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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 9th MAY 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 9th May 2016 at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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Dated this 4th May 2016

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- 597.** Presentation on proposal to initiate Part 8 procedure for 4 Metropole advertising structures located at Charlemont Street, Donnybrook Road, Pembroke Road and Shelbourne Road (presentation enclosed).
- 598.** Presentation on the Docklands Public Realm Strategy.
- 599.** Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2016 (pages 7 – 30).
- 600.** Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 45 – 53).
- 601. Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held 26th April 2016 (enclosed).
- 602. Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department Matters**
- i. Report on feasibility of a new all weather pitch in Herbert Park (pages 31 - 32).
- 603. Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
- i. Report on the proposed disposal of site at 52 and 52a Clanbrassil Street Lower, Dublin 8 (pages 33 - 35 and enclosed).
 - ii. Planning Enforcement Quarterly Report January to March 2016 (page 36 and enclosed).
- 604. South East Area Matters**
- i. Updates on the following:
 - Community Development Section (pages 37 - 38).
 - Environmental Services Unit (page 39).
 - Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements (pages 40 - 41).
 - Sport and Recreation Section (pages 42 - 43).
 - ii. Naming proposal for a development at 1 and 3 Irishtown Road, “Brickfield Walk” (page 44 and enclosed).

Motions

605. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the manager to establish a working group, including traffic engineers, local councillors and other stakeholders, to redesign the junction at Adelaide Road, Lesson Street and the Grand Canal Cycle Way. This junction is no longer fit for purpose given the increasing volume of vehicular, cycle and pedestrian traffic.

606. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Based on the general reply issued to question 11 at the April area committee, this committee agrees to discuss and request the manager to bring forward proposals as to how this new facility will be managed and what charges will be applied and for what purposes the facility will be used.

607. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Due to a recent traffic accident and several near misses that the Traffic Engineer urgently examines the junction of Cullenswood Gardens and Merton Drive, Ranelagh. This junction may need a Stop Sign and possible removal of a parking bay from Merton Drive on Sandford Road side of Cullenswood Gardens.

608. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the road circling Grosvenor Square and the entrance road from Leinster Road, the granite kerbs and concrete footpaths be repaired to an acceptable standard of workmanship in keeping with the architectural listed status of the square.

This is a listed square and the state of maintenance of footpaths, roads and trees is in a serious state of dereliction. Recently I asked that the kerbs be repaired; the trees roots have dislodged granite kerbing and in some instances actually broken up footpaths. This has caused very large lips to form on the footpaths which is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and lethal for the walking wounded or people with poor vision. Following my representation, dobs of tar macadam have been filled into the gaps of the granite paving and several cut off tree branches were left strewn on the footpaths. While this does not remove the danger to pedestrians, it's totally unacceptable standard of maintenance treatment for a square that is on the List of Architectural Protected Structures.

Outside house Number

No. 36 broken granite filled in with tar. This repair should be done with sand and cement.

No. 39 tree roots lifting cement and road has sunken

No. 43 tree lifting path granite badly displaced path covered in tar. Raised granite lips very bad and dangerous

No. 51 tile bricks have been put around the tree and they are beginning to break

No. 55 granite uneven all around tree and dangerous

No. 66, 68 & 74 granite broken causing huge lips – very dangerous. There are a lot of weeds that are never sprayed

No. 75 granite kerb very badly broken, huge lip

No. 80 corner of road part of road collapsed, tree roots protruding and granite broken

No. 3 tree roots has broken through concrete and split granite. Along this section because of the lack of street cleaning, the road is caked with refuse

Along the entrance to Grosvenor Square from Leinster Road trees have caused concrete and granite to split.

All along the entrance road and road around the square, there are many pot holes. Here again having already written about this, some holes have been filled. As we know this is putting good money after bad as this will only last for a few months.

Therefore it is agreed that Grosvenor Square will be listed for urgent repairs as set out above.

609. Motion from Councillors Paddy Smyth, Dermot Lacey, Mannix Flynn, Kieran Binchy, Sonya Stapleton, Frank Kennedy, Paddy Mc Cartan, Chris Andrews and Claire Byrne.

Given the negligible capital investment required and the massive potential increase in amenity to both bicycle commuters and tourists using the Dublinbike scheme, this committee calls on the Transport Department to formally request funds for a feasibility study from the NTA, under the Smarter Travel Fund, to extend 'Parking Protected Cycle Lanes' beyond the 900m route proposed in Motion 397 below (passed by the SEAC in Sept 2015), to the surrounding streets of Cumberland Road, Mount Street Upper, around Merrion Square, Merrion Street Upper, Ely Place, Hume Street, Stephen's Green East, Earlsfort Terrace, (through the Iveagh Gardens) and onto Clonmel Street.

This route would seamlessly connect the Grand Canal Greenway to the South City's Georgian parklands via high quality cycle infrastructure.

610. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the manager to examine the possibility of building a wall along the front of Cymric Road parallel to Sean Moore Road to reduce the impact of the additional traffic and noise caused by the intensification of the use arising from the construction and operation of the Incinerator and to plant appropriate non shedding trees inside the wall to help this. Given the impact on the residents to seek funding for this if necessary from the operators of Covanta or the Community Gain Fund.

611. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the DSE area office set up a meeting with Harold's Cross Community Council to discuss:

1. Issues regarding building construction site at Mount Argus Planning Enforcement
2. Conditions of planning decision mount Argus / Kimmage Road Lower. Development of Open space issue for Parks Dept. possibly Planning Dept.
3. Discussion on traffic control and sequencing of traffic lights Kimmage Road Lower."

I hope to have a more specific list closer to the meeting.

612. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

ESB have requested that a parking space on Adelaide Road be exclusively designated for recharging of electric cars. This committee is reminded of an incident in Parkmore Avenue Harold's Cross when ESB insisted on installing a recharging point in one of the parking bays there. It was pointed out to them at the time that this is a very high demand residential parking area and in fact the space is unlikely to be vacant very often. Despite this being pointed out to them they persisted. At that time in 2014 this area committee agreed by way of motion that the space would never be exclusively designed for charging electric cars. This motion reminds the Traffic Dept. of this decision.

613. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a traffic study be carried out on rat running in Rathdown Terenure. Also that a meeting be held with South Dublin County Council to discuss the impact of many of their traffic calming decisions in Templeogue on Rathdown area which is further down the road. Rathdowne is the only right turn between Templeogue Bridge and Dartry.

614. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee resolves that the double yellow lines recently installed on Strand Road, initially from the Merrion Gates to the junction with St Alban's Park, and thereafter with approximately six yards of yellow lines added on Strand Road running up to the northern side of the exit to Merrion Strand, to ask that a symmetrical strip of yellow lines be placed on Strand Road commencing at the *southern* side of the exit of Merrion Strand and running towards the junction with Sydney Parade Avenue. While a similar motion was put on the agenda at the March SEAC meeting, since then the situation has evolved with lines now running to the northern side of the exit of Merrion Strand. This change is welcome, but there is an even greater health and safety risk on the southern side, because here there is a total lack of visibility for motorists when leaving Merrion Strand. They cannot see oncoming traffic going in a southerly direction at all because of the presence of parked cars right up to the entrance.

615. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the unused lamp standards in Ringsend and in particular outside Clarke's public house in Ringsend village be removed and explain why the process can takes so long

616. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That a feasibility study be carried out for proposals to install an all weather football pitch in Beechill Park and outline what the main obstacles to installation of an Astro pitch are on this site.

617. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That given the ongoing concerns residents in Bride Street, Ross Road and Nicholas Street have with fire safety that an audit of these flats be carried out on these flats bearing in mind there are some clear concerns.

618. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

That this committee requests that painting of Mercer Street flats and Cuffe Street flats will be given high priority due to being extremely neglected for many years.

619. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

That this committee request a report from An Garda Síochána regarding an inquiry into Irish Club on Harcourt Street breaking the terms of their alcohol licence agreement of 11.30pm and being a disturbance to residents into the early hours of the morning on a weekly basis.

(Previous Motion from March 2016)

That this committee requests 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.

620. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager to install a pedestrian crossing at the top of Nutley Lane and the junction of the N11 in order to allow pedestrians, especially young children walking to school, cross the road at this junction safely.

621. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager to provide an update on the progress of joint Motion 438 from November 2015 'That this committee requests the manager to meet with the Nutley Residents' Association in order to discuss, prioritise and address the list of issues compiled by the members of the association. The list has already been submitted to the council.' and to include a progress report on each of the items listed by the Nutley Residents' Association at that time.

622. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager to please install cameras at the junction of at the bottom of Nutley Lane at the junction outside St. Vincent's Hospital to assess driver behaviour and to help address the on-going issue of drivers breaking red lights at this junction.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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- 574.** Presentation on the Draft Tree Strategy
Order: Noted.
- 575.** Presentation on Peace Park Environmental Improvement
Order: Noted.
- 576.** Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2016.
Order: Agreed.
- 577.** Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
- 578. Environment & Transportation Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held on 22/03/2016.
Order: Noted.
- 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.
Order: Noted. Cllr. Mary Freehill proposed Cllr. Dermot Lacey, which was seconded by Cllr. Anne Feeney. Cllr. Lacey proposed Cllr. Paddy McCartan, which was seconded by Cllr. Claire Byrne. Both nominations to the Temple Bar Steering Group were agreed by the committee.
 - ii. Report on grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2016.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
- 580. Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
- i. Proposed disposal of a plot of land at No 5 New Street, Dublin 8.
Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.
 - ii. Derelict Sites Report.
Order: Noted.
- 581. 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. Naming and numbering proposal for new development at Marianella, 75 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6.

Order: Agreed.

- 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.

Order: The nomination of Cllr. Frank Kennedy to replace Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan on the Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee was proposed by Cllr. Dermot Lacey and seconded by Cllr. Claire Byrne and agreed by the committee.

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:

Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

585. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following the response to question 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.

Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Agreed.

587. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

592. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

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.

Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Anne Feeney. Agreed.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Dated 11th April 2016

Attendance

Members

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

Councillors D. Lacey, S. Stapleton, M. Flynn, P. Costello, R. McGinley, C. Andrews, M. Freehill, P. Smyth, A. Feeney, C. O'Connor, F. Kennedy 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.

P. McCann, Administrative 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.
E. Martin, Area Housing Manager, South East Area Office.
C. Adamson, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Management & Control Section.
P. Leonard, Executive Landscape Architect, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.
M. Coyle, Assistant Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.
L. Moore, City Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.
M. Igoe, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Management Team.

Q.1 Councillor Paddy Smyth

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

Reply:

This is being addressed by removing 'cover' on the island in the pond and by the laying of 'rat-poison' at strategic locations in the park.

It is considered that the rise in the rat population is a direct result of the large amount of food being deposited in the park for the benefit of the wildfowl and birds but which is also sustaining the rat population.

Information signs have been designed which will be erected shortly informing the public not to feed the wildlife in the park.

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.

Reply:

Contact has been made with the resident at 59 Corrib Road regarding issues with the tree at this location. There is a small brick planting bed at the base of the tree in disrepair. This will be removed as it will be detrimental to the tree in the long-term. The trees on this stretch of Corrib Road would not be considered a priority for pruning at the present time.

Road Maintenance Services Division inspected the footpath at 59 Corrib Road and has taken note of work required at this location. These works have been added to the Road Maintenance Works Programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

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?

Reply:

The request for additional pay and display parking at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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?

Reply:

A review of the traffic signals operation will be carried out at this location and a report issued once the review has been completed.

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?

Reply:

During a number of site visits no adverse problems regarding traffic flows were observed. St. Stephen's Green South operates on a one way system separated by a central median with no opposing traffic. The lane road markings from the Department of Justice and Equality building to the junction with Harcourt Street have been recently renewed.

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?

Reply:

During a site inspection no adverse problems were observed and vehicles did not use the cycle lane. The M116 Cycle Symbols along St. Stephen's Green South (travelling eastwards) are badly faded and it is recommended that the line markings are renewed to highlight the presence of the cycle track.

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?

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected Ship Street Little and added repairs at this location to our works programme. These repairs will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

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.

Reply:

The administrative counties of Ireland were created by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

With the commencement of the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993, on 1st January 1994, Dublin County Council and the Borough of Dun Laoghaire were abolished and their administrative areas divided into South Dublin, Fingal and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown for the purposes of local government.

The boundary between Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, south of Bellevue Avenue, outlined in pink on the attached map, corresponds with the County Borough of Dublin prior to alteration under the Local Government (Reorganisation) Act 1985.

The portion hatched in yellow, with the revised boundary outlined in purple, on the attached map was added to the former County of Dublin under the Local Government (Reorganisation) Act 1985 (Commencement) (No 2) Order 1985. Consequently, Bellevue Park Avenue which is to the north of the boundary is within Dublin City Council, while Bellevue Copse is within Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown.

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.

Reply:

The cinema is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council and this is therefore not a matter for DCC.

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. Please see photos attached.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the loose stone and gravel removed from this location on the 24th March 2016. We will monitor this area to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

Road Maintenance have inspected the aforementioned junctions and taken note of areas of hardened concrete at these locations.

These locations have been given to a crew to remove the hardened concrete from the road surface.

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).

Reply:

The community building in Herbert Park was completed last summer. However, snagging of the building was required and a permit application form / pricing structure for the facility needed to be completed.

In the intervening period, Parks Administration was approached with a request to use the building by your constituent. As it was in the early stages of the use of this building, she was permitted to use the premises on a pilot basis with the understanding that the pricing structure had yet to be finalised and that a new rate would be applicable from January 2016. The rates for use of facility are comparable to other Dublin City Council facilities and different rates apply to classes/commercial

use, corporate/promotional use and for community use e.g. non-charging activities. Following a recent meeting with your constituent, it was agreed to apply a reduced commercial fee as the premises was block booked for classes until the end of 2016.

This is a multi-functional space and can be used for a wide variety of activities e.g. classes, meetings, training courses, lectures, promotions, community use etc. It is equipped with multi-media equipment and tables/chairs to facilitate such activities. However, due to space constraints, it is not possible to provide storage facilities for any equipment brought in by users for their activities. I would think that this would be norm in most venues.

Parks Administration is in the early stages of developing the use of this building and will be promoting the facility over the coming months. Management for booking the space will continue to be handled by Parks Administration staff, who can be contacted regarding availability of the space, completion of the permit application form, insurance requirements and charges applicable.

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

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

Reply:

The graffiti in this case is on private property and the owner has been informed that it is their responsibility to remove it. However, the South East area will arrange for removal of the graffiti from the red brick building where it is visible from the public area, on a once-off basis.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services Division will monitor the litter levels in the above residential area. The division is generally not in favour of installing litter bins in residential areas as they can lead to the dumping of domestic refuse in and around these bins. Additional cleaning will be carried out in this area when necessary.

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.

Reply:

The request for an extension of the operational hours of the Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on Leinster Road will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report, on submission, in the first instance, of supporting evidence from residents of the road in favour of an extension of the operative hours. The supporting evidence may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from residents of the road, indicating their names and addresses, in support of extended hours. Ideally, this should be 25% of the households concerned.

Please note, therefore, that on receipt of written supporting evidence from residents of the road, as above – 25% of the households concerned - the request for an extension of the operational hours will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

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. See recent photo attached.

Reply:

The bins are emptied twice a week in Orwell Park, usually on a Friday and a Monday mornings. Based on my own site visits, I do not accept that the bins are “constantly overflowing during the week and at weekend”. The most recent problem was a result of the bins not being emptied over the extended Easter break.

Q.16 Councillor Anne Feeney

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

Reply:

Road Maintenance are currently completing repair and maintenance works on footpaths in Rathmines.

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.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services Division has an ongoing ramp resurfacing programme, which is currently in the procurement stage. Ramps on Fortfield Road and Greenlea Road are included within this programme and will be resurfaced by the end of 2016.

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.

Reply:

REDscape, Landscape Architects, were appointed to re-design 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.

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?

Reply:

The bin that was burned has been replaced and there are no plans to install CCTV at the above location.

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?

Reply:

Ringsend Bridge is a listed structure. The carriageway across the bridge is approximately 5.8m wide and the footpaths are approximately 1.24m wide of the south side of the bridge and 1.6m on the north side of the bridge. Any pedestrian barrier or railing needs to be set back 0.45m from the end of the footpath (to avoid being caught by vehicles or bicycle handlebars). Pedestrian barriers are 0.06 m wide. Taking into account the set back and width of a pedestrian barrier, the installation of pedestrian barriers at this location would result in remaining footpath widths of approximately 0.73m on the south side of the bridge and 1.09m on the north side of the bridge. These resulting footpath widths are not practical.

