



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2021

- 1 **With reference to the minutes of the Central Area Committee held on 12th October 2021.**

ORDER: Agreed.

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

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ORDER: Noted.

- 3 **With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of 16-18 Seán McDermott Street, Dublin 1 to City of Dublin Education & Training Board.**

ORDER: Deferred to next meeting.

- 4 **With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the 1st Floor of the premises at No. 22 Buckingham Street Lower, Dublin 1 to Professor Joe Barry & Maureen O'Sullivan on behalf of the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force (NICDATF) CLG.**

ORDER: Deferred to next meeting.

- 5 **With reference to the proposed lease of the former depot at Coleraine Street, Dublin 7 to Inner City Enterprise.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 6 **With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 70/70a Fassaugh Avenue, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

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

ORDER: Report noted.

- 8 **With reference to Public Domain.**

ORDER: Report noted.

9 **With reference to the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Report.**

ORDER: Report noted.

10 **With reference to Housing Matters in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

11 **With reference to Community Development Matters in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

12 **With reference to Sports in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

13 **With reference to the North East Inner City Initiative.**

ORDER: Report noted.

14 **With reference to Motions to the Area Managers.**

The following Emergency Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Central Area Committee calls on Senior Management to waive the proposed waste charges on Christmas street traders at Henry Street, Dublin.

ORDER: Agreed. A/Executive Manager to report back to members following meeting regarding this issue being held 9.11.2021.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam, Councillor Christy Burke, Councillor Nial Ring, Councillor Janet Horner, Councillor Joe Costello and Councillor Cieran Perry

That this Area committee supports initiatives to provide more safe, outdoor socialising in the lead-in to Christmas including street animation and car-free Friday and Saturday evenings on Capel Street. And for the city management to engage with the area committee to this end. In supporting this initiative, we urge the Director of City Centre Recovery and the Transportation Department to engage with the Gardai and stakeholders, including local residents, and persons with disabilities to ensure an effective policing of arrangements as a result of this initiative being put in place.

ORDER: Agreed. Motion forwarded to the Office of City Recovery and the Traffic Department.

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

Noting the unacceptable delays in developing the Bannow Road Site caused by TII's interest in the site, that this Central Area Committee call on TII to attend a Central Area Committee meeting to explain what they propose for this site.

My question at yesterday's City Council meeting:

Question to the Chief Executive Council Meeting 1st November 2021

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an explanation on why we spent so much on legal advice

for buying land on Bannow Road and if he will make a comment on the reasons why

TII want to take some of this site now, what are TII proposing to do with the site and what is the impact of this on the speedy delivery of social houses on the site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The acquisition was managed by an in house solicitor in the Law Department and has been completed. There were no additional costs for legal advice for the acquisition secured by the Law Department.

Contact: Melissa Peavoy, Administrative Officer

The Development Department has not been contacted by TII in relation to acquiring

any portion of this site and the following extract from the Luas Cross City Map would suggest that the future infrastructure will not affect the site.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer

TII are proposing to use part of the site for Luas stabling. It is not possible to give a comprehensive assessment of the impact this would have on housing provision at this time but Housing and Community Services are engaging with TII in relation to this.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Acting Executive Manager

ORDER: Agreed. TII to be invited to attend the December meeting.

The following Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Central Area Committee calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Finance to secure funding for the refurbishment of all the units at Ballybough House, given that the complex is listed, this complex has been left behind on any works over the years.

ORDER: Agreed. Letters to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Finance.

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

That this Central Area Committee:

- notes the increased illegal parking around the Botanic Gardens,
- calls on visitors to the park to use public transport where possible,
- calls for a report on possible changes to the surrounding streets to discourage illegal parking including additional planters and better signage
- and calls for better enforcement of illegal parking on bank holidays.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to the Office of Public Works.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ring

That the Area Manager identifies all staff members who carried out "front line" work and services in the Central Area during the Covid 19 pandemic, and to organise an event at which their dedication, commitment and hard work will be recognised and rewarded.

ORDER: Agreed. Event to be arranged when all public health restrictions are lifted.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ring

That this Area Committee supports the calls for an additional post Covid Public Holiday and further supports February 1st as the day to be chosen given that it is St. Brigid's Day, the female patron Saint of Ireland.

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ring

That this Area Committee notes, with disappointment, the absence of Irish/Gaeilge (except for one line in a twenty page brochure) in the "Big Scream" Halloween Festival Programme Booklet and, while not expecting an equal Irish/English content, this committee would appreciate a more meaningful gesture towards the first language of our country.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

That this Area Committee notes the concerns of Norfolk Road residents for excessive speed, notes that it is a long road and there are a lot of children playing on it and calls for a report detailing options for speed reduction on this road.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

Motion in the name of Councillors Janet Horner, Councillor Eimer McCormack and Councillor Ray McAdam

That this Area Committee calls on Eir to immediately remove the derelict public phone boxes across the Dublin Central area, causing dereliction and adding to the clutter of our footpaths, including the boxes on Lower Drumcondra Road and the North Circular Road

ORDER: Agreed. Letter to be sent to EIR.

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner, Councillor Joe Costello, Councillor Darcy Lonergan, Councillor Eimer McCormack and Councillor Ray McAdam

That this Area Committee calls on the City Valuers' Office to revise their decision regarding the leasing of the ground floor of the newly developed Dominick Street flats on commercial basis only. We believe that a cultural tenant for this space would support the wider regeneration aims for the area and tie in with other initiatives such as the Parnell Cultural Quarter, the Moore Street regeneration project and the relaunch of the Complex venue space to make the North Inner City an important destination for culture.

ORDER: Agreed. Report to Councillor. Area Office to arrange for representative from the City Valuer's Office to meet the committee onsite.

Councillor Ray McAdam
Chairperson
Tuesday 9 November 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Ray McAdam (Chairperson)
Christy Burke
Darcy Lonergan
Declan Meenagh
Cieran Perry

Members:

Joe Costello
Eimer McCormack
Cat O'Driscoll
Nial Ring

Members:

Janet Horner
Séamas McGrattan
Colm O'Rourke

Officers

Cathy Cassidy
Ursula Donnellan
Karl Mitchell

Eoin Corrigan
Mairead Jonsson
Brian Mongey

Claire-Marie Dempsey
John McPartlan
Stephen Wearan

Apologies:

Janice Boylan

Non-Members:

Questions to the Area Manager
Central Area Committee Meeting
9th November 2021

Q1 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager to put in place a new heating system in (details supplied)

Q2 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager have Dublin City Council engaged with the (details supplied)

Q3 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager how many Dublin City Council run hostels are in Dublin 1, 3 and 7 areas.

Q4 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager how many trades personnel are employed by Dublin City Council in the Dublin 1, 3 and 7 areas.

Q5 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager when the double yellow lines will be in place in (details supplied)

Q6 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager that the Traffic Department agree with residents on (details supplied)

Q7 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager if there are plans to develop the west side of (details supplied) when the residents move to their new homes in December this year.

