



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021

- 1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee Meeting held on 15th November, 2021.** **11 - 20**
- Order: Agreed.**
- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager 13th December, 2021.** **21 - 133**
- Order: Noted.**
- 3 **Area Matters**
- a **Community Grants Reports 2021**
- Order: Noted.** Refer to City Council.
- b **Naming & numbering proposal for 1-9 Clonshaugh Place, Clonshaugh Road, Clonshaugh, Dublin 17**
- Order: Agreed.** Recommend to City Council
- c **With reference to the proposed grant of a lease in respect of Retail Unit 1A, New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13**
- Order: Agreed.** Recommend to City Council. Ollie Hickey stated that the proposed grant of lease for the 2nd unit will be on the agenda for January, with the two remaining units to follow closely either in January, but no later than February, 2022. Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland questioned how the rent compares to market rents for similar units in the area. Ollie Hickey stated that the Valuer's Report reflected that it is a fair market rent, but he will verify this with the Chief Valuer's Office and relay the information to the membership in due course.
- d **Sports & Wellbeing Partnership Report - for noting**
- Order: Noted.** Councillor Heney once again reiterated her thanks to the manager and partnership team on their programmes for enabling women in sport. She welcomed the need for equality in sport & congratulated all concerned on their efforts. This was echoed by Cllr. Patricia Roe (chairperson) and agreed by Cllr MacDonncha. Councillor Cooney stated she welcomed the extra grant for the Dublin City Sports and wellbeing

partnership of 69,000 euro.

e **Housing Supply Report**

Order: Noted. Councillor MacDonncha queried whether or not the Oscar Traynor Forum would remain in its current format. Housing Manager Connell McGlynn confirmed that whilst the forum may evolve over time, it is the intention of the council to retain the forum in its current format for now.

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland questioned when the Bunnratty Road Phase 3 allocations process will start. She also enquired as to when the presentation of housing projects promised by David Dinnigan would come to the NCAC. Connell McGlynn confirmed he envisaged allocations happening towards the end of January. He also stated that there are no definitive dates for the housing presentations as of yet but he anticipates that they will take place in the spring.

Councillor O'Muirí asked for an update on the Respond (101) units proposed for Grace Park Road as this proposal has been outstanding for a number of years. Councillor Heney advised the members she had received a response on this matter which states; *“ Respond have support from Dublin City Council and the Department on this project. At this point the project’s costing is being fully assessed. Tender is due to be advertised in January. The note in the supply report refers to the application on rent support and the percentage under CALF Funding”*.

Councillor Cooney stated that she had read an article on the European Housing Report on “Cost Rental” and how it had already proved to be a very effective model in the pilot conducted in three other European cities and could we examine this further. She is also keen to see more of the “rapid” build housing in the North Central Area. Manager Derek Farrell to discuss same with Councillor Cooney.

Councillor Terence Flanagan once again queried the source of the Housing Report. He wants to see more of a north central housing office imprint on this, that highlights changes on projects pertinent to north central, so that any change can readily be seen on a monthly basis. Manager Farrell stated that this is the most up-to-date information to his knowledge, that it is produced monthly for the City Council meeting. He will verify this.

Lord Mayor Gilliland acknowledged that the housing supply report is updated centrally monthly, however, she requested that a separate document be produced, reflecting “North Central Area projects only”, so that councillors could just focus on developments/projects pertinent to their area. Councillor Roe also requested this. Manager Farrell reiterated that all the information is there in the report, but that this request will be conveyed to the Housing Department for their consideration.

Councillor Batten queried if the projected figures for the 2022 Housing Supply could be structured in such a way as to reflect (in so far as is possible) approximately how many people these new housing streams would remove from the housing list. Housing manager Connell McGlynn will produce a report on approximately how many 1, 2 & 3 bedroomed units there are and what impact they will have on reducing the housing list and circulate it to the members in due course.

Councillor Roe requested an update on the timeframe given at the November NCAC for the Part 8 & submissions for the Social Housing Bundle 3 Project (SHB3)- Site at Collins Avenue, Whitehall– is it still on track for January. This request will be referred to James Nolan for response to the members.

f **Chivers**

Order: Rejected. The members collectively rejected the report following much discussion. Councillor's MacDonncha/Lyons & O'Toole conveyed their dissatisfaction with the report, in particular with the response from the Law Agent. However, both the Lord Mayor & Councillor Heney advised caution in this regard stating that they respected the Law Agent's legal opinion & it is important for the members to direct their ire at the rightful recipient, Platinum Land. The general consensus is that it isn't acceptable that members continue to regret a decision made, when what informed that decision, was untrue. It was a decision that members nervously took in good faith, because they collectively recognised the urgent need for housing in the area. All councillors are eager for this situation not to reoccur & looked for any possible recourse open to members to copper fasten better decisions for the future.

