casey's Land	46 units
■ Mount St. Josephs Phase II	30 units

The following major schemes will continue in 2006:

■ Shandon	35 units
■ Seminary Road	31 units
■ Deerpark	29 units
■ Turners Cross	18 units
■ Boreenmanna Road	47 units
■ Ringmahon House	16 units
■ Knocknaheeny	45 units
■ Brothers of Charity	8 units

TOTAL 229 units

Housing Purchases

The purchase of property to meet housing need is in line with government policy to counteract social segregation. In 2005, Cork City Council agreed purchase terms for 100 no. houses.

Affordable Housing

The following is the position with regard to the current activity in the provision of affordable housing:

SCHEME	NO OF UNITS	STATUS
Casey's Land	53	Under Construction
Blackpool	20	Under Construction

Hollyhill Lane	21	Work Completed
Glenfields	23	Work Completed
Buckley's Field	32	Construction Completed
Berlingford Drive	14	Construction Completed
Hollyhill Lane II	28	Under Construction
Shanakiel	287	Part 8 Planning Approved
Total	478	

Voluntary Housing

Funding for the provision of accommodation by the Voluntary Sector is available under the Capital Assistance Scheme and the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme. The importance of the Voluntary Sector is recognised in maximising the output of accommodation to meet social housing need and in particular in providing for special needs and sheltered accommodation.

Activity by the Voluntary Sector has increased substantially in recent years and this progress continued throughout 2005 with further projects scheduled to commence in 2006. A summary of schemes is given hereunder:

Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme

SCHEME	NO OF UNITS	STATUS
Cluid Housing		
Association-Broad Lane, Blackpool	28	Under Construction
Respond! Voluntary Housing-Blackpool		
Flats	12	Work Completed
Total	40	

Capital Assistance Schemes

SCHEME	NO OF UNITS	STATUS
Skiddy's Almshouse	15	Work On-Going
Respond! Voluntary Housing-Blackpool	50	Work Completed
Bishopstown Senior Citizens	25	Work Completed
Farranree Sheltered Housing	39	Under Construction
Shanbally Housing Association	11	Work Completed
Respond! Voluntary Housing-28/29 Dublin St	12	Part 8 Planning Approved
Respond! Voluntary Housing-Thomas Davis St	7	Work On-Going
Cork Simon	12	Work Completed

Community-Blackrock		
COPE Foundation	36	Work Completed
Open House – Leitrim Street	14	With Dept for approval
Total	221	

A total of 1,222 units are in the Provision Framework at present.

Refurbishment Programme

Central Heating Programme - In 2005, Cork City Council with the assistance of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government undertook a programme of work to install gas fired central heating for all housing tenants over the age of sixty. Approximately 240 installations were completed in 2005 at a cost of €1.3m.

80% of the cost is provided by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government with 20% being contributed from Cork City Council's own resources. As well as the heating installation, the work also included the provision of attic insulation and smoke alarms.

The Glen - Work was completed on Phase 1 of the Glen Regeneration Project. The demolition of flat complexes to facilitate Phase II of the project is currently underway.

Knocknaheeny Masterplan - Work commenced on Block D, Knocknaheeny at a total budget cost of €21m.

Togher – Deanrock - The decanting of the flats is almost completed with a view to advertising the project under a Public Private Partnership arrangement.

Sunvalley Drive & Cushing Flats - Part 8 planning approval was received in 2005 and construction work will start in 2006.

Strategic Policy Committee

There were two SPC Housing and Community meetings held in 2005. Among the items considered by the SPC were:

- Consideration of the Cork City Council's Tenant Profile
- Review of Cork City Council's Housing Assessment 2005
- The Cork City Council's Housing Capital Allocation 2005
- Review of the Rental Accommodation Scheme



Information Systems



E-government was a key priority for the IS Department in 2005. Several new and improved on-line services were developed. As a direct result of this effort, the City Council received two prestigious national awards for its websites (see below for details).

2005 is the second year of a four year IS strategy, which identified 10 priority projects. One such project, the publication of the planning register on-line, went live in September. This new enquiry facility allows the public to easily search for and view planning applications and the associated maps or aerial photographs of the area.

In summary, each of the four teams (the financial applications team, the network administration team, the general applications team and the mapping information and operations systems team) succeeded in providing new and better public services. Some of the teams delivered by providing new infrastructure or applications across the organisation, while others significantly improved accessibility to the City Council through better on-line services via the web sites. Their work directly supports the objectives of both the IS Strategy 2004 – 2007 plan and the City Council's Corporate Plan 2004 – 2009.

Financial Systems

The Financial Applications section undertook a number of initiatives to support the expansion of a comprehensive e-Government program. Some of these initiatives included:

- The implementation of a new Ticket Court Management System, representing the final phase of a comprehensive modern parking fines management solution.
- A new online solution to allow Cork City Council to engage with prospective suppliers for quotations for goods and services to ensure competitive pricing for purchases.
- Introduced, in partnership with the Finance Department, a Low Value Purchase Card system.
- Piloting an e-Consultation System which will allow submissions online for public consultation on Cork City Council initiatives.
- A new Trade Refuse management system including integration and interface with the current financial systems.

General Application Team

The City Council website, www.corkcity.ie, won two prestigious national awards in 2005. The Golden Spider Award was received in November, for the best local government website and at the Irish eGovernment Awards; Cork City Council won the best local government web innovation award. Several new websites were commissioned by the Environment, Community and Enterprise, Recreation, Amenity & Culture and Planning & Development directorates. These were used to highlight key projects and events during 2005 (www.lifetimelab.ie, www.connectcork.ie and www.corkcity.ie/heritage).

Other significant projects achieved during 2005 included;

- A strategic review, consolidation and migration of several critical SQL databases to the new Storage Area Network (SAN)
- New applications development in .NET, e.g. Electoral Register, Burial Grounds, Customer Survey, Performance Management and Development Systems (PMDS) and others;
- The implementation of a document management system within the Planning and Development Directorate.

Mapping Information and Operational Systems Team

For years, finding a way of allowing staff from across the organisation easy access to map based information has been a challenge. During 2005, with the aid of Autodesk Map Guide City Council staff could easily view information plotted against Ordnance Survey maps, via the staff intranet, e.g. planning applications, water and drainage datasets. At the same time several new applications which use map based technology to capture and display information were introduced across the organization for the Roads and Environment directorates.

During 2005 a dedicated help desk was set up to manage the desk top environment. This team negotiated a new licensing agreement, new procurement contracts and managed the replacement of over 180 PCs while supporting help desk requests from 750 users across 25 sites. They also implement a new help desk and asset management system which recorded over six thousand calls during the year.

Network Administration Team

This team is credited with the provision of a safe and secure network environment across 25 remote sites.

Some of the major projects implemented by the Network Administration section during 2005 included;

- Installation of StorageTek Storage Area Network and Brightstor Centralised Backup to Safeguard Data.
- Upgraded Link from Ballyvolane Fire Station to City Hall to a 36 Megabit Licensed Link.
- Upgraded Link from City Council Garage/Landfill Site to City Hall to a 36 Megabit Licensed Link.
- Updated Email Security System to monitor all Emails.
- Introduction of monitoring software on all City Council Networks.
- New Tory Top library set up.
- Provided remote access with Private Access Point Network with O2 over the Government Virtual Private Network for secure GPRS for mobile users.
- Installation of Secure Remote access using RSA key fobs.
- Support for Cork 2005.





Personnel



The Personnel Department manages Cork City Council's human resources – its staff. Its primary functions include the selection and recruitment of staff, the provision and maintenance of suitable staff structures, staff training, welfare, industrial relations and the provision of services for retired employees.

Training and Development Section

Many staff undertaking educational programmes leading to professional and/or academic qualifications are availing of the Study Assistance Scheme. In 2005 Cork City Council funded over 100 members of staff through this scheme which enabled them to undertake relevant courses of study in their own time.