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To ask the Area Manager that all efforts be put in place to continue to keep (details supplied) clean as the street is run down.

Q9 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager what is the average turnaround to bring a flat or house back into housing stock when it becomes vacant.

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To ask the Area Manager for an explanation of what the tree planting requirements are in the following application (details supplied) and to ask why these requirements were not followed

Q11 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

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

Q12 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to have the traffic bollards repainted on (details supplied)

Q13 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager how many people are on the different housing lists for (details supplied)

Q14 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to look at providing additional parking for users of the (details supplied)

Q15 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to repaint the parking spots at the (details supplied)

Q16 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager has any agreement been reached on the (details supplied)

Q17 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to fix the damaged pathway on the (details supplied)

Q18 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to erect (details supplied)

Q19 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager how many Co-Living and Build to Rent developments have been approved by Dublin City Council in the (details supplied) in last 3 years.

Q20 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to allow (details supplied)

Q21 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure the entrance to the (details supplied) are kept clear in case of a flooding incident this Winter.

Q22 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for a report on the state of (details supplied) and to indicate what repairs are necessary and when they will be carried out.

Q23 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to comment on or explain why the (details supplied) completed the lowest number of voids and the lowest number of refurbishments (120 and 57 respectively) when it would have one of the highest concentration of social units.

Q24 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to detail how many of the recycling bins were installed in (details supplied) under the Circle City recycling Scheme and detail the results of the waste audits carried out on the scheme.

Q25 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to detail the number of streets in the Central Area (NEIC) which have paid parking (parking meters) and to confirm how many of these include resident permit parking.

Q26 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans in place for the Climate Action Regional Office to include information/awareness visits to schools in the North Inner City.

Q27 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager if any Decarbonising Zones have been identified in the North Inner City and if so to give their locations. If not, can the Area Manager confirm that potential zones are being identified/sourced within the North Inner City.

Q28 Councillor Nial Ring

Given that a suitable location for a replacement fire station for the North Strand Station has been identified, could the Area Manager confirm whether, or not, this site will be amalgamated with the (details supplied) and used for Social Housing. If so, could the Area Manager detail the number of units expected to be built on the site and also confirm that this area committee's agreed preference for Senior Citizen Accommodation will be the preferred usage and will be used to facilitate step down arrangements of senior citizens.

Q29 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the answer given to my question No 72 of March 2021, and to specifically ask if the survey mentioned in the answer has taken place and if so, what were the results. If not completed, can the Area Manager arrange to have it conducted and to include the residents of the Houses on Clonliffe Road backing on to the area involved surveyed as well as the residents of (details supplied).

Q30 Councillor Eimer McCormack

Can the Area Manager provide an update regarding any Public Consultation planned for the redesign of the (details supplied). Residents are anxious to see plans and offer their thoughts.

Q31 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager can she shed any light on when work will commence on (details supplied). Bought under a CPO the site has been sitting idle for many months.

Q32 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to report on the traffic calming plans for the (details supplied).

Q33 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to liaise with the Housing Department to ensure the full refurbishment of (details supplied) so that all homes in the complex can have the same energy rating as the pilot initiative recently showed; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Q34 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to detail the progress made to date on respect of implementing 2021 objectives for the (details supplied); an indication of what proposals are being considered for actioning as part of the 2022 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q35 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a progress report into the delivery of new and better housing on the former (details supplied); the timeframe for local consultation with householders living immediately adjacent to the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q36 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide an overview of the feasibility study undertaken into (details supplied); the next steps to advance such a project; the indicative cost arising from the feasibility study; the timeframe for likely delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q37 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to why is it that a co-ordinated cleaning schedule is not in place for (details supplied); since the opening of the area, I have received countless phone calls, emails and social media interaction about the untidiness and general poor upkeep of the amenity; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q38 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to outline what projects are being considered for inclusion with regards the 2022 (details supplied); the details of each; the likely cost of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q39 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed update on indicative plans to refurbish and enhance existing housing in (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q40 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide details of the feasibility study committed to by the previous Housing Manager with regards (details supplied); the next steps in delivering the results of the feasibility study; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q41 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed progress report into plans for a dedicated cycle route along (details supplied); the indicative timeframe for the delivery of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q42 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to indicate whether new speed surveys have been carried out yet along (details supplied); the details of same if they have been carried out; what further actions will be considered as part of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q43 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager what streets are being considered by the Roads Maintenance Section and being recommended by the Area Office for inclusion in the (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Q44 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if she will designate (details supplied) as a casual trading area and issue casual trading licenses to ensure some regular activity in that location and which would provide passive supervision of the area to discourage anti-social behaviour.

Q45 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if a plan will be put in place for the regeneration of (details supplied) based on the project already piloted successfully there.

Q46 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to clarify what measures are being taken to protect (details supplied) after a number of fires have damaged this historic building recently.

Q47 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if traffic markings can be introduced to facilitate the right hand turn into (details supplied) as there are regular backups at the junction.

Q48 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the six planters blocking (details supplied) are removed.

Q49 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to address the issues for (details supplied)

Q50 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if she can have (details supplied) removed as it is an obstruction, an eyesore, attracts rubbish dumping and is used primarily as a rubbish collection point.

Q51 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to plant a tree at (details supplied) to replace the tree that was removed from this location some time ago

Q52 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to facilitate access to (details supplied)

Q53 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if she will conduct a survey of (details supplied)

Q54 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the Area Manager for a list of the (details supplied), along with a list of those which are fixed with flood lights.

Q55 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans to place flood lights in (details supplied) in the next 12 months?

Q56 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a letter from Dublin City Council to be sent to all local businesses at (details supplied) reminding them that it's illegal to block a footway, ask them to not encourage customers to park on footpaths and that the law will be increasingly enforced

Q57 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to expedite the introduction of the yellow box on the road at (details supplied). Due to the yellow lines being extended at the entrance of the estate to the continuous white line, vehicles are now parking across the vehicular dishing for pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and those with buggies to cross the road, and any tailback of vehicles leaving the estate is also causing the same issue.

Q58 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To request the Area Manager to arrange for the small cul-de-sac at (details supplied) to be manually swept regularly and for the weeds to be removed as the older residents on this street are no longer in a position to maintain themselves.

Q59 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to request if the housing application of a resident could be prioritised due to circumstances and if they could be recommended for an Approved Housing Body (details supplied)

Q60 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager if Dublin City Council is in ownership of the car parking area in front of the shops at (details supplied) or if this land belongs to those who have shops at this location.

Q61 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager for the purpose of and the outcome of the recent examination of the area (details supplied) by a Dublin City Council staff member

Q62 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager what is the cost associated with collecting and moving leaves to Thorntons Recycling, and also specifically the associated cost at (details supplied).

Q63 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager if the area at (details supplied) could be examined again to tackle the volume of vehicles blocking the footpath and if a letter could be issued to the business premises at (details supplied) reminding them that it is illegal for their staff to block the footpath for pedestrians.

