

# The Dublin Agreement

## 2019-2024

**Note:** The parties to this agreement agree to the establishment of an implementation fund for the commitments outlined here, which will be reviewed on a twice yearly basis.

### Climate

1. We will work towards a carbon neutral and nature friendly city by ensuring effective implementation of a Dublin City Climate Action Plan that must inform all decision making within the council. We will work with the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) Council officials, Codema and other relevant stakeholders to reach a 40% reduction in emissions by 2030, a 70% reduction by 2040 and a zero carbon City by 2050. Dublin City Council will promote an energy policy in reference to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. These goals set us the objective of tackling climate change and preventing poverty. We will ensure this just transition approach across all climate emergency actions.
2. We will champion the environment by protecting current natural resources, clean air and providing new green space amenities with a focus on native planting and habitat creation to increase biodiversity and reduce carbon. We will work to make Dublin a city of urban agriculture with dedicated space for growing food.
3. Dublin City council will publish an annual audit of its carbon footprint. It must also issue a progress report on the aim to become carbon neutral as set down in Dublin City Council's 2019 climate action strategy

<b>Action</b>	<p>We will put in place a Strategic Policy Committee to deal directly with Climate Action and put Dublin on the list of the WHO Healthy Cities.</p> <p>We will create a Dublin City Youth Council on Climate.</p> <p>We will empower greater cooperation between Dublin mayors over the course of the council term on climate action.</p> <p>We will recognise innovation in climate action from communities and businesses.</p> <p>We will establish a local climate action fund for Dublin city resourced from additional central government funding.</p> <p>Dublin City Council will work with Central Government, local communities and the private sector to deliver district heating systems, commencing with progressing the Poolbeg Peninsula.</p> <p>We will champion the retrofit of DCC buildings to enhance energy efficiency and complete Phase II of the insulation programme</p> <p>We will obtain funding for a five year flat complex refurbishment programme to enhance energy efficiency and tackle fuel poverty</p> <p>We will seek to recruit a biodiversity and ecology officer with responsibility for working with communities to increase and maintain biodiversity.</p> <p>We will ban the use of harmful pesticides by DCC and provide 2 new pocket park spaces</p>
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	<p>in each LEA.</p> <p>We will create a 'Green your lane/street' scheme to plant pollinator plants and through neighbourhood plebiscite convert street space to green amenity space.</p> <p>We will strengthen the Dublin City Tree Strategy Create by ensuring an in depth tree survey document for all LEAs and implement a long term urban tree renewal scheme with 100,000 trees planted in a 5 year period. Ensure that tree management considers a prune first approach and adheres to international standards</p>
	<p>We will provide more land to Dubliners for community gardens and pocket parks.</p> <p>We will establish a Playground Building Fund.</p> <p>We will strengthen flood protection and preparation.</p>

## HOUSING

4. This council recognises that every person in Dublin is entitled to a suitable, affordable and sustainable home and that providing this is part of our remit. Dublin City Council will work with Central Government, the Land Development Agency (LDA), Housing Associations and others to deliver public housing units through a public housing program using a variety of methods, including affordable rental schemes and cost rental schemes. We will work to eradicate homelessness in the city. We believe that state owned land in Dublin must be used for public housing: social, affordable and cost rental and that DCC should lead the development of such land to build communities for Dubliners. Each party to the Dublin City Agreement agree to formulate their own position on the variation of the Local Property Tax.
5. We will empower our Housing SPC to define and deliver a five-year Dublin City Housing plan. We believe that Dublin City should provide people with communities as well as housing. Dublin City Council will aim to reuse a number of industrial areas across the city for this purpose. We commit to maintaining the 32 waste depot sites in public ownership.
6. We are committed to providing a high standard of housing and community design to Dubliners. We will undertake to provide greater enforcement on housing quality, rental properties and planning agreements.
7. We will ensure that a minimum of 7% of Dublin City Council housing is fully accessible. We will conduct an audit of current housing stock, its level of accessibility and its level of occupancy.
8. We will work to improve homeless services. We will create a comprehensive youth homelessness strategy, in particular looking at more appropriately supporting vulnerable young people leaving state care. We will also create guidelines on family homelessness centred on the rights of the child.

