



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021**

- 1      **With reference to the minutes of the Central Area Committee held on 13th July 2021.**

ORDER: Agreed.

- 2      **With reference to the Questions to the Area Managers.** **6 - 36**

ORDER: Noted.

- 3      **With reference to nominations to the Grangegorman Consultative Group, at the commencement of a 3-year term (2 members of the Central Area Committee).**

ORDER: Cllr. Nial Ring and Cllr. Ray McAdam were selected for appointment for the new 3 year term.

- 4      **With reference to report under Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Demolition of Connaught Street Stand at Dalymount Park, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 5      **With reference to the proposed grant of a further lease of the Smithfield Café, 13 Smithfield Terrace, Dublin 7 to Oxmantown Catering Ltd.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 6      **With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of a portion of the Waste Management Section's Depot at Aldborough Parade, Dublin 1 to Sunflower Recycling Ltd.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 7      **With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a cul-de-sac off Findlater Place, Dublin 1.**

ORDER: Agreed to initiate the procedure to extinguish the public right of way.

- 8        **With reference to the Traffic Advisory Group minutes.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 9        **With reference to Public Domain Report and Waste Management Report.**

ORDER: Reports noted.

- 10       **With reference to Housing Matters in the North East Inner City and the North West Inner City and Housing Maintenance Report.**

ORDER: Reports noted.

- 11       **With reference to Community Matters in the North Inner City.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 12       **With reference to the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Report.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 13       **With Reference to Housing Matters in Cabra/Glasnevin**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 14       **With reference to Community Matters in Cabra/Glasnevin.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 15       **With reference to Sports in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted

- 16       **With reference to the North East Inner City Initiative.**

ORDER: Report noted

- 17       **With reference to Motions to the Area Managers.**

**Item 1**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Central Area Committee agrees that a mural for Kellie Harrington be located in the area near to Ms. Harrington's home if possible, given how Kellie, a champion, has given a great lift to the country and Dublin city. Also that the mural include Emmet Brennan, an inner city boxer, who also made it to Tokyo.

**ORDER:** Agreed.

**Item 2**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Central Area Committee agree that funding be made available to replace the old play equipment with new in the playground on Russell Avenue, East Wall,

Dublin 3. Also the complex of the play area be reinstated after damaged carried out by fireworks.

**ORDER:** Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**Item 3**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh**

That this Central Area Committee requests the Parks Department to provide a written report to the committee on the cutting of grass on Glendhu Park swales. Locals are concerned that the swales are not functional because of the level of overgrowth currently in the swales.

**ORDER:** Agreed. Report to Councillor. Further commitment on functionality of swales to be sought from the Parks Department.

**Item 4**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh**

That this Central Area Committee agrees that a playground should be added to the park near the new Pelletstown train station on the Ashington side. The Central Area notes that one was previously installed there and vandalised. The Central Area Committee calls for the playground to be fenced and have other security measures to ensure this does not happen again.

**ORDER:** Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**Item 5**

**Motion in the names of Councillor Cieran Perry, Councillor Christy Burke and Councillor Nial Ring.**

That this Central Area Committee requests a presentation of the Greater Dorset Street Together Plan at the October Central Area Committee meeting. The plan presents a new vision for Dorset Street, Broadstone, Berkeley Road and Mountjoy/Palmerston Place area of the north inner city has been drawn up by local residents and the business community with the assistance of Dublin City Council. It has the full support of the local community.

**ORDER:** Agreed. Group to be invited to the October meeting.

**Item 6**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring.**

That this Central Area Committee notes the Lord Mayor's positive reply to my request that she nominate Kellie Harrington for the Freedom of the City and requests that any accompanying civic reception for Kellie be also used to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of all our Olympians and Para Olympians who have also brought huge honour and pride to their community, to the city and to the country.

**ORDER:** Agreed.

**Item 7**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring.**

That this Central Area Committee requests the Area Manager to engage with the residents of Hewardine Terrace with a view to advising them on, and facilitating, the installation of a gate at the Killarney Street entrance to their area. This committee notes that the residents are willing to maintain the green areas themselves and arrange keyholder access for all residents, council and emergency services.

**ORDER:** Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**Item 8****Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring.**

That this Central Area Committee requests the Law Agent to report to us on whether it is legally acceptable/possible to include, as part of the sale of any DCC property to a third party, a condition that the acquired property cannot and will not be allowed facilitate, or be part of any development which includes any element of, co-living or build to rent accommodation. Furthermore, this committee agrees that, if the reply is positive and we can request/insist on such a condition be included in any sale, that we will insist on such condition being included in all future sales as a matter of course.

**ORDER:** Agreed. Report to Councillor.

**Item 9****Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring.**

That this Central Area Committee supports the promotion of the River Liffey as an amenity for the citizens of Dublin and visitors alike. We note that the River is currently underutilised as a civic amenity and, in acknowledging the work of those involved in its promotion to date, requests that the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership commission a study/report on the current and potential usage of the Liffey as a civic amenity. This study/review should include, not only traditional water based activities such as swimming, rowing, currach racing, canoeing, kayaking etc. but also examine the possibility of, for example, the space between the Sean O' Casey Bidge and the Samuel Beckett Bridge being used as a setting for on-the-water Theatre, Music, Singing and Art Projects, attracting small audiences, brought to and from the venue by our recently restored and relaunched Liffey Ferry Boat.

**ORDER:** Agreed. Motion to be forwarded to the Dublin City Sports & Wellbeing Partnership.

**Item 10****Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Central Area Committee calls on DCC to display the Eircode in all Parks and Community facilities visible for people to use in case of an emergency call.

**ORDER:** Agreed. Report to Councillor.

18 **With reference to an update from the OPW on the Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Post Consultation Report.**

**ORDER:** Presentation noted.

**Councillor Ray McAdam****Chairperson**

**Tuesday 14 September 2021**

**Attendance:****Members:**

Ray McAdam (Chairperson)  
Janice Boylan  
Janet Horner

**Members:**

Christy Burke  
Darcy Lonergan

**Members:**

Joe Costello  
Eimer McCormack

Séamas McGrattan  
Colm O'Rourke

Declan Meenagh  
Cieran Perry

Cat O'Driscoll  
Nial Ring

**Officers**

Sean Callaghan  
Eoin Corrigan  
Marion Foran  
John McPartlan

Cathy Cassidy  
Claire-Marie Dempsey  
Mairead Jonsson  
Brian Mongey

Blathnaid Conlon  
Ursula Donnellan  
Edel Joy  
Stephen Wearan

**Apologies:**

**Non-Members:**

David Healy

Paul McDonnell

## **Appendix 1**

### **Question to Area Managers**

### **Central Area Committee Meeting** **14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

#### **Q1 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager to prune back the overgrowth of trees in (details supplied) as some trees are blocking daylight in homes.

#### **Reply**

Dublin City Council has inspected this area and the ground that the trees are on is not Dublin City Council property. This property belongs to the ESB. Contact has been made with ESB Networks to see can they assist us in getting the trees pruned.

**Contact:** Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.

**Email:** [clive.ahern@dublincity.ie](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie)

**Tel:** 2223517

#### **Q2 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager when the 2 vacant units at (details supplied) will be let.

#### **Reply**

The units at (details supplied) are now ready to let.

- Unit 1- Out on offer to applicant
- Unit 2- Nomination to be made soon

**Contact:** Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

**Tel:** 222 2639

**Email:** [cathal.daly@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)

#### **Q3 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager if Dublin City Council would locate the owners of property's at (details supplied) as the occupiers who are residing there are creating havoc under public order and causing problems for residents who reside on the street .Garda Chief in Store Street has been informed as to the anti-social activity. Owners need to be traced to address the issue.