It was acknowledged that National legislation needs to be amended to ensure that this never happens again. Manager Karl Mitchell stated that this issue would be most appropriately addressed at the Planning SPC, for both the members and the executive, to inform National Legislation going forward. Accordingly, Councillor Roe proposed that a motion be sent from the North Central Area Committee to the Planning SPC to table a discussion on the matter. This was agreed by the members.

Councillor Lyons requested that Paul Clegg recirculate the McCutcheon Hailey Report 61/2018 on the Proposed Variation of the Old Chivers Factory on Coolock Drive in the name of Nathan Smith, to the members.

Councillor Cooney asked once again if the derelict sites levies could be back dated as a disincentive for developers to do this in the future.

Paul Clegg stated that it is not possible to back date the derelict sites levies as this is a legislative process & must be adhered to.

Manager Farrell confirmed that two letters were sent to Platinum Lands and no response was received. Councillor Heney requested that Area Management endeavour to make phone contact with Platinum Lands.

Councillor Cooney looked for clarity on the situation regarding the potential of Dublin City Council renting any developments on the site. Manager Farrell stated that there is no agreement for leasing outside of the Part 5 process.

g **SHD0024/21 - "Parkside 5b", Parkside, Dublin 13 - Presentation**

Order: Noted. The Planning Department gave a presentation on this SHD to the members. Their comments will be forwarded to the Chief Executives Department for inclusion in the Chief Executives report to An

Board Pleanala.

4 **Roads & Traffic Matters**

a **Minutes of the TAG Meeting dated 23rd November, 2021.**

Order: Noted. Councillor Cooney requested an update on the Neighbourhood Schemes in the North Central Area. This will be referred to Will Mangan for response to the members. Eoin Corrigan to revert back to Councillor Cooney in relation to who is responsible for furthering the Safe School Zones scheme.

Councillor Roe queried about the progression of the work being done on updating the TAG listing. Eoin Corrigan stated this is an ongoing process that has to take place in tandem with current work requests.

Councillor Heney queried when smaller traffic calming schemes will be implemented for instance on St. Brigid's Road, where there is a huge issue with speeding. She stated that there is an exceptionally dangerous bend on Clanree Road and could she have an update on the installation of a ramp at this location. The issue here is not speeding, it is the dangerous nature of the "blind" bend. Eoin Corrigan to revert directly to Councillor Heney.

The TAG team will be undertaking a speed survey in the North Central Area in December which will inform our capital works programme for next year. TAG will revert to the members in January with the list.

Councillor O'Toole raised the issue of "mini" roundabouts which currently are not an impediment to slowing down. Can this be addressed. Councillor Roe queried the wisdom of carrying out a speed survey in December due to reduced traffic volumes at certain locations at that time of year. Eoin Corrigan stated that this is taken into account.

5 **Motions**

a **Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland**

That this North Central Area Committee recognises the significant development plans in the area of the Northern Fringe/Belmayne/Clongriffin areas as well as significant developments in the bordering Fingal [Co.Co.](#) Belcamp/St Donagh's/The Coast/Baldoyle and the need for appropriate co-ordination of the social infrastructure, particularly transport links, and permeability between the two local authorities. The North Central Area Committee requests that the previous joint local authority representatives' forum be resurrected and meetings of the forum scheduled in the early New Year to ensure local public representatives and key stakeholder engagement in development going forward.

Reply:

The North Fringe Forum was chaired by an independent chairperson Declan Cahill and Vanessa Carey, (now in Fingal County Council) was the representative for Dublin City Council. Each Local Authority presented their various development/building plans and there was an opportunity to discuss emerging issues and ask questions. It was

open to Councillors, TDs and other local stakeholders.

The North Fringe Forum evolved into the Clongriffin/Belmayne Safer Forum. This forum (prior to Covid) was generally facilitated five times a year and Deirdre Murphy replaced Vanessa Carey as the Dublin City Council representative.

Moving forward into 2022 the local area office will recommence the Safer Forum meetings including the Belmayne/Clongriffin one via zoom.

The Local Area Manager will engage with Fingal County Council in the New Year with a view to setting up an initial session where both Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council can explore key areas of mutual interest and establish where there might be opportunities to collaborate on projects where we share joint objectives.