Specialist, general and mandatory courses are regularly organised by the Training & Development Section. A Staff Learning Centre for computer-based training is available for all members of staff in Cork City Council. Currently there are 40 employees participating in the ECDL programme. In 2005 over 20 employees completed the NUI Certificate in Local Government Studies and 20 employees completed the NUI Diploma in Local Government Studies. Samantha Melia, Housing & Community, received an award in recognition of achieving the highest marks nationally in the NUI/IPA Diploma in Local Government Studies in 2005. E-induction Website is available on Cork City Council's intranet and is designed to integrate the new employee into the organization. The Training and Development Section also hosted a two day induction seminar in March for over 50 new staff in Cork City Council.

The Regional Training Centre located in Ballincollig provides training for operational staff. It is managed by a Management Committee comprising of representatives from Cork City Council, Cork County Council and Kerry County Council.

The safety, health and welfare at work of all employees remains a priority for the Training and Development Section through the delivery of courses in manual handling, occupational first aid and Safe Pass. Our team of in-house manual handling instructors received refresher training in 2005 to prepare them to embark on a large scale project to deliver refresher training to all Council staff in manual handling while continuing to provide manual handling training for all new staff.

Recruitment Section

This Section, as its name implies, is responsible for the recruitment of staff.

- Clerical, technical and professional grades are recruited under National Regulations, which prescribe recruitment procedures, qualifications, etc., and recruitment is by way of competitive interview and/or examination conducted by or on behalf of Cork City Council by the Recruitment Section.
- Forepersons, crafts, operatives, etc., are recruited normally by competitive interview conducted by the Recruitment Section.

Competition Statistics 2005

No. of Competitions held	70
No. of Appointments	97

Performance Management Development Systems (PMDS)

PMDS is a structured process, intended to achieve a **shared understanding** within Cork City Council of how all employees work together by planning our work, managing our work and putting a focus on training and development, to continuously improve the quality of our services to our customers. It will also ensure that each employee's role is **in line with** the overall objectives of his / her Section, Department / Directorate and the Organisation. The implementation of PMDS has been agreed under the terms of Sustaining Progress Social Partnership agreement (2003 to 2005). The "satisfactory implementation" of PMDS in Cork City Council will be verified by the Performance Verification Group.

The implementation of PMDS in the City Council has the following elements:

- Every Directorate / Department will prepare an annual Operational Plan, aligned to the Corporate Plan, with specific actions for that period.
- Every Team will identify ways in which they can improve service delivery to its customers and agree plans and targets to help monitor performance in relation to the Operational Plan through the completion and application of agreed Team Development Plans (TDPs)
- Every employee in Cork City Council will

have a Personal Development Plan (PDP) meeting with their Team Leader to agree:

- How they can improve personal job performance
- How they can contribute to their team/group performance
- Their training and development needs

A dedicated PMDS team has been established to implement the system

By the end of 2005, PMDS was well underway in six City Council Departments / Directorates. Employees from Finance, Roads, Traffic, Parks and Cemeteries, Community and Enterprise, Docklands and Personnel attended awareness sessions on what PMDS will mean for them and for the wider organisation. A large number of Team Development Plans (TDPs) were completed within these Departments. A PMDS Management Steering Committee, which has a membership drawn from Directors of Services and Heads of Function, was assigned responsibility for ensuring that PMDS has, and will continue to have, a strategic impact on the organisation. The PMDS Unit also reported regularly to the Workplace Partnership Committee on the rollout.

Welfare Section

The Welfare Section deals with matters affecting the welfare of staff including superannuation schemes, sick pay benefits, Employee Assistance Programme and Work/Life Balance Policies. In December 2005 Cork City Council held the annual Christmas party for pensioners which included presentations to 28 members of staff who retired during 2005. As part of Cork City Council's Work/Life Balance Policies 13 members of Council staff availed of the Term Time Leave Scheme in 2005, 15 members of staff availed of Parental Leave and 32 members of staff availed of the City Council Workshare Scheme.

Industrial Relations Section

The Industrial Relations Section deals with conditions of employment of employees in Cork City Council by the:

- Implementation of national and local agreements.
- Processing of union claims, including representing the City Council at Labour Court, Rights Commissioners and other various statutory appeal Tribunal hearings.
- Conducting all discussions/negotiations with the relevant trade unions at local level relative to all aspects of the employment, pay and conditions of service of staff. In 2005 the Industrial Relations Section held over 50 meetings with all the associated unions within Cork City Council.





Planning and Development

The Planning and Development Directorate promotes and controls development in order to create a high quality environment where people can live, work, invest and spend their leisure time. The functions of the Directorate include the development of planning policies for the City, promoting and facilitating orderly development through the Development Control process and ensuring compliance by Planning Enforcement.

Planning Policy involves preparing the City Development Plan which was adopted in December 2003 for the period 2004 to 2009 which co-ordinates the activities of the City Council in areas such as housing, roads and sanitary services and also guides the use of land within Cork City for residential, employment and other purposes.

The Development Control system operates by obliging prospective developers to obtain planning permission for new development or changes of use of existing buildings. It is one of the major statutory responsibilities undertaken by City Council. The buoyant National economy has been reflected in Cork City with the large number of planning applications, many of which are of a very complex nature.

The Directorate's Planning Enforcement function ensures that developers comply with the planning permissions granted and that no unauthorised development takes place.

Planning Policy Section

The role of the Planning Policy Section is to prepare and monitor the implementation of land use planning policy for the city. This involves the preparation of the City Development Plan and local planning, which includes the preparation of Local Area Plans, Action Plans, and Site Development Briefs.

Cork City Development Plan

The Cork City Development Plan was launched in 2004, and runs to late 2009. The plan sets out Cork City Council's policies for the development of Cork city and seeks to direct policy towards the improvement of the city under a number of headings, including, social, economic, culture and the environment. The plan is set within the strategic framework of the Cork Area Strategic Plan 2001-2020 (CASP).

A 2 year progress report was produced in December

2005 which showed considerable progress in implementing many of the objectives of the City Plan. There has been considerable progress in relation to regeneration of the city centre, one of the central objectives of the Plan. The City Council has invested heavily in upgrading of the public realm in city centre streets and there has been significant progress made in delivery of new office, retail, leisure and residential development by the private sector.

Local Planning

During 2005 the Planning Policy team continued the process of preparation of a series of local area plans, action plans and development briefs. These plans proactively encourage and promote redevelopment and rejuvenation of the city.

- Local Area Plan for the North Docks
- Action Plan for Cornmarket Street
- A draft Action Plan has also been prepared for Blackrock Harbour and Village

Conservation Activities

The Planning and Development Directorate has an important role to play in the protection and conservation of the historic built environment.

Record of Protected Structures (RPS)

Listed buildings are now known as Protected Structures, and are listed in the Record of Protected Structures.

Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs)

Cork's historic areas can now be protected by means of Architectural Conservation Area status.

Archaeology

Archaeological investigations have continued to yield significant results, which have increased our knowledge of how the city developed.

Heritage

The National Heritage Plan requires each local authority to prepare a Heritage Plan for its area. A Heritage Officer has recently been appointed to carry out this task and to promote the value of the cities varied heritage. In September 2005 a Heritage Open Day was held.

Urban Renewal and Living Over the Shop

The Planning Policy section administers the Urban Renewal Integrated Area Plan (IAP) Urban Renewal Schemes in Blackpool and the City Docks and the Living Over The Shop (LOTS) Scheme in the City Centre.

Blackpool / Shandon Integrated Area Plan

The principle objective of the Blackpool / Shandon Integrated Area Plan is to bring about the rejuvenation of the area through a series of interrelated projects; both public and private.