Q64 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager if the footpath at (details supplied) could be swept more regularly due to the volume of litter here and if other measures could be put in place to tackle the regular dumping of materials at this location.

Q65 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding question (Q74) at the July Central Area Committee that (details supplied) be monitored regularly due to the large amount of vehicles parking here who do not have parking permits, and could the logs of DSPS be shared to confirm how many times the road was visited and how many clamps that were made on this road since July 2021?

Q66 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager for an indication regarding traffic transport request (details supplied) to determine if these measures can be implemented?

Q67 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to improve safety in (details supplied) and deter public drug use there through: i) the installation of CCTV, ii) altering the bushes to increase passive surveillance (there are a few bushes opposite the end of the laneway that people tend to crouch behind to inject etc and leave the needles in the base of the bushes), and iii) improving lighting in the nearby laneway?

Q68 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to renew the markings of the bicycle lane on (details supplied) to increase driver awareness of the need to provide safe space for people cycling here?

Q69 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the (details supplied) and the plans to progress this now that much commuter traffic is resuming?

Q70 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to upgrade the cycle path along the (details supplied)

Q71 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager for the locations of any more proposed bike bunkers in the Dublin Central area and whether people who have applied for a space can get a response to the current stage of their application?

Q72 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to install sheffield stands bike parking on (details supplied)

Q73 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to remove the weeds around (details supplied)

Appendix 1

Question to Area Managers

Central Area Committee Meeting
9th November 2021

Q1 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager to put in place a new heating system in (details supplied)

Reply

Dublin City Council's Heating Unit replaced a part on the boiler in October 2021. However it has been assigned for replacement. An inspection is due the week beginning 15th November 2021 and installation due 3-4 weeks afterwards.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Tel: 2223517

Q2 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager have Dublin City Council engaged with the (details supplied)

Reply

Two planning applications were submitted for the redevelopment of the (details supplied) .

The first application was for a large scale residential development located to the (details supplied) and was submitted under the strategic housing development legislation to An Bord Pleanála. The Board granted planning permission, however this decision was annulled by court order following a judicial review. It is anticipated that a new application for this part of the site will be prepared and submitted to the relevant competent authority in the near future.

The second application was for a commercial development fronting onto (details supplied) providing approximately 32,000 sq metres of office floor space and a 246 bedroom hotel. This development was granted planning permission by the Planning Authority on 11th January 2021 and was not appealed. This approved development does not include any residential units.

Contact: Mary Conway, Deputy Dublin City Planning Officer

Tel: 222 3319

Email: mary.conway@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager how many Dublin City Council run hostels are in Dublin 1, 3 and 7 areas.

Reply

The DRHE funds 56 homeless services in the Central area.

There are 29 services operated by not-for-profit/NGOs.

There are 27 privately operated services.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Director DRHE

Tel: (01) 222 6611

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q4 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager how many trades personnel are employed by Dublin City Council in the Dublin 1, 3 and 7 areas.

Reply

There are numerous trade people across Housing Maintenance and other Departments within Dublin City Council. There are a total of 90 staff throughout the Dublin 1, 3 & 7 .

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Tel: 2223517

Q5 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager when the double yellow lines will be in place in (details supplied)

Reply

There is currently no record of any request on the TAMs system for double yellow lines at (details supplied). If a request can be logged via the online Traffic Service Request form, outlining particular location(s) along the street for double yellow lines, the Area Engineer will investigate and provide any recommendations. See link below for Cllr Service Request Form:

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/tag/5e122f7d>

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation

Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q6 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager that the Traffic Department agree with residents on (details supplied)

Reply

A request for an extension of the operation of parking for (details supplied) was referred to the Parking Enforcement Section on 3rd November 2021. The Parking Enforcement Section will review the request and will issue a recommendation to the Traffic Advisory Group where it will be reviewed at the Traffic Advisory Meeting. If approved at the meeting it will then be referred to Parking Enforcement for a ballot to be issued to the residents.

Contact: **Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.**
Tel: **222 2017**
Email: **dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie**

Q7 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager if there are plans to develop the west side of (details supplied) when the residents move to their new homes in December this year.

Reply

A feasibility study has been completed to appraise the options for the delivery of public housing on the site at (details supplied).

A decision will be made shortly on the delivery mechanism that will be used and this will be discussed with the local area office and local elected members at the earliest opportunity

Contact: **Michelle Robinson**
Tel: **087 4541126**
Email: **michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie**

Q8 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager that all efforts be put in place to continue to keep (details supplied) clean as the street is run down.

Reply

Waste Management Services clean (details supplied) at least four times a day on a daily basis and will ensure that Moore Street continues to be cleaned to a high standard..

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 2224240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q9 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager what is the average turnaround to bring a flat or house back into housing stock when it becomes vacant.

Reply

The average time taken from vacancy until occupancy of voids units is 16.9 weeks. This included an average of 11 weeks for the refurbishment works to be completed by the contractor. So far in 2021 there has been 622 units refurbished under the void refurbishment programme.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Tel: 2223517

Q10 **Councillor Declan Meenagh**

To ask the Area Manager for an explanation of what the tree planting requirements are in the following application (details supplied) and to ask why these requirements were not followed

Reply

The application has been reviewed on the APAS (planning system). The application was a Local Authority Works (Part 8) planning application or a Change of use to a Depot for the parking of the waste collection and street cleansing vehicles and deposition of street cleansing waste before removal off site for disposal.

There is no requirement in the approval issued for trees to be planted.

Contact: Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer

Tel: 222 3108

Email: greg.bryan@dublincity.ie

Q11 **Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

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

Reply

The subject trees will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the 2021/2022 NW Tree Care Programme.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3395

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to have the traffic bollards repainted on (details supplied)

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will have these bollards painted prior to Christmas 2021.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager how many people are on the different housing lists for Area E.

Reply

Please see below from July 2021 Quarterly report

JULY 2021 Housing Waiting List figures by Band Category				
BAND 1 HOUSING	Area E			
Traveller Priority	11			
Housing Medical Priority	30			
Housing Medical Priority older person	12			
Welfare Priority	5			
Welfare Priority older person				
Homeless Priority	127			
Homeless Priority older person	16			
Band 1 Grand Total	201			
BAND 2 HOUSING	Area E			
Band 2 Housing List	921			
Band 2 Housing List older person	52			
Band 2 Grand Total	973			
BAND 3 HOUSING	Area E			
Band 3 Housing List	890			
Band 3 Housing List older person	139			
Band 3 Grand Total	1029			

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 2222639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to look at providing additional parking for users of the (details supplied)

Reply

A letter has been forwarded to the OPW and the Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to repaint the parking spots at the (details supplied)

Reply

Alterations to the parking arrangements at the two locations in front of the shops on (details supplied) including angled parking are included as part of Package 7 of Minor Works Programme. Detailed design is currently underway. Works on this Package of works commenced on the 18th of October 2021. It is anticipated that works will be completed by early 2022. We have requested a works program from the contractor and will share the exact dates with members as soon as we receive it.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.
Tel: 222 6397.
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager has any agreement been reached on the (details supplied)

Reply

The Part V allocation has not been finalised as yet, however the Housing Department are in advanced negotiations with the developer regarding Part V compliance at (details supplied).

