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Dublin City Council

**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON
MONDAY 11th APRIL 2016
AT 3.00pm**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above committee to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2 on **Monday 11th March 2016 at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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Dated this 6th April 2016

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- 574.** Presentation on the Draft Tree Strategy
- 575.** Presentation on Peace Park Environmental Improvement
- 576.** Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2016 (pages 6 - 27).
- 577.** Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 45 - 51).
- 578. Environment & Transportation Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on (enclosed).
- 579. Culture, Recreation, Community and Amenity Matters**
- i. Report on Temple Bar Cultural Trust and the nomination of two members of the South East Area Committee to the Temple Bar Steering Group (pages 28 - 30)
 - ii. Report on grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2016 (page 31).
- 580. Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
- i. Proposed disposal of a plot of land at No 5 New Street, Dublin 8 (page 32 and enclosed).
 - ii. Derelict Sites Report (pages 33 - 35).
- 581. South East Area Matters**
- i. Updates on the following:
 - Community Development Section (pages 36 - 38).
 - Environmental Services Unit (page 39).
 - Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements (pages 40 - 41).
 - Sport and Recreation Section (pages 42 - 43).
 - ii. Naming and numbering proposal for new development at Marianella, 75 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6 (page 44 and enclosed).
 - iii. Nomination of one councillor to fill a vacancy on the Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee created by the election of former councillor, Jim O'Callaghan to Dáil Éireann.

Motions

582. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees to support the objectives of the Docklands Business Forum for the Grand Canal Basin as stated below and agrees to write to Waterways Ireland, the relevant Minister and the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council to express our support:

583. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee calls upon the Traffic Engineer to install traffic calming measures to slow down the traffic passing by Kildare Place School on Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 at morning and afternoon times in particular.

584. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Further to the reply issued to Question Number 4 at the March meeting of the area committee this committee requests the Manager to outline why the answer given to points 2 and 3 are a refusal to accede to residents' wishes and in relation to point 4 to comment on residents' assertions that in fact the gates are more or less now permanently open.

585. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following the response to Q.8 at SEAC March 2016, this committee calls for the Area Manager to grant permission to the Donnybrook Tidy Towns Committee to erect a flagpole at a suitable location in Donnybrook. The Tidy Towns Committee will adhere to a flag protocol which has been approved by the Department of the Taoiseach. This would ensure that the national flag is honoured, and avoids the flying of the flag on lampposts during the recent 1916 commemorations, which, although well intended, is in contravention of flag etiquette and is disrespectful.

586. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following motion 535 at the February SEAC 2016 meeting ("Given its social and strategic importance in the community, this area committee shall write to An Post calling on them to facilitate the opening of a Post Office in Sandymount without delay") and in light of the reply received from An Post in February 2016 this committee shall write again to An Post for a further update and to ask, specifically (a) on what date was the contract offered for the provision of the post office service following the selection process; (b) was the contract accepted and entered into; (c) if the answer to (b) is yes, when will post office services re-commence; and (d) if the answer to (b) is no, what steps are An Post now taking to ensure that a post office is opened in Sandymount without delay.

587. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That a play area be put in to Ross Road on the derelict site that is there currently.

588. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee expresses concern with Irish Rail's proposal to increase the DART frequency to one train every five minutes all day (10 minutes per train in each direction).

While improved service is to be welcomed, the general view in the Sydney Parade area is that this will cause traffic chaos in Sandymount, Sydney Parade and, above all, at Merrion Gates.

589. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the small five a side pitch in Digges Street be resurfaced as the covering is very well worn and the surface is uneven in places.

590. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

That the area committee supports a request from residents of George Reynolds House, Irishtown for the flying of the Tricolour from a flagpole at this apartment complex. This is to commemorate George Reynolds, who gave his life for his country in Dublin during the 1916 Rising. Residents feel it would be appropriate recognition for him.

The Department of the Taoiseach has published guidelines on the use of the Tricolour. These guidelines include guidance on hoisting and lowering the flag and on when it should be displayed.

Residents have given a guarantee of compliance with said guidelines.

591. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the buchan traps in Garden View and Prices Lane be repaired as a matter of urgency. Residents are experiencing an influx of rats which are coming from the main sewer.

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That this committee urgently supports the residents of Greenmount Avenue, Harold's Cross and complies with the agreement co-signed by the Assistant City Manager (Brendan Kenny) in 2006 to ensure that Focus Ireland, while building on the Hospice site next door, put proper drainage in place. This site has been the cause of flooding on a number of occasions of houses on Greenmount Avenue. A wall was to be built to protect the rear of these houses - that has not been done. Construction is currently happening on this site, residents had a meeting with Brendan Kenny but nothing has been done. They are very distressed because of flooding history they cannot get house insurance and makes the sale of these houses near impossible.

593. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

That this committee supports the proposals of the Docklands Business Forum for the preservation of the historical gravings docks in Plot 19 of the Docklands SDZ, and calls on Waterways Ireland and NAMA to work with all interested parties to ensure that they are preserved.

594. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the pot holes on Greenmount Lane, Harold's Cross be repaired as they are deleterious to tyres. These potholes were repaired sometime ago but they only had a temporary impact.

595. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee congratulates all those involved in the state commemorations at Easter Week. This was a momentous occasion of great significance and gave a great sense of pride and identity to the Irish people both at home and abroad. Dublin City Council along with many other state agencies, Defence Forces, An Garda Síochána, The Office of the President and Department of An Taoiseach worked together to deliver a most respectful and inclusive commemoration process that this nation and this city can be proud of, rendering onto the Irish people what is rightfully theirs.

596. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Dublin City Council and the Public Domain Section engage with residents of Parkmore (whose properties back on to Glenavy) and residents of Glenavy to regularise the protection of wall and replace trees that were knocked down in the area of the roundabout on Glenavy. This was a quiet cul de sac but actions over the

past two years are causing distress and damage to the amenity. The resolution of this will require mediation from Dublin City Council.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH 2016
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Councillor McCartan on behalf of the committee congratulated former councillors Kate O'Connell and Jim O'Callaghan on their election to Dáil Éireann and acknowledged the other councillors who participated.

- 553.** Planning application reference number 2210/16, Greenfield, Donnybrook.
Order: Noted. Councillors requested to have their objections to this planning application recorded.
- 554.** Presentation from Howley Hayes on entrance pavilion Merrion Square.
Order: Noted. It was also agreed to initiate a part 8 process in respect of the works. Further report to issue to the councillors addressing issues raised.
- 555.** Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2016.
Order: Agreed.
- 556.** Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
- 557. Environment & Transportation Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on 23/02/2016.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Traffic Works Programme 2016.
Order: Noted.
- 558. Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development Matters**
- i. Report on proposed disposal of a further licence of the Old Fire Station, 190a Rathmines Road Lower, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 559. Culture, Recreation, Community and Amenity Matters**
- i. Re: Proposal to grant a lease of property at 44 East Essex Street, Temple Bar to the Youth Mental Health organisation "Headstrong".
Order: Noted.
- 560. South East Area Matters**
- i. Updates on the following:
 - Community Development Section.
 - Environmental Services Unit
 - Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements.

➤ Sport and Recreation Section.

Order: Noted.

- ii. Nomination of one South East Area Committee member to the board of the Dublin South City Partnership.

Order: The nomination of Cllr. Patrick Costello to the board of the Dublin South City Partnership, which was proposed by Cllr. Claire Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Kieran Binchy was agreed by the South East Area Committee and is therefore recommended to City Council.

- iii. Naming and numbering proposal for a development of four houses at 130 Ranelagh.

Order: Agreed.

- iv. Naming and numbering proposal for a development of two houses to the rear of Lodge Villa, Dartry Road, Dublin 6.

Order: Agreed.

- v. Naming and numbering proposal for a new development at 19C Hanover Street East, Grand Canal, Dublin 2.

Order: Agreed.

Motions

561. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a report on the requests and ideas submitted in relation to Irishtown Nature Park and Sean Moore Park as outlined in the email submitted with and circulated with this motion.

Loitering & Drinking

Cans and bottles are thrown around generally but particularly near benches and on rocks in front of same. Drinkers are a threat to local walkers and visitors and occupy benches with great views of sea and mountains. Apart from the safety issue these people foul the area nearby causing a health issue - I have seen rats. Signs (picture style) are needed as a deterrent and for Garda backup.

Camping

Last summer there were long stay campers who took up space near benches and also littered the environs. Signs (picture style) are needed as a deterrent and for Garda backup

Dog fouling

This is not a bad problem but again signage is necessary to keep people aware. Most of the litter bins next the pathway have been removed.

I have had e correspondence (+ photos) with Mr Michael Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent but nothing has happened.

We should be **proud** of this great amenity and make it safe and welcoming for locals and visitors.

Order: Report to councillor.

562. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Area Manager and Traffic Engineer to provide a detailed response to the serious issues of concern raised by the chairperson of the board of management and parents of St. Enda's National School, Whitefriar Street as outlined below.

I write on behalf of the Board of Management of St Enda's National School, Whitefriar Street, Dublin. The parents of the school have recently alerted the board to the risk posed to pedestrians, both children and adults, in the Whitefriar Street area. Traffic in the area can move at a speed which poses risks to pedestrians.

I attach to the email photographs of the area, which is near the entrance to the school and near the Radisson Hotel at Golden Lane. The areas concerned are around Golden Lane, Whitefriar Street, Whitefriar Place and Wood Street. Traffic can move at great speed and the parents are naturally concerned. Perhaps some traffic calming measures can be looked at immediately.

We believe that as a matter of urgency the local authority should investigate what measures can be taken to improve road safety for the pupils and parents and guardians, including any measures which would prevent any accidents and give due warning to any drivers of the presence of parents, guardians and children in the vicinity, especially at school opening hours and school closing hours.

We appreciate of course that it is the case that drivers have to keep a proper lookout and drive with due care and consideration. Nonetheless, whatever the local authority has to do under statutory authority and can do practically to help matters is also required. Drivers need every encouragement to drive safely. Whatever positive steps you can take in relation to the areas of concern would be greatly appreciated.

Order: Report to councillor.

563. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth taken with item 557

Given Rathmines Road Upper is heavily used by school children accessing adjacent schools and that the current road layout encourages dangerously high traffic speeds, this committee calls on the Manager to install traffic calming measures such as carriageway narrowing and vertical/horizontal deflectors, as per the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, Section 4.1.2.

Order: Report to councillor.

564. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Many motions regarding the state of 201 Harold's Cross Road have been agreed. While the council has prevailed on the owners to secure the building and clean up the curtilage, the state of the building is not much better. Men sleep rough there, and there are regular fights among drunks and addicts at night. Immediate neighbours and local residents are living in very real fear of a fire starting in the building. Because food is left, there is also a problem with rodents. Some neighbours who have resided in the area for many, many years now feel very unsafe in this vicinity.