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?

Reply:

The parking spaces in Pearse House are marked with different colour paving. At present there are no plans to put white lines in place. The Estate Manager will send a letter to the residents requesting that parking spaces are used efficiently and with due consideration for other residents.

Q.22 Councillor Chris Andrews

To ask the Manager to install a full size astro pitch in Beechill Park in order to satisfy the huge demand for match and training facilities in the Donnybrook area?

Reply:

There are presently no plans or funding available to install a pitch, as requested, at this location.

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.

Reply:

Our Clerk of Works has inspected / surveyed access to the communal laundry room in this complex. There are technical difficulties with installing external ramped access to this room due to the gradient at the access. Contact will be made with the Liaison Officer to identify who requires this access and to examine if any other options are available for this tenant.

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?

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that a contractor has been issued the work of completing both of these requests for this dwelling.

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.

Reply:

A meeting was held with representatives of the Select Vestry of St. Bartholomew's and their solicitor on 17th February 2016 to review their progress to date on securing technical advice on the operation of the church bells. The solicitors for St. Bartholomew's have subsequently been contacted in respect of the recent correspondence cited in the question above. They have replied that as this correspondence raises a number of serious concerns, they are therefore arranging to meet with members of the vestry for the parish to update them and to discuss various points. Subject to decisions taken by the vestry at this meeting they will revert to Dublin City Council following the meeting.

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.

Reply:

These bicycles will be added to the list for removal.

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.

Reply:

All incidents of missiles being thrown should be reported to the Gardaí. Dublin City Council does not have the resources to monitor playgrounds. We will discuss the situation with the community Gardaí in Irishtown.

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?

Reply:

The replacement of the existing high pressure sodium (yellow coloured) lamps here with white lights, will be considered as part of a future programme of works subject to finances available.

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.

Reply:

The above applicant was awarded homeless priority on 18th October 2014. Owing to the quantum of households currently on the housing waiting list (including households with homeless priority) and the availability of housing stock, the waiting time for consideration regarding the allocation of council dwellings is substantial.

Notwithstanding this, we are pleased to advise that the above household is eligible for the "Housing Assistance Payment" (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist in accessing the private rental market. This means that he is eligible to be considered for one month's advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council.

I note also that all homeless households upon securing a tenancy, can access visiting support services (e.g. Support to Live Independently) which are funded by the state and whose remit is to assist in the settlement of households into tenancies with support as required.

Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on placefinders@dublincity.ie or 222 6877.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council prepared and made a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) for North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock, which was approved, with modifications, by An Bord Pleanála in 2014.

The Grand Canal Basin area is a key part of the approved SDZ, and each plot of land surrounding the dock has detailed objectives setting out the council requirements for future development.

No pre-planning has taken place on this site since the SDZ was made and no discussions of any development proposals by the landowners has taken place with Dublin City Council as yet.

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.

Reply:

The fountains in South East Area parks are located in Merrion Square Park, at the Rutland Memorial and also in Herbert Park and St. Patrick's Park.

The fountain at the Rutland Memorial will be repaired as part of the works recommended in the Conservation and Management Plan for the Park.

The fountain in Herbert Park will be repaired over the summer months and the fountain in St. Patrick's Park is in working order.

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.

Reply:

There is no allocation in the funding for 2016 for the provision of a playground at this location.

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?

Reply:

Quotations have been sought for plants and trees and an order is presently being placed. The trees are to be planted within the next four to five weeks.

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?

Reply:

Applications received are in the process of being logged and validated. It is anticipated that the number of valid applications received will be available by the end of April.

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.

Reply:

The scheme went out to tender and the returned tenders are currently being assessed. It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed in the next couple of weeks and the work will be completed during the summer.

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.

Reply:

The public are aware that it is an offence to drop litter or abuse alcohol in a public place. It is not clear that the installation of signage will alleviate the problem. Both of these issues are enforced under the Litter Act 1997 and the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2008 and if times of abuse and locations are identified the Litter Warden and Gardaí will be requested to investigate.

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.

Reply:

Planning Applications are referred to a number of internal departments including Waste Management to be assessed by each department. Their response (if any) is noted and their requirements are included as part of the permission where a grant of permission is issued. All comments form part of the public record.

A waste management plan was submitted in relation 4051/09 which is the original application, as required by way of condition.

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.

Reply:

The request for the extension of the yellow box on South Circular Road at the junction with Longwood Avenue is still listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.

Reply:

The replacement tree was planted at this location in recent weeks. Parks Services would welcome any assistance the local householder can provide in watering the tree, particularly when it comes into leaf and over the summer months as this will dramatically improve the chances of the tree surviving its first year of growth.

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.

Reply:

Markievicz Sports & Fitness closed on 28th September to undergo a full changing room refurbishment, small extension to the gym and installation of new sauna &

steam room. These works were scheduled to be completed in Jan 2016. The cost of the planned refurbishments as set out above was €722,000. An unforeseen structural issue was noticed in relation to the internal steel trusses above the pool as the contracted works were being finalised. This issue was not relevant or part of the actual refurbishment contract. The subsequent delays in the re-opening of Markievicz Sports and Fitness Centre are exclusively related to this issue and not to the original contract. There are no significant costs overruns in the original contract as most of the works were completed on time. However, the final painting works which were part of the original contract, could not be completed due to the issue with the steel trusses and there may be a cost overrun in relation to the delay caused to the contractor in completing this part of the contract.

A full engineering inspection and report was required to establish the extent of the structural issue with the steel trusses. It was necessary to carry out this engineering inspection which involved engaging a specialist company to inspect and report on the condition of all the steel trusses even though the issue is limited to a number of trusses. To date we have received a schedule of works from the engineering company and are currently awaiting cost proposals from a number of contractors to carry out the works. Following the repairs works, it will be necessary to complete a full painting of trusses & pool hall. I anticipate these works could take another 4- 5 weeks from start date. This is the reason for the significantly delayed reopening of the centre.

- Members were advised from July onwards that Markievicz was to close for a period of 9 weeks (as from 28th September) to allow for the refurbishments. All members were informed that during the refurbishments they could use our sister centres in Ballyfermot, Ballymun, Finglas, Sean Mac Dermott Street and Irishtown.
- The works were also communicated to any potential new members who were looking to join towards end of the summer, to make sure they were aware the facility would be closed for some time.
- During the refurbishments there were ongoing updates on Markievicz social media pages & the website.
- Update on Facebook / social media 09/02/2016- in relation to the delay & the reason.
- Full communications on 16/02/2016 via email to all staff & key personnel , update on Dublin City Council and Markievicz websites, update on social media and full group text to all members (where numbers were available) Centre manager/Duty Managers/Staff dealing with members on a daily basis via phone & email.
- Full communications update as above 23/03/2016 – where we had no numbers for members we followed up with emails and now letters.

I understand this is very frustrating for our members, I and the staff at Markievicz are doing everything we can to make sure that our members continue to be facilitated, accommodated and supported through the use of the other sports & fitness facilities.

Q.41 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Reply:

There is no allocation in the funding for 2016, for the provision of a playground at this location.

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.

Reply:

The current phase of the South Campshires flood alleviation project; which goes from Butt Bridge, past George's Quay, City Quay and Sir John Rogerson's Quay to just east of its junction with Cardiff Lane, a distance of 1.1 kilometres, is programmed to be substantially complete at the end of this year. This project is designed to protect over 3,000 buildings in the area to the national standard of flood protection plus an allowance for global warming.

Despite a number of minor delays, mainly due to procurement issues this is roughly in line with the original programme for the works.

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.

Reply:

Structural investigations of the existing Sandymount sea wall are now completed. It appears to be in reasonable condition considering its age and the increasing pressures put on it from high tides and wave action. A topographical survey of this wall is now also completed.

Initial proposals are to reduce slightly the number of openings in it to the promenade, mainly in the car park areas, and to raise the wall slightly to give a consistent level of flood protection along the promenade. A new low wall will also be proposed around the Martello Tower which is currently the most unprotected area.

When some further investigations are completed the initial, pre-planning proposals will be presented to local residents associations for their comments probably in Q2 of this year.