Contact: Michelle Robinson, A/Executive Manager
Email: Michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie
Phone: 222 6114

Q17 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to fix the damaged pathway on the (details supplied)

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will arrange for the repair of this traffic island in early 2022 as Operation Open City commences 28th November 2021.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance]

Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to erect (details supplied)

Reply

The Cabra Office will be in touch with the Councillor to assist the Club with the purchase of flags.

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Cabra-Glasnevin Area Office
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager how many Co-Living and Build to Rent developments have been approved by Dublin City Council in the (details supplied) in last 3 years.

Reply

Set out below are the details of the approved applications for Co-Living and Build to Rent Developments in the (details supplied) from 2018 to date:

Build to Rent

Applications Granted	6	
Applications Refused	3	One applications is on appeal to ABP. Two were appealed to ABP with one of them Granted Permission and one Granted with a Split Decision).

Shared Co – Living

Applications Granted	5	One is on appeal to ABP
Applications Refused	4	Two are on appeal to ABP Two were appealed to ABP and subsequently granted permission

Within the above figures, is one application which is included in both categories as a combined Build to Rent and Shared Living Scheme – (details supplied). This application has been granted permission.

Contact: Fiona Murphy /Administrative Officer

Phone: 222 5233

Email: Fiona.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to allow (details supplied)

Reply

If the applicant wishes to move property, they do so through Mainstream HAP at the Mainstream HAP rates. The Homeless HAP scheme is a once off intervention. The applicant must give adequate notice to the landlord and the deposit will be returned to secure next property. The applicant can contact the Mainstream HAP section on 01 222 6400 to discuss what potential rate they may get if they decide to move.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Director DRHE

Tel: 222 6611

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure the entrance to the (details supplied) are kept clear in case of a flooding incident this Winter.

Reply

Drainage Maintenance check these swales regularly and clear material as required. This will continue through winter. Racks at all three locations have been cleared in the past week.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Division.

Tel: 222 2702

Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for a report on the state of (details supplied) and to indicate what repairs are necessary and when they will be carried out.

Reply

Road Design & Construction Bridge Maintenance team have carried out a site inspection and are sourcing materials and planning to carry out repairs.

Contact: Joseph Kelly, Senior Engineer. Road Design & Construction Division.

Tel: 222 2907.
Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to comment on or explain why the Central Area completed the lowest number of voids and the lowest number of refurbishments (120 and 57 respectively) when it would have one of the highest concentration of social units.

Reply

Housing Maintenance completed 922 units in 2020 through a combination of the Framework maintenance works or by Direct Labour. The house in question relates to both existing housings stock and acquisitions.

To date this year to date there has been 137 units completed within the Central area through a combination of the Framework maintenance works and by Direct Labour and this is an increase on 120 properties which were refurbished in the Central Area in 2020.

Furthermore there are currently 38 units in the Central Area that are with the framework contractors which we expect to be completed in the next one to eight weeks. There are 43 units currently awaiting contractors going onsite.

The number of units which become void and can be refurbished in any given area can fluctuate based on the level of units which are returned vacant possession to Housing Maintenance.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Tel: 2223517

Q24 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to detail how many of the recycling bins were installed in (details supplied) under the Circle City recycling Scheme and detail the results of the waste audits carried out on the scheme.

Reply

DCC Waste Management have been working environmental charity Hubbub and the Coca Cola foundation on Circle city "recycling on the go" Phase 1 launched in Oct 2020 with 25 bins across key streets in the city centre. (Details supplied) was in Phase 1 and 12 bins are in place.

Phase 2 will formally launch in November 2021 with an additional 25 bins broadening the area of the city centre covered. Additionally 10 Recycling solar compactor big belly bins will be trialled in the Docklands.

Audits carried out on the performance of the first phase of the campaign have so far reported positive results. The most recent audit found that 83% of plastic bottles and cans in the areas covered by the recycling initiative are now ending up in the recycling bins, as opposed to the general waste. The overall quantity of plastic bottles and cans being recycled through the new bins has more than doubled since launch.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
Email: Richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q25 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to detail the number of streets in the Central Area (NEIC) which have paid parking (parking meters) and to confirm how many of these include resident permit parking.

Reply

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will report back to Councillor Nial Ring when the information is gathered.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q26 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans in place for the Climate Action Regional Office to include information/awareness visits to schools in the North Inner City.

Reply

The Dublin Metropolitan CARO supports and coordinates climate action activities by the four Local Authorities of Dublin City, South Dublin, Fingal and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown. Each Dublin Local Authority has a dedicated Climate Action team who work on their individual Climate Change Action Plans which includes educational and awareness activities.

The An Taisce **Green-Schools programme** is Ireland's leading environmental management and education programme for schools. The programme promotes long-term, whole-school action for the environment and climate issues. Green-Schools is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community. The programme is operated and coordinated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce with support from a number of partners including Local Authorities and the CAROs.

Due to pre-existing awareness programmes like Green schools and as there are nearly 500 primary and secondary level schools in the Dublin Metropolitan Region, the Dublin CARO does not have the capacity or plans for individual information/awareness visits to schools in the Dublin area.

However, if there are particular requests from individual schools these can and have in the past been considered and some form of engagement activity/talk/workshop etc. could be considered. For specific requests in the DCC area, contact should be made in the first instance with the DCC Climate Action Team through climateaction@dublincity.ie. The CARO are happy to assist DCC Climate Action team in such requests.

For information, the 4 Dublin LAs with the Dublin CARO and Codema also recently held the inaugural Dublin Climate Action Week 13th to 19th September with over 70 online and in person events across the Dublin region. Many of the virtual events were recorded and are available at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie. Further information on the Climate Action Regional Office activities are available at www.caro.ie

Contact: David Dodd, CARO Co-Ordinator
Email: david.dodd@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager if any Decarbonising Zones have been identified in the North Inner City and if so to give their locations. If not, can the Area Manager confirm that potential zones are being identified/sourced within the North Inner City.

Reply

To date there have not been any areas within the North Inner City that have been identified as potential Decarbonisation Zones.

However, it is noted that the project team tasked with identifying and preparing an implementation plan for the delivery of Decarbonisation Zones within the City are currently awaiting further guidance from DHLGH, in light of the recently published carbon budgets and national climate action plan. Upon receiving this additional guidance, the team will be better placed to finalise the selection process and associated implementation plan. It is anticipated that progress on decarbonisation plan will be made in early 2022 and the team intend to examine at least one area within each area committee.