As the council has not been successful in getting the owners to secure and clean up the building on a regular basis, it is therefore agreed that the council use its powers to carry out the necessary work to secure the building and that costs involved be put as a lien against the value of the property.

Order: Deferred to April SEAC meeting for additional information.

565. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to upgrade the public roadway area outside the houses on Strand Terrace in Milltown.

Order: Report to councillor.

566. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This Committee resolves that the Area Manager shall write to the Superintendent of An Garda Síochána responsible for Irishtown Garda Station requesting that An Garda Síochána install cameras on Irishtown Garda Station facing onto Londonbridge Road in order to record and detect HGVs which breach the 3.5 tonne limit on Bath Avenue and Londonbridge Road, and then to pursue and punish violators.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Binchy. Report to Councillor.

567. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Because of the location of Castlewood Terrace, Rathmines that it be upgraded for more regular cleansing purposes. This is a route to the cleansing yard and many other routes. It's a quiet place and has become a dumping ground with pieces of furniture, litter and dog faeces. Also that a CCTV camera be placed on the lane with a notice to that effect.

Order: Report to councillor. Cleansing regime to be reviewed.

568. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

The success of the Swan Leisure Centre in Rathmines has been one of the great Dublin City Council achievements in recent times. An important part of the original design was to use the front plaza to develop community recreational space and this was also stated in the Rathmines Action Plan. The time has come to re-examine the use of this space and a reconfiguration is needed, making space for table and chairs which would allow more people to enjoy this space. A better use of the plaza would also encourage more community interaction in Rathmines. While the members agree with this proposal it is asking that a design and report on how this can be achieved be presented to the April LAC.

Order: Report to councillor.

569. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn.

That this area committee supports the idea that the vacant plinth at City Hall where formerly the Daniel O Connell Statue was positioned, be used on an annual basis for a city temporary artwork along similar lines to the 4th plinth in Trafalgar Square.

Order: Cllr. Mc Cartan moved for report. Report to councillor.

570. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn.

That this committee calls for a full examination and investigation as to how and why dozens of ballot papers were unstamped in Dublin Bay South (2016 election). These ballot papers came to light at the count in the RDS on Saturday and no viable explanation was given by the returning officer. This situation is unacceptable in any democracy.

Also, this gives rise to the question as to how many other ballot papers during this election were unstamped and declared invalid.

Order: Cllr. Mc Cartan moved for report. Report to councillor.

571. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the area manager to include South Dock Place, South Lotts Road and Gordon Street on the list of areas to be provided with a derogation from the new waste collection legislation that requires households to use wheelie bins as this street does not have sufficient space for the storage of such bins.

Order: Report to councillor.

572. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee requests the manager to have street lights repaired on Cuffe Street, danger to both pedestrians and motorist etc.

Order: Report to councillor.

573. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

This committee requests the manager to install a security camera and better lighting on Montague Place, Dublin 2.

Order: Report to councillor.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Dated 14th March 2016

Attendance

Members

Apologies from Cllr. Kennedy.

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

Councillors D. Lacey, S. Stapleton, M. Flynn, P. Costello, R. McGinley, K. Binchy, C. Andrews, M. Freehill, P. Smyth, and C. Byrne.

Officials

R. Kenny, Area Manager, South East Area Office.

F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area Office.

M. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

F. O'Brien, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

G. Geoghegan, Area Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

C. Adamson, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Section.

H. Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Section.

P. Kearns, Senior Executive Planner, Planning.

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

E. Martin, Area Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

L. Johnson, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

L. Moore, City Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscaping Services.

Non-officials

D. Meaney, Irish Famine Commemoration Fund.

N. Smurfit, Irish Famine Commemoration Fund.

J. Howley, Howley Hayes Architects.

C. Cooney, Howley Hayes Architects.

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to confirm that Dublin City Council rents the Rathmines Town Hall to Rathmines College and to ask that the Town Hall clock is made functional again after many years of disuse. The clock is a landmark feature of Rathmines.

Reply:

By way of Indenture of Lease dated 16th September 1932 the premises known as Rathmines Town Hall was let by Dublin City Council to the Vocational Education Committee (now the City of Dublin Education & Training Board) CDET B for a term of 150 years from 29th September 1931.

There is no mention specifically of the town hall clock in the lease, however the lease is subject to a general covenant to keep the premises in good and substantial repair and the council's Property Management Section will make the CDET B aware of this and the councillor's request to make the clock functional again.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for a cleaning of the lane from Beech Hill Avenue to Beaver Row and to have the tree embracing the sole public light on the lane pruned back sufficiently to ensure adequate lighting of the lane.

Report:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 18th February 2016.

The tree at this location will be pruned over the coming 3 to 4 weeks.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

With regard to the new speed monitors in place on Strand Road and the data assembled from same in the recent 'Strand Road Report' and reference to the 85% reduction in speed, to ask the manager if she would supply the time distribution for this survey?

Reply:

The speed radar signs operate on a 24/7 basis. The evaluation time for the data supplies in the report was from the 07th January 2016, 13:00 - 28th January 2016, 14:00 (a copy of which was sent to the South East Area councillors on the 9th February 2016).

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if in relation to Heskin Court she will:

1. Confirm that it is permissible for tenants to sign up for alternative multi TV network suppliers to the service in place.
2. Arrange to have the pampas grass removed in the first block as requested by residents.
3. Reconsider the need for intercoms between the apartments and the access gates.
4. Examine complaints that the gates to the underground car park are being left open at night.

Reply:

The tenants in the above complex are at liberty to engage any of the TV network suppliers, but they will not be allowed to erect any aerial or satellite dish in the complex.

The pampas grass is an integral part of the devolvement in Heskin Court and is maintained on a regular basis by the management company, therefore the grass will not be removed.

The installation of intercoms to each apartment in the complex was examined by Dublin City Council electrical services section and they reported that due to the considerable amount of installation work and costs involved that it would not be feasible at this time.

The gates at this location were out of action for a number of weeks due a faulty part. This has now been rectified and the gates are now operating again.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the meeting between the relevant officials, this councillor and the tenant of (details supplied) to see if a resolution of their planning request can be achieved.

Reply:

The Housing Maintenance Engineer reports that there is no planning issue in this case. The tenants have requested permission to cut a door out of the wall of the flats complex and gain access to a roofed area over a single storey ground floor bedroom. We do not allow tenants to structurally alter the flats block in this manner; therefore permission is not granted to carry out this work.

Q.6 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to repair the damaged footpath outside No. 11 Carlisle Avenue, off Marlborough Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected the footpath outside No. 11 Carlisle Avenue. There is a minor defect on the footpath which has been added to our works programme. A temporary repair will be carried out on the kerb edge until permanent repair can be carried out.

Q.7 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to install floodlights on the small astro turf five / six a side pitch in Herbert Park, particularly in circumstances where this infrastructure would pay for itself by usage fees which will be received for using the pitch at times when it is currently unusable due to the absence of daylight.

Reply:

We recently received Part 8 planning permission for floodlights to illuminate the all weather football kick-about pitch in Herbert Park. However, the erection of the floodlights is not included in the 2016 Parks & Landscape Service Capital Programme of Works.

Q.8 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to grant permission to the Donnybrook Tidy Towns Committee to erect a flagpole on the council property where the Christmas tree is planted in Donnybrook in circumstances where the committee has put forward a protocol for

flying the flag which has been approved by the Department of the Taoiseach and, if the council is not prepared to grant such permission, to state clearly (a) the reasons for this decision and (b) whether it is based on any existing policy or guidelines.

Reply:

The Commemorations Committee recommendation, as agreed in October 2015, was that: 'Given the requirements set down by the Department of the Taoiseach we do not recommend the flying of the flag on council property except in circumstances where compliance with the guidelines can be guaranteed'.

Apart from the reservations expressed about flag poles, any erection of a permanent structure in this area prevents many activities taking place including the main Christmas tree erection each Christmas, and blocks other themed community events that use that area throughout the year.

Q.9 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager, following the removal of the dangerous and overgrown tree outside No. 1 Beech Hill Crescent, to carry out the repair of the footpath and the pillars outside Nos. 1 and 2 Beech Hill Crescent. Both the footpath and the pillars have become warped by the overgrown roots from the tree. In particular, the pillars are no longer even to each other and one has been raised off the level of the ground.

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected the footpath outside No. 1/2 Beech Hill Crescent. The broken kerb edge will be removed. The footpath will be reinstated.

Q.10 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install a yellow box on the Merrion Road on the driving into the city centre / northbound side of the road, at the point at which cars exiting from the top of Beatty's Avenue join onto the Merrion Road. There is already a yellow box on the driving away from the city centre / southbound side of the Merrion Road at the top of Beatty's Avenue. A matching yellow box is required to enable cars to safely exit Beatty's Avenue and access the northbound side of Merrion Road. This would also reduce the incidence of cars exiting Beatty's Avenue impeding the southbound traffic because they are situate on the yellow box while waiting for a window to get onto the northbound side of Merrion Road.

Reply:

The request for a yellow box on the northbound lane of Merrion Road at the junction of Beatty's Avenue has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.11 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following the appalling vandalism including broken windows at a newsagents on Lord Edward Street on the evening of approximately 15 February 2016, to ask the Manager to bring about changes to the exterior of the Civic Offices, which is in the ownership of Dublin City Council, and which are a major point of congregation for unruly elements, in the following respects:

- (a) By installing adequate lighting which is grossly insufficient at present; and
- (b) By placing security personnel in the environs at late evening / night-time to prevent the congregation of unruly elements

Reply:

An Garda Síochána (AGS) has responded as follows:

AGS Pearse Street is very aware of issues which have escalated over recent weeks in the Lord Edward Street Area. Pearse Street Garda Station deploys a public order unit on Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings which targets the open spaces around Temple Bar West, including Meeting House Square, Fishamble Street, Civic Office, Lord Edward Street.

The recent increase in anti social behaviour primarily occurred around the 14th – 15th February 2016. A large number of schools were on extended midterm breaks at this time and this escalated the volume of young people gathering in the south city centre throughout the entire week. The community Policing Unit Pearse Street is actively liaising with the owner of the Gate Newsagent who became a target for some members of this group over that period. Operation Pier and Mountain Bike personnel have been directed to increase a focus on policing in the area particularly in the early evening weekends.

Improved CCTV looking onto the hill area of the park is being put in place shortly and improved lighting will be put in place as soon as possible in this area.

This matter is known to the overnight security team at Civic Offices and security procedures emphasised. However, the health and safety of staff must be factored in at all times.

Q.12 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to clean the strip of land / grassy area which runs along the entrance to Holyrood Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4 and is immediately behind (and runs alongside) the southbound platform at Sandymount Dart Station. This area is used for illegal dumping and is full of illegally dumped material at present. There is a bicycle which has been chained to either the railings or a lamppost for months (at least) which should be removed as part of this process.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will contact Iarnród Éireann in relation to the condition of this strip of land / grassy area that is immediately behind the southbound platform requesting them to clean up the area. The bicycle parts (details supplied) have been identified, monitored and photographed and listed for removal. Removal requires staff using specialist equipment and will be removed as soon as such staff members are available.