Q.44 Councillor Mary Freehill

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

Reply:

Contact has been made with OZO informing them that Dublin City Council's Bye-laws for the Storage, Presentation & Collection of Household & Commercial Waste requires that an authorised waste collector shall only collect household waste or commercial waste outside the Central Commercial District on the designated collection day between the hours of 6.00am and 9.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 8.00pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and bank holidays.

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?

Reply:

There are no units in use by estate management in the South East Area.

There are currently 10 housing units, most commonly bedsits which are used by caretaking staff in the south east area for storage and welfare facilities.

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.

Reply:

The request for double yellow lines on Dame Lane west (from South Great Georges Street to Palace Street) has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Issues regarding illegal parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services tel. no.: 602 2500 or the Gardaí as they occur.

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.?

Reply:

A list of those entitled to vote in the 'BID / Dublin Town' plebiscite will be compiled prior to the issuing of ballot papers in 2017. This list will be finalised by reference to the most up to date information on rateable occupiers in the BID area at the time of the plebiscite.

As part of the renewal process a BID Proposal is submitted to the Rating Authority. This proposal is placed on public display and submissions are invited by way of newspaper advertisement and on the website. These notices indicate the relevant period, to whom submissions should be addressed to etc.

Prior to the public notices indicated above, and for information purposes only, the BID proposal is included as part of the agenda for a full meeting of the city council and for meetings of the South East and Central Area Committees. A further report is provided for the members by the Chief Executive's Department on submissions received following the period for public consultation.

The Chief Executive's Department has responsibility for conducting the election process. This includes the issuing of ballot papers and oversight of the counting of votes. It is open to any individual to attend the count.

There are no guidelines with regard to electioneering for the process. Regard must be had to the provisions of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 in relation to Lobbying activity.

Businesses in arrears are entitled to vote in the plebiscite.

The relevant legislation governing the BIDs is the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006 (Number 42 of 2006).

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.

Reply:

At the South East Area Committee meeting of the City Council on 14th March 2016 a presentation was made by James Howley, Howley Hayes Architects on behalf of Norma Smurfit for a 'garden' pavilion to be located in Merrion Square Park as part of a 'Legacy' Project.

Merrion Square is one of the 'Garden Squares' of Dublin which were developed in the Georgian period as a private garden for the residences of the square. It became a public park in 1974. In May 2014, a Conservation Management Plan for the park was published by Dublin City Council which sought to restore the Georgian character of the 'garden' and to consider appropriate future interventions to address the challenges of an urban park which is located close to a cluster of other city visitor attractions and used by for a wide range of events.

Of the several hundred garden squares in central London – almost all have some sort of shelter. This pavilion would be a valuable shelter to extend the use and enjoyment of the park.

The 'garden' pavilion has been designed and proposed as part of a 'legacy' project by Norma Smurfit to raise significant funding for charitable causes by drawing on donations from the diaspora. Norma Smurfit is one of the most recognised philanthropists in Ireland and previously commissioned the 'Famine' sculpture which was gifted to the City of Dublin in 1997. That sculpture was a commemorative work dedicated to those Irish people forced to emigrate during the 19th century Irish Famine. The bronze sculptures were designed and crafted by Dublin sculptor Rowan Gillespie and are located on Custom House Quay in Dublin's Docklands.

The pavilion proposed for Merrion Square would also be gifted to the city and would become a sheltered space for rest, relaxation and cultural use. A digital display which is being designed by Martello Media within the pavilion will also be part of the 'legacy project'.

The new garden pavilion would be located on the site of the former park keeper's lodge, which was attached to the rear of the Rutland Memorial and was removed sometime after 1975.

The new structure is close to but does not touch the Rutland Memorial so that both structures can be read separately or together.

The architectural materials and composition of the new pavilion will respect that of the Rutland Memorial in an unambiguous contemporary way. The proposed palette of natural materials, stone, timber and copper are chosen for their local distinctiveness, to age beautifully over time, to be complementary with the existing patina of the Rutland Memorial and to sit comfortably with the Georgian architecture of the square.

The pavilion location is directly opposite the principal entrance and exit of the national gallery and will create an important and symbiotic link between the two. Two new discrete pedestrian gates will be created at each side of the Rutland Memorial to accommodate this linkage and access to the pavilion from the street. The pavilion will be open during the same hours as the park and will be fully gated so that access will be controlled at night to avoid any risk of anti-social behaviour.

The interior would, however, be visible through the gates (that will reflect the design of the park railings) and will be lit at night like a lantern on the park perimeter.

The building would not be a monument – but a beautiful garden pavilion that will incorporate a multimedia display and act as an entrance, a threshold, a shelter and a meeting area. The pavilion will be an outside room that like any good folly or garden building will both grace its setting and provide an important vantage point from which to enjoy its setting.

The new garden pavilion would house *Ireland's Legacy*, which is an initiative by the Irish Famine Commemoration Fund, and its founder Norma to remember and celebrate the diaspora with a multimedia display set within pavilion. *Ireland's Legacy* will fund the cost of constructing the pavilion which will be gifted to the City of Dublin. The pavilion will therefore respect and continue the original philanthropic and public intention of the Rutland Memorial.

The initiative will encourage members of the Irish diaspora all around the world to maintain a connection with their homeland by *digitally inscribing* their name or that of their relatives within the multimedia display at the pavilion. *Ireland's Legacy* will be controlled through a website interface so as to avail of the widest audience but also at the pavilion itself. By subscribing for the digital inscription they will be contributing to much needed funding for charitable projects in Ireland.

The multimedia display will be designed by the highly regarded Dublin firm of Martello Multimedia. In its initial concept the digital display will illustrate names which will change continuously and will also display artistic imagery and quotations from Irish poets and writers. Due to the nature of digital display, unlike inscribed structures, this is completely limitless in its potential.

The digital display is a key element of the project and the nature and content of the display will be informed by the City Council's Arts and Cultural Advisory Group.

The digital display is currently only at development stage. The full development of the display will require significant funding and so the final design and development will only proceed in the next stage and subject to planning approval for the pavilion.

As part of *Ireland's Legacy* commitment and on-going management of the project there will be contracts put in place for the digital display and website maintenance in addition to other requirements that need to be outsourced and all of this has been accounted for in a three year business plan for the project. Additionally, there will be a full Project Management team in place, which will include sales and admin staff to oversee the entire project to ensure its continued success.

Norma Smurfit and The Famine Commemoration Fund have an ambition for Ireland Legacy to be one of the most inspiring and exciting projects the city has seen for a number of years. Through her other initiative, First Step, Norma Smurfit helped finance hundreds of small Irish companies who otherwise could not have established themselves and many of them are thriving today all over Ireland.

Due to the nature of the limitless potential of this project, a lot could be achieved with the monies raised to help people all over Ireland who may be in disadvantaged circumstances and who otherwise would not have the opportunity to achieve whatever their goals may be.

While a phone call was received by the City Manager from the Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to meet with Ms. Smurfit to consider her initiative, there are no government departments involved in this project. As it is privately funded there is no budget allocated or procurement by Dublin City Council.

There have been a number of meetings between Dublin City Council officials and representatives of the Legacy Project which have culminated in the presentation to the area committee on the 14th March. The most appropriate route for initiating the consultation on the Legacy Project and the pavilion design was considered to be to present to the elected representatives for the South East Area before any other forum or group.

This project could potentially be one of the most significant fundraising initiatives the country has seen. The pavilion element will also add another layer of heritage to this historic park. The project as a whole is considered to be a positive offer to the city and one which requires the support of Dublin City Council to be achieved.

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.

Reply:

The Parks Services are currently developing a refurbishment proposal for the Peace Park. These plans are currently at draft stage as the design team is currently undertaking consultation with local stakeholders to allow input. A presentation of these draft plans and stakeholder feedback will be given to the South East Area Committee on the 11th April.

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?

Reply:

The Real Tennis Court at Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 is on the Record of Protected Structures; Ref. No. 2426. The structure and adjacent buildings of the National Concert Hall complex are the subject of a current planning application for the development of a National Children's Science Museum – Reg. Ref: 2362/16. There is also a previous planning permissions granted relating to the protected structure and adjacent structures, per Reg. Ref: 2479/15.