Living Over the Shop (LOTS)

This scheme aims at promoting the rehabilitation of buildings and increasing the supply of residential units within the City Centre. The emphasis is on refurbishment rather than demolition.

Development Control

The continued and welcome growth in the Cork economy has been reflected in the following significant developments, processed by the Development Control Section, which have been either commenced or completed in 2005:

(a) Residential Schemes

- 800 inner city apartments at various sites including George's Quay, Lavitt's Quay, Knapp's Square, Carroll's Quay, Lancaster Quay, Leirim Street, Copley Street and Watercourse Road.
- 550 houses (including refurbishment of Convent) at Ursuline Convent, Blackrock.
- 300 apartments at Our Lady's Hospital.
- 120 houses at former Silverspring's Golf Course, Tivoli.
- Refurbishment of the Mill Building, Fr. Matthew Quay for apartment use.
- Watercourse Road - 120 houses.
- 500 houses / apartments, Rivers Edge, Mahon.

(b) Student Apartments

- 1200 new student bed spaces at Victoria Cross, Curraheen Road, The Tennis Village, Model Farm Road and Lower Glanmire Road.

(c) Commercial Schemes

- Guy's site, Cornmarket Street
– Major retail / apartment scheme
- An Post site, Eglinton Street
– Mixed use commercial / residential incl 18 storey building
- Regional shopping centre and retail warehousing in Mahon.
- Retail warehousing, cinema, offices and apartments at the Polefield, Blackpool.
- Offices / retailing for the O'Callaghan Group at Lavitt's Quay.
- Hotel / offices at Lapp's Quay by Howard Holdings.
- Offices by O'Flynn Construction at Lapp's Quay.
- New Regional Webworks at Albert Quay.
- New Jury's Hotel at Lancaster Quay (180 beds) and 230 apartments.

(d) Institutional Developments

- New Civic Office development at City Hall.
- New County Hall.
- Significant developments by UCC including:
 - (a) the Glucksman Art Gallery;
 - (b) School of Pharmacy;
 - (c) new Library;
 - (d) new Honan Square and
 - (e) Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing at Brookfield House, College Road.
- New St. John's VEC Campus at South Terrace.
- School of Music, Union Quay.
- Major expansion of academic and leisure facilities at CIT, Bishopstown.
- New Bus Station at Parnell Place.
- Significant new buildings at Cork University Hospital, Wilton including a new Maternity Hospital and Renal Dialysis building.

(e) Other significant permitted developments in 2005 include:

- Commercial development at St Patrick's

Quay – Kenny Quay

- 150 apartment scheme at Water Street (with An Bord Pleanala)
- Business Technology scheme at Centre Park Road
- New office building at Crosse's Green
- Redevelopment of Metropole Hotel – 120 bed hotel & 70 apartments
- 120 bed hotel at Beasley Street / Parnell Place
- 'Breastcheck' clinic at South Infirmary

(f) Sites which will be the focus of applications for permission for significant developments in 2006 include for the following:

- Continued redevelopment of the lands north of the Polefield, Blackpool.
- 2 comparison retail sites at St. Patrick's Street for 25,000 m² of comparison retailing at Dunnes Stores and O'Callaghan site.
- Housing at Nemo Rangers lands, Douglas Road.
- Redevelopment of Blackrock Harbour Area.
- Tyndall Research Institute at Dyke Parade.
- Various opportunity sites within the Cork Docklands including Kent Station, Horgan's Quay and the South Docks.

The Development Control Section has continued to provide a comprehensive service to the public by facilitating the general public / developers with pre-planning discussions. The latter helps to create good working relations with our main stakeholders as well as trying to ensure that the key planning issues in significant development proposals are identified and addressed at an early stage in the planning process.

Planning Enforcement Section

Cork City Council, in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the Planning & Development Acts 2000 – 2002, seeks to secure compliance with planning permissions and prevent unauthorised developments. Although every effort is made to ensure compliance with the planning code by agreement, enforcement action is taken when required.

Statutory Key Performance Indicators 2005

Total number of cases subject to (written) complaints that are investigated	266
Total number of cases dismissed	11
Number of Enforcement procedures taken through Warning Letters	243
Number of Enforcement procedures taken through Enforcement Notices	18
Total number of Injunctions sought and number of prosecutions (0)	(0) 0

Other significant enforcement indicators for 2005 are as follows:

- Number of cases closed / resolved 267
- Number of Warning Letters issued 507
- Number of Section 8 notices issued 485

Development Contributions - Financial

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 48/49 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, following a period of public consultation and notification to Prescribed Bodies, Cork City Council adopted a General Development Contributions Scheme and a Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme on the 12th January 2004. Both schemes set out the scale of development contributions which applied to all relevant planning permissions determined by Cork City Council from the 13th January 2004.

The General Scheme applies to the provision of classes of infrastructural services/facilities on a citywide basis, The Supplementary Scheme provides for charges to be levied in respect of the Cork Suburban Rail project, on developments within specified areas of Cork City.

Implementation of the Housing Strategy (Part V - Planning and Development Act 2000 -2002) :

Pursuant to the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2002, an applicant for planning permission for the development of dwellings (4 or more units or on land greater than 0.1 hectare), on land which is subject to a zoning requirement to reserve land for social and affordable housing, must specify the manner in which they propose to comply with a condition of planning implementing the social/affordable housing objectives of the Housing Strategy, which was adopted by Cork City Council on the 8th October, 2001.

Derelict Sites

In compliance with the objectives of Cork City Council's Corporate Plan, Planning and Development have been pro-active in encouraging the development of derelict sites through the use of the Derelict Sites Acts and the Planning and Development process.

Outdoor Events Licences

During Cork City's designation as the European Capital of Culture in 2005, the following application for Outdoor events licences were processed :

- Ocean to the City Boat Race – River Lee Saturday 4/6/2005.
- Andrea Bocelli – Collins Barracks Friday 15/07/2005.
- Rory Gallagher Tribute Concert – City Centre Sunday 31/07/2005 (cancelled).
- Festival for Christmas lights ceremony – City Centre 27th November 2005.

Control of Funfairs (Fairground Equipment):

From the 1st March 2004 a person who intends to hold or organise a funfair shall give notice in writing, addressed to the designated officer within Cork City Council.

Strategic Policy Committee

There were five Planning and Development SPC meetings held in 2005. Among the items considered by the SPC were :

- Progress report on the Cork City Development Plan
- Variations to the Cork City Development Plan
- Review of the Cork City Development Board strategy
- Consideration of various Area Action Plans
- Cork Economic Monitor
- Urban Renewal Scheme Annual Report
- Blackpool Railway Station brief





Recreation, Amenity and Culture



Cork City Fire Brigade

The development of the state of the art Fire Brigade Training Facility and the Civil Defence HQ adjacent to the Sub-Fire Station in Ballyvolane was opened in June 2005.

Cork City Fire Brigade was integrated into the Munster Regional Communications System on 31 May 2005. All emergency 112/999 calls for the Cork City Fire Brigade are directly routed to the Munster Regional Communications Centre who then mobilise the appropriate Fire Crews to the emergency. In the Cork area this provides a more efficient method of mobilisation particularly in the suburbs of the City and areas adjacent to the County. This is part of a continuous development programme to provide an enhanced response to emergencies.

Cork City Libraries

A new era started for Libraries in Cork when the Council adopted a 5-year plan called Books, Bytes & Buildings at the beginning of the year.

Highlights of the Libraries Cork 2005 programme were World Book Day, three exhibitions in the Music Library, a range of children's workshops, a large number of book launches, and 'From the sidelines', a sports writing conference.

New Library Buildings

The new €3m Tory Top Library in Ballyphehane was completed and opened to the public in September 2005. In addition construction of an 1100 sq. metre library serving Bishopstown and the western suburbs began in June 2005. The library which will cost €4.8m is due for completion in 2006.