Q.13 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to introduce a scheme whereby cars could park in Sandymount for periods of perhaps 20 / 30 / 40 minutes to call into local shops without the need to pay for parking, thus providing a boost to the local economy.

Reply:

It is not possible for the council's parking enforcement contractor to effectively police a 20 / 30 / 40 minute free parking period as to do so would require a full time on-street presence. As it stands there is a 10 minute grace time period for all motorists in relation to purchasing a ticket or after their ticket expires. Sandymount is in the Orange parking zone with a tariff of €1 per hour. To assist local businesses in Sandymount the Blue zone suburban village tariff of 60c per hour will shortly be introduced on Sandymount Road between Marine Drive and Seafort Avenue.

Q.14 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to request that all businesses in the South East Area, in particular in the city centre area, which fly the tricolour remove any flags which are

shabby and to replace them with new tricolours, preferably prior to 17 March 2016 but certainly prior to Easter Sunday, and to ask the area manager of the Central Area to make a similar request to all business in the city centre area in the Central Area.

Reply:

I will circulate your request to Dublin Town the business improvement district scheme for the city centre which has 2,500 members in the city centre both north and south and also to the chamber of commerce. I am the area manager for the central area as well as south east.

Q.15 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to improve the very confusing positioning of the signs at the entrances to both Bath Avenue (at the Slattery's end), and Londonbridge Road (at the Tritonville Road end), which indicate that 3.5 tonne HGVs are banned. At present the position is confusing and not clear to oncoming traffic from (a) Church Avenue towards Londonbridge Road, and (b) the very busy five-pointed junction of which the entrance to Bath Avenue forms part. The result is that HGVs constantly breach this ban, sometimes inadvertently. Some vehicles coming have been too large to get under the bridge on Bath Avenue and have had to turn around, causing chaos.

Reply:

(a) The signs at either end of Bath Avenue / Londonbridge Road are located in the appropriate place, at the junctions where the 3.5 tonne restriction applies and indicate the point at which the sign must be obeyed.

As per section 5.13.4 of the Traffic Signs Manual "The regulatory sign symbols indicate the point past which prohibited vehicles must not proceed. Consequently, their use on advance warning signs or as part of advance direction signs is not permitted".

(b) It is recommended to erect a second 3.5 Tonne Sign (RUS 015) on the right hand side of the carriageway at the junction of Bath Avenue / Shelbourne Road, to supplement the existing sign.

Q.16 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange to have the tree outside 40 Beech Hill Drive, Donnybrook pruned (or removed) in such a way that it does not block the light at that stretch of road.

Reply:

This is a young tree and is not considered to require pruning.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to install CCTV in the Castlewood Terrace area to deter illegal dumping.

Reply:

CCTV cameras are installed only at locations such as bring centres where a vehicle is used in the commission of an offence where the registration number is captured to identify the owners of the vehicle.

CCTV cameras would be of no benefit in the Castlewood Terrace area as the offenders would not be identifiable and no enforcement action could be taken.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to have graffiti removed from the transparent panelling on the McMahon Bridge at Pearse Street.

Reply:

Graffiti from the bridge in question will be removed before Easter Sunday.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have an abandoned bicycle removed at the following location: the bike has been in situ for a year and a half at the junction of Morehampton Road and Herbert Park Road, Donnybrook, opposite AIB bank where it is chained to a public pole.

Reply:

The bicycle, details supplied, has been identified and monitored in situ over a period of time and has been deemed abandoned for removal. Removal requires staff using specialist equipment and will be removed as soon as such staff members are available.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have a "No Parking" sign erected at the entrance to The Bottleworks, Irishtown Road, adjacent to Tesco. This request was previously submitted, but nothing was done about it.

Reply:

The following reply was emailed to the councillor on 10th April, 2014, in relation to the request for a 'No Parking' sign at the entrance to The Bottleworks, Irishtown Road:

"I wish to inform you that the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 24th February, 2014, reported that it is not recommended to provide parking restrictions at the above mentioned location as it is not the policy of the City Council to provide parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under existing legislation. Under current Road Traffic Regulations, it is illegal to park so as to block an entrance/exit or driveway, save with the owner's consent. It is also illegal to park within 5 metres of a junction. This matter was referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Council's parking enforcement contractor for attention as it is a matter for enforcement. Instances of illegal parking can be reported directly also to Dublin Street Parking Services on 6022 500, or to the local Garda Station.

Following on from the above, as requested at the South East Area Committee meeting of 10th March 2014, a review of the Traffic Advisory Group's recommendation was carried out and the Area Traffic Engineer has reported that in this instance parking prohibitions remain not recommended. It is not recommended to provide a 'No Parking' sign at the entrance to the Bottle Works apartments on Irishtown Road as it is illegal to park in such a manner as to obstruct a driveway or entrance. Such signs are not provided outside private entrances.

The residents/property owner/s themselves may wish to consider placing a 'No Parking' sign on their private property (namely the garage door). This would be done at the property owner's expense and responsibility.

Also, as outlined above, it is not recommended to provide double yellow lines at the entrance to the Bottle Works apartments on Irishtown Road because double yellow lines are intended to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and to prevent hazards and congestion. They are not provided outside private entrances or driveways, as it is illegal to park in such a manner as to obstruct a driveway or entrance. As mentioned

above, this matter has been forwarded to Dublin Street Parking Services for attention. However, individual incidents of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services as they occur at 01 6022 500.”

It should be noted that the placing of a ‘No Parking’ sign on the garage door would have to comply also with the Planning Regulations.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have the remains of two abandoned bicycles removed forthwith from the following location: Upper Baggot Street at its junction with Haddington Road. Two bicycles without wheels / chains are attached to the bike racks.

Reply:

The bicycle parts, details supplied, have been identified, monitored, photographed and listed for removal, along with a third frame at the same parking racks. Removal requires staff using specialist equipment and will be removed as soon as such staff members are available.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to clarify the position regarding waste collection and the termination of labelled bags, being replaced by wheelie bins. Will there be any streets exempt, for example, streets off South Lotts Road in Ringsend which have no front gardens, limited rear yards, no laneway access etc.?

Reply:

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (DECLG) has issued new regulations for the collection of domestic household waste which will come into effect on the 1st July 2016. These regulations will introduce pay by weight for waste collections. This is a government policy initiative to encourage householders to reduce the amount of waste they generate and to incentivise increased recycling. In doing so, householders will be able to manage their costs as black bin waste will be more expensive per kilo than brown or green waste. From that date, waste operators will be required to only collect domestic household waste in reusable receptacles (bins) and to weigh the content of the bins. There is therefore a requirement that as many households as possible use bins.

The DECLG has also indicated that there will be provision for local authorities to designate areas that meet specific criteria as being unsuitable for wheeled bin collections of household kerbside waste and thereby as being only suitable for the collection of waste in non-reusable receptacles such as bags. The criteria will issue shortly from the DECLG to local authorities.

In the meantime, the council is currently examining existing bag collection routes in its functional area. On receipt of the above referred to criteria from the DECLG, the council will then designate the areas in the city which will continue to be bag collection areas post July 1st 2016.

If a property meets the criteria, it will be designated as a bag collection area and the waste operators will be notified of same. The National Waste Collection Permit Office will attach a list of these properties to each waste collection permit of an operator collecting domestic household waste in the council’s functional area. This will allow those designated households to continue presenting their waste in bags. However, until such time as the criteria is received, the council cannot advise which properties will be designated as only suitable for the collection of waste in bags.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to the frequency that emergency vehicles use the route from Tara Street through College Green, Dame Street? Also are there any proposals to alter this route in relation to the public plaza that is proposed for this area. Also, is there a traffic management plan envisaged for this area with regards deliveries to shops and businesses?

Reply:

The proposal to pedestrianise College Green is at a very early stage of development. Dublin Fire Brigade is in discussion with the designers so as to ensure that the requirements of the brigade are taken into account in any final proposal. Although the routes taken by emergency service vehicles are not measured, it is estimated that there are 280 approx. monthly emergency mobilisations that use this route.

The proposal is also taking into consideration all aspects of traffic management within the area including deliveries and collections to and from shops and business in the area.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards how many people place themselves on the supplementary register of electors and also was a there a backlog created as many people have complained that they filled all the necessary paperwork, got it into Dublin City Council on time and were unable to vote as they were not placed on the register of electors.

Reply:

All valid applications received during the application period for inclusion on the Supplementary Register were processed by the Franchise Section. This amounted to 3,717 applications.

The section made every effort to contact applicants who had incorrectly completed forms which could not be processed. Many applications were received after the deadline set by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

On polling day, the office was manned from 7am to 10pm to deal with queries from polling stations and residents. Some 520 queries were dealt with on the day.

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager examine the feasibility of placing a bottle bank bring centre in the Donnybrook area? Many residents here are seeking such a facility including many of the elderly residents who have to travel long distances to deposit bottles for recycling.

Reply:

Waste Management Services Division will liaise with the South East Area Office to see if a suitable site for a bottle bank could be identified in the Donnybrook area. The following is an extract from the Planning Regulations regarding the provision of a bring centre which is relevant:-

CLASS 42

Development consisting of:
(a) the use of land as a bring facility,

or

(b) the use of land to accommodate a fully sealed portable waste disposal compactor.

1. No more than 5 receptacles shall be provided.

2. The capacity of each receptacle shall not exceed 4.5 cubic metres.

3. No such receptacle shall be situated on a public road.

4. No such receptacle shall be situated within 50 metres of the curtilage of any house, save with the consent in writing of the owner or occupier thereof.

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager inquire as to the whereabouts of the public artwork 'Usherman' that was positioned outside of the Screen Cinema?

Reply:

The *Mr Screen* sculpture was removed by the IMC Cinema Group from outside the Screen Cinema to avoid it being damaged during the recent works at that location. Dublin City Council is now in discussion with the IMC Group regarding the relocation of the sculpture. This sculpture was commissioned as part of the Dublin Millennium Sculpture Trail, 1988 and sponsored by the Sculptors' Society of Ireland, Dublin Millennium, The National Lottery and Dublin Cinema Group. It is hoped to relocate the sculpture to another appropriate location outside a city centre cinema where he can continue to be enjoyed by the public at large.

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a complete update regarding the Dublin Project? There has been no meeting called by this committee for over a year. This report to include what is to happen at Bernardo's Square and what has happened to date along the route, including all expenditures and remaining financial resources to complete this project.