Contact: Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf –
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Order: Agreed. Lord Mayor Gilliland referenced Item 3g(SHD Parkside) in support of her above motion highlighting the need for an inter-authority forum to examine social infrastructure & traffic. Councillor Brabazon stated that there is local concern regarding the “cul-de-sacing” of the old Hole in Wall Road which he wants brought to the attention of the joint Inter-Authority forum urgently. Councillor Roe referenced her request to meet with Fingal in relation to Santry & the Development Plan and it didn't happen and she wants that looked at as well.

At this juncture the Chair requested an extension of time. This was seconded by Councillor Cooney.

b Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That the Manager please provide an update on plans for Fairview Park including

- (a) the proposed tearooms,
- (b) the playground (to include how playground equipment is cleaned, maintained/repaired/replaced, cleansing of the playground space in general and how often same occurs,
- (c) the skate park and general upgrading of same and
- (d) timeline for replacement of broken railings
- (e) make full statement on the matter

Reply:

The part 8 for the tea rooms has lapsed due to unavoidable delays and will now have to be reinitiated.

The playground is currently being upgraded and is expected to open in the coming weeks. The playground is visually inspected daily and cleaned as necessary. Annual independent inspections identify wear and tear and necessary repairs which are scheduled.

The skate park is inspected visually daily and necessary cleaning carried

out and a safety inspection is carried out annually and any necessary repairs are scheduled in a timely manner. There are no current proposals to upgrade the skate park.

The replacement rail has been ordered and will be replaced as soon as the contractor's schedule allows. This is expected before the end of the year.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Order: Noted. Councillor's Heney & Cooney expressed their collective dissatisfaction with lapsing of the Part 8 for the Tearooms, querying what were the unavoidable delays that led to this lapse and when can this be reinitiated & will it be delivered in time for the opening of the Clontarf Cycleway. Regarding the skate park, Councillor Heney formally proposed agreement to upgrade the skate park and wants to receive a fuller report on the above motion in its entirety. Councillor O'Muirí requested that the appropriate official from either Planning or Development attend the January meeting. Manager Mitchell stated that Area Management will follow up on this with both Parks & Planning for a fuller explanation for the agenda for the January meeting. He also proposed a fuller discussion to take place in relation to a skate park in a one off meeting in January to agree as a collective where a skate park would be best placed.

c Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That should this Area Committee agree, that it calls on the members and management to progress, with the assistance of the Smart Dublin Office, the introduction of the "Civic Dollars Scheme" whereby for every 30 minutes a constituent spends in one of five parks in our area (up to a limit of 5 dollars a day) will be able to earn civic dollars to be redeemed in the North Central Area, parks to include St. Anne's Park, Fairview Park, Rockfield Park, Maypark and Fr. Collins Park,

Reply:

The current pilot of Civic Dollars is funded through the Smart D8 district programme and its project partners. The pilot will run for 5 months and currently involves 6 parks, 10 local community groups and a number of local and wider business offering rewards as part of the pilot. This is an evolving pilot, which we hope to initially scale to a wider area of Dublin 8.

Dublin City Council representatives from the Parks Department, South Central Area Office and Smart Cities team are the facilitators of this pilot on behalf of the Smart D8 district. The learnings from this pilot will help Dublin City Council to establish and evaluate the benefits of this programme and any potential to continue the programme at a wider scale throughout other areas across Dublin City and inform any future public procurement opportunities.

At this time, the current focus of the pilot is for the Dublin 8 district, however we will be happy to share the findings of this pilot and engage

with other areas, once the review and evaluation of the pilot is complete.

Contact: Nicola Graham, Smart City Operations Manager
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Order: Agreed. Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland has requested that the Smart City manager flag North Central's interest. Councillor Heney requested that all three area managers keep this item on their radar.

d **Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

That this Area Committee agree to request that Dublin City Council runs a waste separation pilot (dry recyclables, compostable waste, general waste) for the public litter bins in the busy area of St. Anne's Park i.e. Red Stables/Market/Avenue area.

Reply:

The Parks Service does not currently have the capacity to run such a segregated waste trial in St, Anne's Park as there is no waste management contract in place to take dry recyclables.

There are proposals for 2022 to investigate with a view to procuring a suitable digester for compostable waste from the Café, market, farm and green waste generated in the park.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Councillor O'Muirí requested that this be sent to Waste Management to liaise with and advise the Parks Department to progress this motion.

e **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

That this Area Committee agrees that Safe routes to school though Marino be created, with physical measures to address the speeding in a 30km safe zone are addressed so children can use active travel safely unaccompanied from age 7 or 8, as should be the norm, there have been a few near accidents and accidents and parents are understandably nervous.