#### **Reply**

The Environmental Health Section will investigate if these premises are rented and if so will carry out inspections under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019.

A letter has been forwarded to An Garda Siochana regarding the issues and the Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Contact: Bernie Doherty, Senior Executive Officer  
Email: [Bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie](mailto:Bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie)

Contact: Colm Smyth, Principal Environmental Health Officer  
Email: [colm.smyth@dublincity.ie](mailto:colm.smyth@dublincity.ie)

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Email: [Ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie](mailto:Ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie)

**Q4 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager when the empty units in the NEIC area will be let to applicants

**Reply**

All units are allocated as they are returned to Allocations from the Maintenance section. If you wish to contact me concerning a particular unit, do not hesitate to.

Contact: **Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**  
Tel: **222 2639**  
Email: [cathal.daly@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)

**Q5 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding the redevelopment of (details supplied). Is there a delay with funding from the relevant Government Department with regard to the development.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

DCC has received Stage 1 approval from the DHLGH for the redevelopment of (details supplied).

The integrated design team namely, O'Donnell Tuomey have been appointed and are currently working on progressing the design proposals. Further consultation with residents and local elected members is due to commence shortly.

The next stage of the approval process is to submit a Stage 2 application to the DHLGH to seek approval to go for Part 8 planning permission, which the Housing and Community Services Department anticipates submission of in Q1 2022

Contact: **David Dinnigan, Housing.**  
Tel: **086 8150775**  
Email: **dave.dinnigan@dublincity.ie**

**Q6 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager when the gutters will be cleaned at (details supplied)

**Reply**

Dublin City Council has inspected this property. It is a three storey property and access to the gutters is proving difficult as the yard at the back is too small for a cherry picker, and under Health and Safety regulations a ladder cannot be used. The Council are assessing the situation to see the best option to carry out these works.

**Contact:** Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.

**Email:** [clive.ahern@dublincity.ie](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie)

**Tel:** 2223517

**Q7 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager that the small play area at Patrick Heeney Crescent, Dublin 1 be upgraded as funding these works would not be of a large cost.

**Reply**

The following safety upgrades and new seesaw were completed as part of the 2021 playground works. We have been advised that the surface is in a safe condition and there is not sufficient safety clearance to add any additional equipment at this playground.

Gloucester Place Upper	7.3	Cradle Swing	Lappset	Replace worn fixings of crossbar.
				Replace/repair damaged cradle seat.
		Missing Rocker	Unknown	Replace rocker with seesaw
		Elephant Rocker	KBT	Replace cracked base plate.
		3 Play Panels	Playworld Systems	Replace bolt on 1 panel.

**Contact:** Stephen Wearen, Project Manager

**Email:** [stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie)

**Q8 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager that all the shores on (details supplied) be cleaned out before winter as these shores can cause overflow if not cleaned.

**Reply**

Members of the Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned 25 of the 28 gullies on (details supplied) on 05/08/2021.

**Contact:** Richard Sheehy

**Tel:** 222 3774

**Email:** [Richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie](mailto:Richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie)

**Q9 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the (details supplied)

**Reply**

Following an expression of interest process, FOLD Housing were determined to have submitted the most successful proposal to develop this site for Social Housing for Older Persons.

A detailed design was worked up by Architects engaged by FOLD. These designs are now being further assessed by DCC technical teams to determine whether this proposal can move forward to the next stage of development.

The initial indication is that this site may deliver between 30 to 40 units. Heights have yet to be finalised however the initial sketches suggest that the site maybe laid out in four separate blocks with heights ranging from one storey to a potential four or five story building on the Tolka River side. The Area Committee will be notified when completed drawings are available.

**Contact:** Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer  
**Email:** [michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie](mailto:michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie)  
**Tel:** 222 3517

**Q10 Councillor Declan Meenagh**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the commitment for a cycleway connecting Dunsink Observatory to Ashtown train station in the Pelletstown LAP

**Reply:**

Phase 4D of the Royal Canal Greenway encompasses the provision of segregated cycling and walking facilities between Cardiffsbridge Park and the Phoenix Park, via Ashtown Road and Castleknock Road. Option selection for this element of the greenway is due to progress later this year, once detailed design of the canal towpath is complete.

As this scheme skirts Dublin City Council's (DCC's) boundary with Fingal County Council (FCC), we are consulting with FCC on the delivery of this project. The project team held a meeting with FCC in April 2021 to discuss the implications of the emerging preferred option for the DART+ West proposals to bypass the Ashtown level crossing.

No work has been carried out at this time on the proposed Hamilton Way route between Dunsink Observatory and Ashtown by DCC, as it is primarily located within FCC's administrative area. However, if FCC were to pursue development of the Hamilton Way, DCC are willing to collaborate with them on integrating the scheme with the Royal Canal Greenway.

**Contact:** Padraig O'Brien, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
**Email:** [padraig.obrien@dublincity.ie](mailto:padraig.obrien@dublincity.ie)

**Q11 Councillor Declan Meenagh**

To ask the Area Manager for a report on options to reduce footpath obstructions at the gates to (details supplied). At the moment cars are parking near the gate leaving a very narrow gap to access the park.

**Reply:**

Along the northern side of (details supplied), vehicles park perpendicular to the kerb. In some instances this leads to vehicles overhanging onto the footpath and reducing the available footpath width for pedestrians and vulnerable roads users alike. A request was received from local residents to examine

the potential of Pay & Display & Permit Parking along this section. Following this, the Area Engineer investigated the request and designed parking to be parallel in order to improve the current parking habits. The design for the scheme is currently with the Parking Enforcement Team to ballot the residents commencing in Q4 2021.

In the meantime, the area engineer will recommend extending the double yellow at the pedestrian crossing by 6m subject to approval at the next monthly TAG meeting.

**Contact:** Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation  
**Email:** [sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie](mailto:sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie)

**Q12 Councillor Declan Meenagh**

To ask the Area Manager for a breakdown of all parking enforcement activity in the Drumcondra area around match days and for plans for this activity in the next few months.

**Reply:**

The Parking Enforcement Section and DSPS liaise with Croke Park events team and work with An Garda Síochána for all events at Croke Park. Some events do not require a heavy Parking Enforcement presence and this is decided by Dublin City Council and DSPS depending on the expected spectators at the events.

This practice will continue as normal as events are staged at Croke Park.

**Contact:** Dermot Stevenson Parking Enforcement Officer  
**Email:** [Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)

**Q13 Councillor Declan Meenagh**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on anti-social activities on DCC lands around (details supplied)

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has contacted the Bridewell Garda Station in relation to ongoing Anti-Social behaviour at the (details supplied). The Garda and Luas security are monitoring this situation and I have requested an update on any relevant information going forward.

**Contact:** Marion Foran, Area Housing Manager, Central Area Office.  
**Email:** [marion.foran@dublincity.ie](mailto:marion.foran@dublincity.ie)

**Q14 Councillor Cieran Perry**

To ask the Area Manager to request the Traffic Department to compile the crash statistics for (details supplied) for the last five years. Can they contact the Gardai and other emergency services to confirm statistics as part of the report.

**Reply**

There is an Engineer working on this at the moment. As soon as we have more information we will send it through.

**Contact:** Will Mangan, Acting Senior Executive Engineer  
**Tel:** 2225030  
**Email:** [William.mangan@dublincity.ie](mailto:William.mangan@dublincity.ie)

**Q15 Councillor Cieran Perry**

To ask the Area Manager to detail the procedure for dealing with abandoned cars? Can she identify the circumstances where responsibility lies with Gardai and where it lies with Dublin City Council.