Reply:

Project	Status	Expenditure to date
Barnardo Square	Fáilte Ireland has opened a new Tourist Information Office in Suffolk Street. The Fáilte Ireland staff in this office now provides information and maps to visitors on the Dublin. This has allowed the City Council identify some additional public realm improvement projects that could be undertaken in place of a visitor information centre at Barnardo Square. These projects include major improvements to the public realm in Castle Street and Peace	TBC

	Park in Christchurch in the South East Area and to Crane Street in the South Central Area. It is still intended to undertake improvements to the public realm in Barnardo Square.	
Dubline Interpretive Panels	11 Interpretive Panels have been erected along the Dubline.	€164,391.60
City Wall Lighting Upgrade	Existing lighting infrastructure numbering six turrets have been upgraded and a further six have been installed. All works are complete and the lighting is operational.	€61,290.00
Thomas Street / James' Street	25 planters installed on Thomas Street and James' Street as well as survey works completed.	€76,338.31
Wayfinding	Finials/end caps on Wayfinding signposts amended to further publicise the Dubline route as well as Dubline reports.	€87,042.35
Love the Lanes	Crampton Court Levelling and resurfacing of Crampton Court as part of the urban rug initiative is complete. Installation of feature and other lighting is also complete, apart from some minor works. Adair / Bedford Lane Reconstruction and resurfacing of Bedford Lane are complete. Resurfacing of Adair Lane is due to commence as soon as weather conditions allow (contractor on standby). Installation of feature lighting and other improvement initiatives will commence as soon as possible.	€92,587.00
Nicholas Street	Greening of central median to commence next month.	TBC
Crane Street	The design (increasing footpath widths and improving the road surface) is being finalised in anticipation of tender documents being issued shortly.	€5,459.97
High Street	Tender documents are being finalised to enhance the greening of the street including planters.	€23,988.85
St. Audeon's Park	Plans for improving access and circulation throughout the park are being finalised and will be presented to the South Central Area Committee on 16 th March	€9,212.70

	2016.	
Peace Park	The project programme has been finalised and stakeholder engagement and consultation has commenced.	€2,398.50
Castle Street	A Programme is being prepared and a topographical survey completed. Discussions with Roads Department in relation to kerb alignment have also commenced.	TBC

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the remaining assets of Docklands Development authority? Also to issue a map of the entire estate that is to be placed back in charge to Dublin City Council. Also, all staff that are assigned to the Docklands area and any top up on salaries that has been received by them.

Reply:

The Chief Executive distributed a full report on the remaining assets of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority on the 2nd March 2016 to all elected members. A copy of the full report will be sent to Councillor Flynn.

A map of the area denoting the responsibility of Dublin City Council will be forwarded to the elected members of the South East and Central areas.

The City Council staff assigned to the Dublin Docklands Development Authority to implement the transition of public services, assets, liabilities and risks included one executive manager (part-time), one administrative officer, two staff officers and one clerical officer. None of the staff has received any additional “top-up” payment in the carrying out of their duties.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue an update regarding the request for an order of protected structure on the Central Bank?

Reply:

The situation remains the same as detailed in response to Question 55 at the Area Committee Meeting of the 11 January last in that it is considered appropriate to await any recommendation regarding this structure to be made by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), arising from their current survey of Dublin City.

It is intended to commence work on assessment of requested additions or deletions to the Record of Protected Structures once the new City Development Plan is in place at the end of the year.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a report as to how many Dublin City Council staff were involved in the count at the RDS and other centres in the Dublin area? Also were any relations of staff members involved in these counts? What was the total payment to these individuals and the over cost? What attempts were made to advertise these temporary work positions to those who are on the live register?

Reply:

This is a matter for the Dublin City Sheriff's Office, which is located at 13 Fownes Street, Dublin 2, D02 X066 and may be contacted on 01 677 2110 or citysheriff@eircom.net

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of extra security and safety measures in and around Lord Edward Street and Dublin City Council Civic Offices? Over the past couple of months this area has been subject to ongoing anti social behaviour and groups of youths who are behaving in a threatening, abusive and criminal manner. A number of shops in the area of Lord Edward Street and their staff have been attacked and threatened. Substantial criminal damage has been caused and local business people are threatening to close their premises as they cannot sustain these losses.

Reply:

An Garda Síochána (AGS) has responded as follows:

AGS Pearse Street is very aware of issues which have escalated over recent weeks in the Lord Edward Street Area. Pearse Street Garda Station deploys a public order unit on Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings which targets the open spaces around Temple Bar West, including Meeting House Square, Fishamble Street, Civic Office, Lord Edward Street.

The recent increase in anti social behaviour primarily occurred around the 14th – 15th February 2016. A large number of schools were on extended midterm breaks at this time and this escalated the volume of young people gathering in the south city centre throughout the entire week. The community Policing Unit, Pearse Street is actively liaising with the owner of the Gate Newsagent who became a target for some members of this group over that period. Operation Pier and Mountain Bike personnel have been directed to increase a focus on policing in the area particularly in the early evening weekends.

Improved CCTV looking onto the hill area of the park is being put in place shortly and improved lighting will be put in place as soon as possible in this area.

This matter is known to the overnight security team at Civic Offices and security procedures emphasised. However, the health and safety of staff must be factored in at all times.

Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please provide a full list of schools in the South East Area that have been involved in the Safe Routes to School Programme over the last ten years, a list of schools that are still participating, whether there have been any reports generated regarding the success of the programme, and what the future plans are for the programme in the city.

Reply:

The Green Schools programme run by An Taisce has essentially replaced the 'Safe Routes to School' programme. Dublin City Council works closely with An Taisce to promote walking and cycling in schools throughout the city. Each school works through a two year programme to achieve its Green Flag for travel. As part of the programme walkability and cycleability audits are undertaken by students. The audits involve the children walking and cycling routes to their school while identifying positive and negative issues along the routes. Some of the issues may be, for example, lack of pedestrian crossings or broken footpaths etc. The school then

submits the audits to the Transportation Planning Section in DCC who then forward recommendations from the audits to the relevant departments with the council. Dublin City Council also supports the programme through the provision of learning tools and aids such as maps and drawings to the schools where possible.

A list of all schools within the South East Area that participate in the Green Schools programme can be sought from An Taisce if required.

It is important to note that Dublin City Council has a dedicated Green Schools Officer who assists and supports on all seven themes of the green schools programme. Although the green schools programme is coordinated by An Taisce, all school assessments including determining if a school is suitable and has worked proficiently towards being awarded a green flag for a specific theme, is carried out by the Green Schools Officer.

Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can address the following issues in *details supplied.

Reply:

1. Road Maintenance Services Division has inspected the carriageway of details supplied. A crew will be sent to fill the potholes. The laneway is not a priority for resurfacing in its current state and due to being low trafficked. We will re-inspect it prior to the end of 2016.
2. The council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, has been instructed to monitor the location and take enforcement action as required. Five vehicles were clamped on the 8th March.

Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please fix the cracked pavements on Belmont Gardens.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services Division inspected the footpaths in Belmont Gardens. The majority of the footpath is serviceable. Localised repairs have been added to our works programme. These repairs will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please introduce parking control measures such as double yellow lines on Haddington Lane as means to address the on-going issues of long stay parking here.

Reply:

The request for parking prohibitions on Haddington Lane has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please replace the surface of the metal traffic light control covers on Charlemont side of the Portobello Bridge. These are extremely slippery and are located on a steep down slope at this busy pedestrian crossing and I have witnessed many people slipping and falling here.

Reply:

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Officer for investigation. The councillor will be updated with the recommendation in due course.

Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please assist *details supplied 1: in the transfer to a larger house. This person is currently number 2 on the transfer list and has identified a potential house on details supplied 2. The family is suffering from very serious over-crowding and a move to this location would greatly help the quality of life for the whole family.

Reply:

I can confirm that the applicant (details supplied) is on the transfer waiting list with a Welfare Priority. The applicant is listed for both three bedroom and four bedroom accommodation and has the following positions:

19th for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod) 3 bedroom accommodation
4th for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore) 4 bedroom accommodation

19th for Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh) 3 bedroom accommodation
4th for Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh) 4 bedroom accommodation

14th for Area L (Clanbrassil St., James Street) 3 bedroom accommodation
2nd for Area L (Clanbrassil St., James Street) 4 bedroom accommodation

I cannot give a definite timeline on when the applicant will be reached with an offer of accommodation. The applicant's interest in details supplied 2 has been noted. However, the tenant is only recently deceased and this property is now with the maintenance section.

Q.38 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager ensure that parking enforcement is instructed to visit Kimmage Grove and ensure that breaches in parking laws are sanctioned?

Reply:

Following complaints from local residents the council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS), was instructed to monitor this location and take enforcement action as required. DSPS have attended on 28 occasions this year to date (8th March). There was no illegal parking on most occasions at the times complained of, five warning notices were issued, one clamped and numerous authorised but drivers returned before the vehicles were clamped. DSPS have been instructed to continue monitoring and enforcing at this location.

Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager ensure that the yellow lines at entrance into Kimmage Grove and inside the entrance to Kimmage Grove are repainted as a matter of urgency and that "no parking" signs be erected on the green area close to the entrance to Larkview Football Club?

Reply:

This location will be inspected and the request for the renewal of the yellow lines will be listed for renewal if required at the earliest opportunity.

The request for 'No Parking' signs on Kimmage Grove, at the green area, has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have a public bin at the entrance to the Larkview football club as there tends to be a lot of rubbish thrown around after matches and training?

Reply:

Waste Management Services Division has been in contact with Larkview football club and reminded them of their responsibility to keep the area outside their entrance free of litter. They have undertaken to do this and we will monitor this location to ensure that this happens. We would not be in favour of installing a litter bin at this location at this time and a recent inspection of this location found it to be litter free.

Q.41 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager give some indication as to what tenants who want to avail of the tenant purchase scheme need to do to avail of this scheme?

Reply:

All eligible tenants will be informed of the new Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme together with an information leaflet on the criteria of eligibility, as advised by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. For a tenant to be eligible for the new Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016, he/she must have been in receipt of social housing support for at least one year (be a tenant for at least one year) and have a minimum gross annual income of €15,000 per year. In addition, the tenant cannot have arrears of rent or local authority charges for an accumulated period of 12 weeks or more in the 3 years prior to application under the scheme or where the tenant has been in such arrears, have entered into and are complying with a payment agreement.

There are a number of types of properties excluded under the scheme including apartments, flats, maisonettes and duplexes, houses specially designed for older people, houses provided for people with disabilities and houses that are part of a group housing scheme for Travellers and houses that are undergoing remedial works (these houses will be included on completion of the remedial works). The city council can exercise its right to further exclude certain dwellings from inclusion in the scheme in the interest of proper management of the council's housing stock and in light of the increasing numbers on the social housing waiting list. .

All applications received will be examined. If the applicant satisfies the criteria of eligibility, the application will then advance to the next stage.

Q.42 Councillor Chris Andrews

When will a Dublinbike stand be opened on Clanbrassil Street and the Harold's Cross area?

Reply:

There are no immediate plans to expand the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme to Clanbrassil Street or to the Harold's Cross area at this time. Any expansion beyond the existing scheme is subject to identifying the necessary levels of funding for both capital and annual operational costs over the life of the scheme. All potential viable funding sources are being explored at present.