The most exciting current project is the proposal to build a new Central Library in Cork. An internal working group is in place to prepare a brief for the new Central Library for the new building, taking into account best practice and recent innovations in library design and layout. To progress library design, and to enhance public appreciation of the need for library architecture of the highest standard, the Council organized the 'Ideal City Library' architectural ideas competition. Some 230 proposals were received from all over the world for a 21st century library for a city of Cork's size.

Cork Public Museum

2005 was a fantastic year for Cork Public Museum. In addition to opening the magnificent extension, the Museum also held an extraordinary number of temporary exhibitions and other events such as:

- The Great Exhibition 1902/03
- Jason Ellis
- The Magic of Masks & Puppets
- Azhem Koleci Photographs
- Inspirational Awakenings
- Contemporary Music
- Winegeese
- Barrel Top Wagon
- Ór Chorcaí

Recreational Facilities

Work on the Churchfield Leisure Complex was completed mid-2005 and open to the public in July. The facility comprising 3 pools, fun flume, 300 sq.m. gym, sauna and aerobics room cost €9.5m, and is operated by Leisureworld on the City Council's behalf.

Two new parks incorporating playgrounds were opened by the Council mid year, one at Loughmahon Park, Mahon and the other at Glenamoy Lawn in Mayfield, in addition to a new 18 acre public park developed at Mahon as part of the Jacob's Island development. The parks have proved to be extremely popular with local residents. Work also commenced on the development of Pophams Park at Farranree.

Work was completed on a major refurbishment of the Red Abbey, off Abbey Street.

Work began on the Mahon Sports Project, comprising a number of grass and all-weather pitches at Mahon.

A new Changing Pavilion, Togher Sports Pavilion was constructed by the Council in 2005, and opened for use in December. The facility at Coffey's Field in Togher comprises 4 changing rooms, shower areas and referees room.

The Council added 2 further all-weather pitches at the Glen Resource Centre, together with an additional car park. The new facilities have been in constant use since completion in October.

Arts

In 2005 Cork celebrated its tenure as European Capital of Culture. Our galleries, streets and stages were graced with local, national and international art and artists. These included a production of *The Pillow Man*, the dancers of Sol Pico, artist John Berger and architect Daniel Libeskind. The Courthouse was the stage for Corcadorca's *Merchant of Venice*. The festivals of the city presented more eclectic programmes than ever with Cork St. Patrick's Festival re-launched as a three day event

The Arts Office partnered with Cork County Council, Cork 2005 and the Arts Council on the Credit Union *Artist in the Community Scheme*. Twenty groups from around the city and county area worked with artists for between 3-6 months.

A range of capital projects were completed; a new performance/rehearsal space for Graffiti Theatre and the commencement of work on a new visual arts space in Shandon. It was announced that post 2005, No. 50 Pope's Quay would house a number of Arts Organisations.

The Arts Office continued to support the

professional, community and voluntary arts sector through advice, support and grant aid. In excess of 80 groups received financial aid.

Work was completed on two new public art commissions; Maud Cotter's installation in Cork City Courthouse and a mixed media piece in the Tory Top Library by Michael McLoughlin.

Conscious of the need to prepare for development post 2005 City Council approved a new Arts and Cultural Strategy 2006 – 2009 in November. Our arts sector is now in a stronger position than ever to grow and develop from the platform provided by the events of 2005.

Strategic Policy Committee.

There were three Recreation Amenity and Culture SPC meetings in 2005.

Amongst the items considered by the SPC were:

- Books, Bytes and Buildings- the Strategic Plan for the Library 2005 to 2009
- Strategic Plan for the Archives 2005-2009
- Arts and Cultural Strategy 2005- 2009





European Capital of Culture 2005



On January 8th 2005 an extraordinary thing happened in Cork. It stopped raining! During a miraculous break in a horrible weather pattern, 100,000 people took to the streets to celebrate the beginning of Cork's tenure as European Capital of Culture.

Kick-starting with that extraordinary weekend in January, the city celebrated its long-awaited year in the spotlight with an extraordinary programme of cultural activity spanning theatre and dance; architecture, design and visual arts; music; sport; film, media and sound; festivals; literature, publications and conferences.

Across the year over one million people, seven times the city's population, attended official Cork 2005 events as local and international audiences turned out to experience the Cork 2005 programme. Having emerged from a "Public Call" for ideas and the submission of over 2000 local, national and international responses, the Programme was a truly European Capital of Culture Programme – celebrating the culture of Cork, of Ireland and of Europe. Enabling active engagement with the enlarged European Union and encouraging the hosting of diverse cultural events in the city, the delivery of the Programme was achieved through partnerships with the city's festivals and existing cultural institutions, as well as community and voluntary groups in Cork and large numbers of cultural practitioners locally, nationally and internationally.

Among the many highlights early in the year, *La Dona Manca o Barbi-Superestar* by Spanish dance sensation Sol Picó was a huge hit; the *Cork 2005 World Writing Series*, a major series of readings by literary masters including Nobel Prize laureate Seamus Heaney, Doris Lessing and Kenyan novelist Ngugi Wa Thiong 'O was a sell-out; and *European Quartet Week* witnessed world-class performances from leading international string quartets.

The year continued into the summer as thousands of visitors flocked to *Airgeadóir*, the magnificent exhibition showcasing the work of Cork's silversmiths and goldsmiths over four centuries; over 500 rowers in 120 coastal rowing boats competed in the first *Ocean to City*, Ireland's largest ever rowing race; *Relocation*, the hugely successful series of outdoor site specific theatre took to the streets with four European companies including Cork's own Corcadorca; *Surface Tension* showcased the latest developments in graffiti art

and a lecture by internationally acclaimed architect Daniel Libeskind sold out in twenty four hours.

The summer also brought the much awaited *Exodus* exhibition, by Sebastião Salgado, regarded by many as the world's greatest photographer, *Eurochild* catered for our younger artists in a week-long children's arts festival, and Aiken Promotions brought a host of international acts to the city with it's *Live at the Marquee* series and an unforgettable performance by Andrea Bocelli in Collins Barracks.

The year also saw Cork honour Frank O'Connor with the awarding of the first ever Frank O'Connor International Short Story Prize sponsored by O'Flynn Construction to Chinese author Yi-yun Li. The work of James Barry (1741-1806), one of the most significant artists to have been born and trained in Cork, is still being exhibited in the Crawford. Other visual arts highlights included a unique exhibition of collaborative drawings by John Berger, one of the most influential thinkers on culture, and Spanish artist Marisa Camino; *Enlargement*, the year-long exhibition at the Cork Vision Centre showcasing art from the enlarged European Union; C2 which celebrated the work of over 100 Cork contemporary artists; and *Forty Shades of Green*, at the Lewis Glucksman Gallery.

The world record for the largest gathering of céilí dancers was broken at the Céilí Mór, a pilot week of community television was broadcast, the musical traditions of Europe, America, England and Ireland were brought together in the critically acclaimed Music Migrations Series and, with additional support from Cork 2005, the city's festivals delivered bumper programmes. All contributing to the memorable year.

A huge volume of activity also took place away from the public eye in the wide range of residency and community-based projects. Over 30,000 people, including school children, trade union members, youth groups, asylum seekers, the sick and the elderly participated in over 600 creative workshops in the city – an astonishing level of active participation.