**Reply:**

Complaints about abandoned vehicles come into us from a variety of sources. These include phone calls, CRM (customer relationship management) system, through our customer services centre, e-mails, the gardai, parking enforcement section, after hours office, clamping company and information from staff.

After receiving a complaint the Authorised Officer would go out and view most of the vehicles based on the information received. Burnt out vehicles are passed on to our contractors for removal, without being viewed.

For the remaining vehicles we go out to look at them. We photograph them showing front, back and both sides of the car usually. We take close up photographs of any damage on the vehicle or inside the vehicle where possible. Photographs should also show whether the vehicle is unlocked. These photographs can be used as evidence in a court case if necessary. We use a powerful digital camera for that purpose and then save all the photos on to a PC.

Decisions are based on Section 71 of the "Waste Management Act"(1996). Frequently information received will specify how long the vehicle is there and if the vehicle is in bad shape, and unable to be put back in a roadworthy condition for a reasonable sum (compared to the value of the vehicle) then the vehicle will be scrapped immediately. The Authorised Officer may make a decision based on the information presented to them and dispose of any vehicle that they believe is simply abandoned. In many cases this would be described as a vehicle of small value left in such a place or such a position as to give an indication that the vehicle is not wanted e.g. non display of tax and insurance, vehicle illegally parked, unsecured or parked in some place that would give no indication that anybody in the vicinity wanted the vehicle. In some cases if the vehicle is potentially able to be put back on the road, then we will tow in the car and write to the registered owner and follow the criteria in the act, this will usually mean that there is some indication that the vehicle is wanted and the vehicle would be deemed to have a value or be obviously wanted by an owner.

In most cases, looking at a vehicle may not give enough information, so we may contact Motor Tax to get the registered owners details and write to the registered owner. It is not the responsibility of the local authority to deal with complaints of non-delivery of post. It is the responsibility of the seller of a vehicle to ensure that the transfer of ownership is done correctly. This may help them avoid a fine being issued for dumping of a vehicle under the "Litter Pollution Act"(1997), for cars removed. It is in the best interests of the owner of the vehicle to ensure that the vehicle is registered to them at the correct address (i.e. where the vehicle is normally kept), to ensure they do not have any problems with the removal of a vehicle they may want. In some cases e.g. foreign registration, a notice is put on the vehicle.

The Abandoned Vehicles Section is not for people who want "their" parking space outside their house left free, or for parking enforcement. The Gardai also have powers to deem a vehicle abandoned. After the investigation, if a vehicle is deemed abandoned, Dublin City Council arrange its removal. If a vehicle is not actually abandoned, but untaxed and uninsured, the Gardai are the enforcement authority.

**Contact:** Patricia O'Toole, Abandoned Vehicles Officer,

**Tel:** 222 4896,  
**Email:** [patricia.otoole@dublincity.ie](mailto:patricia.otoole@dublincity.ie).

**Q16** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to confirm whether, or not, the proposed white water project proposed for Dublin Docklands is still being pursued.

**Reply:**

There is no change in the status of the proposed white water facility. The tender process has been put on hold. The project will be reviewed in the context of the preparation of the Council's Capital Programme 2022 to 2024

**Contact:** Derek Kelly, Dublin Docklands  
**Email:** [derek.kelly@dublincity.ie](mailto:derek.kelly@dublincity.ie)

**Q17** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to detail what planning laws/provisions/rules etc. are in place and/or could be put in place to preclude Build for Rent planning applications. If there are currently no legal restrictions on this type of planning application, to ask the Area Manager provide wording which can be included in the forthcoming development plan which, if accepted into the development plan, would have the effect of outlawing Build to Rent planning applications.

**Reply:**

There are currently no legal restrictions on this type of planning application and the development plan cannot preclude it, as it is government policy. Legislation would be required to be passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas for this type of development to be precluded similar to the legislation recently passed in relation to the Co Living/Shared Living Developments.

**Contact:** Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer  
**Tel:** 222 3108  
**Email:** [greg.bryan@dublincity.ie](mailto:greg.bryan@dublincity.ie)

**Q18** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager if there are implications for the proposed (details supplied)

**Reply:**

The judgment of (details supplied). The City Council is appealing this judgment.

**Contact:** Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager (Acting), Traffic, Environment & Transportation Department  
**Email:** [brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie](mailto:brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie)

**Q19** **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to detail how many of the 15 DCC units and the 17 AHB units vacated by residents moving to St.Mary's Mansions have been now let out and what is the status of those remaining unlet.

### **Reply**

Please see the table below outlining the status of the 17 DCC units and 15 AHB units vacated by residents moving to St Mary's Mansions.

	Let	Under Offer
Dublin City Council	6	11
AHB	15	

**Contact:** Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers  
**Tel:** 2222639  
**Email:** [cathal.daly@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)

### **Q20 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager if a (details supplied)

### **Reply**

Arrangements will be put in place to identify a suitable location and to commission an artwork in consultation with the Olympians themselves. Any mural installation will be subject to appropriate permissions and availability of funding.

**Contact:** Stephen Wearen, A/Public Domain Enforcement Officer  
**Email:** [stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie)

### **Q21 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager for a progress report and update on the Stoneybatter Greening Strategy, including cost to date

### **Reply**

Following the completion of the Stoneybatter Greening Strategy report in July 2019, developed through a co-design process with local residents, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services have been working to implement the following project:

Projects delivered to date:

- Murals on 1 Ben Edair Road, 21 Malachi Road, Aughrim Street Scouts Hall and Viking Place
- Planting projects at Drumalee Green and Stoneybatter Green
- Constructed pits and planting on Lucky Lane
- Tree & Herbaceous planting on Arbour Hill.
- New planting at Halliday Square park

Planned for Autumn 2021

- Tree planting on Harold Road, Ostman & Viking Place.
- Tree planting Drumalee Green
- Alton Lane planting pits
- Thor Place park improvements
- Montpelier Gardens play pocket park
- Arbour Hill N-S – Rain garden

- Feasibility – aim to complete in 2022
- Green School zone on Cowper Street
- Tree planting on  
Niall Street  
Sigurd Road  
North Fitzwilliam Place  
Swords Street  
Montpelier Hill

€156,670.74 has been spent to date. By the end of 2021, it is anticipated that €400,000 will be spent, assuming there are no delays associated with contractor availability and supply issues that have been experienced in the last few months.

**Contact:** Suzanne O'Connell, Executive Landscape Architect, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services  
**Email:** [Suzanne.oconnell@dublincity.ie](mailto:Suzanne.oconnell@dublincity.ie)

## **Q22     Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to detail DCC's inspection and enforcement process/procedures in relation to private rented accommodation and to detail the statistics for the Central Area for 2019 and 2020 (I received citywide figures under Q113 June 2021 to Chief Executive). In particular, can the Area Manager outline how a public representative, tenant or member of the public can request an inspection of a particular premises.

### **Reply**

Inspections are undertaken to enforce quality standards in private rented properties under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. These regulations require landlords of rented properties to ensure that the property meets certain minimum standards.

The inspection on the property is carried out by an Environmental Health Officer to see if the property is compliant with the required standards. If the property is found to be non-compliant the process below is initiated. A property that is found to be non-compliant indicates that some aspect of the property does not comply with the Regulations which may range from a lack of fire blanket to structural defects.