The long-term Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes expansion strategy consists of a 14 Phase development programme. The most recently completed extension was Phase 2. The general area of Clanbrassil Street is identified as Phase 3. Extension outside the canal to Harold's Cross is identified as Phase 7.

Q.43 Councillor Chris Andrews

Residents of Vernon Street were recently informed that they would now need to have wheelie bins and would no longer be able to use refuse bags to store their rubbish for collection. This decision came with no consultation with the area and is completely unworkable for the community. Vernon Street is a very small cul de sac of terraced homes with little or no space in front of the houses other than the pavement. The homes have no capacity to store wheelie bins and the placing of bins on the street would cause a major nuisance. Can the manager ensure that this doesn't happen and offer alternatives to resolve these issues and give an update on this matter?

Reply:

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local government (DECLG) has issued new regulations for the collection of domestic household waste which will come into effect on the 1st July 2016. These regulations will introduce pay by weight for waste collections. This is a government policy initiative to encourage householders to reduce the amount of waste they generate and to incentivise increased recycling. In doing so, householders will be able to manage their costs as black bin waste will be more expensive per kilo than brown or green waste. From that date, waste operators will be required to only collect domestic household waste in reusable receptacles (bins) and to weigh the content of the bins. There is therefore a requirement that as many households as possible use bins.

The department has also indicated that there will be provision for local authorities to designate areas that meet specific criteria as being unsuitable for wheeled bin collections of household kerbside waste and thereby as being only suitable for the collection of waste in non-reusable receptacles such as bags. The criteria will issue shortly from the DECLG to local authorities.

In the meantime, the council is currently examining existing bag collection routes in its functional area. On receipt of the above referred to criteria from the department, the council will then designate the areas in the city which will continue to be bag collection areas post July 1st 2016.

If a property meets the criteria, it will be designated as a bag collection area and the waste operators will be notified of same. The National Waste Collection Permit Office will attach a list of these properties to each waste collection permit of an operator collecting domestic household waste in the council's functional area. This will allow those designated households to continue presenting their waste in bags. However, until such time as the criteria is received, the council cannot advise which properties will be designated as only suitable for the collection of waste in bags.

Q.44 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to contact police and begin investigation into Club Chonradh na Gaeilge in 6 Harcourt Street due to breach of their liquor license agreement and noise coming from the premises into the early hours of the morning, see details supplied for police to begin investigation.

Reply:

This matter was brought to the attention of An Garda Síochána (AGS), who responded as follows:

Details of the complainants have been forwarded for the attention of Inspector John Rice, Licensing Inspector Pearse Street for attention.

Q.45 Councillor Chris Andrews

Three years ago a tree was removed from outside 75 Stella Gardens and it needs to be filled in as it is a trip hazard now. Can the Manager arrange for this work to be carried out?

Reply:

Parks Section has confirmed they do not intend to plant another tree at this location. Road Maintenance Services will make arrangements to permanently reinstate the location in question.

Q.46 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager indicate what the time scale is for the issues surrounding the works being carried out in Markievicz pool and sports centre and outline why and outline what is the nature of the works committed to this sports centre.

Reply:

Markievicz Sports and Fitness was closed for full changing room refurbishments, small extension to the gym and installation of new sauna and steam room. Nearing the end of the refurbishments an unforeseen structural issue was found: badly corroded internal trusses above the pool. This has significantly delayed the reopening of the centre, as a full engineer's report was required.

To date we are waiting on a schedule of works from the engineer, I anticipate these works could take another 4 to 5 weeks from start date, which I hope will be within in the next 2 weeks.

Re-opening Markievicz is of utmost importance and I will endeavour to get a timeline re works as soon as possible so this can be further communicated to all members and staff.

Q.47 Councillor Chris Andrews

To ask the manager to have the bollard that was placed on the pavement at side of 1 Pembroke Cottages and was knocked down by a truck replaced.

Reply

Roads Maintenance Services Division inspected the footpath outside no. 1 Pembroke Cottages and took note of the missing bollard. The bollard will be replaced when a crew become available in the neighbouring area.

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee



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Report to Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC
14th March 2016
Item No. 6

Report on Temple Bar Cultural Trust

The Temple Bar Area Renewal and Development Act 1991 established Temple Bar Properties Limited as a Development Company for the Temple Bar area. The Taoiseach through his nominees was the original sole shareholder of the company. In 1993 the Minister for the Environment became the sole shareholder and later in 2001 the City Manager (now CEO) was designated as the sole shareholder and remains so. The name of the Company was changed to the Temple Bar Cultural Trust in 2004.

The Company is incorporated under the Companies Acts.

The Board of the Temple Bar Cultural Trust agreed in April 2013 to wind down the company and for its functions, responsibilities and assets to be transferred to Dublin City Council. It followed on from various reviews of the Trust that exposed serious deficits on a range of governance issues. This decision was accepted by Dublin City Council.

A special DCC Project Team was established to facilitate and manage this transition, to deal with all legacy issues and to manage all TBCT property in conjunction with the City Council's Valuers' Section. The City Council transition team of six staff are now responsible for the day to day operations of the Trust. (This compares to 18 staff previously employed by TBCT). It is led by John Durkan and he has followed up on the initial transition work carried out by Ray Yeates as interim CEO. This project team is now based in the Civic Offices and the "Culture Box" premises which was previously occupied by Temple Bar Cultural Trust has been freed up for lease to a cultural organisation. There is no longer any former TBCT staff employed. The Board (Trustees) of the Temple Bar Cultural Trust for the Interim period of transition now consists of:

Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive - Director and CEO of TBCT

Jim Keogan, Assistant Chief Executive - Director and Chairperson of TBCT

Mannix Flynn, City Councillor and Director of TBCT

The Chairperson of this Strategic Policy Committee (**Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**) has been invited to join the transition Board.

The role of the Board together with the special DCC project team is to carry out the full legal and operational responsibility of the TBCT Company until it is dissolved by the necessary legislation.

It had been anticipated that such a dissolution would be completed by now and the relevant "Heads of a bill" have been agreed for some time however it now appears that the required legislation will not be finalised until later this year.

Significant progress has been made in re-building relationships with the main stakeholders and in stabilising the area with the introduction of several new commercial property tenants into the West End area of Temple Bar.

A consultant was engaged to talk with the cultural agencies in the area, to gauge their concerns and ideas on how the City Council can support their cultural provision into the future. Dublin City Council had already reiterated its full commitment to remain as the landlord of the cultural organisations in Temple Bar.

Internal approval processes and authorisations now mirror those of DCC. The Board rotated the external auditors and KPMG assisted the company complete all its statutory requirements and filing with the CRO. The maintenance function is now provided by the City Council's civic maintenance operation, which assists the project team in resolving all maintenance issues promptly.

In addition DCC has taken in charge (July 2015) Curved Street, Cows Lane, Meeting House Square and Temple bar square. Street furniture licenses for these streets are now managed by the City Council. Draft changes to the Casual Trading by-laws are now prepared for presentation to City Councillors, to absorb the three TBCT markets and their related activities. A tender process recently secured a Markets Manager to manage the three market areas in Meeting House Square, Cow's Lane and Temple Bar Square. This Markets Manager will liaise with Temple Bar Cultural Trust and incorporate the requirements and conditions of the Casual Trading Act 1995 and the Casual Trading Bye Laws 2013 into all aspects of the markets.

All legacy issues with the construction and maintenance of the Umbrellas on Meeting House Square (MHS) are now resolved. The Temple-bar project team are working to put in place a maintenance contract for the Umbrellas and to secure by Tender a contractor to manage both the bookings on MHS and provide a programme of events, specifically to attract families into the Temple-Bar. In addition TBCT continue to fund the cost of Culture Night by way of a grant of 105,000 euro.

The Board of Temple Bar Cultural Trust and the transition team have resolved all outstanding legal issues with property management companies and cultural bodies. The Temple-bar project team are working through other legacy issues to complete a 50/50 shareholding agreement with the Contemporary Music centre and complete a new cultural use agreement.

Agreement has been reached with The Ark for use of the stage for events held at the Square and to implement the recommendations of a Fire Certificate for the Film-base premises in addressing a number of fire issues.

All outstanding debts, loans, overdraft have now been cleared, plus all legal costs and voluntary redundancy payments relating to previous staff members of TBCT.

In addition a sum of 1 million euro has been set aside from the proceeds of a property sale as a future contribution (subject to City Council approval) to a much needed Public Domain programme of works in Temple Bar, e.g. Footpaths, Cobble lock Areas, Greening, Lighting etc. A Public Domain Improvement plan is currently being formulated by the City Council and a Consultant has been commissioned.

The Board of TBCT and the City Council have approved the sale of a number of commercial properties to existing lessees. The proceeds of these sales will be “banked” and its usage will be subject to City Council approval. No further sales will be considered until TBCT is fully dissolved.

The overall dissolution of Temple Bar Cultural Trust through primary legislation is progressing, is agreed with the Department of the Environment and should be finalised later this year. Following this all property currently owned by TBCT will be transferred into the ownership of Dublin City Council and will then be dealt with in line with policy and procedures on existing Council property. It is now considered timely to carry out a comprehensive review and analysis of Temple Bar and to articulate a new vision for the area.

It is proposed to commission a suitable team of Consultants to carry out this work, and to interact as necessary with all stakeholders in the area. This work will be overseen by a special Steering Group consisting of representatives from the two relevant Strategic Policy Committees in Dublin City Council namely:

- The Arts Culture and Recreation SPC
- The Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

It is suggested that the Steering Group should consist of **four** members from each SPC which will be facilitated by relevant DCC officials.

The draft Terms of Reference for this Steering Group are as follows;

- Provide a comprehensive narrative on the history and background of the Temple Bar ‘project’.
- Take account of the City Development Plan, the Local Economic and Community Plan for the City (LECP) and all other relevant National and Dublin City Strategies and Policies.
- Consider the key sectors in Temple Bar i.e. Business, Residential and Cultural.
- Consider linkages with other future Developments in the vicinity e.g. College Green/Foster Place, Central Bank, Dublin, South Quays.
- Review the value of Cultural Organisations in the area and their future sustainability.
- Review and analyse the maximum potential for future usage of TBCT/DCC property in the area.
- Consider ways of developing better connectivity, tolerance, relationships and cooperation between residents, business, and cultural bodies.
- Study other international comparative districts for best practice and innovation.
- Consider enterprise, start up, and tech initiatives for the area and general job creation opportunities.
- Put a special emphasis on the West End part of Temple which has combination of small commercial units, significant residential accommodation and some cultural facilities.
- Consider how Temple Bar can better connect/integrate with other adjacent parts of the city in particular the North Quays, Capel Street, Liffey Street etc.

We recommend that the Steering Group be immediately established and that the Group should consider and finalise these draft Terms of Reference with a view to initiating a Public Procurement process to select a suitable consultancy team for this important commission.