Contact: James Nolan, DCC Climate Action Team
Email: james.nolan@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Nial Ring

Given that a suitable location for a replacement fire station for the North Strand Station has been identified, could the Area Manager confirm whether, or not, this site will be amalgamated with the (details supplied) and used for Social Housing. If so, could the Area Manager detail the number of units expected to be built on the site and also confirm that this area committee's agreed preference for Senior Citizen Accommodation will be the preferred usage and will be used to facilitate step down arrangements of senior citizens.

Reply

The former (details supplied) has already been approved by the DoHLGH for the development of general need Social Housing, under Bundle 3 of the Governments Public Private Partnership Programme. The design team is in the concluding stages of finalising a design for the site and it is currently envisaged that the proposed development will deliver approximately 65 apartments, with the Project Team due to commence consultation with the elected members shortly.

Given the work completed to date and the timelines for the North Strand Fire Station becoming available for development, the council will not be amalgamating the two site for delivery as one large development. It is noted that the design for the former (details supplied) is compatible with the delivery of additional Housing on the North Strand fire Station in the future, once these land are available for the development.

The proposed development strategy for the North Strand Fire Station will be discussed with the elected members in advance of appointing a design and progressing the plans further.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, A/ Executive Manager
Tel; 2226114
Email ; michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the answer given to my question No 72 of March 2021, and to specifically ask if the survey mentioned in the answer has taken place and if so, what were the results. If not completed, can the Area Manager arrange to have it conducted and to include the residents of the Houses on Clonliffe Road backing on to the area involved surveyed as well as the residents of (details supplied).

Reply

I walked the site in (details supplied) recently after I received an e-mail from a resident living at the rear of (details supplied). On sounding from the residents in (details supplied) they are happy with the removal of the ivy and they are reaping the benefit of natural sunlight. I am aware in April 2021 the central area office provided assistance and advice to residents of Clonliffe Road adjacent to (details supplied). New shrubbery was planted along the lane way to the rear of their houses to help replace the bio sphere lost when overgrown hedging was removed from the grounds of (details supplied). I will request the railings to be painted, however, I must advise that our paint crew are working through a painting programme throughout our flat complexes. I will ask our paint crew to add the railings to their programme of works.

Contact: Paul White, Area Housing Manager,
Tel: 222 3884,
Email: paul.white@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Eimer McCormack

Can the Area Manager provide an update regarding any Public Consultation planned for the redesign of the (details supplied). Residents are anxious to see plans and offer their thoughts.

Reply

Two phases of public consultation have already taken place in relation to the redevelopment of (details supplied). This does not include works to the Play Centre. It is hoped to complete the detailed design and tender documents to enable the project to go to tender and construction later in 2022.

Contact: Sean Ray, Parks & Bio Diversity & Landscape Services
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager can she shed any light on when work will commence on (details supplied). Bought under a CPO the site has been sitting idle for many months.

Reply

The scope and nature of the works for (details supplied) are very extensive and Housing Maintenance has been advised that these require Part VIII Planning Approval.

Housing Maintenance has submitted its proposals for the properties to technical staff in Dublin City Council and a reply is due by 15th November 2021. These observations and the Housing Maintenance proposals will then be submitted to the Area Planner for review. The Area Planner will submit a proposal to the Senior Planner and this will be referred to the Area Committee. A final proposal will then be submitted to Council as a Part VII Planning Application. If granted a contractor will be appointed following a mini tender competition.

Unfortunately this is a lengthy process but all statutory requirements must be met. The finished project will enhance (details supplied) considerably, as a recently completed Buy and Renew project on this street has also done.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Tel: 2223517

Q32 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to report on the traffic calming plans for the (details supplied).

Reply

From inspection it is noted that there is quite a number of bollards installed at the entrance to the (details supplied) and also that the entrance area around the entrance is within the charge of the OPW and not DCC. If the councillor could clarify the exact location they would like to request bollards the Area Engineer will investigate the request and come back with any recommendations.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.

Tel: 222 6397.

Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to liaise with the Housing Department to ensure the full refurbishment of (details supplied) so that all homes in the complex can have the same energy rating as the pilot initiative recently showed; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

A post project completion review will be undertaken to assess the objective, outcomes, costs and lessons learned from the pilot amalgamation project at (details supplied). Following on from this assessment, the next step will be for the Housing and Community Services Department to agree a regeneration proposal for the entire scheme.

The key challenge will be to redevelop (details supplied) whilst simultaneously respecting and preserving the architectural heritage of the protected structure.

Contact: Michelle Robinson
Tel: 087 4541126
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to detail the progress made to date on respect of implementing 2021 objectives for the greening of Stoneybatter Plan; an indication of what proposals are being considered for actioning as part of the 2022 greening Stoneybatter Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

Following the completion of the Stoneybatter Greening Strategy in July 2019, developed through a co-design process with local residents, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services have been working to implement the list of projects identified.

Please see <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parks/strategies-and-policies/greening-strategies/stoneybatter-greening-strategy>

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
- Alton Lane planting pits

Planned:

- Q4 2021- Large specimen tree planting Drumalee Green, New planting at entrance to Montpelier Drive & Stoneybatter Green enhanced understorey planting
- Q1 2022 - Tree planting on Harold Road, Ostman & Viking Place, Thor Place park improvements & Montpelier Gardens play pocket park

Feasibility – aim to complete in 2022

- Arbour Hill N-S – Rain garden
- Green School zone on Cowper Street
- Tree planting on
Niall Street
Sigurd Road
North Fitzwilliam Place
Swords Street
Montpelier Hill
- Pocket park on Moira Road

€156,670.74 has been spent to date. By the end of Q1 2022, it is anticipated that €400,000 will be spent, assuming there are no delays associated with Brexit and supply issues that contractors have been experiencing in the last few months.

Consultation will continue locally for all projects and an area wide update leaflet will be distributed in December.

Contact: Suzanne O' Connell CMLI, Executive Landscape Architect
Email: Suzanne.oconnell@dublincity.ie

Q35 **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a progress report into the delivery of new and better housing on the former (details supplied); the timeframe for local consultation with householders living immediately adjacent to the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

Fold Housing have been chosen to design, build and manage a housing development for Older Persons on the (details supplied), at present their Architects are working on a design and feasibility study for the site and collaboration is ongoing between DCC Housing Development and FOLD in this regard.

It is the intention of Housing Development Section hold an initial information session for the local community in December. This will be an opportunity to introduce Fold Housing to the local community and information will be provided on the proposals for the site.

Following this initial meeting a further series of meetings will be held with resident of Tom Clarke House and the residents of the neighbouring streets which directly abut the development site.

The local community will be notified in the coming weeks of the date and location of the meeting,

Contact: **Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer**
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie
Tel: **222 3517**

Q36 **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide an overview of the feasibility study undertaken into (details supplied); the next steps to advance such a project; the indicative cost arising from the feasibility study; the timeframe for likely delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

Dublin City Council's City Architects have completed a feasibility study for the regeneration of (details supplied).

The Housing and Community Services Department are now examining the options available for this site and will prepare a more informed and developed report which on completion will be presented to the local area office and the local area elected members.

As the project is at a very early stage, it is too early to give indicative costs and timeframes for expected delivery.