As a first step an Improvement Letter is sent. This letter requests the landlord to complete a list of works within a specified time to bring the property into compliance with the legislation. This letter is only used in cases where the contraventions are considered minor by the Environmental Health Officer or where the landlord readily agrees to complete any remedial work required. The property is again inspected on expiry of the specified time to ensure that the remedial works are completed

Where there are serious contraventions of the standards or where works were not completed on foot of the Improvement Letter an Improvement Notice is served. This is a statutory notice requiring the landlord to remedy the works listed in the Notice within a specified time period. The landlord has a right to appeal this notice. Again on expiry of the specified time the property is again inspected by the Environmental Health Officer to ensure the remedial works are completed.

Where the Improvement Notice has not been complied with, further enforcement action may be taken. This can include a time extension, the service of a Prohibition Notice and /or initiation of legal proceedings.

A Prohibition Notice prohibits the landlord from re-letting the property on expiry of the tenancy that was in place when the Notice was served, until it is brought up to standard. It does not require the existing tenant to vacate the property nor can it be used by the landlord as a reason to terminate the

tenancy. A Prohibition Notice can only be served where a landlord fails to comply an Improvement Notice and the landlord has a right of appeal to this notice.

Legal Proceedings may be initiated where an Environmental Officer is obstructed or where a landlord fails to comply with an Improvement Notice or where the property is let in breach of a Prohibition Notice. At Court the landlord may be convicted and or fined.

The process outlined above takes some time and at the end of it there is no guarantee that the property will be brought into compliance with the required standards. This process is laid down in statute under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 .This Department has sought enhanced powers under this legislation to allow the Court to direct a landlord to comply with the requirements of an Improvement Notice or Prohibition Notice within a specified time and to allow the Council to apply to the Circuit or High Court for an order requiring the immediate repair, restriction and or prohibition of use of a rented property in any situation where there is a risk to the persons because of the condition of the house or overcrowding. Further amendments to current legislation have also been sought in relation to overcrowding.

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the Environmental Health Section taking the innovative approach of developing a system to allow for virtual inspections of private rented properties which commenced in May 2020 and is ongoing, alongside physical inspections where appropriate.

The current computer system records each inspection carried out by the Environmental Health Officers throughout the city and reports are produced on a city wide basis. The system cannot produce reports based on the Dublin City Council area.

Where there is a complaint about a property that is believed to be a private rented property the Environmental Health Section can be contacted in any the following ways:

Telephone 2226500 where Customer services will take details of the complaint

Or

Email [privaterented@dublincity.ie](mailto:privaterented@dublincity.ie)

When making contact the following should be provided:

Contact details of the complaint together with the address of the property, the nature of the complaint and contact details of the landlord (where available). An Environmental health Officer will then contact the complainant. If the Environmental Health Officer is of the opinion that the complaint requires further investigation they will arrange an appointment to inspect the rented property or carry out further investigation into the complaint or they may offer advice or refer the complainant to another department or organisation e.g. the HSE or RTB

Contact: Bernie Doherty, Senior Executive Officer  
Email: [Bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie](mailto:Bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie)

Contact: Colm Smyth, Principal Environmental Health Officer  
Email: [colm.smyth@dublincity.ie](mailto:colm.smyth@dublincity.ie)

**Q23 Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to resurface (details supplied). It is the only street among the surrounding areas which is still in a very poor state of repair

**Reply**

(Details supplied) carriageway will be considered for the 2022 Works Programme.

In the interim, any potholes shall be repaired.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer  
**Email:** [ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

**Q24 Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to provide details on any agreement with third parties for temporary or longer term use of the former daisy market on Arran Street West and the Fruit Markets car park.

**Reply**

The Fruit Vegetable Market at Marys Lane is due for redevelopment in line with grant of Part 8 planning permission. A Members Advisory Group was established to input into the approach to that redevelopment and the tender. While the tender package was being developed, we were asked to consider temporary uses which we had hoped to activate in 2020. At the same time other developments were happening in the area causing increased pressure on the street network and day-to-day workings of the school and local businesses. A temporary licence was given for the yard formerly location of the Daisy Market as a site compound to support redevelopment in the area and minimise the impact of construction on local residents. This was a short-term licence which has been renewed month on month due to the increased space requirements needed on construction sites to comply with national guidance regarding Covid.

The first event of 2020 in the Market Building was the Chinese New Year festival followed by a film set until shut down due to covid when a series of proposals had to be cancelled.

The Markets Car Park continues to operate as a car park for general use and Central Area Office currently manage the Multi Use Games Area. The space to the south of the car park – originally the loading and parking area for Market Traders was no longer needed when the Markets closed. This was licenced to McNamara Construction for site compound for the adjacent development and is due to expire in November.

The Members Advisory Group are updated on temporary uses and all income goes to offset the maintenance cost of the Market Building.

**Contact:** Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer  
**Tel:** 222 5235  
**Email:** [siobhan.maher@dublincity.ie](mailto:siobhan.maher@dublincity.ie)

**Q25 Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to install a speed ramp at (details supplied)

**Reply**

The Area Engineer will arrange a speed survey on (details supplied) in the 4-6 weeks weeks as traffic levels fully return to normal volumes. Following this, any recommendation in relation to traffic calming will be provided through the TAG process.

**Contact:** Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation  
**Email:** [sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie](mailto:sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie)

**Q26 Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a pedestrian crossing at (details supplied)

**Reply**

With regards to the request for a pedestrian crossing at this location. Available funding for Capital Works has been fully allocated for 2021. This request will be added to the list for consideration for the Transport Advisory Group, 2022 Capital Works programme. Assuming funding for 2022 is confirmed early in the new year, we would anticipate announcing a draft capital works programme for discussion with members in early 2022 with a view to implementation in mid – late 2022.

**Contact:** Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation  
**Email:** [sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie](mailto:sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie)

**Q27 Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to extend the footpath extensions along (details supplied). Once the road widens, vehicles tend to accelerate and make it more difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to cross - the footpath extensions would provide a much more comfortable pedestrian experience as well as serve as a traffic calming purpose.

**Reply**

There is a particular safety reason explaining why the temporary buildouts were not extended further north on (details supplied) when they were installed in 2020. The temporary build-outs were stopped at a particular point beyond which the existing gradient of the road becomes too severe to safely install buildouts. If the footpaths were to be built out beyond this point, the backfall on the footpaths would exceed safe gradients. This could cause difficulties particularly for mobility impaired pedestrians, wheelchair users, pedestrians pushing buggies etc.

**Contact:** Alec Dundon, A/Senior Executive Engineer.  
**Email:** [covidmobility@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidmobility@dublincity.ie)

**Q28 Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to install bollards to protect the (details supplied) and to work with local businesses to ensure a suitable loading bay is available. Currently, the cycle lane there is being used for loading leaving it unsafe for people to cycle.

**Reply**

This matter will be investigated and a report will be forwarded to a future CAC meeting.

**Contact:** Alec Dundon, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
**Email:** [COVIDMOBILITY@dublincity.ie](mailto:COVIDMOBILITY@dublincity.ie)

**Q29 Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager whether a gate can be installed at (details supplied)

**Reply**

On receipt of contact details, residents can be advised on the process for the 'extinguishment of right of way'. This will entitle them to erect a gate within planning guidelines.

**Contact:** Stephen Wearen, A/Public Domain Enforcement Officer  
**Email:** [stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie)

**Q30 Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if the Tolka River can be cleaned at the Drumcondra/Cian Park end as there is waste and tree trunks blocking the stream which could cause flooding.

**Reply**

The Environmental Protection Division were onsite at this location on the 18<sup>th</sup> August inst. Work is now completed and the location is clear of debris. We will continue to monitor the location.