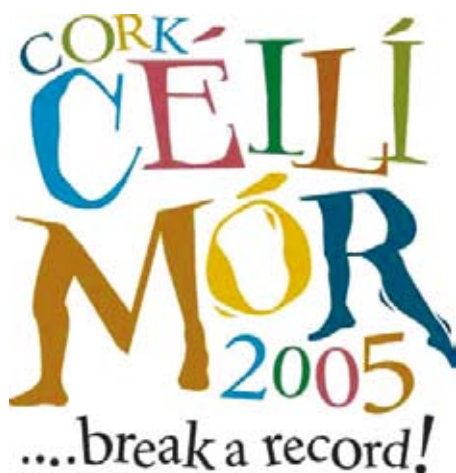
The designation as European Capital of Culture presented a unique and important opportunity to showcase the city, bringing with it an unprecedented media focus on Cork on a local, national and international level. Working with Cork Kerry Tourism, Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland,

Cork 2005 hosted over 400 journalists from across the globe in 2005, securing international interest in the city which resulted in a significant boost to visitor numbers this year and which will ensure a tourism legacy in the years ahead.

2005 also witnessed the culmination of a hugely successful sponsorship drive with over 230 companies directly supporting Cork 2005, ranging from Premier Partner RTÉ and Official Partners Heineken Ireland, AIB, Thomas Crosbie Holdings and Musgrave Group, to Corporate Club Members at €1,000 each. Sponsorship came from every section of the private sector – Financial Services, Retail and Wholesale, Hospitality Industry, Transport, Construction and Property, Drinks Industry, Media and Entertainment – resulting in a

sponsorship figure of €7m in cash and benefit-in-kind, an unprecedented amount for the Arts in this country. Allied to this private sector investment, the €7.85m grant from the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism and €5.65m from Cork City Council demonstrated not only the significance of the designation on a local and national scale but their very clear commitment to what has been a brilliant and historic year for Cork.

It has been an amazing year. But Cork 2005 is not an end in itself. Through the programme foundations have been laid for future collaboration, new friendships have led to the development of new networks and Cork has firmly taken its place on the European stage.





Roads and Transportation

Highlights of the year included the completion of construction work on the €11 million St. Patrick's Street Refurbishment Scheme which has now brought a new and revitalized ambience to the street, from St. Patrick's Bridge to Daunt Square.

Work also continued on the €1.7 million Shandon Street Renewal Scheme, which will give a much needed fillip to this historic quarter of the city. In addition work continued on the €3.5 million Watercourse Road/Thomas Davis Street Urban Renewal Scheme in Blackpool.

Refurbishment of Oliver Plunkett Street was completed at a cost of €5 million. The project has transformed the street into a first class shopping area for the city centre and the introduction of time controlled access to the area has facilitated the movement of all shoppers throughout the area.

Also during 2005, a continuing road resurfacing programme was undertaken on traffic routes and estate roads, whilst defective footpaths were also replaced as part of this programme.

As part of the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP), implementation of the 10 new Green Routes continued, with the first five routes completed from the city centre to Curraheen, Frankfield, Mayfield and Cork Airport.

Disc parking control areas were extended outwards and the Urban Traffic Control System was introduced to more areas of the city. New city centre cycle parking stands were installed together with improved facilities for cyclists and additional streets restored to a two-way system.

Electronic handheld units were introduced in the Traffic Warden Service to facilitate the issuing of on-street fines.

This then allowed for the introduction of a new on-line system for the payment of traffic fines in the Traffic Division which allowed for the payment of fines within 24 hours of the offence.

Programme Areas Revenue Programme

Including: National Routes, Regional Routes, Local Primary Routes, Other Local Routes, Traffic Control & Management, Public Lighting, On/Off Street Parking, others including Safety, Administration, Public Liability etc.

Capital Programme

Including: Road Improvements, National Roads, Non-National Roads-traffic routes,

Resurfacing non-national roads-minor routes, Regional Traffic Management Grant,

Low Cost Accident Prevention Schemes, Green Route and Park & Ride facility.

Lengths of Road

National Routes	34km
Regional Routes	37km
Local Routes	349km
Road Gully Maintenance	14,000
Public Lighting	13,700 Lanterns

Traffic Management

121 Traffic Signal Controlled Junctions

74 Pedestrian Signalized Crossings

14 Zebra Crossings

13,000 traffic information and regulatory signs

35 school wardens and 2 traffic warden schemes

Car Parking

On Street - 2,100

Off Street - 5,570

Park and Ride Facility – 920 spaces

2005 Highlights

Road Design/Construction Division

- Continuing construction work on the €11 million St. Patrick's Street Refurbishment Scheme which has now brought a new and revitalized ambience to the street, from Patrick's Bridge to Daunt Square. Work progressed on schedule and was completed in July 2005, well in time for the Capital of Culture celebrations in 2005.
- Work also continued on the €1.7 million Shandon Street Renewal Scheme, which will give a much needed fillip to this historic quarter of the city.
- Work continued on the €3.5 million Watercourse Road/Thomas Davis Street Urban Renewal Scheme in Blackpool.
- Completion of the installation of the 60 km. Cork Metropolitan Area Broadband Network,

funded by the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, Cork City Council and the EU. The new network is a vital component of the upgraded infrastructure which the city is developing to meet future growth potential which Cork's "gateway" designation under the National Spatial Strategy will provide. The network will be of great assistance in providing modern, fast communication facilities for commerce, industry and public offices.

Road Traffic Division

- Extension of the SCOOT Urban Traffic Control system to over 90 traffic light controlled junctions in the city and also the continued implementation of bus priority facilities at each junction.
- Three additional Green Routes to facilitate the movement of public transport and cyclists to/from the city centre, as per the recommendations of the Cork Area Strategic Plan were completed from the Cork Airport area and also from the Mayfield area of the city.
- On-line traffic fines payment system introduced.
- Park-by-phone option introduced for on-street parking in the city.

Road Maintenance Division

- During 2005 an extensive Road Resurfacing and Footpath Renewal Programme was undertaken.
- The road resurfacing programme, carried out under three major contracts, included traffic routes and minor (estates) roads as well as repairs on other roads. Footpath renewals were also carried out on many of these roads. The resurfacing of city centre streets following completion of the Cork Main Drainage Scheme received particular attention.

- Footpath renewals and overlays were carried out separately on another 60 roads approximately.
- Other regular maintenance work included road patching/pothole repairs, a multitude of footpath repairs and erection of bollards.
- Drainage gully maintenance throughout the city and weed control on selected roads and footpaths continued.

Road Control Division

- Issue of Guidance Document "Directions for the Control and Management of Roadworks in Cork City" to all stakeholders
- Introduction of a Licensing system for Cranes and Hoists
- Introduction of a licensing system for local events held in Public Places
- Improved system for the temporary closure of Public Roads

Strategic Policy Committee:

There were five Roads and Transportation SPC meetings held in 2005

Among the items considered by the SPC were:

- Roadworks Programme 2006
- Commission for Taxi Regulation – Consultation Paper No. 2 - Roadmap
- Commission for Taxi Regulation – Consultation Paper No. 3 – Taximeter Areas and Taxi Fares
- National Road Safety Campaign for Cyclists
- Discussion Paper on the Disc Parking System and Permit Scheme
- Cork Urban Freight Strategy
- City Development Board Strategy Document "Imagine our Future"
- Road Traffic Act 2004 – Guidelines for the application of special Speed limits
- Cork Area Strategic Plan – The Development of the Green Route Network
- The Provision of Disabled Parking in Cork City
- Charging for the Dishing of Footpaths