As part of the current planning application, it is proposed to restore the Real Tennis Building to its original volume and to carry out a range of works to restore the fabric of the building including the walls, floors, windows and roof. The applicant states that the intention is to renovate the Real Tennis Building so that it will be able to function as an independent event space but also critically, that the proposed restoration works will offer the possibility of the sport of real tennis being played on the court once again.

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.

Reply:

During a number of site visits no adverse problems were observed regarding traffic movements or mounting of footpaths in the Smock Alley area. Bollards are not provided on footpaths as a measure to prevent parking as it is illegal to park on a footpath.

Additional bollards on Pudding Row Essex Street are not recommended. The section of the street without bollards is the narrowest and installing bollards would further reduce the footpath width. The area is densely populated by pedestrians. The placing of bollards would hinder the movement of pedestrians and vulnerable road users and would be contrary to the policies of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

Issues regarding illegal parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services tel. no.: 602 2500 or the Gardaí as they occur.

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.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will issue reminders to tour operators as requested.

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.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had eight litter bins removed from locations within the South East area in the past year. These bins had been damaged by accident or vandalised and they will be replaced within the next two months.

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?

Reply:

The matter will be investigated and a report issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q.55 Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

Reply:

A meeting was held with representatives of the Select Vestry of St. Bartholomew's and their solicitor on 17th February 2016 to review their progress to date on securing technical advice on the operation of the church bells. The solicitors for St. Bartholomew's are arranging to meet with members of the vestry for the parish to update them and to discuss various points. Subject to decisions taken by the vestry at this meeting they will revert to Dublin City Council following the meeting.

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).

Reply:

The gates to Cabbage Gardens Park are left open because over the years when the park gates were closed the gates and locks were continuously being vandalised to allow access to the park which made closing the gates a futile exercise.

A staff member has visited the resident at details supplied to explain the reason why the gates are left open.

**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
Parks and Landscaping Services Division**

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

Report on feasibility of a new all weather pitch in Herbert Park

On 3rd March a meeting was held with representatives of St Conleth's School and the sports clubs which use the two playing fields and all-weather pitch in Herbert Park to discuss the feasibility of a new full sized all weather pitch to replace one of the existing grass pitches. The clubs represented were Belmont FC, Ranelagh Gaels, Beechwood FC and Harding FC. Councillors P. McCartan, C. Binchy, D. Lacey, S. Stapleton and F. Kennedy were also present.

The school and clubs outlined the need for facilities to accommodate their increasing numbers both at youth and adult level.

L. Moore, Head of Parks Services informed the meeting that any full size 4G all-weather pitch development would have to be carefully considered given that it would generate additional traffic and car parking at the Donnybrook end of the park and it would therefore probably require the construction of a new car park in the park. The all-weather pitch, the 3m perimeter fencing and floodlighting (in addition to any car parking) would all be subject to the completion of a successful Part 8 Planning consultation which would be difficult to achieve given the likely resistance to the project by the residents of Donnybrook and Broc Cottages.

There are two grassed pitches in the park which have been improved in recent years with the installation of drainage which will have improved their playability. It is understood however from the meeting that there are still some issues with regard to drainage that need to be addressed.

Apart from the technical issues around achieving planning for an all weather pitch, there is also the need to achieve a balance between 'natural' green space and hard surfaces and more intensive uses within any given park. The needs of sports clubs should not displace the needs of other park users who seek rest and relaxation.

During its existence as a public park, Herbert Park has endeavoured to meet the passive and active recreational needs of the local community. Tennis, bowling, boules, croquet and grass based sports have been important elements in the park as have the ornamental pond, mature tree lined walkways, seating and children's playgrounds. The aim has always been one of balancing between the needs of all local community groups and interests and respecting the historical integrity of the park.

Since the meeting of 3rd March, meetings have been held with both the GAA Dublin County board and the FAI at which the issue of an all weather pitch in Herbert Park has been discussed in the context of a strategic overview of all weather facilities throughout the City.

The needs of the local clubs will be considered in this wider strategic review and it is proposed that funding will be sought to up-grade the existing all weather pitch. In addition, a programme of ongoing pitch maintenance will be put in place to enhance the playability of the grass pitches to meet the needs of the local clubs.

Les Moore
City Parks Superintendant

**Planning & Property Development Department
Property Disposal Section**

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

With reference to the proposed disposal of site at 52 and 52a Clanbrassil Street Lower, Dublin 8.

Following public advertisement for the disposal of a site at 52 and 52a Clanbrassil Street Lower, three offers were received. All offers were considered and assessed by an assessment panel and Mr. Kenneth McDonagh was recommended as the preferred bidder.

It is now proposed to dispose of the site at 52 and 52a Clanbrassil Street Lower, Dublin 8, as shown outlined in red and coloured pink on Map Index No. SM-2014-0538, subject to the following terms and conditions, as recommended by the Chief Valuer:

1. That the consideration in full and final settlement shall be in the sum of €210,000 (two hundred and ten thousand euro) which shall be payable as follows:
 - a. 20% deposit on signing of contracts, which must be within three months of council approval
 - b. A further 70% payable when going on site
 - c. The 10% balance on transfer of title to the applicant

Interest at the rate of 12% per annum shall apply to outstanding amounts which have not been paid as they have fallen due.

2. That the subject property is as shown outlined in red on the attached map index no. SM-2014-0538 having an area of 99.6sq.m/0.024 acres or thereabouts.
3. That the applicant must lodge a planning application (for the entire development proposal as outlined in the tender document submitted 24th March 2016) within four months of signing of contracts. If this does not occur the council, at its absolute discretion, may decide not to pursue this agreement.
4. That the applicant will be allowed one opportunity to submit a planning application to Dublin City Council and, if necessary, an appeal to An Bord Pleanála. In the event that a satisfactory planning permission is not achieved or planning is refused the full deposit paid by the successful bidder will be returned (without payment of interest).
5. That if planning permission for a development is either refused (by Dublin City Council or An Bord Pleanála), or granted subject to onerous conditions, then either party may rescind the agreement within four weeks of the refusal or final grant of planning permission without penalty or compensation due to the other party. All planning application related costs to be borne by the applicant.
6. That the applicant must commence work on site under licence from the city council within four months of the date of final grant of planning permission and must

complete the development under one building contract within eighteen months from that date.

7. That the applicant must comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
8. That the applicant shall be required to establish a management company to manage common areas (if applicable).
9. That all site investigations (including archaeological investigations), ground works, services connections, planning fees, development and associated professional costs incurred in the delivery of the completed development on the site shall be paid by the applicant.
10. That in the event of the applicant failing to commence and/or complete the building works within the specified periods in accordance with condition No.6, the Council shall be entitled to take possession of the site, together with any building or structures erected thereon.
11. That the applicant shall ensure that all necessary safety precautions are taken in accordance with Health & Safety Regulations and all other statutory requirements.
12. That during the building period, the applicant will insure the buildings against fire and all other insurable risks with an approved insurance company and pay all necessary premiums or in the event of the purchasers bankruptcy or insolvency save in the case of a Financial Institution which has entered into a mortgage with the purchaser for the purposes of financing development of the site.
13. That the insurance shall be in the joint names of the applicant and the city council and will be for such an amount as will provide cover for full reinstatement value of so much of the building as is erected at any time together with a sum for professional fees and removal of debris charges. The applicant's financial institution may be a mentioned party on this insurance policy.
14. That the applicant and his design team shall also indemnify the city council against any claim for compensation which may be made by any party arising out of building works being carried out on the site, or any working areas or on any access points thereto.
15. That the applicant shall be responsible for fully insuring the premises and shall indemnify Dublin City Council against any and all claims arising from its use of the premises. The applicant shall take out and produce Public Liability Insurance in the sum of €6.5million and Employers Liability Insurance in the sum of €13m for any incident with a recognised insurance company with offices in the state and the policy shall indemnify Dublin City Council against all liability as part owner of the property.
16. That the fee simple title to the subject lands shall be transferred on full completion of the approved development, as certified by the City Architect.

The dates for the performances of any of the requirements of the proposed agreement may be amended at the absolute discretion of the Executive Manager.

That the agreement shall be subject to any other such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by Dublin City Council's Law Agent.

Please note that no agreement enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until exchange of contracts has taken place.