<b>Action</b>	<p>We will prepare a map and street index of all lands under the control of the Council. This shall be used to draw up an active land-use and development strategy for such lands.</p> <p>We will agree housing targets that promote public and affordable housing and minimise short term accommodation</p> <p>We will increase enforcement against derelict and vacant sites and short term lettings using the existing register system.</p>
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	<p>We will support the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders to make more housing available.</p> <p>We will apply the vacant site levy to all sites including those owned by the council where no active usage is in development</p> <p>As part of city wide focus on public housing we will ensure that the 900 social and affordable homes agreed in the Poolbeg West SDZ are delivered on site, using a part cost rental model, and in a timely manner.</p> <p>We will ensure that up to date housing data is available.</p> <p>We will reject any selling off of publicly owned land to private developers within the city boundaries in the absence of a clear evidence-based justification that the monetary benefit to the Council far outweighs the long term social and economic benefit foregone in terms of the necessary development of housing and other public uses</p>
	<p>We will drive a collective campaign between the elected council and the executive of Dublin City Council to seek sustainable and adequate funding for housing.</p> <p>We will invest in the 'Housing First' approach to solving homelessness</p> <p>We will support funding to maintain existing social housing</p> <p>The council must establish a construction apprenticeship employment programme to ensure the steady in-flow of qualified staff into these services.</p>
	<p>We will ensure rental and planning enforcement complaints are acted on within two weeks, and that both complainants and landlords receive copies of all correspondence issued by the Council.</p> <p>We believe that local authority tenants must be afforded access to an independent complaints body.</p> <p>We will review the functioning of the DRHE Freephone line as a means of allocating emergency accommodation.</p>
	<p>We will support a 'Living over the shop' scheme and Living Cities initiative for businesses and establish a one-stop-shop facility for city building owners who wish to make effective use of vacant over the shop spaces. This facility would provide advice and support in navigating regulations and best practice in planning, fire safety, design, accessibility and energy sustainability to enable owners progress bringing such spaces back into use</p> <p>We will gradually increase the commercial rate levy on vacant businesses to the rate set by Dublin City Council for all operational commercial units and introduce a graduated vacant unit levy for any residential unit left vacant for more than 12 months</p> <p>We will work towards a standard of passive housing for all homes built in Dublin and work to increase housing access for people with disabilities, those living with dementia, senior support housing, step down housing, traveller accommodation and other alternative housing typologies for specific groups. We will work to ensure the complete delivery of traveller accommodation and the complete use of any allocated funds.</p> <p>We will prioritise the provision of older people's accommodation so that the financial contribution scheme for older persons can be operated extensively.</p> <p>We will establish a new "empty nester" scheme. This scheme will be made up of two parts;(i) "sale and accomodation" for those wishing to downsize from their existing</p>

residence with the sale of the house to Dublin City Council and the accomodation of persons in more appropriately sized accommodation or to a senior citizens' development and (ii) for those which wish to downsize through the sale and purchase of a smaller residence, Dublin City Council will provide bridging finance to those meeting a certain criteria

We will work to ensure that the process of procurement is reformed nationally and that Part V targets are expanded to include social and affordable units. We will bring older council owned buildings and housing need into compliance with accessibility and high energy rating standards, where appropriate.

We will review existing Dublin City Council policy with regard to refurbishment of acquired units. This will introduce flexibility into the policy of full refurbishment and allow for circumstances for the non or partial refurbishment of a unit.

## Transport

9. We commit to developing a transport plan for Dublin City that is focused on active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport. Streets are for people. We believe that this is the future of our sustainable city and that this future should start now. We will work to integrate operations across all agencies currently operating in Dublin to maximise effective public transport
10. We recognise that Dublin is now considered to be one of the most congested cities in the world and that this damages the health and quality of life for all Dubliners. We will establish a fully-resourced traffic calming project office and area based improvement schemes city-wide. We will reform and fully resource the Traffic Advisory Group.
11. We support and will work towards the goal of free public transport for all in Dublin with a greater capacity, accessibility and integrated network for all users. We will work towards the establishment of a democratically elected Dublin Transport Authority (D.T.A), as per the Dublin Transport Act, 2008.