Contact: **Michelle Robinson**
Tel: **087 4541126**

Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to why is it that a co-ordinated cleaning schedule is not in place for (details supplied); since the opening of the area, I have received countless phone calls, emails and social media interaction about the untidiness and general poor upkeep of the amenity; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

Waste Management Services clean the (details supplied) on a weekly basis and we will monitor the cleaning there to see what improvements can be made to the upkeep of this location.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to outline what projects are being considered for inclusion with regards the 2022 NEIC Greening Strategy; the details of each; the likely cost of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

The Parks & Landscape Services Department is currently working on preparation of a selection of projects and estimated costings to bring forward to the NEIC Programme Implementation Board for 2022 funding at the earliest possible date. The Area Committee will be kept informed of decisions in this regard. Subject to approval of funding, the projects will be scheduled for delivery in 2022.

The NEIC Greening Strategy is in implementation Phase 2 (2021-2023). A copy of the Strategy document is available to download at <https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2020-10/neic-greening-strategy.pdf>

Contact: Aine Behan, Senior Staff Officer, NEIC Programme Office
Email: aine.behan@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed update on indicative plans to refurbish and enhance existing housing in (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter?

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.

Presently, the Housing and Community Services Department are liaising with the A/Area Manager and her staff to review and finalise the feasibility study for the redevelopment of (details supplied).

The redevelopment of (details supplied) is linked with the former depot site at Portland Row. A decision is due soon, on the delivery mechanism of public housing at Portland Row and this may have an impact on the timeline of the redevelopment plans for (details supplied).

Upon receipt of Stage 1 approval from the DHLGH, an integrated design team will be appointed and consultation will be arranged with the residents and local community.

Contact: Michelle Robinson

Tel: 087 4541126

Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide details of the feasibility study committed to by the previous Housing Manager with regards (details supplied); the next steps in delivering the results of the feasibility study; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

(Details supplied) is not an immediate priority on the housing regeneration programme. In the short and medium term, the focus of the Housing and Community Services Department will be on maintenance works.

Contact: Michelle Robinson

Tel: 087 4541126

Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Housing Maintenance has installed new secure bin chambers and has survey the drains and carried out all necessary repairs.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Tel: 2223517

Q41 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed progress report into plans for a dedicated cycle route along (details supplied); the indicative timeframe for the delivery of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

Given that that the northern section of this cycle route coincides with the Bus Connects proposals for this location, discussions on the best way forward to deliver an aligned project are currently being advanced with the NTA and more details will be available once an agreed implementation plan has been agreed.

Contact: Jenifer McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport Projects.
Email: jennifer.mcgrath@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to indicate whether new speed surveys have been carried out yet along (details supplied); the details of same if they have been carried out; what further actions will be considered as part of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

Due to traffic volumes not being at their usual capacity it was decided to conduct surveys in the Autumn when volumes were at normal levels. The speed surveys will take place during the first week of December 21.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q43 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager what streets are being considered by the Roads Maintenance Section and being recommended by the Area Office for inclusion in the Road improvement programme 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter?

Reply

Work has not commenced on the Central Area Works Programme 2022. When the draft is ready all Councillors shall receive a copy of same.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q44 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if she will designate (details supplied) as a casual trading area and issue casual trading licenses to ensure some regular activity in that location and which would provide passive supervision of the area to discourage anti-social behaviour.

Reply

The (details supplied) is not a designated area for casual trading. At present we would not issue a licence for said area.

The Licensing section is hoping to carry out a review of the casual trading bye laws in the near future and any proposals which have come into the section will be assessed in consultation with various Departments/Sections within Dublin City Council.

Contact: Karl Mitchell, Director of Services – North City
E: karl.mitchell@dublincity.ie
M: 086-8150321

Q45 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if a plan will be put in place for the regeneration of (details supplied) based on the project already piloted successfully there.

Reply

A post project completion review will be undertaken to assess the objective, outcomes, costs and lessons learned from the pilot amalgamation project at (details supplied). Following on from this assessment, the next step will be for the Housing and Community Services Department to agree a regeneration proposal for the entire scheme.

The key challenge will be to redevelop (details supplied) whilst simultaneously respecting and preserving the architectural heritage of the protected structure.

Contact: Michelle Robinson
Tel: 087 4541126
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q46 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to clarify what measures are being taken to protect the Fruit and Vegetable Market after a number of fires have damaged this historic building recently.

Reply

The Market Building has had fire damage in three of the doors onto St Michan's Street around late summer. The doors while they are charred are structurally sound. They have been further enforced with supports to the inside. The Wholesale Market is a protected structure and all changes require Part 8. While we had sought to design a solution to safeguard the doorways, all proposals would have required fixing to the building or be a wood frame which would still not withstand a fire and may worsen the situation by acting as an accelerant.

We have for this reason focused on proactive engagement with Outreach services, the Gardai at the Bridewell and Security Monitoring as well as Dublin City Council Waste Management. The building will shortly be in use for a Christmas Market which will assist in safe guarding the building with onsite security and passive surveillance.

Contact: Siobhan Maher, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 5235
Email: siobhan.maher@dublincity.ie

Q47 **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if traffic markings can be introduced to facilitate the right hand turn into (details supplied) as there are regular backups at the junction.

Reply

In situations such as this, we are governed by the standards as defined in the Traffic Signs Manual. Due to the narrow nature of the traffic lane here and the presence of a cycle lane, it is noted that there when motorists approach this junction they can proceed straight, left or right. There is insufficient space to provide a dedicated right turn lane and in the absence of a right turn lane in accordance with the traffic signs manual, it is not appropriate to provide road marking for all of these turning movements as general rules of the road apply.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.
Tel: 222 6397.
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q48 **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the six planters blocking (details supplied) are removed.

Reply

The six planters will be removed from in front of the (details supplied).

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Cabra-Glasnevin Area Office
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q49 **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to address the issues for (details supplied)

Reply

As the applicant is in one bedroom Approved Housing Body accommodation, she cannot be considered for Surrendering Larger accommodation list. The Allocations Scheme states "Older Persons who wish to transfer from larger Dublin City Council dwellings to designated Older Persons' accommodation may be considered for a Priority.."

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 2222639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q50 **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if she can have (details supplied) removed as it is an obstruction, an eyesore, attracts rubbish dumping and is used primarily as a rubbish collection point.

Reply

With regards to the traffic poles, Due to the junction being a change of speed limit motorist must be informed of this as they leave the 30km zone. This is replicated throughout the city at similar junctions where speed limit changes.

The Pay & Display signage is located at the start of a section of parking as per the Traffic Signs Manual and must be placed at this location. At the end of the section of road where parking is permitted, the may be displayed with one or other of the arrows omitted, to indicate the direction of the permitted parking.