Financial Statements

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2005

	Notes	2005 €	2004 €
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,456,484,113	1,412,524,882
Infrastructural		1,300,411,650	1,268,150,217
Community		49,965,703	41,079,764
Non-Operational		16,000,000	16,000,000
		2,822,861,466	2,737,754,863
Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	259,591,977	223,187,611
Long Term Debtors	3	58,475,928	61,880,264
Current Assets			
Stocks	4	184,842	193,083
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	35,497,452	23,971,076
Bank Investments		68,357,010	59,055,532
Cash on Hand		16,885	16,692
Urban Account	7	-	-
		104,056,189	83,236,383
Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)			
Bank Overdraft		11,758,041	6,190,521
Creditors & Accruals	6	26,682,296	14,444,662
Finance Leases		201,154	75,111
		38,641,491	20,710,294
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		65,414,698	62,526,089
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)			
Loans Payable	8	124,660,606	130,377,208
Finance Leases		2,159,063	3,161,242
Refundable deposits	9	2,809,017	3,724,415
Other		926,473	1,085,189
		130,555,159	138,348,053
Net Assets		3,075,789,910	2,947,000,774
Financed by			
Capitalisation Account	10	2,822,861,466	2,737,754,863
Income WIP	2	244,926,288	222,377,541
Specific Revenue Reserve		167,368	167,364
General Revenue Reserve		(409,738)	(611,915)
Other Balances	11	8,243,526	(12,687,079)
Total Reserves		3,075,788,910	2,947,000,774

Income and Expenditure Account Statement For Year Ended 31st December 2005

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Expenditure by Programme Group Expenditure		Gross Expenditure 2005	Income 2005	Net Expenditure 2005	Net Expenditure 2004
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building		25,995,473	22,874,338	3,121,135	3,211,594
Roads Transportation & Safety		27,243,036	19,340,607	7,902,429	7,647,209
Water & Sewerage		19,020,348	9,771,982	9,248,366	5,516,548
Development Incentives & Controls		5,146,381	1,658,422	3,487,959	3,316,721
Environmental Protection		35,900,152	16,601,091	19,299,061	14,873,314
Recreation & Amenity		16,921,552	1,672,273	15,249,279	13,585,647
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare		11,467,111	10,344,120	1,122,991	1,122,843
Miscellaneous		7,929,436	2,138,548	5,790,888	5,461,374
Total Expenditure/Income	16-17	149,623,489	84,401,381		
Net cost of programmes to be funded from Commercial Rates & Local Government Fund				65,222,108	54,735,250
Local Government Fund				23,240,510	21,337,275
Commercial Rates				48,555,922	45,822,914
County Charge					
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers				6,574,324	12,424,939
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	15			(6,372,147)	(12,185,675)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year				202,177	239,264
General Revenue Reserve @ 1st January 2005				(611,915)	(851,179)
General Reserve @ 31st December 2005				(409,738)	(611,915)

The Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 and the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2002 aims to ensure that all Public Bodies and Contractors pay amounts due to suppliers promptly. Cork City Council's payment practice is to pay its suppliers for goods/ services within 30 days unless an alternative payment period is specified in an agreed contract.



Service Indicators

National Service Indicators January To December 2005

A&C ARTS AND CULTURAL SERVICES

A&C.1	Arts Grants	
	Number of arts grants paid:	75
	Total value (€) of arts grants paid per 1,000 population:	€2478

CP COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & COOPERATION – YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY

CP.1	Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Óg scheme:	45%
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C CORPORATE ISSUES

C.1	Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through	
■	Certified leave	3.8%
■	Uncertified leave	1.06%
C.2	Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs:	3.85%

E ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Water

E.1	Percentage of river channel which is:	
Type		%
Unpolluted		5
Slightly Polluted		10
Moderately Polluted		10
Seriously Polluted		75

The 2004 service indicator report reported on the basis of River Basin Districts, with the data imported directly from the EPA report for the period 2001 - 2003. Pending the publication of the next 3 - year report by the EPA, the statistics used for the 2004 service indicator report will be used for the 2005 report.

E.2	Percentage of drinking water analyses results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to:	
Type of Scheme		%
Public Scheme		97.78%
Private Scheme		N/A

Fire Service

E.3	Average time, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in:	
Station		Average Time in Minutes
Full Time Stations		1.4
Part-Time Stations (retained fire service)		N/A

E.4	Percentage of attendances at scenes where:	
Scene		%
First attendance is at scene within 10 minutes		87.5%
First attendance is at scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		11.5%
First attendance is at scene after 20 minutes		1.0%

E.5 Fire Prevention

Fire Certificates	Number
Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	279
Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed	308

Waste Management

E.6	Percentage of households provided with segregated waste collection:	88%
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E.7 Household waste collected which is sent for recycling

Sent for Recycling

Tonnage	6,240
Percentage of household waste collected	13.5%

E.8 Household waste collected which is sent to landfill

Sent to Landfill

Tonnage	40,095
Percentage of household waste collected	86.5%

E.9 Recycling Facilities

Category	Column A: Number of Bring Sites	Column B: Number of Civic Amenity Sites	Column C: Total Number of Facilities	Column D Number of locations Per 5,000 of population	Column E Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5,000 of pop.
Glass	38	1	39	1.6	80.5
Cans	7	1	8	0.3	4.5
Textiles	0	0	0	0	0
Batteries	0	1	1	0	0.6
Oils	0	1	1	0	0.3
Others	0	6	6	0.2	63.6

Litter Prevention and Environmental Enforcement

E.10 Litter

Number of Litter Wardens

Total number of full-time litter wardens	Total number of part-time litter wardens	Number of litter wardens (both full and part-time) per 5,000 of population
3	Nil	0.12

Number of on-the-spot fines:	1235
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Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines:	73
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Number of prosecutions secured:	4
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Percentage of areas within the local authority that are:

Type	%
Unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	1
Slightly polluted with litter	54
Moderately polluted with litter	33
Significantly polluted with litter	12
Grossly polluted with litter	1

E.11 Environmental Complaints and Enforcement

Complaints and Enforcement	Number
Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	1013
Number of complaints Investigated	1013
Number of Enforcement Procedures taken	73

E.12 Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns

Type of School	%
Primary Schools	16%
Secondary Schools	23%

H HOUSING

H.1 Housing Vacancies

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
Total Number of dwellings in local authority stock	Overall % of dwellings that are let	Overall % of dwellings that are empty	% of empty dwellings subject to major refurbishment schemes	% of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	% of empty dwellings available for letting

7999	94%	6.0%	54.5%	72.2%	27.8%
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H.2	Average time taken to relet dwellings available for letting.	5.7 weeks
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H.3	Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received.	100%
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H.4 Average time taken to inform applicants of local authority's decision on applications for:

► The shared ownership housing scheme	14 days
► Housing loans scheme	12 days
► Local authority housing	26.8 days

H.5 Traveller Accommodation

Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local travellers accommodation programme.	85.7%
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L LIBRARY SERVICES

L.1	Public Opening Hours	
■	Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	39
■	Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	N/A
L.2	Number of registered library members as a percentage of the local population:	18%
L.3	Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for:	
	a) Books:	5
	b) Other Items:	1
L.4	Percentage of libraries that offer Internet access to the public:	100%
L.5	Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population:	500

M MOTOR TAXATION

M.1	Number of motor tax transactions which	
■	Are dealt with over the counter	N/A
■	Are dealt with by post	N/A
■	Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	N/A
	Percentage of motor tax transactions which	
■	Are dealt with over the counter	N/A
■	Are dealt with by post	N/A
■	Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	N/A
M.2	Number of postal applications which are dealt with (ie disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of the application	
(a)	On the same day	N/A
(b)	On the third day or less	N/A
(c)	On the fifth day or less	N/A
(d)	Over five days	N/A
	Percentage of overall applications which are dealt with (ie disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of the application	
(a)	On the same day	N/A
(b)	On the third day or less	N/A
(c)	On the fifth day or less	N/A
(d)	Over five days	N/A
M.2	Public opening hours	
■	Average number of opening hours per week	N/A

P PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

P.1 Planning Applications – Decision Making

Category	Column A No. of applications decided	Column B No. of decisions in Column A decided within 8 weeks	Column C No. of decisions in Column A require the submission of further information	Column D No. Of decisions in Column A Where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34 (9) of the Planning & Development Act 2000.	Column E Average length of time taken (in days) To decide an application where further information was sought.	Column F % of grants	Column G % of refusals	Column H % of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Board Pleanála	Column I % of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	
New Housing Development	96	46	46	4	77	66.67%	33.33%	80.65%	19.35%	
Individual House	96	63	33	0	76	64.58%	35.42%	76.47%	23.53%	
Other: not requiring EIA	728	562	146	20	76	84.89%	15.11%	83.02%	16.98%	
Other: requiring EIA	1	1	0	0	0	100.0%	0%	100%	0%	