<b>Action</b>	<p>We will establish a special committee, membership made up of City Councillors, City Engineers, NTA, TII, Dublin Bus and other relevant stakeholders as agreed by the Traffic &amp; Transport SPC , to co-ordinate, inform and guide major public transportation infrastructure projects in the city e.g. Bus Connects &amp; Metro Link.</p> <p>We will prepare and implement a Pedestrian Strategy for Dublin city and progress the pedestrianisation of College Green. This will be achieved while protecting the importance of north-south public bus transport connectivity. We will also seek the pedestrianisation of Drury Street, South William Street, Moore Street and Dame Lane.</p> <p>We will place protection battons on all existing city cycled lanes where road width complies with the DMURS guidance and ensure progression of the following: Liffey Cycle Route, the Sean Moore Road to Merrion Gates section of the S2S, completion of the Grand Canal Cycle Route, the Royal Canal Greenway, the Dodder Greenway and complete the route from Alfie Byrne Road.</p> <p>We will seek significant funding for the maintenance of cycle routes</p>
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	<p>We will seek national public funding to expand the Dublin Bikes scheme across the city and review the 200m rule between stops</p> <p>We will expand responsibility of DCC Cycling Office to include pedestrians and vulnerable road users and provide it with sufficient funding, staffing, resources and powers to influence city planning.</p> <p>We will prioritise investing in the Safe Routes to School programme to promote safe active travel for school students and their parents</p> <p>We will implement a 'cyclevia' car-free day in the city and reduce speed limits on arterial roads to 30 kilometres per hour and support cycling in parks</p> <p>We will work to significantly increase segregated bike lanes and 2,000 additional bike parking spaces every year, we will roll out contraflow cycle lanes; and change six day bike lanes to seven day operation.</p> <p>We will work to make space on streets for soft modes of transport, particularly mobility aids/vehicles, that represent an alternative to cars for many street users</p> <p>We will deliver capital investment to Greenways</p> <p>We will ensure that temporary works or events do not impact the free access of Dubliners to cycleways and footpaths</p> <p>We will work to improve safety for cyclists in Dublin city.</p>
	<p>We will work towards electrification of our public transport and the provision of 24 hour routes.</p> <p>We will actively support the NTAs Strategic Green Network</p> <p>We will seek 'park and ride' and cycle parking at public transport nodes</p> <p>We will support the implementation of Metro routes in the city</p> <p>We will increase access to EV charging points across the city</p> <p>We will agree targets for public transport and active travel within the city</p> <p>We will support the revitalisation of our bus networks and ensure that this works for city communities and that developments are accessible, affordable and integrated.</p> <p>All public transport projects must be designed for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users and the sustainability and safety of our urban villages. The preservation of protected structures, architectural conservation areas, residential zones must not be detrimentally impacted by NTA bus corridor proposals to remove boundaries, gardens and trees on our streets</p>
	<p>We will enact stricter enforcement, through a new street warden role, of bike lanes, parking on footpaths etc and increase resources to public domain units</p> <p>We will commission a study of traffic control measures for the city centre, including measures such as a congestion charge for the core city centre, measures against the most polluting vehicles, and an ultra low emissions zone.</p>

## Arts, Heritage and Sport

12. We value the diversity, historic and creative nature of Dublin City and believe that Dublin is full of underutilised cultural resources that could be brought into full use to improve the lives of all Dubliners. Chief among these are our city markets that we will work to revitalise so that food,

art, craft, enterprise and community functions can find a home on our city's streets. We will ensure all requests for Listing of Buildings are dealt with in a timely manner and delivered the lifetime of this Council.

13. We aim to develop multi purpose accessible venues to accommodate both day time and night time cultural and creative activities. We will strengthen the cultural and creative provisions and objectives in our local Development Plans. We will support our public libraries
14. We will protect and enhance our night time culture by appointing a Night Mayor for the City and develop a Dublin Cultural Manifesto.
15. We will support the Irish language in Dublin.
16. We will place value on Article 31 of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child which specifies the right to rest and to engage in leisure, play and recreational activities and to participate in cultural and artistic activities.

<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>We will work to deliver 5% cultural, creative community space within the city and to establish further options for studios in the City including 40 artists' studios in Poolbeg West</p> <p>We will ensure continued support for the Dublin Cultural Company by connecting the cultural actors in the city with community and school groups that reflect the growing diversity within our city.</p> <p>We will revitalise the scheme of directly employed DCC community art and craft skill tutors</p> <p>We will develop hang-out spaces in consultation with young people aged between 12-18.</p> <p>We will actively seek to engage young people in cultural and artistic activities through provision of a targeted funding stream.</p> <p>We will protect Moore Street 1916 battlefield site and ensure its redevelopment as an historic cultural quarter encompassing heritage, tourist, retail, street trading, office and residential use in line with the Report of the Lord Mayors Forum, The City Development Plan and Moore Street Consultative Groups report "securing history". We will protect historic sites across the city</p> <p>We will develop a multipurpose Site of Conscience at the location of the former Magdalene laundry on Sean McDermott Street that will seek to honour and commemorate the victims and survivors of Ireland's Institutional past</p> <p>We will support Dublin libraries to increase their community services and ensure that every schoolchild receives a library card in their first year of primary school.</p> <p>We will deliver new city library on Parnell Square</p> <p>We will expand library opening hours and create 'Makers Spaces' with 3D printing facilities.</p> <p>We will work with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and support greater use of Irish in Dublin City Council</p>
	<p>We will regenerate the Dublin City Fruit Vegetable and Flower Market off Capel Street and other historic markets and we will protect and rejuvenate the Moore Street Market and extended historic area in conjunction with local enterprise groups</p>