Brendan Kenny
Deputy Chief Executive

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Re: Grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2016

An application has been received for financial assistance towards the running costs of the private swimming pool listed below, for the year 2016. The Pool Administrator has submitted accounts showing the operating costs. The swimming pool is open 7 days a week and caters for members of the public, children's swimming lessons, adult swimming lessons and parent and toddler swimming and groups and other schools in the area. Dublin City Council has supported this facility financially over the years to ensure that the swimming pool remains open for public use as the council does not operate a swimming pool / leisure centre in this area. The grant is conditional on the swimming pool being available for public use. The grant being recommended is the same as the grant in 2015. The swimming pool would not be available to the public without the financial assistance of Dublin City Council.

I recommend that approval be given to the grant as detailed below.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Swimming Pool</u>	<u>Grant Recommended For 2016</u>
Marian College, Lansdowne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	Marian College, Swimming Pool	€30,000

Brendan Kenny
Assistant Chief Executive

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land at No 5 New Street, Dublin 8

Agreement has been reached with Highgate Investments Limited regarding the disposal of city council property at No. 5 New Street, Dublin 8, as shown outlined in green the attached draft map (for indicative purposes only). The proposed disposal shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the subject plot (as indicated on the attached map – for identification purposes only) is situated at the junction of Kevin Street Upper and New Street South and has an area of approximately 14m².
2. That consideration for the proposed disposal of the council's Fee Simple Interest or equivalent shall be in the amount of €50,000 (fifty thousand euro) plus Vat in full and final settlement.
3. That the applicant shall pay the city council's professional fees of €800 plus VAT and the Councils legal costs plus VAT.
4. That the proposed disposal is subject to the necessary consents and approvals being obtained.
5. That no agreement enforceable at law is created or is intended to be created until exchange of contracts has taken place.

**Jim Keogan
Assistant Chief Executive**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Derelict Sites Report, April 2016

I attach details of sites in the South East Area where action has been taken in Quarter 1, 2016 under the following headings:

- Number of new complaints.
- Number of sites inspected.
- Sites under investigation and sites where formal action has been taken under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.
- Sites on the Derelict Sites Register

Please contact the Derelict Sites Section, details below, if further information is required:

Email: derelictsites@dublincity.ie

Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, (Building Control & Enforcement), tel.: 222 3941.

Tom Vaughan, Senior Staff Officer, (Building Control & Enforcement), tel.: 222 3315.

Fiona Devlin, Staff Officer, (Levies & Case Management), tel.: 222 3381.

Eoin Lawlor, Staff Officer, (Case Management & Inspections), tel.: 222 3385.

Suzanne Lacey, Assistant Staff Officer, (Case Management / Administration), tel.: 222 3015.

Dermot Rowe, Investigation Officer (Derelict Sites Inspections, Bonds Inspections, Development Contributions Inspections), tel.: 222 5170.

Paul Clegg
Executive Manager

South East Area Derelict Sites Report

(1) Number of new complaints

Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
1	1	0	2

(2) Number of sites inspected

Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
15	10	4	29

(3) Sites under investigation and sites where formal action has been taken under the Derelict Sites Act 1990

Location	Update
Ardee Road, 7 (Mather & Platt), Dublin 6.	Owners written to and advised to tidy site.
Beach Road, 21, Dublin 4.	Owner's representatives advised to remove litter from site.
Brookvale Road, 14, Dublin 4.	Owner advised to cut back vegetation at rear of site.
Earl Street South, 18 - 19, Dublin 2.	Owners written to and advised to tidy site.
Harold's Cross Road, 144	Chief State Solicitors' Office has indicated that it is preparing to put site back on market.
Harold's Cross Road, 199, 199A, 201 & 201A.	Site entered on Derelict Sites Register on 27/1/2016.
Kingsland Park Avenue, 7, Dublin 8.	Response received to Section 8(2) Notice stating that works are to be carried out.
Kingsland Park Avenue, 8, Dublin 8.	Response received to Section 8(2) Notice stating that works are to be carried out.
Leinster Road West, 30, Dublin 6.	Some works carried out. Front and rear gardens have been tidied – being kept under review.
Palmerston Park, 1A, Dublin 6.	Owners have recently advised that works have been carried out – to be re-inspected.
Le Bas Terrace, 6, Dublin 6.	Some clearing works have been done and a timber hoarding has been erected – being kept under review.
Liberty Lane, 4 - 5, rear Wexford Street.	Site has been re-secured as requested.
Mountpleasant Villas, 2, Dublin 6.	Repairs have been carried out at site, as requested.
Ranelagh Road, 7 (site to rear), Dublin 6.	Reference of ownership requested.
Shaw Street / Townsend Street, junction of, Dublin 2.	Owner asked to remove litter, weeds and graffiti.

Sunbury Gardens, 9, Dublin 6.	Owner asked to carry out improvement works.
Sunbury Gardens, 10, Dublin 6.	Some improvement works have been carried out – being kept under review.
Synge Street, 34, Dublin 8.	Owner advised to repair roof and plasterwork around front door.
Tritonville Road, 127 - 131, Dublin 4.	Owners written to and asked to outline their future proposals.
Walworth Road, 5 - 7, Dublin 8.	Owner advised to cut back overgrowth at rear.

**[S.8(2)] Notice of Intention to enter on the Derelict Sites Register.

[S.8(7)] Entry on the Derelict Sites Register with resultant imposition of a levy equating to 3% of market value of the derelict site. Unpaid levies attract interest of 1.25% per month.

(4) Sites on Derelict Sites Register (DSR)

Location	Owner	Date of Entry
Adelaide Road, 7, Dublin 2.	Mr. David Grant	20/01/2009
Beechwood Avenue Lower, Dublin 6.	James & Rosemary Horan	05/08/2014
Chapel Avenue, 5, Dublin 6.	Jane Cathcart, Vanessa Rojack, Maurice Boland & Gary Boland	10/07/2014
Greenmount Industrial Estate, Unit 4, Dublin 12.	Mohan Holdings	29/04/2015
Harcourt Street, 36, Dublin 2.	Mr. Paul Tiernan	19/04/2011
Harcourt Street, 37, Dublin 2.	James Meagher (Receiver)	30/10/2014
Harold's Cross Road, 144	Chief State Solicitor	08/06/2007
Harold's Cross Road, rear 201/201A (industrial unit).	Ms. Annie Healy	22/07/2015
**Harold's Cross Road, 199 -201A, Dublin 6.	Ms. Annie Healy	27/01/2016
Highfield Road, rear 63, Dublin 6.	Mr. Brian Daly	14/07/2014
Merlyn Road, 30, Dublin 4.	Eamonn & Blaithin Murphy	05/04/2011
Parnell Road, adj. 44, Dublin 2.	Mr. Gerard Tinnelly	25/04/2014
Wharton Hall, Wharton Terrace, Dublin 6.	Ms. Roisin Hyde	01/04/2014

Total no. of sites entered on DSR at 31/3/2016: 59

Number of Sites entered Q1: 6

Number of Sites removed Q1: 1

**Number of SE Sites entered Q1: 1

Number of SE Sites removed Q1: Nil

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Community Development Section Report

March

- Mar 1st:** 'The Greatest Lord Mayor since Daniel O'Connell' lecture at the Church of the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Donnybrook 2.30pm
- Mar 4th:** Seachtain na Gaeilge: Storytelling as Gaeilge at Charlemont Court
12 noon
- Mar 5th:** Eastwell Ladies Home 250th Anniversary 10 - 3pm
Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
- Mar 8th:** Tour of Freemasons Hall at 2.30pm
- Mar 9th:** Tour of Freemasons Hall with Spanish language Walking Group 2.15pm
- Mar 11th:** Tour of Freemasons Hall with Irish language Walking Group 11.30am
- Mar 12th:** Terenure Village Market
Talk on J.M. Plunkett – Donnybrook Church 2pm
- Mar 14th:** Daffodil Day Community Event – Sandymount 7pm
- Mar 18th:** Terenure Tea Dance at the Evergreen Centre 2 - 4pm
Tour of Freemasons Hall with French language Walking Group 2.15pm
- Mar 19th:** Terenure Village Easter Market 11 - 4pm
Play in the Park – Bushy Park 12 - 4pm
- Mar 22nd:** Golden Wonders St. Patrick's Day Party – Carmelite Centre 2 - 4pm
- Mar 24th:** Verschoyle Court Easter Party 2 - 4pm
- Mar 26th:** Dublin City Clean Up – Public Domain
Terenure Village Market
Northbrook Avenue Easter Egg Hunt
Cinema Para Crianças – Lantern Centre 11am
- Mar 29th:** Maxwell Court Easter Party 2 - 4pm
- Mar 31st:** Tour of Freemasons Hall at 2.30pm

April

- Apr 2nd:** Terenure Village Market – at Bushy Park. Hot food stalls, cakes, barista coffee, fresh juices, paintings, crafts and lots more!
- Apr 5th:** Dance for Life! – 11am at the Evergreen Club, Terenure Village. Commencement of a 10 week dance programme for older people from 11 - 4pm.
- The Bell Canto Singers remembering Percy French – at the Parish Centre, Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook. Musical event organised by Donnybrook Active Retirement Association 2.30pm.
- Apr 6th:** In the Footsteps of 1916. Meet outside the National Treasury Management Agency Offices, Grand Canal Street Lower. Historical Walking Tour with historian, Pat Liddy 11am.
- Apr 9th:** Terenure Village Market at Bushy Park 11 - 4pm.
- Apr 12th:** A Galway Girl at Verschoyle Court Community Room, off Lower Mount Street 2.30pm.
- Apr 14th:** A Galway Girl at Heskin Court Community Room, Elm Park, off Merrion Road - 2.30pm.
- Apr 16th:** Terenure Village Market at Bushy Park 11 - 4pm.
- Apr 17th:** Active Wise Healthy Walk at Terenure V.E.C. Event promoting exercise and healthy eating run by the Active Wise Healthy Living Group 1 - 3pm.
- Apr 19th:** Tour of the Aviva Stadium - outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street. Join the Let's Walk & Talk Group as they go to Lansdowne Road for a tour of the stadium 2pm.
- Dublin Opinion – at the Parish Centre, Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook. An illustrated talk by Felix Larkin organised by Donnybrook Active Retirement Association 2.30pm.
- Apr 20th:** Tour of the Aviva Stadium - at Kildare Place, Kildare Street. Join the Spanish language Let's Walk & Talk Group as they go to Lansdowne Road for a tour of the stadium 2pm.
- Apr 21st:** Tour of the Aviva Stadium - at Sandymount Green, Sandymount Village. Join the Let's Walk & Talk Group as they walk to Lansdowne Road for a tour of the stadium 2pm.
- Apr 22nd:** Tour of the Aviva Stadium - at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar. Join the Irish language Let's Walk & Talk Group as they go to Lansdowne Road for a tour of the stadium 11am.
- Tour of the Aviva Stadium - at Kildare Place, Kildare Street. Join the French language Let's Walk & Talk Group as they go to Lansdowne Road for a tour of the stadium 2pm.
- Come Singalong & Dance with Us - at the Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue, Sandymount. Live music and dance for older people 2pm.

- Apr 23rd:** Terenure Village Market – at Bushy Park 11 - 4pm.
- Apr 25 to
May 2nd:** Ringsend Festival – Ringsend Village. Fun for all the family on the streets of Ringsend!
- Apr 27th:** A Galway Girl – at Woodstock Court Community Room, Ranelagh 1.15pm.
- Apr 28th:** A Galway Girl - at Maxwell Court Community Room, Rathmines 2pm.
- Apr 29th:** Terenure May Day Tea Dance –at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure Village. An afternoon of music and dance featuring the band, “Pastimes” 2pm.
- Apr 30th:** Ringsend Community Dog Show – Ringsend Park. A Bark in the Park for local dogs, Registration 9am, Dog show 11am.
- Terenure Village Market – 11 - 4pm at Bushy Park. Hot food stalls, cakes, barista coffee, fresh juices, paintings, crafts and lots more!
- May**
- May 1st:** Terenure Rugby Blitz – 1 - 4pm at Terenure Rugby Club. Finale and prize giving ceremony for weekend long series of Rugby games with international youth teams.
- York Road & Avenue Family Fiesta – From 1pm at York Road / Avenue. Street party organised by residents for local families.
- May 2nd:** Ringsend Festival Parade & Funday – from 11 - 4pm, centred at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre. Finale to the week - long family festival with street parade, live music and dance, face painting and many more activities.

Our programme of older persons’ activities and six weekly walks (including ones in Irish, French and Spanish www.letswalkandtalk.ie) continue on a weekly basis.

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Environmental Services Unit Report

City Neighbourhoods Competition 2016

There are three separate competitions: residential, business and schools and the closing date is Friday 13th May. Application forms are now available and will be sent to all who entered in 2015. New entrants will be very welcome.

Public Realm Enhancements

Intensive cleaning of the high footfall commercial village areas throughout the South East area commenced in March. This work involves using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, but also stains and dog foul, the cleaning of street furniture, application of disinfectant on areas where needed including around bins, and the removal of waste. The work was carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant. This work will be carried out again in June and September of this year.

Events

- Trinity Ball 17th / 18th April
- Gumball 3000 Rally Event, Merrion Square, 30th April - 1st May

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Grafton Street

The public realm improvement works on Wicklow Street (from Grafton Street to Clarendon Street) and at Johnson's Court are complete, with the exception of the new public lighting which will be installed on building facades shortly. Detailed design work for the next series of improvements in the Chatham Street, Harry Street, Balfe Street area are continuing and following their completion, a tender process to seek a contractor will be undertaken with a view to being in a position to commence works towards the end of this year. Also, it is hoped to proceed shortly with a Part 8 planning submission in relation to proposed works at Clarendon Street / Clarendon Row.

Crampton Buildings

The refurbishment works are progressing and much of the works to the residential apartments are complete. The contractor has advised that due to several factors, including the very restricted working arrangements in the courtyard and throughout the site, there has been a delay in the progression of some works. The contractor has now notified a revised completion date for works in late May. Discussions are continuing with each tenant in relation to their particular circumstances and the various issues regarding their return to Crampton Buildings.

Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. The works are being carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and various sub-contractors and supervised by various consultants for different aspects of these works. A number of ground condition problems have slowed this project down to date. The estimated cost of this whole project from Butt Bridge to Cardiff Lane is €3.5m and the current programme is to substantially complete the works by Q3 2016.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 23rd March 2016. There has been no meeting of the Waterways Ireland Operation Liaison Group (OLG) since September 2014. Waterways Ireland has written to say they will provide a rep for the sub-committee. The Dublin City Canals Action Day took place on Saturday 26th March 2016 to coincide with the Team Dublin Clean-Up 2016. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 27th April 2016.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January 2015 South East Area Committee. REDscape, Landscape Architects, has been appointed to design a plan for Herzog Park. Resulting from the public meeting of May 2015 to discuss proposals for upgrading Herzog Park, a Draft Landscape Masterplan is now available for public comment and discussion. Comments on the proposal can be sent to

parks@dublincity.ie, on or before Friday 8th April 2016. After the consultation period a final Landscape Masterplan will be undertaken, taking into consideration all submissions received, and will be available for circulation to stakeholders by summer 2016.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The Part 8 was approved at the City Council meeting on Monday 6th July 2015. Works are due to commence in 2016.

Sandymount Green Conservation Study

Parks Services appointed Howley Hayes Conservation Architects to carry out a Conservation Study of Sandymount Green in 2015. Traffic issues raised during consultation have been referred to the Roads and Traffic Department for consideration in 2016.

Ringsend Irishtown Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Consultation in relation to the Ringsend Irishtown Village Improvement Plan commenced with an open morning in Ringsend Library on the morning of Thursday 28th January 2016. Following tender process Mitchell and Associates has been appointed to deliver the VIP by Summer 2016. Further local consultation will occur during April and May 2016.

Terenure 2030

A meeting was held with South East Area Office and representatives from Terenure 2030 on 5/2/2016 to discuss possible public domain improvements. 6 no. new lamp standards have been ordered for the village and further greening projects are ongoing in 2016.

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

South East Area Sport and Recreation Report

- **DANCE FOR LIFE:** A Dance class for older adults in the Terenure area will begin in April. The classes take place every Tuesday morning from 11am – 12pm at The Evergreen Centre in Terenure village. Classes are free and all are welcome to try it out.
- **SOCIALISE AND EXERCISE CLASS:** A Class will take place for residents of Mount Drummond Court in Harold's Cross every Wednesday evening from 6pm – 7pm. The class will involve some relaxation techniques and exercises to improve mobility in older adults as well as a chance to meet new people.
- **MEET AND TRAIN:** A meet and train group will start up to train women for the Women's mini marathon in June. This group is for Women who are only new to running. Group will meet in Irishtown Stadium every Tuesday evening from 7pm and work up towards the 10K in June.
- **YOGA FOR MULTI-CULTURAL WOMEN:** Yoga classes will take place in The Lantern Centre on Synge Street for women from an ethnic minority group. The class takes place every Wednesday morning from 10am and will begin in April.
- **CONTINUING PROGRAMMES include** Chair Fit at Iris Charles Centre, yoga at Headways Donnybrook and the walking group at Irishtown Stadium.
- School **cricket** sessions are being held in the following schools in the area during this period: Sancta Maria CBS, Synge Street, Star of the Sea, Sandymount, St Matthews, Sandymount, St Josephs, Terenure and Zion NS, Terenure. These schools will be entering the Leprechaun Cup (Primary Schools Competition, dates TBC).
- Unfortunately we have no further concrete information about the re-opening of **Sports & Fitness Markievicz**. The original works that we closed to facilitate are now complete. As previously communicated, an unforeseen structural issue is the reason for the delay. We are currently addressing this issue which we anticipate will take a number of months to resolve. As soon as a timeline for the works has been identified, we will be in contact with you all. Please pass this message on to anyone enquiring about Sport & Fitness Markievicz and ensure that this message is communicated consistently by all. We would like to thank you for your patience and co-operation. For further queries or complaints related to membership, please contact:
 - Centre Staff at Sport & Fitness Irishtown: (01) 222 3801 – GENERAL QUERIES
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Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership

**Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

**Naming and numbering proposal for new development at Marianella, 75 Orwell Road,
Rathgar, Dublin 6**

**“Orwell Gate, Marianella” / “Geata Orwell, Teach Marianella”
“The Mews Orwell Gate, Marianella” / An Eachlann Geata Orwell, Teach Marianella
“Orwell Place, Marianella” / “Plás Orwell, Teach Marianella”
“The Mews Orwell Place, Marianella” / “An Eachlann Plás Orwell, Teach Marianella”
“Orwell Walk, Marianella” / “Siúlán Orwell, Teach Marianella”
“Orwell Grove, Marianella” / “Garrán Orwell, Teach Marianella”
“The Avenue, Marianella” / “An Ascaill, Teach Marianella”**

A request has been received from John Spain Associates, 39 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2 to name and number a new development at Marianella, 75 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6 as follows:

1 – 69 Orwell Gate, Marianella	1 – 69 Geata Orwell, Teach Marianella
1 – 3 The Mews Orwell Gate, Marianella	1 – 3 An Eachlann Geata Orwell, Teach Marianella
1 – 60 Orwell Place, Marianella	1 – 60 Plás Orwell, Teach Marianella
1 – 3 The Mews Orwell Place, Marianella	1 – 3 An Eachlann Plás Orwell, Teach Marianella
1 – 66 Orwell Walk, Marianella	1 – 66 Siúlán Orwell, Teach Marianella
1 – 19 Orwell Grove, Marianella	1 – 19 Garrán Orwell, Teach Marianella
1 – 12 The Avenue, Marianella	1 – 12 An Ascaill, Teach Marianella

The applicant gave the following rationale for the proposed naming scheme:

“The overall scheme name is proposed to be “Marianella”. This name has specific links with the existing use on the site. The name of the site dates back to 1910 when the Redemptorist Congregation first purchased a house at 30 Highfield Park, which was named Marianella... The original house named Marianella was demolished in the 1960s and a new seminary was constructed on the site and retained the name Marianella... The reference to “Orwell” has a geographic connection in terms of the street name, Orwell Road, which adjoins the site and from which access is gained to the site.”

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36556.

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed names appropriate and accordingly the scheme is recommended for approval.

**Rose Kenny
Area Manager**

Q.1 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to address the matter of rat infestation in Ranelagh Gardens as a matter of urgency.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to remove a tree outside 59 Corrib Road. The trees roots have damaged the path and are making the path unsafe. Also please advise when the trees on Corrib road will be pruned.

Q.3 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager the reason why more paid public parking bays are not provided on the east side of Ely Place, Dublin 2, near the junction with Baggot Street Lower, as there would appear to be space there for them and demand to fill them?

Q.4 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager is the traffic lights at the junction of Marine Drive/Prospect Terrace and Beach Road, in Sandymount, can be equipped with traffic sensors so that the lights are only activated, when necessary, to allow traffic to exit from Marine Drive?

Q.5 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager if she will examine the lanes on St. Stephen's Green South (between Leeson Street/Earlsfort Terrace and Cuffe/Harcourt Streets) with a view to whether or not they should be straightened and/or more clearly marked for westbound traffic?

Q.6 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager if she will consider more clearly marking in the cycle lane and / or covering it in a coloured surface, on the eastbound side of St. Stephen's Green South (between Cuffe/Harcourt Streets and Leeson Street/Earlsfort Terrace), as motorists frequently mistake it for a second lane for vehicular traffic?

Q.7 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager if she will examine the possibility of refurbishment of the cobbled road surface on Little Ship Street, behind Dublin Castle?