P.2 Planning Enforcement

	Number
Total number of cases subject to complaints that are investigated	266
Total number of cases subject to complaints that are dismissed	11
Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	245
Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	243
Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	18
Number of prosecutions	0

P.3 Public opening hours

Average number of opening hours per week: 35 hours per week

P.4 Pre-Planning Consultation

- Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held: 1500
- Average length of time from request for consultation with the local authority to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation: 10 days

P.5 Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority 29%

REC RECREATIONAL SERVICES

Rec.1 Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population

Directly provided by the local authority	0.08%
Facilitated by the local authority	Nil

Rec.2	Number of visitors to local authority facilitated swimming facilities per 1,000 population:	4699
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REV REVENUE COLLECTION

Rev.1 House Rent

a)	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due:	92.43%
b)	Percentage of arrears:	
	i) 4-6 weeks old	9.13%
	ii) 6-12 weeks old	18.67%
	iii) more than 12 weeks old	52.85%

Rev.2 Housing Loans

a)	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	
b)	Percentage of arrears:	91.44%
	i) 1 month old	54.97%
	ii) 2-3 months old	13.98%
	iii) More than 3 months old	31.05%

Rev.3 Commercial Rates

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due:	92.43%
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Rev.4 Refuse Charges

Percentage of households paying refuse charges at year end:	91.18%
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Rev.5 Non-Domestic Water Charges

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due:	68.51%
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R ROADS

R.1

Local and regional road surface Dressed per annum (square metres) Surface dressed per annum	Percentage of local and regional roads surface dressing per annum
N/A	N/A

Recruitment Gender Balance 2005

Competition	No. of Applicants		Placed on Panel		Appointed	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Communications Officer-Special Responsibility for Irish	13	33	1	2	1	0
Technician Grade 2- Civil	10	1	6	0	4	0
Technician Grade 2- Architectural	7	2	0	1	0	1
Resident Engineer - Kinsale Road Interchange	28	4	10	0	2	0
Clerk Of Works - Kinsale Road Interchange	15	1	8	0	2	0
Cemetery Supervisor	25	3	2	0	1	0
Trainee Assistant Green keeper	1	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant Planner	18	12	4	5	2	2
Executive Engineer	11	4	5	2	3	1
Heritage Officer	10	26	0	2	0	1
Safety Advisor	1	0	1	0	1	0
Professionally Qualified Housing Welfare Officer	5	4	1	2	1	0
Assistant Engineer	7	4	4	2	1	1
Assistant Engineer (Electrical)	7	0	2	0	1	0
General Foreperson – Housing Maintenance (confined)	20	0	No panel	No panel	2	0
Assistant General Foreperson – Housing Maintenance (confined)	27	0	No panel	No panel	3	0
General Foreperson (Water Distribution)	7	0	2	0	1	0
General Foreperson (Drainage Section)	5	0	2	0	1	0
Temporary Executive Architect	0	1	0	1	0	0
Temporary Assistant Architect	1	0	0	0	0	0
General Foreperson (Roads)	6	0	2	0	1	0
Facilitators – PMDS (confined)	12	11	3	1	2	1
Litter Warden	23	5	4	1	0	1
Senior Staff Officer	15	37	4	4	1	2
Staff Officer	22	83	3	15	2	3
Technician Grade I	9	1	2	1	0	1
Technician Grade I – Water Network Management Section	9	0	2	0	1	0

Competition	No. of Applicants		Placed on Panel		Appointed	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Acting Senior Executive Officer	14	5	3	2	3	0
Acting Senior Executive Engineer	11	0	7	0	1	0
Temporary General Operative (Cleansing Department)	2	0	1	0	1	0
Temporary Part-Time Cleaner	4	3	0	3	0	2
Temporary Social Inclusion Analyst	22	35	2	5	0	1
Assistant General Foreperson (Roads Department)	5	0	3	0	1	0
Temporary Executive Archaeologist	0	7	0	1	0	1
Temporary Executive Building Surveyor	4	2	0	0	0	0
Station Officer	8	0	3	0	3	0
Sub – Station Officer	16	0	3	0	3	0
Leading Fire fighter	21	0	3	0	3	0
Temporary General Operative	21	0	10	0	9	0
Green keeper (Parks)	12	0	1	0	1	0
Assistant General Foreperson (Water Distribution)	9	1	4	0	1	0
Assistant General Foreperson (Drainage)	7	0	3	0	1	0
Temp General Operative	13	0	6	0	5	0
Assistant Staff Officer	99	238	Interviews to be held in 2006			
Temporary Executive Building Surveyor	4	0	1	0	1	0
Temporary Assistant Building Surveyor	5	0	1	0	0	0
Executive Planner	3	8	1	4	0	0
Deputy Foyer Manager	7	6	0	1	0	1
Project Worker (Foyer Project)	14	29	0	2	0	1
Administrator (Foyer Project)	7	32	0	6	0	1
Night Premises Supervisors (Foyer Project)	7	2	2	1	1	1
Relief Support Workers (Foyer Project)	14	17	7	6	3	1

Competition	No. of Applicants		Placed on Panel		Appointed	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Temp General Operative (Parks Department)	4	0	3	0	1	0
Executive Solicitor	5	12	4	3	0	0
Temp Executive Conservation Officer	3	3	1	2	0	0
Administrative Officer (confined) Community & Enterprise Directorate	7	6	1	5	1	2
Facilities Manager	14	1	3	1	0	0
General Operative – Cleansing Department (Confined)	36	0	32	0	0	0
General Operative – All dept except Cleansing (Confined)	70	2	Interviews to be held in 2006			
Executive Scientist (Competition held prior to 2005, recruited in 2005)	2	2	2	1	0	1
Clerical Officer Admin	104	336	17	59	2	6
Clerical Officer Secretarial	16	229	1	44	0	3
Clerical Officer Special	23	22	6	4	3	0
Administrative Officer	23	26	6	7	3	1
Library Assistant	51	103	8	17	2	1
Executive Planner	3	8	1	2	0	2
Executive Technician	12	5	5	1	2	1
Probationary Firefighter	453	17	40	0	6	0
General Operatives	190	1	71	1	5	0



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CORPORATE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2005



Cork City Council's Corporate Plan 2004 - 2009 was adopted by the City Council at its meeting of 22nd November 2004. Following on from the Corporate Plan, each section developed an annual Operational Plan to implement the actions set out in the Corporate Plan.

The following is a report which outlines the progress made by the main service providers, in achieving the targets set out in the Plan in 2005.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

The housing construction programme of 1223 units by 31st August, 2008 is well advanced, with 354 units completed or nearing completion in 2005, and a further 229 under construction. A total of 791 housing units are to be provided by the Voluntary sector, and in 2005, 134 units were completed and 89 were under construction. Targets set under the Affordable Housing scheme are progressing well, and in 2005 a total of 99 units were provided, while a further 48 were under construction.

An application for funding for the post of Tenant Participation Officer was made to the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government and sanction and funding was received.

The compilation and launch of the Traveller Action Plan took place in 2005. The Traveller Group Housing scheme was officially opened in Mahon in January by Her Excellency President Mary McAleese and Estate Management in Hollyhill halting site is ongoing. In an effort to enforce compliance with letting conditions, interviews are carried out prior to all offers of accommodation being made. All tenants of new developments are compelled to attend pre-tenancy courses before keys are handed over. The provision of pre-school, family support and other community based facilities along with supporting their management structures continued in 2005.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

The Oliver Plunkett Street refurbishment project was substantially completed in 2005. Progress on the Street Renewal/Urban Regeneration programme of the city continued. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Shandon Street Renewal scheme was completed and construction works on the Blackpool-Watercourse Road Renewal were substantially completed. The design and preparation of Contract documents for the Grand

Parade Urban Renewal scheme has also been completed and gone to tender.