Reply:

Under our School Mobility Programme we are prioritising schools who were successful in either the School Zone or Safe Routes to School application processes. In the Marino area, St Joseph's CBS Primary, Marino Park Avenue, Fairview Dublin 3 are on our list to receive a School Zone and St Joseph's Secondary School, Merville Avenue are on our Safe Routes to School Round 1 list. These schools share a site and will be assessed together. Our Schools Outreach

Officer visited the site in June and engaged with the Principal. Intervention designs will be drawn up in the New Year once engineering resources have been assigned to the School Mobility Programme.

Contact: Antonia Martin, Communication & Promotion Officer, Covid Mobility Team.
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Order: Agreed. Councillor Cooney requested that the other schools in this area for example Griffith Avenue, be encompassed in this report.

f **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

That this Area Committee agree to write to Irish Rail to put in adequate safe bicycle parking at Clontarf dart station including cargo bicycles.

Reply:

For discussion at Area Committee meeting.

Contact: Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA
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Order: Agreed. The manager will facilitate this letter being sent to Irish Rail.

g **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

That this Area Committee agreed that we have an update on place-making for Vernon Avenue Village, concept drawings have been prepared by residents for a public plaza”

Reply:

Proposals for public realm improvements are always welcome especially where there has been local engagement and input. All such proposals need to be put through a rigorous feasibility process taking account of legislative requirements, minimum widths set out in law, the accessibility and loading requirements of an area, underground services, access for emergency services, the Roads Construction Manual and compliance with numerous policy and guideline documents. Also to be factored in is the availability of financial provision and human resources.

In relation to the Vernon Avenue proposal, the Director of Services met with the businesses in the autumn of 2020 to discuss the area being utilised as a Public Plaza. It was made clear to Dublin City Council at this time that the businesses did not support this proposed initiative. The Area Manager is willing to engage with residents/businesses to establish if there is merit in further pursuing the project.

Contact: Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA

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Order: Agreed. The manager committed to engage with residents, businesses and Clontarf Ward Councillors at an onsite meeting in the New Year.

h Motion in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

That I call on this North Central Area Committee to ensure that future planned developments within the area of Clongriffin, Belmayne and Balgriffin are met with stronger infrastructure links of roads and decent traffic management plans to deal with the explosion of population in these respective areas. There is a significant amount of large scale developments being built without social amenities locally, with both the local schools and crèche having very long waiting lists. I call for this area committee to demand that Dublin City Council look at future capital infrastructure projects to alleviate the situation and strengthen our infrastructure locally in Clongriffin and Belmayne and Balgriffin.

Reply:

It is acknowledged that the Clongriffin/Belmayne and Balgriffin area is a major growth area, providing much needed housing for the City. For that reason the Council prepared a local area plan (LAP) for these lands in 2012, which set out a vision and a development strategy to guide development, with housing integrated with social, education, transport and amenity infrastructure. This LAP was extended to the end of 2023, and the Council continues to implement this approved plan. The Council has been active in seeking funding to complete key elements of infrastructure including being awarded funding through the LIHAF (Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund) to complete key roads; and has worked successfully with the Dept of Education and Skills to see significant new school investment delivered in recent years. DCC will continue to work with all key agencies and stakeholders to ensure that investment continues in the area and seek funding where available; to seek full implementation of the Local Area Plan.

Contact: Deirdre Scully. Deputy City Planner
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Transportation Planning Division works proactively at pre-planning stage to develop robust mobility strategies for proposed developments and to ensure that each development makes the best use of existing and planned public transport and active travel infrastructure. Each planning application is required to demonstrate the proposed development can be supported by existing and planned infrastructure, is accessible to public transport and existing amenities and services. Each planning application is also accompanied by a Traffic and Transport Assessment. Where large scale developments are proposed that are not currently served by public transport infrastructure, the preparation of a Local Transport Plan for the lands is encouraged in collaboration with the NTA and TII.

Contact: Nicola Conlon, Senior Executive Planner,
Transportation Planning Division.
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Order: Agreed. Manager Roe will commit to having a meeting with Councillors, the Planners and the decision makers within the council in the New Year in relation to the larger capital projects especially in the Northern Fringe and also to the reintroduction of the Inter-agency forum & community forums.

