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Building a Responsive and Resilient City: Considerations from Cork City

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Shocks and Stresses



Cork City Council's Response to Covid-19

1. Community Response



2. Socio Economic Response



3. Looking to the Future



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- Community Response Forum (CRF) established to enable a coordinated community response
- Centralised point of contact but local response through one of 16 multi-agency teams using, local knowledge and connections to address local problems with bespoke local solutions
- Community led decision making with support from statutory bodies

The screenshot displays the 'Community Support Response Map' interface. On the left, a 'Layers' panel lists various services with checkboxes: Business Support, Community Help (checked), Council Services, Education/Youth Services, Food Distribution (checked), Garda (checked), Get Active/Wellbeing, Health Services, Hospital (checked), Income/Support for People, Older People Support (checked), Retail, Spiritual/Religious, Transport, and Community Support Areas (checked). The map itself shows a geographical area with colored overlays representing different service zones. Numerous icons are placed on the map, including a large 'H' for hospital services and many green heart icons. A search bar at the top left of the map area contains the text 'Find address or place'. On the right side, a panel titled 'Community Support Response' lists contact information for various services:

- An Garda Siochana**
Anglesea Street Station – 021-4522000
Community Garda – 021 4522000
Bridewell Station – 021 4943330
Blackrock – 021 453 6690
Mayfield – 021 455 8510
Watercourse Road – 021 455 8260
Glanmire – 021 482 1002
Gurrabraher – 021 494 6200
Ballincollig – 021 421 4680
Blarney – 021 451 6290
Togher – 021 494 7120
Douglas – 021 485 7670
Bishopstown – 021 462 4500
<https://www.garda.ie/en/>
- HSE**
National Helpline Number
1850 241850
- Cork City Age Friendly**
021 4924076
- Friendly Call Cork**
021 4301700
087 6366407
- Alone**
0818 222024
- Cork Volunteer Centre**
13 North Main Street
021 4251572
info@volunteercork.ie
<https://www.volunteer.ie/>
- Meals on Wheels**
Douglas Meals on Wheels – 021 4362289

At the bottom right, the logo of the 'omhairle Cathrach Chorcal' (Cork City Council) is displayed.



COVID-19

CORK COMMUNITY FOOD RESPONSE

1/10 people in Ireland live in food poverty¹

Unemployment, strains on family income, limited mobility and restricted access to food all contribute. The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated the problem.

3,500+ households in Cork received hampers

The number of food hampers delivered to households in the City more than doubled between Q1 and Q2, 2020.



Thank You Cork

As Covid-19 impacted on our lives there was an immediate concern that many people could go hungry

But, the experience of the Cork City Community Response Forum is that a myriad of organisations rallied to ensure that essential, nutritious food reached those most in need in the City...

Penny Dinners
St Vincent De Paul **Feed Cork**
Crèche's **Schools** **Foodcloud**
Barnardos **Church groups**
Commercial businesses **Sports Clubs**
Meals on Wheels **Friendly Call**
Family Centres **Men's Sheds**
Community & Voluntary Groups



123%

increase in surplus and donated food

123% increase in food distributed in Quarter 2 2020 on 2019. This equates to 461.11 tonnes of food (that's 4 Boeing 757's) or **1,097,883 meals**



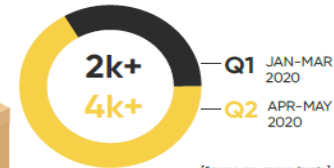
The pandemic saw a 20% increase the number of meals delivered by **Meals on Wheels**³, with more than 13,000 meals delivered in the first 5 months of the year

Foodcloud² Cork distributed food with a total value of €1,361,011 (Jan - Jul 2020)

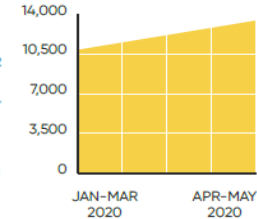
€1.3m+

For many children, the **School Meals** they receive are a lifeline and so school closures could have had a devastating impact- but an estimated 8,000 children and their families continued to receive food through their school.

Food Hampers
Distributed in Cork City



Meals on Wheels
Distributed in Cork City



Building Social Resilience: CRF Task Groups

- Food Distribution
- Bridging the Digital Divide
- Youth Response
- Wellbeing



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Socio Economic Response

- Urban Centres under pressure before Covid-19
- Cork City is a key regional driver - enhances the need to ensure sustainable recovery
- Multi-agency business supports in collaboration with the Local Enterprise Office, Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment and local business groups inc.
 - +1,200% trading online vouchers
 - +600 business continuity vouchers
 - +5,000 businesses received a rates waiver
 - +3,300 Businesses received Restart Grant
- Reimagine Cork Summer '20 & '21
 - Create a Vibrant Liveable City
 - Focus on Greening the City and on enhancing the City Centre Experience
 - Creativity, placemaking and culture



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Enhancing the Economic and Environmental Sustainability of the City



Modular Paving
Facilitating
Outdoor Dining



Addition of
Permanent Cycle
Lanes and Bike
Parking



Greening the
City: Air Quality
Moss Walls and
Planters



Extended Street
Furniture Licenses
including winter
proofing



Pedestrianisation
of 17 Streets



Urban
Parklets



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Looking to the Future: Enhancing Resilience to the Weather Impact of Climate Change

- Climate Change is a constant threat to urban resilience
 - Increasing sea level rise and frequency and severity of tidal flooding events, storms and droughts
 - New flood defence schemes in planning
- Focus on Climate Adaptation and Mitigation in the short, medium and long term
 - Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (2019 – 2024) and Governance Groups
 - Decarbonised Zone (DZ) identified by 30th April
 - Draft Air Quality Strategy and Sensors Project
 - Draft Biodiversity and Heritage Strategy



- Cork City Development Plan (2022-2028)
 - ‘A resilient city that addresses challenges and risks of climate change and pandemics’
 - Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy



Looking to the Future and Advancing Learnings

- The importance of building resilience cannot be underestimated.
- Transition of efforts over time from crisis response to local development: nurture and grow multi-agency relationships and maintain structures and supports.
- Recognise the value of, and strengthen the community, volunteer and creative sectors.
- Explore opportunities for sustainable city living including the 15 minute city, supporting the local business base and transition from carbon based to sustainable transport.
- Use transformative projects such as the Docklands development as a world class case study for sustainable compact living and working.
- Build on opportunities that have emerged e.g. community collaboration, permanent pedestrianisation, outdoor dining, advance active travel (Lee to Sea Greenway) and blue and green infrastructure etc.
- Delivery of place based quality of life infrastructure will be central to recovery and resilience.
- How can resilience frameworks and methodologies build our resilience?



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