**Contact:** Andy Walsh, Executive Manager (Engineering)

**Email:** [waterpollution@dublincity.ie](mailto:waterpollution@dublincity.ie)

**Q31 Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to address the problems that are raised in the (details supplied)

**Reply**

4 of the units in this property were inspected by Environmental Health Officers on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021 under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations and enforcement action will be taken with the landlord in relation to these.

Arrangements are being put in place to inspect the remainder of the units in this property and if found to be non-compliant under the regulations enforcement action will be taken.

**Contact:** Bernie Doherty, Senior Executive Officer  
**Email:** [Bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie](mailto:Bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie)

**Contact:** Colm Smyth, Principal Environmental Health Officer  
**Email:** [colm.smyth@dublincity.ie](mailto:colm.smyth@dublincity.ie)

The area office have been in constant engagement with residents on this street over the past number of months. Some of the resources being provided to the street are as follows:

- Waste Mgt. have increased street cleaning from a rostered 1 day per week to 4/5 days per week.
- The Public Domain unit visit daily on a bag collection route and on report of bulky waste.
- A litter warden has been allocated to investigate the illegal dumping on the street. To date, no evidence has been found through bag searches.
- The issues surrounding the residential overcrowding have been referred to Environmental Health, DFB and the RTB.
- An ongoing process of bin declarations is underway for (details supplied). 2<sup>nd</sup> round letters have been sent and replies are being collated.

- CCTV camera in (details supplied) vandalised with spray paint being put on camera lens and both cameras being forcefully removed from box.
- A productive meeting was held with Residents, An Gardaí, Public Domain, Housing and Housing. DCC community team will assist with setting up and promotion of residents association, community clean-ups, available grants/ funding etc.

**Contact:** Stephen Wearen, A/Public Domain Enforcement Officer  
**Email:** [stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie)

**Q32 Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if she will address (details supplied)

**Reply**

The circumstances of this correspondence will be investigated and the Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

**Contact:** Paul White, Area Housing Manager,  
**Tel:** 222 3884,  
**Email:** [paul.white@dublincity.ie](mailto:paul.white@dublincity.ie)

**Q33 Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if he will trial the spray of coloured paint on dog excrement as it appears to have been successful in reducing dog fouling in Galway City.

**Reply:**

Waste Management are aware of dog fouling trial in Galway City and considering outcomes and feasibility of trialling in Dublin area.

This year waste management have engaged:

- Dog fouling campaign to highlight public awareness.
- Tested and trialled a dog fouling audio sensor in 12 locations across the city.
- Involvement in "Leave no Trace" campaign which dog fouling has been a relevant message.
- Trialling of Dog fouling machine from Aldborough Parade funded by Central Area Office.
- And will continue to review and trial all available initiatives

**Contact:** Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Email:** [Richard.whelan@dublincity.ie](mailto:Richard.whelan@dublincity.ie)

**Q34 Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to state the number of homeless hostels in the Central Area; the number which are private; the number which are not-for-profit; and the number belonging to DCC and to state the number of homeless accommodation in each category.

**Reply:**

There are currently 58 homeless services in the Central area.

There are 28 services operated by not-for-profit/NGO's, 1 of which is a Dublin City Council owned property.

There are 30 privately operated services, 1 of which is a Dublin City Council owned property.

**Contact:** Mary Hayes, Director DRHE

**Tel:** 222 6611

**Email:** [mary.hayes@dublincity.ie](mailto:mary.hayes@dublincity.ie)

**Q35** **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if she will ensure that the proposed pedestrianisation programme of streets and street/part street closures are subject to transparent public consultation and evidence based surveys .

**Reply**

The non-statutory public consultation is being held online and is fully transparent and accessible to all. Almost 3,000 leaflets were delivered in the area to inform local residents of the consultation and were to access. A full report on the consultation will be prepared for the elected members.

**Contact:** Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer,

**Email:** [claire.french@dublincity.ie](mailto:claire.french@dublincity.ie)

**Q36** **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if she will give an update on the proposed wall at (details supplied)

**Reply**

Arrangements are in hand to re-install the wall at (details supplied) in the coming weeks.

A number of outstanding structural issues are being addressed and residents will be informed when the works will commence.

**Contact:** Paul White, Area Housing Manager,

**Tel:** 222 3884,

**Email:** [paul.white@dublincity.ie](mailto:paul.white@dublincity.ie)

**Q37** **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if she will work with Gardaí to secure (details supplied), particularly in view of Halloween coming up

**Reply**

The (details supplied) site is fully secured at present and all pallets and other hoarded items have been removed by Housing Maintenance. Security inspect the boundary twice a day and any breaches found are repaired as soon as possible. The Area Housing Manager and her staff liaise on an ongoing basis with the local Community Garda Sergeant and his staff in relation to all and any anti-social behaviour in and around the site and regular meetings in relation to the site will be taking place in the run up to Halloween.

**Contact;** Claire Dempsey, A/Area Housing Manager

**Email:** [Claire.dempsey@dublincity.ie](mailto:Claire.dempsey@dublincity.ie)

**Q38     Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to ensure the lock on the door at (details supplied) is fixed

**Reply**

The Tenant installed her own front door. Nevertheless Dublin City Council inspected this door on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021. and discovered that the locking device on the door was broken. Due to the age of the door Dublin City Council was unable to source a replacement lock. This was explained to the tenant. The carpenter carried out works on the door and the door was fully operational when he left the property.

**Contact:**        **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**

**Email:**           [clive.ahern@dublincity.ie](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie)

**Tel:**                **2223517**

**Q39     Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if she can deal with (details supplied)

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Older Persons Waiting List, with an application date of 13/08/2020, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area H	1	161

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant should contact the Social Work Section in order to make an application on Exceptional Social Grounds.

**Contact:**        **Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**

**Tel:**                **222 2639**

**Email:**           [cathal.daly@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)

**Q40     Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if there are any proposals to deal with the many Casual Traders who will be affected by the proposed redevelopment of the Moore Street/Henry Street area. What consultations have taken place to date and what consultation is planned to ensure that traders will be accommodated during the extensive period of work.

**Reply**

During the Ministerial Moore Street Advisory Group and pre-planning, engagement between Hammerson and the Traders took place. The Hammerson project is currently subject to a Planning application. Following this process, if successful, it is envisaged that engagement may begin again.

**Contact:** Coilín O'Reilly, Director of Services – City Recovery | Dublin City Council  
**Mobile:** 086 3835019  
**Email:** [coilin.oreilly@dublincity.ie](mailto:coilin.oreilly@dublincity.ie)

**Q41 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to respond to (details supplied)

**Reply**

Arrangements are in hand to re-install the wall at (details supplied) in the coming weeks.

A number of outstanding structural issues are being addressed and residents will be informed when the works will commence.

**Contact:** Paul White, Area Housing Manager

**Tel:** 222 3884

**Email:** [paul.white@dublincity.ie](mailto:paul.white@dublincity.ie)

**Q42 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to indicate the status of a complaint raised with the Environmental Health Office in respect of (details supplied)?

**Reply**

4 of the units in this property were inspected by Environmental Health Officers on 27th August 2021 under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations and enforcement action will be taken with the landlord in relation to these.

Arrangements are being put in place to inspect the remainder of the units in this property and if found to be non-compliant under the regulations enforcement action will be taken.

**Contact:** Bernie Doherty, Senior Executive Officer

**Email:** [Bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie](mailto:Bernie.doherty@dublincity.ie)

**Contact:** Colm Smyth, Principal Environmental Health Officer

**Email:** [colm.smyth@dublincity.ie](mailto:colm.smyth@dublincity.ie)

**Q43 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to outline the purpose of the recent inspection of an Arborist of the trees located on (details supplied); whether works will be undertaken and if so, the timeline for completion of same?

**Reply**

As we have no information on this it will be investigated and a response will be sent directly to the Councillor.

**Contact:** Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent  
**Email:** [leslie.moore@dublincity.ie](mailto:leslie.moore@dublincity.ie)

**Q44 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a report into (details supplied)?

**Reply**

The relocation of vehicles is standard practice where the vehicle is causing an obstruction as to simply clamp the vehicle would prolong the obstruction. The practice of relocation to other nearby streets rather than remove to a compound, reduces the fee charged, as it's a standard de clamp fee rather than a release fee, avoids in some cases long journeys to the compound and the avoidance of a daily fee being charged. In addition it increases the productivity of the tow truck who can service multiple calls in an area rather than making the journey back to the compound. It should be noted that relocation is not normally used where the offence is failure to pay at a parking meter.

This is standard operating practice.

**Contact:** Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer  
**Email:** [Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie](mailto:Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie)

**Q45 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the repairing of a pothole directly outside (Details Attached)?

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Services will arrange to have this pothole repaired.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer  
**Email:** [ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

**Q46 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a schedule of works for all the 2021 NEIC Greening Strategy

**Reply**

The following updates have been provided by the Parks & Landscape Services Department.

Gloucester Place Road Re-alignment and SUDS Pilot Project.

Design Complete and Construction Tender pack has been issued to the Landscape/Minor Civils Framework and was received back on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. Tender assessment is now complete and contractors appointed and awaiting construction program and traffic management plans. Work to be complete during quarter 4 2021.

Oriel Street Plaza/Pocket Park

Design Complete and Construction Tender pack has been issued to the Landscape/Minor Civils Framework and was received back on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. Tender assessment is now complete and

contractors appointed and awaiting construction program and traffic management plans. Work to be complete during quarter 4 2021.

#### Beresford Central Median

Design Complete and Construction Tender pack has been issued to the Landscape/Minor Civils Framework and was received back on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. Tender assessment is now complete and contractors appointed and awaiting construction program and traffic management plans. Work to be complete during quarter 4 2021.

#### Memorial Road/Amiens Street Traffic Island (Bus Aras)

Design Complete and Construction Tender pack has been issued to the Landscape/Minor Civils Framework and was received back on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. Tender assessment is now complete and contractors appointed and awaiting construction program and traffic management plans. Work to be complete during quarter 4 2021.

#### Dorset Street Central Median – Phase two

Tenders returned and contract awarded. Due on site in October. Awaiting construction program and traffic management plans.

#### Suicide Plot - Biodiversity Garden

Complete and under current maintenance of contractor

#### Sackville Place Biodiversity Garden

Contractor appointed and works are on going.

#### O'Connell's Secondary School Greening Grant (Outdoor classroom)

Contractor appointed and Polytunnel installed. Raised beds and benches installed.

#### Clonmore Road Residential Street Greening

All site investigations complete. Concepts drawings currently being prepared and consultation will commence with residents as soon as possible and dependant on Council and government Covid regulations.

#### Buckingham Street

Ait Landscape Architects currently carrying out a feasibility study and concepts for a proposed new street design and linear park for Buckingham Street. It is anticipated that this project will be ready for presentations in Quarter 4.

#### Poplar Row (Minor Central Median)

Concepts prepared and quotes received. Works will commence shortly.

#### Eastwall Recreational Centre/Park

We already have concepts for this project based on layouts prepared within the NEIC Greening Strategy document. The next stage is to initiate public consultations and workshops to get residents and local feedback. It is anticipated that the consultation phase will commence before year end (dependant on Covid regulations)

#### Annesley Avenue

Tenders returned and contract awarded. Due on site in October. Awaiting construction program and traffic management plans.

#### Fourth Road

Tenders returned and contract awarded. Due on site in October. Awaiting construction program and traffic management plans.

Covid 19 public health restrictions have had an impact on the timeframe of some of the above projects, however, focus is now on keeping pace to work towards delivery or substantial completion of all 2021 funded projects before year end.

No formal discussions have yet commenced on potential 2022 projects to be presented to the NEIC Board for approval in due course. Many factors will be taken into account in the selection of projects but the intention is to keep in line generally with the [NEIC Greening Strategy 2018-2026](#)

The projects will include some residential greening initiatives and public representations in this regard will be taken into account.

**Contact:** Aine Behan, Senior Staff Officer.  
**Email:** [aine.behan@dublincity.ie](mailto:aine.behan@dublincity.ie)

**Q47 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a comprehensive report into the plans to develop (details supplied); the level of engagement with residents to date, the current status of the project, engagement to date with the Department and when a planning application is likely to be lodged?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

DCC has received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the regeneration of (details supplied).

The integrated design team, Grafton Architects have been appointed and are currently progressing work on design proposals for the new housing scheme.

In November 2020, the local area housing manager issued an information letter to the residents of (details supplied), informing them of the redevelopment plans. A second letter with updated information was circulated to all residents in March 2021. Work is currently underway on a newsletter for circulation to residents giving them further information on the layout of the new development and apartment sizes.

Further collaborative consultation and information sharing, compliant with government Covid 19 guidelines, are planned to take place over the coming months. The local area housing manager and her staff are also in regular contact with residents and are available to them for any queries they may have in relation to the regeneration proposals.

It is envisaged that a Stage 2 application (approval to seek planning permission) will be submitted to the DHLGH in Q1 2022, followed by Part 8 initiation in Q2 2022.

**Contact:** David Dinnigan, Executive Manager  
**Tel:** 086 8150775  
**Email:** [dave.dinnigan@dublincity.ie](mailto:dave.dinnigan@dublincity.ie)

**Q48 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a comprehensive report into the plans to develop (details supplied); the level of engagement with residents to date, the current status of the project, engagement to date with the Department and when a planning application is likely to be lodged?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

DCC has received Stage 1 approval from the DHLGH for the regeneration of (details supplied).

O'Donnell Tuomey have been appointed as the integrated design team and are currently progressing the design of the new housing scheme.

An information leaflet was circulated to all residents in April 2021 informing them of the redevelopment plans. Further consultation with residents and local elected members, compliant with government Covid 19 guidelines, will take place over the coming months.

The Housing and Community Services Department anticipates submitting a Stage 2 application for approval to seek planning permission to the DHLGH in Q1 2022, followed by Part 8 planning lodgement in Q2 2022.

**Contact:** David Dinnigan, Executive Manager  
**Tel:** 086 8150775  
**Email:** [dave.dinnigan@dublincity.ie](mailto:dave.dinnigan@dublincity.ie)

**Q49 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed report into the progress being made to advance the Markets Project

**Reply**

The Redevelopment of the Fruit and Vegetable Market is being progressed in conjunction with the Members Advisory Group. The proposal is to use the competitive dialogue process to Tender for Design, Build, Finance and Operation of the Market. Significant research and survey works have been carried out and are feeding into the proposed tender process. A meeting is scheduled with the Members Advisory Group with a view to moving to next stage.

**Contact:** Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer  
**Tel:** 222 5235  
**Email:** [siobhan.maher@dublincity.ie](mailto:siobhan.maher@dublincity.ie)

**Q50 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the status of works approved as part of Central Area Works Programme 2021 and when she expects them to be undertaken?

**Reply**

Footpath contract due to start September 2021

**Carriageway Resurfacing Contract:**

River Road **Complete**  
Fitzwilliam Place North **Complete**  
Monck Place **Complete**  
Finglas Road **Complete**  
Prospect Way **Complete**  
Prospect Avenue **Complete**  
Dorset Street Lower **Complete**  
Walsh Road **Complete**  
Ferguson Road will be **completed by 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services  
**Tel:** 222 2576.  
**Email:** [ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

There was no public lighting improvements programme in the Central Area in 2021. However improvements will be carried out to the Public Lighting Infrastructure over the coming years with the roll out of the Lighting Infrastructure Upgrade Project that is currently at Tender Evaluation Stage. Existing lights will be upgraded to LED and improvements will be carried out to the infrastructure.

**Contact:** Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.  
**Tel:** 222 4539.  
**Email:** [karen.leeson@dublincity.ie](mailto:karen.leeson@dublincity.ie)

There will be an update report to the Area Committee on the Parks Central Area works programme later in 2021.

**Contact:** Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent  
**Email:** [brid.brosnan@dublincity.ie](mailto:brid.brosnan@dublincity.ie)

**Q51 Councillor Cat O'Driscoll**

To ask the Area Manager to reopen (details supplied) with immediate effect and to outline the reasons why it has not been available despite requests from residents.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council has investigated this matter and the playground is not closed. It is the Recreational Facility beside the playground that is close due to Covid restrictions.

**Contact:** Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.  
**Email:** [clive.ahern@dublincity.ie](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie)  
**Tel:** 2223517

**Q52 Councillor Cat O'Driscoll**

To ask the Area Manager to engage with the residents of (details supplied) who are struggling with a large number of non-residents parking outside their houses during the day.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council cannot provide 'residents only parking' signs or restrictions on a particular road as there is no legal basis to restrict parking on a public road to the residents of that road.

The appropriate way to eliminate long term commuter/business parking in residential areas is with the introduction of a Pay & Display & Permit Parking scheme. Should residents wish to apply for a Pay & Display & Permit Parking scheme they can do so providing the criteria is met, details of criteria and process in the link below. <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

**Contact:** Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Transport Advisory Group  
**Email:** [sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie](mailto:sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie)

**Q53 Councillor Cat O'Driscoll**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a small ramp on the footpath to enable wheelchair and mobility aid users to access the green space of (details supplied) , this has been requested in the past by residents.

**Reply**

This request has been added to our works list.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services  
**Tel:** 222 2576.  
**Email:** [ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

**Q55 Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request that the weeds at (details supplied) be removed from the roads and footpaths due to the overgrowth.

**Reply**

Weeding is a core function of and funded by Road Maintenance. Public Domain are given the discretion of what streets are treated. The Central Area was provided with 45 linear kilometres of roads to be treated for 2021 out of a total of cica. 1100km. An additional €25k was provided increasing approximately 25km to be treated. Unfortunately, It has not been possible to satisfactorily treat all streets with the level of funding being provided.

We have however secured some additional funding for weeding. The (details supplied) area will be included in this additional batch of streets.

**Contact:** Stephen Wearen, A/Public Domain Enforcement Officer  
**Email:** [stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie)

**Q56 Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Manager to install a bin at (details supplied).

**Reply**

Waste Management would not be in favour of installing a bin near the (details supplied).

Street and path widths are very narrow and would hamper both pedestrian and collection services. Area is also mainly residential. Dorset Street and Eccles Street are serviced adequately with Bins.

**Contact:** Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services,  
**Email:** [richard.whelan@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.whelan@dublincity.ie)

**Q57 Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request if more bins could be put in place at (details supplied).

**Reply**

Waste Management will review this location in conjunction with local management. The need of additional bins at these sets on shops and standard of the area will be reviewed over the coming month.

(Details supplied) is currently serviced daily and five bins are in place at significant litter generation locations.

**Contact:** Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services  
**Email:** [Richard.whelan@dublincity.ie](mailto:Richard.whelan@dublincity.ie)

**Q58** **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request that the concrete planters at (details supplied) be re-examined and to see if an alternative greening initiative/structure could be put in place as the current structure constantly attracts rubbish to be dumped here and attracts youths to congregate and sit on them.

**Reply**

The Area Office will replant the planters during the month of October.

Mature / more robust plants will be utilised and the planting will be carried out in conjunction with the Cabra Tidy Towns Committee.

The condition of the planters will be monitored on a regular basis.

**Contact:** Niall Byrnes, Community and Social Development Officer  
**Tel:** 086 8150341

**Q59** **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding the walkway at (details supplied) and to request that Dublin City Council finalise the works needed to reopen the lane as soon as is possible.

**Reply**

The public walkway between (details supplied) has been inspected by the Senior Executive Engineer in Roads and Traffic. His findings were that the pathway in its current condition does not meet Dublin City Council regulations pertaining to path size as the hoarding and structural supports for the church wall are infringing upon the existing path and therefore the walkway must remain closed. Roads and Traffic will widen the pathway and reopen it once Covid Level 5 restrictions are no longer in place as they are currently carrying out emergency works only as outlined by Government directive.

**Contact:** John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer  
**Email:** [john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie)

**Q60** **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to install communication boards at playgrounds throughout the area. Communications boards (a picture symbol board that can be used to support an interaction) is an effective way to help children or young people who are non-verbal or who struggle to communicate, and to minimise misunderstanding and frustrations when they are interacting with other children or adults.

**Reply**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services will review this proposal and consider the idea during future planning and redevelopment of playgrounds listed above.

**Contact:** Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent  
**Tel:** 222 3395

Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q61 Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager if memorial park benches to remember those who lost their life to COVID-19 could be placed in public spaces across the Cabra-Glasnevin Ward.

**Reply**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have placed a COVID 19 bench in Our Lady's Park and 2 no. COVID-19 benches along Mobhi Drive open space in Glasnevin recently.

**Contact:** Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent  
**Tel:** 222 3395  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q62 Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the possibility of installing a signalised pedestrian crossing at (details supplied) to assist in the safety of school children and parents making their way to and from the school located here and to introduce other measures that may help.

**Reply**

With regards to the request for a pedestrian crossing at this location. Available funding for Capital Works has been fully allocated for 2021. This request will be added to the list for consideration for the Transport Advisory Group, 2022 Capital Works programme. Assuming funding for 2022 is confirmed early in the new year, we would anticipate announcing a draft capital works programme for discussion with members in early 2022 with a view to implementation in mid – late 2022.

**Contact:** Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation  
**Email:** [sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie](mailto:sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie)

**Q63 Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request an update for any plans to expand the Dublinbikes scheme throughout the Cabra-Glasnevin Ward and also if there are plans to expand the scheme to near the National Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin

**Reply**

There are no plans at the moment to expand the DublinBikes scheme.

**Contact:** Brendan O'Brien - Head of Technical Services, Environment and Transportation Department  
**Email:** [Brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie](mailto:Brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie)

**Q64     Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request that the roads at (details supplied) be investigated and repaired where necessary.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Services will arrange to have the carriageway defects at (details supplied) repaired.

**Contact:**         **Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services**  
**Email:**           [ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

**Q65     Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request a bike rack be installed at (details supplied).

**Reply**

The location will be examined and if deemed suitable, cycle parking will be installed in the next batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

**Contact:**         **Chris Adamson - Executive Engineer, Sustainable Mobility Projects**  
**Email:**           [Chris.adamson@dublincity.ie](mailto:Chris.adamson@dublincity.ie)

**Q66     Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to address the mould in (details supplied)

**Reply**

- A. The Area Maintenance Officer and the Engineer from Dublin City Council called to this property on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021 and carried out an inspection of the property. Following on from this Damp Doctor called Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and carried out all necessary works that were required.
- B. The Area Foreman called to this property on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and carried out an inspection. The Area Foreman offered to put vents in the Kitchen /Living room and the tenant agreed to this, however tenant refused vents in the bedrooms.