Jim Keogan
Assistant Chief Executive

**Planning and Property Development Department
Planning Enforcement Section**

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

Planning Enforcement Report for January - March 2016 for the South East Area

The following is a summary of enforcement activity in the South East Area for the period January – March 2016: -

- Number of new complaints opened – 85
- Number of Warning Letters issued – 73
- Number of Enforcement Notices issued – 13
- Number of referrals to the District Court for prosecution – 1
- Number of files closed/resolved – 83

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**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

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

Community Development Section Report

May:

- May 1st:** Terenure Rugby Blitz 1 - 4pm Terenure Rugby Club
York Road / Avenue Street Party – Afternoon
- May 2nd:** Ringsend Festival Parade and Fun Day 12 - 5pm
- May 7th:** Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
Harold's Cross Walking Trail 12 noon, Noshington's Harold's Cross
Cine Brasileirinho at the Lantern Centre. Time TBC
- May 7th-15th:** Harold's Cross Festival
- May 11th:** Milltown Summer Plant Sale 9.30am
Donnybrook Summer Plant Sale 11am
- May 13th:** Mount Drummond Plant Sale 10am
- May 14th:** Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
Harold's Cross Dog Show 9 - 1pm Harold's Cross Park
- May 15th:** Harold's Cross Family Fun Day 12 - 5pm
Brazilian Mothers Day, Lantern Centre 12 - 3pm
- May 18th:** Pearse Street Summer Plant Sale 11am
Terenure Summer Plant Sale 3pm
- May 19th:** Ringsend Summer Plant Sale 11am
- May 21st:** Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
Sandymount Summer Plant Sale 10am
- May 24th:** Aungier Street Summer Plant Sale Carmelite Centre 11am
Rathmines Community Plant Sale 11am
- May 27th:** Terenure Tea Dance in association with Brazilian Mother's Day
2 - 4pm
- May 28th:** Terenure Village Market 11 - 4pm
- May 29th:** BADRA Event – Bath Avenue TBC

May 30th - 1st June: Bloom Fringe

May 30th: Live to Dance – Evergreen Club Terenure 11am

May 31st: Verschoyle Court Sing-along Afternoon 2 - 4pm

June:

June 4th: Ranelagh Plant Sale 10am

Throughout summer 2016 a further number of events linked to the 1916 Commemorations will take place. The full list of events in the South East Area is available at: www.dublincity.ie

In addition to the above a number of weekly events continue to take place as part of ongoing community work, old persons' activities, Friends of Green Spaces, allotment links etc.

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

Environmental Services Unit Report

City Neighbourhoods / Tidy Towns Competitions 2016

The Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition 2016 is divided into three separate categories and is open to residential groups, businesses and schools. The competition is run at area level and the winners from the South East Area (along with winners from the other four areas) will then be judged at city-wide level. Entries must be received no later than 4.00 pm on Friday 13th May 2016. The format of the competition will be reviewed this year and, accordingly, comments and suggestions, particularly in relation to the current categories, are very welcome.

The closing date for the national Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition 2016 is Friday 20th May

Weed Control 2016

Weed spraying throughout the South East Area will be carried out on two separate occasions this year. The first spray is scheduled to start on 6th June with the second commencing in late August / early September. This work is obviously subject to weather conditions. Please note that growth as of now (early May 2016) is a few weeks behind last year. Spraying will take place on all roads and laneways under Dublin City Council's control. After spraying, weeds generally take about two weeks to die off.

Information regarding household waste collected in bags

A Special Committee on Waste Regulations was set up recently by the city council comprising eight Councillors. The purpose of the committee is to review how streets will be designated by the council as only being suitable for the collection of household waste in bags post 1st July 2016. An information leaflet is available on our website and a copy is attached.

Events

- Ceremonial crossing of the Halpenny Bridge (200 years old) 19th May
- Virgin Media Night Run Sunday 22nd May
- VHI Women's Mini Marathon 6th June

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

Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

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 end of 2016.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 27th April 2016. There has been no meeting of the Waterways Ireland Operation Liaison Group (OLG) since September 2014. The annual Lord Mayor's Canal Volunteers Appreciation Night is due to take place on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30PM in The Mansion House, Oak Room. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held in May 2016.

Canalaphonic Music and Arts Festival 2016

Following the success of last year's festival, this year Canalaphonic Music and Culture festival will take place on 23rd and 24th September 2016 in the Rathmines / Portobello / Camden Quarter of the South East Area. A full programme of events is currently being drawn up and the event will be launched in May 2016. This year the festival is very kindly sponsored and supported by: South East Area Office, Clancourt Group, McGarrell Reilly Group, Rohan Holdings Ltd., Dublin City Council Arts Office, Fáilte Ireland, IMRO and Waterways Ireland. For more information see www.canalaphonic.com.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January 2015 South East Area Committee meeting. REDscape, Urban Landscape Architects, were appointed to design a plan for Herzog Park. The Draft Landscape Masterplan was open to public comment for a period of six weeks until Friday 8th April 2016. A final Landscape Masterplan will now 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. The work is going out to tender within the next two months.

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 Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

Consultation in relation to the Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan commenced with an open morning in Ringsend Library on the morning of Thursday 28th January 2016. Following tender process Mitchell + Associates were appointed to deliver the LEIP by summer 2016. Meetings have taken place with Parks Services and Roads and Traffic departments to date. Further local consultation will occur during 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. Six new lamp standards have been ordered for the village and further greening projects are ongoing in 2016.

Grafton Street Quarter

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 with remaining works in hand. Works to the courtyard including water and drainage connections and related landscaping works have been difficult but are progressing. The contractor advises a completion date for works to the apartments 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

Charlemont Regeneration

Construction work on this project is underway and on schedule.

**Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department
Sport & Recreation Section**

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

South East Area Sport and Recreation Report

- **School cricket sessions** are being held in 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) which will be taking place in May, dates TBC.
- Our **annual cricket blitz** will be held in Irishtown stadium where over 90 primary school students will participate. This will be taking place in the middle of May, date to be finalised.
- **Functional Fitness Class:** A functional fitness class will take place in Irishtown stadium every Monday morning at 10am. Exercises will help to improve balance, mobility and flexibility for participants. Class run in partnership with staff at Irishtown Stadium.
- **Meet & 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. The group will meet in Irishtown Stadium every Tuesday evening from 7pm and work up towards the 10K in June. All welcome.
- **Irishtown Walking Group:** The Irishtown walking group will continue every Tuesday evening from 8 – 9pm in Irishtown Stadium around the track. This class is open to all and welcomes new members. The class also involves strength based and mobility exercises. Group is open to all.
- **Dance for Life:** The classes take place every Tuesday morning from 11am – 12pm at The Evergreen Centre in Terenure village for older adults. Classes are free and all are welcome to try it out.
- **Socialise & 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.
- **Yoga for Multi-Cultural Women:** Yoga classes 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 began in April.

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To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Naming proposal for a development at 1 and 3 Irishtown Road, Dublin 4.

Brickfield Walk / Siúlan Ghort na mBríci

A request has been received from Mr. John O'Neill of John O'Neill & Associates, 1 Irishtown Road, Dublin 4 to have a name assigned to a development at 1 and 3 Irishtown Road, Dublin 4. The name suggested is "**Brickfield Walk / Siúlan Ghort na mBríci**".

The application states that that the proposed name "Brickfield Walk" is an appropriate name, as Brickfield is a reference to the location of brick making activity that the area was known for in the past.

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36569.

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The name proposed is considered suitable and is recommended for approval.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to install double yellow lines (DYL) on entire right hand side of Prices Lane as you enter off Ranelagh Road and to use part of this space for a pedestrian walkway. At the moment road is blocked when people park both sides leading to regular incidents, also there is no pathway at present on lane - number of pedestrians has increased due to mews developments on road.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to advise on two vacant tenancy properties *details supplied, which have been vacant for a considerable period.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the dumping at this location on Rampart Lane, Donnybrook to be visited by the Litter Warden and all appropriate action (including legal if possible) taken as well as the area cleaned.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

In view of the ongoing damage being done to number 77 Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook by trucks and deliver lorries turning at this point and in view of the pending redevelopment works at Donnybrook House which gives this opportunity for intervention, to ask the manager if she will seek to have the footpath widened as indicated in green in the drawing submitted with the question and reconfigures as indicated by the colour yellow to resolve this once and for all.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if there are any further steps that can be taken to ensure that this complex Elm Park Green, Merrion Road uses the name agreed in the planning process and ensures that the ongoing confusion does not continue.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will consult with local residents about the possible removal of the dangerously damaged tree near to 20 Carlisle Street, Portobello and take appropriate action.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to immediately repair the badly ripped up paving on the Monto Café side of Sundrive Road at the pedestrian traffic lights.

The extensive paving damage caused by a heavy truck is a hazard for all pedestrians not least any visually impaired persons.

Q.8 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to advise in relation to housing transfer case (details supplied)

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange to have these trees (in the photograph supplied) at the Burlington Road end of Waterloo Lane examined view to having them seriously cut as residents feel they are in a dangerous condition (and from viewing so do I).

- Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if she will have the really serious defects in the surface of Waterloo Lane be repaired and the resurfacing of the full road be included in the works programme.
- Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the manager if she can give an update to the response previously issued to the Nutley Residents' Association and submitted with this question.
- Q.12 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the manager to take steps to deal with safety issues raised by a cyclist in connection with Rathgar Village *details supplied.
- Q.13 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the manager if the transfer from Dublin City Council to Health Services Executive (HSE) of portion of HSE car park site in Terenure village is now fully complete.
- Q.14 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the manager to urgently deal with a situation giving rise to serious rodent infestation *details supplied.
- Q.15 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
To ask the manager to install bollards in Rathgar Village, on the west side of Orwell Road, as was done on the east side, to prevent the constant illegal parking on the footpath which causes traffic congestion and is a serious danger to cyclists.
- Q.16 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the manager to install a new hall door at *details supplied.
- Q.17 Councillor Mary Freehill**
Would the manager state what progress has been made on my motion tabled a year ago asking for a name plate and designation for Garville Lane and also provision of double yellow lines? Because of the number of cars parked by the garage nearby, life is impossible for the residents.
- Q.18 Councillor Anne Feeney**
To ask the manager to assess the possibility of putting in traffic calming or other safety measure at the junction of Corrib Road and Mount Tallant Avenue.
- Q.19 Councillor Anne Feeney**
To ask the manager to clarify the status of the Terenure 2030 plan in terms of support by Dublin City Council for its design, management of communication and consultation process and the process for evaluating the merits and decisions around submissions from various people, community groups, organisations, businesses, etc. and how it is proposed to involve local elected public representatives in the process.
- Q.20 Councillor Anne Feeney**
To ask the manager to clarify the current status of development plans for the VEC grounds in Terenure and how or when will various interested parties, particularly the residents of Greenlea Road and Greenlea Grove be consulted before decisions are taken.

Q.21 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager have the PVC panel on the door of details supplied; repaired as the existing panel is of no practical use because ESB metre cannot be read through it as it is.

Q.22 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the sewage pipes under houses details supplied checked for damage as they block up regularly and it is costly for the resident in (126) to be paying for work that is not as a result of her actions?

Q.23 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the area to the rear of 34 City Quay have the grass cut and be cleared up as the vast majority of residents backing onto this area are elderly?

Q.24 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager organise to have a traffic engineer meet with some of the Terenure residents' committee to discuss traffic issues?

Q.25 Councillor Chris Andrews

To ask the manager to have a "no dogs allowed" sign at the entrance to the astro pitch in the Cabbage Patch Park.

Q.26 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager liaise with the Gardaí in Kevin Street and local councillors with a view organising a meeting with the councillors, Iveagh Trust Residents' Association, Iveagh Trust Management and Gardaí in order to put in place a plan to deal with the ongoing anti social behaviour and worse and can the manager outline:

- Who monitors the CCTV camera in the Cabbage Patch Park?
- How often it is the CCTV checked and repaired?
- Who is responsible for managing the CCTV?
- Tighten up the electrical cable running from lamp standard 10 New Street Gardens?
- Would the council consider locking the park for the summer months to prevent the huge gangs gathering and reducing the on-going harassment of residents living around the park?

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have a feasibility and examination carried out on flat 1a York Street? At present this unit is occupied by an individual who is bound to a wheelchair. The interior of the flat is cumbersome and interferes with his mobility. If the living room was extended into the balcony area at this ground floor level apartment it would greatly improve his living conditions and his environment mobility. I will supply photos in relation to this request.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report as to whether the enforcement orders have been issued to the owners of 26 Aungier Street? This building has been left in a deplorable state since Dublin City Council Conservation Department and Dangerous Building Section halted illegal works on the premises. It is now dilapidating to such an extent that it is impacting on the street and on the listed buildings to its left and its right.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a clear statement regarding the Legacy Project that is being initiated by Dublin City Council (DCC) Part 8 for Merrion Square Park? Who will build this proposed Legacy project? Where will the money come from to build this project? Who will own the project and its finished construction? If the owner is not Dublin City Council when does the owner of this proposed Legacy Project envisage it will be gifted to DCC? Further, can the Area Manager issue a full detailed report as to what charities would benefit from this? How much of the money that is to be garnished off this project will go towards the cost of the project? Who will administer this project?

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards who owns the various vacant sites on the Ross Road? This report to include all land maps and deeds of properties. And all reports that have been done on this vacant site for the past number of years.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to how many residents / stakeholders and other interested parties have been engaged in the consultation process regarding the Peace Park at Christchurch? Have the residents of Nicholas Street been involved? Have the residents of the apartment complex within the park been involved? Have the businesses locally been involved in any consultation? Also can the manager issue all correspondence and communications between Dublin City Council and Dublin with regards this project.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to the ongoing situation regarding the replacement of shrubbery and railing at Smock Alley? Many complaints have been coming in in relation to issues of antisocial behaviour, such as loitering and drinking, sale and supply of drugs and taking of drugs at this site. Many residents have complained that since the shrubbery has been removed the situation has gotten much worse. What plan, if any, does the Parks Department have in relation to this location that is going to protect and increase the safety of the residents here?

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager initiate a programme of action to remove sandwich boards and display / advertising boards from our footpaths in the South East Area? It is now almost an impossibility for citizens to get down any of the city centre streets without having to navigate around these obstacles. For people with disability, sight impairment, mobility issues, prams, elderly it is an absolute nightmare. Everyday more and more of these obstacles litter the footpaths without any regard to pedestrians. As well as that, they are becoming larger and more cumbersome. Many pedestrians now find it easier to risk their lives and walk on the roadway. Can Dublin City Council issue a public statement that these obstacles, public advertising boards are indeed illegal? Can the manager issue me with that report in relation to the legalities of these boards? This is not a street furniture issue and needs immediate attention as we come into the summer months when the city will be full to capacity.

Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager let me know when Dublin City Council (DCC) intends to roll its campaign against cycling on footpaths as this issue is a constant in the SEA, particularly in relation to those using the Dublin Bike Scheme? DCC needs to step up to the mark here in the interest of public safety and amenities. The footpath is for pedestrians only.

Q.35 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report with regards the Stella Cinema in Rathmines? This building is a protected structure and in great need of urgent attention. Many of the residents in the Rathmines / Ranelagh area are dismayed at the continuing dilapidation of this important protected structure. Can Dublin City Council (DCC) ascertain as to what is to become of this building? Have any plans been lodged for this building? And when was the last time DCC inspected the building?

Q.36 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager initiate a parking protocol for tourist buses that are now regularly parking on Castle Street? There can be up to three to four double deck buses parked erratically at the Castle Street entrance leading to great confusion for motorists and pedestrians who use this busy spot.

Q.37 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the procedures whereby a plaque to acknowledge the death of the first police officer RIC member shot during 1916 Rising be placed in the vicinity of Castle Street near the Castle Gates?

The first man to die in the Easter rebellion, RIC Limerick man – Constable James O'Brien (Kilfergus) - Easter Monday, April 24th - shot 11am Castle Street Gates. Our commemorative process should always be marked by gestures of inclusion and generosity to all those who lost their lives in conflict.

Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have graffiti removed from the parapets of London Bridge on Bath Avenue.

Q.39 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have an abandoned bicycle removed. It is attached to a stand adjacent to the Spar shop on Thorncastle Street, Ringsend.

Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to address the following road safety issue at Gilford Road/Park Avenue, Sandymount. At Bethany House, vehicles speed at the dangerous bend despite a ramp and a "Slow" sign painted on the ground. Further traffic calming measures need to be put in place to avert a probable serious incident.