The signage for the bus lane is also at the appropriate location as it informs motorists of this traffic measure as they turn onto (details supplied). As per the Traffic Signs Manual, the signs should be sited facing traffic, and repeated just beyond each side road for the length of the bus lane.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q51 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to plant a tree at (details supplied) to replace the tree that was removed from this location some time ago

Reply

This location will be inspected in the coming week to establish suitability for replanting. Tree orders have already been placed for our 2021/22 winter planting programme (Nov-Mar) but should this location be deemed suitable it will be added to future street tree planting programme for the area.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q52 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to facilitate access to (details supplied)

Reply

Management of the (details supplied) have been consulted with when confirming the type and location of parking at the bring centre. We are satisfied that the parking provision provided is adequate to meet the demands of their customers.

Furthermore, there is insufficient space between the footpath and edge of roadway to safely accommodate perpendicular/angled parking at this location. Vehicles would have to reverse out of these parking bays which could lead to conflicts between motor vehicles and cyclists. Larger parked vehicles would also encroach onto the roadway and block passing vehicles.

The space between parallel parking bays and footpath is designated as a safe area for pedestrians and is one of the positives of the scheme. This additional pedestrian friendly space continues on the southern side of the filtered permeability measures for the length of the scheme.

Contact: Andrew Geoghegan, Covid Mobility Engineer (North City)
Email: andrew.geoghegan@dublincity.ie

Q53 **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager if she will conduct a survey of (details supplied)

Reply

EIR has informed DCC that EIR are committed to removing any (details supplied) that are not suitable for car chargers.

Contact: Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance
Tel: 086 388 3986
Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Q54 **Councillor Darcy Lonergan**

To ask the Area Manager for a list of the DCC sports grounds in the Central Area, along with a list of those which are fixed with flood lights .

Reply

Parks pitches/courts in Central Area (Cabra-Glasnevin Area)

John Paul Park	5 full size pitches
Martin Savage Park	5 full size pitches , 1 small size pitch
Ashington Park	1 small size pitch
Griffith Park	1 small size pitch
Mount Bernard park	3 tennis, 1 Basketball court

None of the above are floodlit .

Contact: Sean Ray, Parks Biodiversity and landscape Service
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council Sport and Recreation Facilities

1. Ballybough Youth and Community Centre (MUGA has floodlights)
2. St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre (Common Street MUGA has floodlights, St. Laurence O Toole MUGA does not have floodlights)
3. East Wall Recreation Centre (MUGA has floodlights)

MUGAS (Multi- Use Games Areas)

1. Aldborough Place (MUGA has floodlights)
2. Grenville Street

3. Hill Street
4. Sean O' Casey Avenue – Matt Talbot
5. Portland Place
6. Diamond Park (Gardiner Street)
7. Dunne Street / North William Street x 3 (3 small MUGAS)
8. Ballybough House – Popular Row
9. Larkin House (North Strand Rd)
10. Hardwicke Street (MUGA has floodlights)
11. Dorset Street
12. Dominick Street

Other Parks, Open Spaces, Waterways

1. Mountjoy Square (MUGA and Kickabout don't have floodlights)

Contact: Bruce McDevitt, A/Senior Sports Officer

Email: bruce.mcdevitt@dublincity.ie

Contact	Donncha Ó Dúlaing
Email	donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie
Telephone	222 5033

Q55 **Councillor Darcy Lonergan**

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans to place flood lights in (details supplied) in the next 12 months?

Reply

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services do not install lights in public parks as they are officially closed after dark.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q56 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a letter from Dublin City Council to be sent to all local businesses at (details supplied) reminding them that it's illegal to block a footway, ask them to not encourage customers to park on footpaths and that the law will be increasingly enforced

Reply

The Cabra Office will arrange for a letter to be distributed to the businesses on (details supplied) asking them to remind their customers not to block or park on footpaths and to inform them that parking enforcement will be increased on those streets.

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Manager, Cabra-Glasnevin Area Office
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q57 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to expedite the introduction of the yellow box on the road at (details supplied). Due to the yellow lines being extended at the entrance of the estate to the continuous white line, vehicles are now parking across the vehicular dishing for pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and those with buggies to cross the road, and any tailback of vehicles leaving the estate is also causing the same issue.

Reply

It is recommended to install a yellow box at the pedestrian dishing on (details supplied) in order to prevent blocking of a cross flow for pedestrians. A recommendation will be made to the next TAG meeting.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q58 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To request the Area Manager to arrange for the small cul-de-sac at (details supplied) to be manually swept regularly and for the weeds to be removed as the older residents on this street are no longer in a position to maintain themselves.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned cul-de-sac cleaned on the 29th October 2021 and we will ensure that this location is kept as clean as possible.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

(Details supplied) has been added to the list for weed treatment for 2021.

Contact: Stephen Wearen, A/Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Email: stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie

Q59 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to request if the housing application of a resident could be prioritised due to circumstances and if they could be recommended for an Approved Housing Body

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP List with an application date of 23/10/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area D	2	351
Area E	2	806
Area H	2	389

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

If the applicant has circumstances where they cannot stay where they are living, they can apply to HAP for permission to move. If the applicant feels they are experiencing exceptional medical or social circumstances they can apply with the relevant application form to the Allocations or Social Work section.

Reply

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 2222639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q60 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager if Dublin City Council is in ownership of the car parking area in front of the shops at (details supplied) or if this land belongs to those who have shops at this location.

Reply

The Area Office have confirmed with Roads and Streets department that the car parking area in front of the shops on (details supplied) is in charge to Dublin City Council.

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Cabra-Glasnevin Area Office
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q61 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager for the purpose of and the outcome of the recent examination of the area (details supplied) by a Dublin City Council staff member

Reply

Numerous departments/sections within the Council (Parking, Traffic, Roads Maintenance, Covid Mobility, Street Licencing, Planning and the Local Area Office) were all contacted regarding the above issue, and as far as they are aware, no Council staff were deployed at that location.

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Public Domain Officer, Cabra-Glasnevin Area Office
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q62 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager what is the cost associated with collecting and moving leaves to (details supplied).

Reply

Waste Management's 6am North Central team based in Collins Avenue provide a variety of street cleaning services to residential and main thoroughfares Monday to Friday and include the removal of fallen leaves from (details supplied) as part of this service. The introduction of protected cycle lanes has presented local management with challenges as a large road sweeper successfully used in previous years to remove large piles of swept leaves from the channel, can no longer gain access.

Road Maintenance are funding a dedicated waste management team on (details supplied) on an overtime basis two days a week, operating 2pm to 9pm. The first shift commenced 28th September, when leaves were beginning to fall. This was increased to three overtime shifts per week and to date we have provided 13 dedicated overtime shifts for the removal of leaves on (details supplied).

Cost of additional resources provided to (details supplied) in terms of collection and moving leaves are approximately €5250 per week. This can vary due to staff availability.

Resources supplementing leave collections provided by waste management within normal daily duties cannot be segregated in terms of cost.

Movement of collections to (details supplied), although segregated cannot be costed from (details supplied) specifically as it combines other locations.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.
Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q63 Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager if the area at (details supplied) could be examined again to tackle the volume of vehicles blocking the footpath and if a letter could be issued to the business premises at (details supplied) reminding them that it is illegal for their staff to block the footpath for pedestrians.