**Contact:**         **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**  
**Email:**           [clive.ahern@dublincity](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie) .ie  
**Tel:**                **2223517**

**Q67     Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to cut back the trees at (details supplied)

**Reply**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have both these locations on our NW Tree care program and scheduled to be carried out in the coming weeks.

**Contact:** Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent  
**Tel:** 222 3395  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q68 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the regular flooding in the lane to the rear of (details supplied)

**Reply**

The gully at the address above was cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew in the *Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division* on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Contact:** Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division  
**Tel:** 2223774  
**Email:** [Richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie](mailto:Richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie)

After investigating this matter with Drainage Division it was noted that ponding does occur to the rear of (details supplied). This is due to the fall in the lane which culminates at the low point at the rear of the above address. It was also established the public sewer does not run down the lane, thus making the addition of gullies impossible.

Should the drainage department extend the public sewer down towards (details supplied), Road Maintenance Services would be in a position to connect new gullies into this line.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services  
**Email:** [Ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:Ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

DCC drainage department will review the feasibility of extending the surface water sewer network, to allow for connection of new drainage gullies. Drainage will liaise with the Road Maintenance department thereafter.

**Contact:** Cathal Kenny A/SEE Drainage Maintenance  
**Email:** [cathal.kenny@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathal.kenny@dublincity.ie)  
**Tel:** 222 6375

**Q69 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to install a new front door and new windows for the elderly tenant in (details supplied)

**Reply**

The Area Maintenance Officer and the Energy Liaison Officer called to this property on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and carried out an inspection. Following on from this it was agreed that the house

would be put on the list for a full upgrade. Dublin City Council hope to commence these works in the first quarter of 2022. The tenants were happy with this decision.

**Contact:** Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.

**Email:** [clive.ahern@dublincity.ie](mailto:clive.ahern@dublincity.ie)

**Tel:** 2223517

**Q70 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have (details supplied)

**Reply**

Waste Management Services have (details supplied) on a five week cleaning schedule. This residential area is monitored on a regular basis and extra cleaning between scheduled cleanings is carried out when necessary to do so.

**Contact:** Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

**Tel:** 2224240,

**Email:** [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie).

(Details supplied) was inspected and the hedging has been cut back.

**Contact:** Stephen Wearen, A/Public Domain Enforcement Officer.

**Email:** [stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie)

**Q71 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to have the road carriageway repaired at the (details supplied)

**Reply**

This carriageway requires full resurfacing. It does not feature on the 2021 Works Programme. It will be considered for the 2022 Works Programme.

In the interim any potholes shall be repaired.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer

**Email:** [ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

**Q72 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to install speed ramps on (details supplied) and to replace the trees which were removed here previously.

**Reply**

A speed survey will be requested for this location. In order to ascertain the best information, the traffic survey will be arranged for October, when traffic levels are returning to normal volumes. Following

receipt of the survey the Area Engineer will make any recommendations if required with regards to any additional traffic calming along the road.

**Contact:** Sean Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation  
**Email:** [sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie](mailto:sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie)

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services will arrange inspection of (details supplied). If tree roots can be removed from original tree pit to allow tree planting, Parks will arrange replanting during our 2021/2022 Winter tree planting programme (Nov – March).

**Contact:** Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent  
**Tel:** 222 3395  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q73 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to repair the damaged kerb outside (details supplied)

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Services will arrange to have this kerb repaired.

**Contact:** Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer  
**Email:** [ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie)

**Q74 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager what are the current staffing levels across the Central Area in different sections and how does this figure compare to 5 and 10 years ago.

**Reply**

The Central Area is operated from two main offices. The staffing levels in each of these offices is as follows:

**Central Area HQ – 51-53 Sean MacDermott Street, Dublin 1**

Section	Number of Staff
Administration	5
Public Domain	5
NEIC Housing	8
NWIC Housing	5
Community	5
NEIC Taskforce	3
Total	31

**Cabra/Glasnevin Area Office – 97 New Cabra Road, Dublin 7**

Section	Number of Staff
Administration	4.5
Cabra Housing	4
Community	3
Total	11.5

The Council does not keep historic records of staffing levels across different departments.

Information on staffing level is only accurate at the time it is acquired. It is a constantly changing situation due to retirements and resignations.

**Contact:** Martin Dowling, Senior Staff Officer, Central Area Office  
**Email:** [martin.dowling@dublincity.ie](mailto:martin.dowling@dublincity.ie)

**Contact:** Cathy Cassidy, A/Administrative Officer, Cabra Area Office  
**Email:** [cathy.cassidy@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathy.cassidy@dublincity.ie)

**Q75 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to clean the gullies on the on (details supplied)

**Reply**

The roads named above are part of the Priority Gully Cleaning List within the Surface Water and Flood Incident Management Division, and are therefore cleaned every 4 to 6 weeks. They crew are currently working through these roads and will have them finished by end of the week of the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Contact:** Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water and Flood Incident Management.  
**Tel:** 222 3774.  
**Email:** [richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie)

**Q76 Councillor Eimer McCormack**

To ask the Area Manager when will a disabled parking space be installed outside (details supplied)

**Reply**

There is no record of an application received to date on our system.

Information on the criteria for a disabled parking bay/how to apply for a disabled parking bay can be accessed on the Dublin City Council website:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/disabled-parking>.

Alternatively the criteria can be forwarded to the Councillor or the resident upon request.

**Contact:** Fergal Mc Kay, Assistant Staff Officer, Transport Advisory Group  
**Email:** [traffic@dublincity.ie](mailto:traffic@dublincity.ie)

**Q77 Councillor Eimer McCormack**

To ask the Area Manager to examine the possibility of erecting high fencing around the (details supplied) as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour there?

**Reply**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services will review this proposal and consider the idea during future planning and redevelopment of (details supplied)

**Contact:** Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent  
**Tel:** 222 3395  
**Email:** [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q78     Councillor Eimer McCormack**

To ask the Area Manager to have the weeds removed from the kerbsides on (details supplied)

**Reply**

Weeding is a core function of and funded by Road Maintenance. Public Domain are given the discretion of what streets are treated. The Central Area was provided with 45 linear kilometres of roads to be treated for 2021 out of a total of cica. 1100km. An additional €25k was provided increasing approximately 25km to be treated. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to satisfactorily treat all streets with the level of funding being provided.

We have however secured some additional funding for weeding. The above mentioned area will be included in this additional batch of streets.

**Contact:**         **Stephen Wearen, A/Public Domain Enforcement Officer**  
**Email:**            [stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie)

**Q79     Councillor Eimer McCormack**

To ask the Area Manager to have the drains and gully's cleared on (details supplied). Flash flooding occurred recently as these drains were full of leaves. Resident action prevented greater damage

**Reply**

26 of the 34 gullies on (details supplied) were cleaned on the 9<sup>th</sup> August by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew in the *Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division*. In a follow up cleaning schedule on the 19<sup>th</sup> August a further 6 gullies were cleaned. 32 of the 34 gullies now cleaned.

**Contact:**         **Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division**  
**Tel:**                **2223774.**  
**Email:**            [richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie](mailto:richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie)

**Q80     Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a report into the maintenance of (details supplied)

**Reply**

(Details supplied) is not in the remit of the Central Area but in the remit of the North Central Area.

The above question has been forwarded to the North Central Area Office for inclusion as a motion at their next Area Committee Meeting.

**Contact;**         **Mairead Jonsson, Staff Officer**  
**Tel:**                **222 5331**  
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