The paths there are very narrow and many elderly residents from Bethany House walk this section. Schoolchildren, either as pedestrians or cyclists, are also affected. Anecdotally there have been several near misses.

Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues as they affect residents at Beggars Bush Apartments, Haddington Road:

- a) Extending the yellow box, which Dublin City Council finally painted on the wrong side of the road after months of campaigning by the management company, as far as the point where the single entry road to the Beggars Bush complex meets Haddington Road.
- b) Banning all casual trading outside the property on Haddington Road to remove the substantial nuisance of littering and fouling during events at the Aviva Stadium.

- c) Maintaining the grass and stone retaining wall along Shelbourne Road to halt its deterioration and prevent a possible collapse undermining the complex's stone wall, which stands above and depends upon it.

Q.42 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following at St Martin's House building works at the corner of Waterloo Road and Upper Baggot Street. Currently there is scaffolding in place around the building and a replacement window programme is underway. The concern is that this is allowed to occur while the planning application is under appeal. Also that the scaffolding is not in accordance with good current practice, as there is no screening to prevent objects falling from the works onto pedestrians below.

Q.43 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the problem of cyclists using the pedestrian pathway in front of the apartments along the canal from Portobello Harbour.

Even though it's clearly marked as not being a cycle path, cyclists are continuously using it as a shortcut or throughway. At quiet times this isn't a big problem, but during the daily rush hours it is almost impossible to use the walkway on foot, with cyclists coming down the path at great speed, often quite aggressively. The secondary issue arising from this problem is that, when the cyclists attempt to skirt around pedestrians, they are taking their bikes onto the grassy verge. This has now destroyed the grass, leaving a very unsightly path of muck and puddles on one side of the path. Could a proper cycle path be installed along this section so it is clearly distinguished and separated from the footpath? Alternatively, could a deterrent to cyclists such as a "kissing gate", bollards or chicanes be placed along the route if extending the cycle path is not possible?

Q.44 Councillor Paddy McCartan

In relation to bin collections after July 1st, could the manager clarify at what stage of the decision-making process the designation of areas unsuitable for wheelie bin collection is? Could the council make more information available on this issue via their website and other information channels? Currently, there is only a generic PDF leaflet.

Q.45 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to review the parking arrangements in Kenilworth Lane.

There is an increasing problem with park-and-ride by motorists during the working week and by long term holiday parking by people from outside the area. The growing parking difficulty is squeezing out residents. It is also causing potential life-threatening safety hazards due to blocked access at times, for emergency vehicles such as fire engines and ambulances. Parking obstructions, particularly on corners, have prevented passage by other services such as bin collections and deliveries.

A recent petition of Kenilworth Lane over the course of a couple of days and collected signatures in support of a review from 27 out of 45 residences and one business.

Q.46 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the Area Manager to install a parking scheme at Kenilworth Lane in circumstances where there is increasing pressure caused by vehicles abandoned on the lane by park-and-ride motorists during the working week and by long term holiday parking. Parking obstructions, particularly on corners, have prevented passage by emergency vehicles and other services such as bin collections and deliveries.

Q.47 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of placing traffic bollards at the left hand side of Orwell Road in Rathgar Village in order to encourage responsible parking to protect cyclists? When cars are parked on the left hand side, cyclists are forced to move to the centre of the traffic lane, which not only puts them at risk of collision from cars coming around the corner from Highfield Road, but also from vehicles turning right to the new underground car park at Supervalu.

Q.48 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the Area Manager for an update in respect of plans for the VEC grounds at Terenure once the lease has been secured.

Q.49 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager whether it would be possible to give priority in timeslots for underage teams in local clubs to have access to the pitches at Irishtown Stadium earlier than the current very late evening slots which they are being confined to between 8-9pm and 9-10pm? For instance, St Pat's CYFC have children from 9 years of age playing as late as 9-10pm which is too late and very unsatisfactory.

Q.50 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install speed radar / Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) signs on Sandford Road which have been implemented with considerable success on Strand Road, Sandymount? Traffic both coming out and going into Ranelagh travels at great speeds on this stretch of road.

Q.51 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair the enormous and dangerous pothole at the junction of Milltown Road and Sandford Road.

Q.52 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager, following the very productive meeting between relevant stakeholders, local Councillors and Park Services on site at Herbert Park in early March for the purpose of considering the development of a 4G all-weather pitch at the park, to ask the manager when the report of the Parks Department will be presented to the SEAC, it having been indicated at the end of the meeting that it would be presented in April 2016.

Q.53 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager for a full update on the Dodder flood alleviation works on Anglesea Road as matters stand at present.

Q.54 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to repair the lump of concrete, which has been taken out of the footpath outside No. 37 Nutley Road and which was caused by a truck on the footpath during recent road works on Nutley Road. The resident is over 100 years old and is exposed to risk of injury from the state of the footpath at present.

Q.55 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to repair the footpaths at (a) on Nutley Avenue at and near to the entrance to Brooklands and (b) on Nutley Avenue from the Nutley Lane intersection up to the entrance to St. Michael's College. These two areas have extremely heavy footfall and the footpaths have been seriously damaged by, *inter alia*, protruding tree roots.

Q.56 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to install a pedestrian crossing light at the crossing of Nutley Lane from the Elm Park side of Nutley Lane to RTE side of Nutley Lane. There is no pedestrian crossing at these lights which is inexplicable as the corresponding side of the junction has these lights and it is logical to complete the sequence. It is also very dangerous at present, in particular for young children crossing to access the several schools in the immediate vicinity.

Q.57 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to arrange a meeting with an official who has the authority to enter into an agreement with a tenant on behalf of Dublin City Council and who has not previously dealt with the file of *details supplied in relation to satisfactorily resolving rental arrears of €5,000 which have accrued in respect of that tenant, primarily as a result of the council's steadfast refusal to comply with its obligations under, *inter alia*, the Disability Act 2005 (ss. 26 - 28 thereof) & SI 163/06. The resident is blind and yet the council continuously fails to communicate with her through Braille, which is her lawful entitlement. Ironically and cruelly, the one document which was served on her in Braille was a Notice to Quit in 2010. This is a most unfortunate dispute which can and should be resolved.

Q.58 Councillor Chris Andrews

Have there been reports to Dublin City Council (DCC) of structural concerns to apartments in the Docklands area and in particular the Longboat Quay development and will the manager carry out a full structural audit of all Docklands units?

Q.59 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager to put constituent *details supplied back on the housing list. He was removed from it by Dublin City Council (DCC) last year, However he is still in need of housing. Letter of appeal is attached.

Q.60 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager to have the light fixed on top balcony of O'Carroll Villas flats (block beside hotel).

Q.61 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager to have lamppost light repaired on Cuffe Street, opposite O'Carroll villas flats, far side of the road.

Q.62 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager if there has been a decision made regarding *details supplied, being placed on the housing priority list due to medical grounds. (Documents previously submitted, ref.: Dick Brady).

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is the purpose of the Dublin City Council steel containers located on Sandymount Strand near the Sandymount Tower, and if they are no longer serving their purpose can they please be removed as grass has grown up around them, and graffiti is starting to appear on them also.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will the tree outside No.17 Carlisle Street will be removed, when will this and the other trees removed on this street be replaced with a more suitable species, when will the footpaths at the locations of these trees be repaired and if she could provide a timeline for when these works will be completed.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager the following questions regarding the allotments in Ringsend Park:

- Who carried out the construction of the tar macadam path in the allotments and were there tenders sought for this work?
- What was the cost of the construction of the tar macadam path?
- Was there planning permission sought for the construction of the path?
- Was there any consultation with plot holders and were they properly notified of the work?
- Why was no consideration given to a porous, organic material for a path, and why was a path needed in the first place?
- Is consideration being given to similar tar macadam paths in other allotments in Dublin City?

Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area Manager if she will please replace the bin on Lombard Street, Portobello which was removed some time ago and not replaced?

Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she will please install “No Dog Litter” signs on the following streets in Dublin 8:

- Arnott Street
- Curzon Street
- Avoca Road

Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to examine the possibility of moving the direction of the bike stands outside on Ovoca Road (outside Bibi’s Café) so that they are parallel to the café to allow more room.

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if the bin behind the bus stop on the hospital side of Nutley Road could be emptied more frequently.