Reply

A letter will be issued to the business premises at (details supplied) asking them to remind their staff that it is illegal to block the footpath for pedestrians.

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Cabra-Glasnevin Area Office
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q64 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager if the footpath at (details supplied) could be swept more regularly due to the volume of litter here and if other measures could be put in place to tackle the regular dumping of materials at this location.

Reply

Waste Management Services clean the above mentioned location on a weekly basis and remove dumped rubbish from there when necessary to do so.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel 2224240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q65 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding question (Q74) at the July Central Area Committee that (details supplied) be monitored regularly due to the large amount of vehicles parking here who do not having parking permits, and could the logs of DSPS be shared to confirm how many times the road was visited and how many clamps that were made on this road since July 2021?

Reply

The parking enforcement inspector visited this area on the 14th July 2021. He found that parking meter A49 was out of order and requested it to be fixed. This was completed within 24 hours. He found no illegal parking on this date.

He also found that some of the road markings were in poor condition in a lot of the sections and it meant that some areas were not enforceable as markings were not clearly visible. He made a request for markings to be repainted.

Details of clamps:

15th July; 1 request for enforcement; Vehicle clamped
13th October; 1 request for enforcement (crew elsewhere)
20th October; 1 request for enforcement (crew elsewhere)

2nd September; 1 Clamped
21st October; 2 cars clamped: 21:06hrs & 21:10hrs

The inspector informs that road markings have been repainted as requested and more frequent visits by DSPS can be requested.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q66 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager for an indication regarding traffic transport request (details supplied) to determine if these measures can be implemented?

Reply

The request has been received and logged into the TAMs system in recent days. Parts 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 have been referred to Parking Enforcement for reply. With regards to TAG related queries, the Area Engineer will investigate these requests and revert back with any recommendations by the next TAG meeting.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q67 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to improve safety in (details supplied) and deter public drug use there through: i) the installation of CCTV, ii) altering the bushes to increase passive surveillance (there are a few bushes opposite the end of the laneway that people tend to crouch behind to inject etc and leave the needles in the base of the bushes), and iii) improving lighting in the nearby laneway?

Reply

Following from complaints of people pitching tents behind the (details supplied) Parks Service planted the shrub *Mahonia* in the beds here. This strident shrub is highly aromatic and has had the effect not only deterring rough sleeping but also helps to mask unpleasant odours which were an issue. In addition it provides a valuable source of nectar to pollinating insects in winter. It was planted in gravel to facilitate the easy recognition and removal of items such as syringes and needles. Parks Service do not intend to remove it at this time.

Contact: Deirdre Prince, Executive Landscape Architect
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q68 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to renew the markings of the bicycle lane on Eden Quay to increase driver awareness of the need to provide safe space for people cycling here?

Reply

The Interim Liffey Cycle Route is now substantially complete and is fully operational from Phoenix Park to O'Connell Bridge on the north side, and from Grattan Bridge to Heuston Station on the south side. The remaining works on the north side comprises of the section between O'Connell Bridge and Beresford Place and will be tendered before the end of the year. The works will include the reconfiguration of the vehicle and cycle lanes and provide cyclist segregation where possible. The junction of Eden Quay and Beresford Place will be reconfigured to improve cycling and pedestrian facilities.

Contact: Adrienne Houghton, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Sustainable Mobility and Projects.

Email: Adrienne.houghton@dublincity.ie

Q69 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the East Wall Neighbourhood Traffic Scheme and the plans to progress this now that much commuter traffic is resuming?

Reply

The Environment & Transportation Department are awaiting feedback from the Central Area Office on their public awareness campaign around pay and display and to see if residents on particular streets who want to deal with rat running/illegal parking wish to carry out surveys on their streets regarding possible pay and display schemes.

If and when any schemes come to pass the Environment & Transportation Department will continue to work with stakeholders including the Central Area Office, DCC Parks and Elected Members to deliver any additionality in terms of traffic calming and greening.

Notwithstanding this, contractors have been appointed to carry out improvement works as part of the East Wall Neighbourhood Transport Scheme on Ossory Road and Ossory Road/West Road junction. Works include installation of new footpath, uncontrolled pedestrian crossings and a buildout on the Ossory/West Road junction to calm traffic and improve pedestrian facilities for pedestrians travelling from East Wall towards North Strand Road and vice versa. Works are due to be complete by February 2022.

Contact: Andrew Geoghegan, Covid Mobility Engineer (North City)

Email: andrew.geoghegan@dublincity.ie

Q70 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to upgrade the cycle path along the quays between the Samuel Beckett Bridge and the East Link to ensure it is fully protected, off road and separated from the footpath and provides a safe link to East Link bridge?

Reply

There are currently significant plans to upgrade the existing segregated cycle track on North Wall Quay under the BusConnects program. North Wall Quay forms part of Bus Connects route 16 from Ringsend to City Centre. Details for this project can be found at; <https://busconnects.ie/initiatives/core-bus-corridor/ringsend-to-city-centre/>

This project is currently in the planning process and a key part of this project will see a two way fully segregated cycle track installed between the Tom Clarke Bridge and the Samuel Beckett Bridge. Early in 2022 the NTA intends to submit the application for route 16 to An Board Pleanala. The upgraded cycle track will have a link to the proposed Point Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge that is currently being planned by DCC. This new bridge will be constructed to the western side of the Tom Clarke Bridge. The cycle track will also link into the Point Junction Improvement scheme with a connection to East Wall Rd.

Contact: Niall Bolger, A/ Senior Executive ITS Officer, BusConnects Liaison Team.
Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

Q71 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager for the locations of any more proposed bike bunkers in the Dublin Central area and whether people who have applied for a space can get a response to the current stage of their application?

Reply

The team at present are currently working on a tender for the Bike Bunkers which will be advertised on the E- tender's website within the next 6 to 8 weeks. The tender is for the procurement of approx. 350 bike bunkers within the entire Dublin City Council administrative area. The area of the bike bunkers trial "Inside the canals" will continue to be catered for and expanded where demand is required. Dublin City Council using experiences gained from the trial will determine the locations and suitability for each Bike bunkers installed.

The successful company will be responsible for all aspects of the Bike Bunkers including the traffic management, installation and maintenance of the Bike Bunkers. This project will be an NTA funded project. The proposed funding for this project will be €3 million over a 3 year period.

We have identified a location for the remaining bike bunker to be included completing this trail. This bike bunker will be installed while the tender process is been submitted.

Contact: John Tooher, Bike Bunker Manager. Transportation. Road Safety, Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.
Email: john.tooher@dublincity.ie

Q72 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to install sheffield stands bike parking on (details supplied)

Reply

Cycle parking will be included for on (details supplied) in the next batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3970.
Email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

Q73 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to remove the weeds around (details supplied)

Reply

(Details supplied) has been added to the list for weed treatment for 2021.

Contact: Stephen Wearen, Acting Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Email: stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie