The Galway City Council Mobility Team (GCCMT) held two meetings this week.

Actions agreed to date include:

- **Responding to changes in lifting of government COVID-19 restrictions** - Phase 1 of the Roadmap to Re-opening Society and Businesses, which commenced on Monday 18th of May allowed for the reopening of some amenity areas including Silver strand and Barna Woods car parks, the resumption of grass cutting and opening up of access to graveyards and parks on a gradual basis.

- **Defining key zones** of social and economic activity that the team will concentrate on initially – e.g. pinch points in core city centre streets, Salthill & other popular amenity areas.

- **Audit of Streets** – In-house App being designed to assist staff with audit of key zones commencing next week that will capture a wide range of information and help inform appropriate solutions and interventions to be undertaken.

- **Streamlining of submissions to GCCMT** – A bi-lingual online form has been developed to assist the team in analysing and assessing submissions and suggestions, some of which are very detailed and extensive. The form when validated will populate a publicly available map for the benefit of all stakeholders. The online request form for the Galway City Council Mobility Team is now live and can be accessed through [www.galwaycity.ie/mobilityteam](http://www.galwaycity.ie/mobilityteam) and [www.galwaycity.ie/foireannsoghluaisteachta](http://www.galwaycity.ie/foireannsoghluaisteachta)

  Customer Services will provide assistance to customers over the phone where they are having difficulties in filling the online form themselves.

- **Markets** – Our Recreation & Amenities Department are currently collaborating with traders at St Nicholas Market to facilitate local farm produce, in line with relaxation of government restrictions on the operation of Farmers Markets. Approximately 30 traders will be facilitated to re-commence trading from this date. The City Council will work with the other Market Traders to facilitate the recommencement of the balance of the market stalls in line with the next Phase of the Government’s Roadmap for Re-opening Society and Business

- A dedicated liaison from the Team has been appointed to work with the **Salthill Village Group** to provide feedback from the team and progress a number of public realm initiatives.

- **Temporary signage** – Businesses are being requested to refrain from erecting their own temporary signage advertising the re-opening of their individual businesses. Galway City Council has, and will continue to, erect essential traffic, directional and other warning signage through the period of the pandemic. As temporary changes and interventions are made, the City Council will work with businesses directly impacted by these changes to erect any necessary temporary directional signage to the impacted businesses, parking etc. All unauthorised signage will be removed by the City Council.

- **Pedestrian Crossings** – The Transport department is assessing timings / frequency at busy Pedestrian signal crossings to facilitate pedestrian safety and minimise congregating.

- **Submissions Received** - A number of submissions have been received and are currently being considered by the team.

- **Communications** – Weekly updates will be given through usual City Council communication channels and a dedicated page is being established on the Galway City Council website to facilitate both the submission form and updates.

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