	<p>We will introduce small scale local markets in urban villages and set days for urban and country farmers to set up stalls in order to sell and provide low mileage food to city dwellers. We will encourage urban farmers to rent out DCC green spaces and community gardens to make a living buy selling their crop within the city</p> <p>We will support and enhance the Dublin Food Chain and consider how regionally grown, high quality and environmentally responsible food can be supported in the city. We will review our School Meals provisions and work towards the goal for all DEIS schools to offer cooked in house and hot healthy meal to pupils by using their own kitchens or linking with community centre facilities.</p> <p>We will work with the community of horse owners to support their use of the Phoenix Park.</p>
	<p>We will work towards providing outdoor swimming areas on the Royal Canal in the North Docklands, the River Liffey and support other water amenities. We will expand the number of public swimming hours in all public swimming pools.</p> <p>We will support the Parks Department to provide teenager focused amenities and spaces</p> <p>We will support the redevelopment of Dalymount Stadium and the regeneration of Phibsborough village</p> <p>We will review the access and usage of Dubliners to sports facilities across the city and how this might be maximised</p> <p>We will support local sports clubs and community groups to apply for funding under the Sports Capital Programme to deliver civic sports facilities.</p> <p>We will work with all sporting organisations to develop a five-year plan to sustain and grow sporting activity in the city</p>

## ACCESSIBILITY AND URBAN QUALITY

17. We will provide improved pedestrian and cycling environments for our city's streets including but not limited to areas of particular concern: Cathal Brugha Street at Thomas' Church; Parnell Square; Parnell Street; Townsend Street/D'Olier Street, Kevin Street/Patrick Street, Kevin Street/Bride Street, Merrion Row, etc.
18. We commit to the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the aims of the Disability Federation of Ireland and we commit to working with the DCC Disability Access Group towards a city that everyone has equal access to.
19. We will ensure the continued funding of Dublin City Beta projects and actively seek to implement its proposals and strategies
20. We will ensure that Dublin City Council fully implements the UN Safer Cities Programme.

<b>Action</b>	<p>We will develop a sub-committee within an appropriate SPC to develop an implementation plan by 2020 the UNCRPD at Dublin City Council level.</p> <p>We will work to ensure that council operations and information are accessible to all</p> <p>We will provide new benches as places to rest for older persons and people with mobility impairment to each ward and at least two additional well serviced and well maintained public toilets within each LEA of the city</p>
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	<p>We will undertake a review of street clutter in every ward and remove unused or obsolete street furniture and review our street signage policy</p> <p>We will fund a 'Brighter Greener Streets' campaign to improve public lighting and a replacement programme of older style sodium lamps with LED lamps</p>
	<p>We will ensure the implementation of the proposals for addressing dog litter: providing more free dog poo scooper bins , increasing the number of litter wardens to enforce fines, review the fines structure, review the licensing process to help enforce such fines</p> <p>We will instigate a Street Wardens role that would allow Council staff to improve city streets by actioning policy on parking, waste, and accessibility.</p> <p>We will seek to increase “considerate constructor” requirements as part of planning process for large construction sites, with a view to reducing dirt, noise, traffic and road damage</p>
	<p>We will commission new designs for street nameplates incorporating priority for the Irish language and ensure that above-ground utility boxes are co-located and carefully designed.</p>

## GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING

21. We will establish a finance, planning, management and leadership Strategic Policy Committee to define and champion a five-year plan for Dublin City Council. With a view to improving Dubliners access to local government we shall seek a directly-elected Mayor for Greater Dublin and we will support the utilisation of technology that is independent and transparent in regards to its use for smart cities. We believe that SMEs are vital for the growth and development of Dublin City and we will work through our SPC to ensure that Dublin City Council provide an innovative environment for business development throughout the city.
22. This Council believes in the importance of local voices and fair employment standards. We will ensure that Dublin city council employees are paid the living wage and that businesses in the city are recognised for this policy. We will work to reclaim the role of local authorities and local democracy and implement the Forsa/Siptu/Connects “More Power To You” campaign. We will maintain and resource a fire-based EMS system.
23. We believe that safety and security are an important part of Dubliners' experience of the city. We will work to increase Small Area Policing, tackle racism and anti-social behaviour