Q.8 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to explain the reason that Bellevue Park Avenue and parts of Bellevue Copse (off Woodbine Road in Booterstown, Co. Dublin) are within the functional area of Dublin City Council in circumstances where they are encompassed by streets within the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council area? This is not a request to alter this situation, but is asked for information purposes.

Q.9 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager if the Area Office or Dublin City Council can do anything to preserve the Screen Cinema as a working cinema? It closed its doors on Sunday 28.2.16. It is an iconic building and has a rich history as a cultural and entertainment venue.

Q.10 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the accumulation of concrete and gravel at the traffic lights at the junction of Tritonville Road and Church Avenue. A major concrete operator opts for its trucks to use Church Avenue to come from Sean Moore Road to turn right into Ringsend rather than going straight ahead at Grant's Garage. One resident counted over 50 concrete trucks going up and down Church Avenue on a recent Saturday. The main problem from these trucks is that the road at the traffic lights is covered with loose stone and gravel. There are now concrete lumps on the road which makes the junction a safety concern. This problem has also been identified on the road going towards Pearse Street most obviously on the bridge at Grand Canal Dock.

Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if, in relation to the new community facility/centre in Herbert Park she can respond to the following issues raised with me by a constituent *details supplied:

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the graffiti as outlined be removed as promised.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to review the allocation of bins on Leinster Road and Leinster Square. The area is regularly strewn with litter in the morning, particularly at the weekend, due to the absence of bins combined with the ignorance of late night revellers.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to review the current parking arrangements on Leinster Road with a view to extending P & D to Saturdays as many residents cannot find parking on this day due to non-residents abandoning their cars there at the weekends during free-parking hours.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy Smyth

The manager to review the times when the two bins in Orwell Park are emptied. The bins are constantly overflowing both during the week and at weekends.

Q.16 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the poor state of pavements in Rathmines in terms of maintenance and cleanliness.

Q.17 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to the repair of road ramps on Fortfield Road, Greenlea Road and wherever else in the surrounding area that they are in poor condition and causing problems, particularly for cyclists. The ramps referred to are mainly those with red paving/brick finishes.

Q.18 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide a further update in relation to the proposed plan for Herzog Park and the subsequent submission to Mr. Brian Kirk from various local interest groups (Rathgar Residents' Association, Rathgar Tennis Club and local residents) with regard to the proposed plans.

Q.19 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager put in place measures that will prevent the burning of bins in the flats in Beechill Villas and will the manager consider putting in cameras to catch the culprits?

Q.20 Councillor Chris Andrews

Bearing in mind the increased pedestrian use of Ringsend Bridge and the increased number of cars/trucks using this bridge can the manager ensure that some sort of railings is put in place to protect pedestrian safety?

Q.21 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have white parking lines painted on the parking spots in Pearse House in order to regularise the parking and assist in making sure parking spaces are utilised efficiently?

Q.22 Councillor Chris Andrews

To ask the manager to instal a full size astro pitch in Beechill park in order to satisfy the huge demand for match and training facilities in the Donnybrook area?

Q.23 Councillor Chris Andrews

To ask the Chief Executive to have the communal laundry room area in details supplied made accessible to residents with disability/mobility issues as there is currently a step up to the communal wash room.

Q.24 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have hot water installed in details supplied and replace the windows at the same address?

Q.25 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will again contact those in charge of St. Bartholomew's Church in view of the correspondence submitted with this question.

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have this further list of abandoned bicycles removed at the following locations:

- 1) Two bikes abandoned at bike rack outside DIT in Aungier Street, near Peter's Row.
- 2) Outside O'Hara's pharmacy. At bike rack, junction of Wexford Street and Kevin Street - (saddle missing and wheels locked together).
- 3) One bike at rack outside the Rustic rest in Georges Street and up further outside Hogan's pub there is another abandoned bike at the rack.
- 4) A smallish bike at the rack at the Luas station in Street Stephen's Green. Nearly opposite the College of Surgeons. Quite rusty.
- 5) Another bike that has been locked at the rack in Ranelagh at the Triangle for again at least a year.
- 6) There are two bikes at the rack outside the AIB on Morehampton Rd, locked, that have been there for some time. This is different to the one that is locked to the pole across the road.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the playground adjacent to O'Rahilly House on Thorncastle Street monitored. This is to ensure balls and other missiles are not thrown across the street disturbing residents in the apartments at Fisherman's Wharf.

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager arrange to have the yellow lights in the lamp standards in Rutland Grove changed to the white lights as per wishes of Rutland Grove Residents' Association?

Q.29 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what options are available for *details supplied. This young man has a partner and a young child, with another child on the way. He has a part time job but this is not enough to pay rent and he is currently homeless. Could the manager please outline what options might be available to this young man and his family to secure a home?

Q.30 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the situation regarding the old Graving Docks in Grand Canal Dock, if she is aware of any development proposals that have been submitted and if so can she please provide the details of these proposals and the timelines involved.

Q.31 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to provide a full list of water fountains in the South East Area, can she outline the reasons why a number of water fountains in the city are no longer in operation, such as those on South King Street and Grand Canal Dock, and can she outline whether there are any further plans to reinstate or reactivate these fountains.

Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress of a new playground for Sandymount and whether there has been any further progress in terms of securing funding for this playground.

Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to confirm when the 50 new trees that are due to be planted in Merrion Square will be planted.

Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many project applications were received to the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gains Fund.

Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress of the upgrade to the pedestrian crossing at Leonard's Corner and where this project currently stands in terms of the tendering process.

Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can install 'No Alcohol' and some anti-litter signage in Sean Moore Park and along the Irishtown Nature Reserve as a means to address incidents of drinking in public and littering in these areas.

Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager whether Dublin City Council has received a Health and Safety report, a written risk assessment and a site specific plan of work (also known as a method statement) for the removal of asbestos in relation to the development of Clyde Court Hotel, which I understand demolition of is due to commence in early April.

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress of a possible to extension the yellow box on The South Circular Road at the bottom of Longwood Avenue as it is causing a build up of cars at the junction who are queuing at the lights at Leonards Corner.

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can please confirm whether the tree outside *details supplied has been replaced. I was told in a reply to a question in May 2015 that this tree will be replaced during the next planting season January / February 2016.

Q.40 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for a full and detailed report on the delays to the re-opening of Markievicz Leisure Centre, including the reasons for the delays, the costs overruns, the likely timeline for completion and the communications with members and the public.

Q.41 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the provision of a public playground for the Sandymount area.

Q.42 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the South Campshire flood protection works, including the reasons for delays, and the likely timeline for completion.

Q.43 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the initial studies and the public consultation on flood protection works for the Sandymount sea-front.

Q.44 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager make contact with OZO who collect refuse from Boyne Court, Harold's Cross at 5.30a.m. and explain the laws governing times of collection?

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to how many flats or units within Dublin City Council's housing stock in the South East Area are being used as estate managers' offices, or any other use other than letting to tenants as a residence?

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager place double yellow lines on Dame Lane West? This is the laneway that leads to Palace Street? This laneway has now become an illegal parking spot for vans, trucks etc and the laneway is often completely blocked for many hours of the day. It is a widely used area for pedestrians and is now in need of clear markings and signage to indicate that is a pedestrianised area.

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the forthcoming BID/DublinTown election process plebiscite election? This to include all of those who are entitled to vote, a list and name of all premises and individuals who are members. What is the process and who conducts and carries out oversight on the process? Who is legally entitled to attend the count? What public notices are given that this process is taking place? What are the guidelines around lobbying and electioneering for this process? Also, if businesses are in arrears with their BID rate, are they entitled to vote etc.?

Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the presentation that was given on the Legacy Project for Merrion Square - otherwise known as The Pavilion, Merrion Square? This report to include all contact and meetings between Norma Smurfit and those promoting this project such as the Irish Famine Foundation, Department of Arts, Minister for the Diaspora. Also, were any other companies or foundations given an opportunity to express an interest in this site in Merrion Square Park? What artists are involved in this project? What architects, other than our own contracted architects, were consulted on this project? What charities, would benefit from this project? What is the budget for this project? Who will pay for this project? How much money is envisaged would be generated from this project? How long would this project continue? Who would manage this project? When would it be envisaged that this project would be gifted to Dublin City Council? Why was this project not brought before Dublin City Council as a stand-alone idea in the first instance? Why was this idea not brought before the Arts Advisory Committee, or the Arts SPC, or indeed the Planning SPC?

Why was this whole project or the possibility of such a project, not put out to public tender and public expressions of interest? Has all governance on this project been adhered to and have all standards of transparency been upheld?

Has it been established that there are absolutely no conflicts of interest here and that the whole project is fair, equitable and inclusive?

This is public land, in a public park, owned by the people and all attempts to build on this land or create a memorial on this land, or even a legacy project, must be seen to be free from any notion of insider favouritism or monopoly.

Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report on the latest designs for the Peace Park at Christ Church? This report to include all drawings and images that have been created to date with regards the future for this location and this park.

Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the real tennis courts at Earlsfort Terrace, formerly UCD National Concert Hall site? This real tennis court is a unique item in this part of the world as there are very few remaining. It is entirely intact and it is a unique heritage gem. What efforts have we made to make this a protected structure, and what is the status of this structure at present?

Q.51 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager examine the possibility of placing traffic bollards at Temple Bar West in and around Smock Alley area and the apartment complexes? More and more cars have taken to driving on the footpaths here and also parking on the footpath creating a great danger for the many residents and children that live in this area. Also they are blocking fire exit routes and pedestrians again have to use the roadway regularly to get by. A small number of bollards here would stop this illegal activity.

Q.52 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager write to the companies that use Bernardo Square as an assembly point for walking tours and request them to refrain from group roaring when they are taking group photographs? This now has become a norm where large groups of tourists are assembled for group photos throughout the day and let out large roars before each photo is taken. This is a residential and working area, with

many offices, including our own and now has become a regular point for loud shouting which can startle and disturb both residents and those at work. This activity can start from 10 in the morning and go on until the early evening.

Q.53 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report regarding how many litterbins have been removed from locations within the South East Area in the past year? Also the reasons why these bins have been removed and whether there will be replacements provided in these locations.

Q.54 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of introducing codes of conduct and guidelines for walking tours within the South East Area? More and more of these tours are now on the streets and footpaths of the South East Area. There doesn't appear to be a limit on the numbers of visitors attending these tours. Often very large groups are formed and this can result in a complete monopoly on the footpaths with no sense of order for pedestrians who are using the footpaths, including elderly, families with children, people with disabilities etc. there is often no alternative but to use the road to get by them. It is now time that a code of conduct and protocol and guidelines be issued for such events for all those individuals and companies who run such tours. This also to include that parking of buses and vehicles in Castle Street which can often become chaotic and dangerous.

Q.55 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the resolution of the St. Bartholomew's Church bells (Ballsbridge) issue.

Q.56 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could respond to the issues regarding Cathedral Lane contained in the attached letter (details supplied).