Work on the construction of the Kinsale Road Interchange commenced in 2005, and is currently on target to meet its planned completion date of 2007. Work on the design and preparation of Contract Documents for the Sarsfield Road Interchange was undertaken and the development now has a planned completion date of 2007. The Roads directorate is proceeding with the statutory process regarding the North Ring Road.

Progress in developing and providing 10 green routes continued in 2005. Three green routes were added to the network in 2005, with a total of five now in operation.

The Park by Phone system was launched on 10th August 2005. This is a new parking payment system whereby motorists can pay for their on-street parking using their mobile phone. The introduction of the system saw a free parking period being offered to users between 10th August and 17th October, 2005. Currently there are approximately 500 users registered on the system.

The development of programmes for upgrading of footpaths to facilitate ease of movement for people with disabilities continued together with the annual road resurfacing programme and footpath renewal programme.

To ensure more effective use of the road network and develop road user information systems a renewal of signage was undertaken. New pedestrian signage for the city centre was provided. To ensure the provision and development of an adaptive urban traffic control system and the on-going development of parking management methods and strategies to achieve a sustainable environment, additional junctions and pedestrian crossings were added to the Urban Traffic Control system. In an effort to reduce the impact of through traffic on the city centre and residential areas, a total of 6 Automatic Bollard Control schemes were installed in 2005. 3 bus priority facilities were added to the UTC.

RECREATION, AMENITY AND CULTURE

The new €9m Leisure centre in Churchfield was completed and opened in July 2005. Detailed plans have been finalized with Mahon Youth Network, City of Cork VEC and Cork City Council for

funding for Mahon Youth Services facility. Plans regarding improvement works to the Kerrigan Tyrell Youth Centre have been drawn up and agreed with the community association, and will proceed to tender in 2006. An additional €70,000 funding was secured in 2005 to enable reconstruction of St Joseph's Community Centre. Tenders for the construction of Link Point at Knocknaheeny (on the grounds of Terence McSwiney College) have been received, and work is to commence in January 2006.

Four all weather pitches were provided in 2005; two at the Sam Allen Sports Centre and two at the Glen Resource Centre. The Mahon Sports Project commenced in 2005 with work on pitches ongoing at present. Preparatory work to conduct a Green Space survey for the entire city was carried out in 2005 and a survey will commence in February/March 2006. The enhancement of all existing Local Parks continued in 2005, and works are well advanced on the development of new local parks at Pophams Road and Kilmore Road and will be completed by 2006. The Mardyke Walk/Cycleway works are well advanced and the walk is scheduled to open late January 2006.

A major Fire Prevention programme that included the inspection of all dance halls, registered clubs and gaming establishments in the city was undertaken in 2005 and fire safety information was distributed to the public.

The new Tory Top Road library opened to the public in September 2005. Work began on the new library in Bishopstown in June, with construction expected to be completed in summer 2006. The library ICT service was enhanced in 2005 with the purchase of 70 state-of-the-art PCs for public access to the internet. To ensure that each library acts as a resource for children and young people, for Life and Learning and for culture and imagination a full range of programmes for children and adults was organized in 2005, including readings, book publications, book launches, enhanced lending, reference and information services and programmes organized as part of Cork 2005. A 5 year strategic plan for the Library Service (Books, Bytes and Buildings) was adopted by Council in February 2005, and commits the Council to detailed objectives in the provision of library services that will ensure that Cork City Council will be a national and international leader in the sector. Progress was

made in 2005 across a range of areas: services to children, enhanced reference services, extension of music lending to Tory Top library etc.

2005 was a memorable year for the City with its designation as European Capital of Culture. The City was host to a vast and varied series of cultural events throughout the year with the city enjoying a very positive profile on the local, national and international stage. The re-vamped St Patrick's Day festival was hailed as an outstanding success. The Arts office worked closely with the Cork 2005 office throughout the year. The Arts Office's involvement with the development of the Arts and Cultural Sector in the city was in-depth and varied in 2005.

The new extension to the museum in Fitzgerald Park was opened in February 2005 and the museum continues to host a wide variety of exhibitions.

ENVIRONMENT

Work on implementing the Government's Water Pricing Policy based on the Polluter Pays Principle was ongoing in 2005. The meter installation programme is on-going and is on target to meet the December 2006 deadline. Preparatory work regarding the implementation of a planned water mains rehabilitation programme was undertaken. In 2005 a report was prepared which addresses the rehabilitation needs of the City (both short and long term proposals are listed). Studies were undertaken to identify Water Services needs including the Cork Strategic Water Study and the South Western River Basin District Basin Catchment study. The final report will address issues such as provision of additional storage capacity at Shanakiel and Rochestown, and provision of additional linkages to the supply from the Cork Harbour and City Water Supply scheme. There is on-going monitoring of the network distribution system to maintain adequate flows and pressures in the network and providing for alternative supply sources in terms of emergency.

The Lifetime Lab, located at the old Cork Waterworks was officially opened by Dick Roche T.D. in 2005 by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The Lifetime Lab Information Centre is open to all visitors and aims to provide information on different environmental topics including Energy, Waste and Water. The information is provided through brochures, videos,

DVDs and on-line access.

The Cork Main Drainage Scheme was completed in 2005. An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and Minister Dick Roche attended the unveiling of the plaque on the completion of the last stage of the scheme.

The disposal of refuse to the highest legal and environmental standards is ongoing with continued compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency Landfill Licence. The work of the Cork City Energy Agency to monitor and advise on reducing emissions of greenhouse gases from Cork City Council's facilities is ongoing. Two new bring sites were opened in 2005.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

A draft local area plan for North Docks was prepared and adopted by Council in 2005. The Cornmarket Street action plan was also adopted and an implementation team has been established. The Draft Blackrock Village Action Plan has been issued for public consultation. A two year progress report on the City Development Plan was submitted to Council in December.

To encourage the development of policies for the conservation of the archaeological heritage of the City a Heritage Officer was appointed and it is planned to establish a Heritage Forum in 2006 to prepare a heritage plan. A successful Heritage Open Day was organized in September to promote architectural heritage.

€170,000 in Conservation Grants was paid out to completed projects. An additional 17 structures were included in the Record of Protected Structures.

Efforts to improve quality service include website access to planning information. Users can access planners' reports and decision details via the website. Electronic Document Management is being introduced to improve links and communication with other City Council directorates. Extensive

public consultation procedures have been incorporated into the preparation of both statutory and non-statutory plans and projects.

The Planning and Development Directorate processed approx. 1,202 planning applications in 2005.

CUSTOMER ACTION PLAN

Cork City Council's Customer Action Plan 2004 - 2009 was adopted by the City Council at its meeting of 14th February 2005.

The reception desk remains the main point of contact for all visitors to City Hall. Staff there are able to issue/accept applications on a whole range of services in addition to providing information. The feedback remains extremely positive and the desk deals with an average of 150 callers per day.

In November/December 2005 a commercial sector survey was conducted. Approximately 3963 businesses in Cork City were circulated with the postal questionnaire. A total of 645 responses were received (equating to a 16.27% response rate). A report on survey findings will be available in early February.

CONCLUSION

The year 2005 saw Cork City Council recognized for the excellence of the service it provides for the public. During the year the City Council won six prestigious national awards. It won the top award as Local Authority of the Year under the award scheme organized by the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland. These awards were achieved through teamwork and are a tribute to the staff in all departments.

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