<b>Action</b>	<p>We will ensure that all city council services are delivered by those in direct- employment and where not, that procurement procedures stipulates that all suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors recognise trade unions for collective bargaining purposes and where cases of bogus self employment are found, commercial contracts with the city council will be invalidated.</p> <p>We will seek to retain and spend 100% of Local Property Tax collected in Dublin City on Dublin City Services</p> <p>We will ensure that all city council and area committees are webcast.</p> <p>We will undertake implementation strategies for each of the draft local area plans for</p>
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	<p>several communities across the city. These will be developed in conjunction with residents and businesses located in that area along with other stakeholders such as an Garda Síochána, local educational institutions and local public health services.</p> <p>We will undertake an audit of all DCC procured services with a view to then assessing the cost effectiveness of direct employment in the provision of these services.</p> <p>We will increase funding for the LEO Circular Economy action programme</p> <p>We will increase Dublin City Council revenue receipts by seeking payment from Government for rates on all Government properties in Dublin City.</p> <p>We will use revenues collected from rates on Government buildings to provide improved public and community services and a reduce rates on community services e.g. senior citizen day centres, childcare facilities</p> <p>We will re-establish the EU Office in Dublin City Council to order to more successfully compete for EU cohesion and other community funding.</p> <p>We believe that all existing DCC provided services should remain within council employment and efforts to outsource existing services should be resisted.</p> <p>We will undertake an audit of Dublin City Council gender pay equality and ensure that Dublin City Council is an equal gender pay employer.</p> <p>We will develop an apprenticeship scheme across all appropriate sections of Dublin City Council.</p> <p>We will Publish a 5-year plan for the Council, an annual update on targets achieved and an annual DCC review of services and enhancements for each local area.</p> <p>We will engage and work with the Council and state institutions to lay the foundations of a smart city that serves the public .</p> <p>We will carry out a mapping exercise to identify mobile phone and broadband black spots</p>
	<p>We will establish a subcommittee of the Joint Policing Committee to work with and inform the National Interdepartmental Working Group on Scrambler Bikes.</p> <p>We will ban use of scrambler bikes in Dublin City council-owned public spaces and liaise with Waterways Ireland and the Transport Infrastructure Ireland to ensure that such ban is extended to their locations of responsibility.</p> <p>We will establish an anti-social behaviour unit to address drug dealing and illegal dumping</p> <p>We will undertake a review to cut down on bicycle theft and ensure every part of the city has access to Local Policing Fora</p> <p>In order to combat the anti-social behaviour and public order issues associated with drug taking and drug dealing, we support the principle of supervised injection centres and support their establishment in accordance with planning guidelines in Dublin city.</p>

## **WASTE, LITTER AND POLLUTION**

**24.** We are committed to a waste reduction strategy throughout the city of Dublin that prioritises the principles of reducing waste first, then reuse and recycle, and food waste separation. We will reform and expand the current recycling service in Dublin

25. We will instigate a plan to reduce pollution across the city through better air pollution strategies and instigate a plan to achieve a reduction in single use plastics across the city. We will review our noise monitoring systems and enforcement procedures to ensure better noise management in the City, both active and ambient noise
26. We will undertake a complete review of street cleaning practice and work to replace side by side waste collections. We will involve Dublin communities in the fight against illegal dumping
27. We will work to make Dublin City Council a champion for the reduction in the use of plastics in the city.

<b>Action</b>	<p>We will progress existing agreements to remove single use plastics, coffee cups and kitchenware from Council offices, buildings, cafes in parks and public events and aim to extend this City wide.</p> <p>We will Increase the amount of recycling sites in the city with an aim to have a bottle bank no less than 1 km from any resident and provide a common design standard (including signage) for such sites</p> <p>We will work to provide for source separation of recyclable materials and food waste for Dublin City Council’s public bin system</p> <p>We will provide water fountains across the city</p> <p>We will support regular repair cafes, incentives for zero waste shops, upcycling clothes and furniture and emptying of clothes banks more regularly</p> <p>We will work towards publicly provided waste collection services</p> <p>We will reintroduce the annual household junk collection service and reintroduce the low-income household waiver on green and brown bins</p> <p>We will increase the number of litter wardens in the City and review the fines and enforcement process</p> <p>We will introduce more effective street cleaning procedures, including car removal days to ensure deep cleaning of streets including grass verges.</p> <p>We will provide more bins.</p> <p>We will work to introduce intensive enforcement of “brown zones” for streets and roads where persistent offending occurs</p> <p>We believe that every LEA should have a minimum of 2 authorised officers available to tackle illegal dumping.</p> <p>We will increase resources to the Green Dog Walking Campaign</p>
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**Note:** It is agreed to establish a monitoring committee to this agreement consisting of one representative from each party that will meet on a monthly basis.

**END**