Councillor Patricia Roe
Chairperson
Monday 13 December 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Patricia Roe (Chairperson)
Dearbháil Butler
Terence Flanagan
Deirdre Heney
Micheál MacDonncha
Larry O'Toole

Members:

Daryl Barron
Racheal Batten
Jane Horgan-Jones
Naoise Ó Muirí
Declan Flanagan

Members:

Donna Cooney
Tom Brabazon
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland

Officers

Patrick P Smith
Les Moore
Derek Farrell
Karl Mitchell

Catherine Cahill
Sarah Brady
Fiona Moore
Bernie Roe

Fergus O'Carroll
Deirdre Murphy
Connell McGlynn

Absent:



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HELD ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2021

- 1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th October, 2021** 11 - 58

Order: Agreed. Proposed by Cllr. O'Toole & seconded by Lord Mayor Gilliland.

- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

Order: Noted.

- 3 **Area Matters**

- a **Nominations for Councillors (2) to participate in the establishment of an Arts Venue Working Group**

Order: Agreed. Councillor Brabazon nominated Councillor Heney (Clontarf). This was seconded by Councillor O'Muirí. Councillor O'Toole nominated Councillor MacDonncha (Donaghmede). This was seconded by Councillor O'Farrell.

Expressions of interest were also received from Councillors Cooney (Clontarf), Lyons (Artane Whitehall) and Roe (Artane Whitehall). Lord Mayor Gilliland requested that as there are three LEA's, that in the interest of balance and equity, a third candidate should represent the remaining LEA., i.e., the Artane Whitehall ward & to let Area Management decide between the remaining candidates. It was agreed that Councillor John Lyons would be the third representative of the North Central Area Committee.

The three Councillors accepted are: Councillor Heney, Councillor MacDonncha & Councillor Lyons.

Recommend to City Council.

- b **With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in 63 Collins Avenue East, Dublin 5.**

Order: Agreed. Proposed by Councillor O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor Roe. Recommend to City Council.

- c **With reference to the proposed disposal of 1 apartment in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.**
- Order: Agreed.** Proposed by Councillor D. Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Barron. Recommend to City Council.
- d **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 101 Grattan Lodge, Grange, Dublin 13.**
- Order: Agreed.** Proposed by Councillor Brabazon and seconded by Councillor MacDonncha. Recommend to City Council.
- e **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 102 Grattan Lodge, Grange, Dublin 13.**
- Order: Agreed.** Proposed by Councillor Brabazon and seconded by Councillor MacDonncha. Recommend to City Council.
- f **Social Housing Bundle 3 Project (SHB3)- Site at Collins Avenue, Whitehall - Design Development Update**
- Order: Noted.** Councillor MacDonncha stated that the scheme was very welcome & the membership agreed. They thanked Coady Architects for their presentation and requested a more in-depth report, specifically in relation to permeability & the type of materials to be used in the scheme. James Nolan stated that they are in the process of producing an architectural design statement which include the details requested and will issue same to the members in due course.
- It is anticipated that the plenary part 8 review submission will be ready in mid-November, followed by the formal part 8 planning submission in January. It will go on public display in January and invitations for public submissions will be made in January/February. All going well, it is envisaged that it will then be brought to the May sitting of the City Council.
- g **Report on weeding in the North Central Area - Re-listed from the October meeting**
- Order: Noted.** Councillor O'Muirí requested that a vote of thanks be noted from the membership to Public Domain and Waste Management in relation to the recent collaboration between council staff & the All Hallows Area Association regarding the clean-up of leaves on Griffith Avenue. The members also thanked the schools in the area for their input. Councillor Roe requested that a similar effort be made on the western half of Griffith Avenue next year. She also stated (as did Councillor O'Muirí), that the green biodegradable bags provided by the council for the purpose of composting leaves, are far too small and they need to be much larger.
- Cllr. Brabazon stated that 92km was inadequate for weed spraying in the area, given the size of North Central and would like to see this increased. He also thanked Waste Management for their weeding efforts at Grattan Hall/Wood. Councillors Heney, Cooney & Butler lauded the work of the Public Domain Team. Councillor Butler also suggested that perhaps the area office could organise a webinar to inform environmental groups and interested parties on "how to build & maintain leaf cages".
- Manager Mitchell committed to organising a meeting of all interested

parties including Parks/Biodiversity Officer/Public Domain Team & Waste Management regarding the co-ordination of leaf collecting in Griffith Avenue, well in advance of next year's leaf fall season.

h Northside Swimming Pool - for noting

Order: Noted. Lord Mayor Gilliland asked if an increase in staff will increase public swim hours. Councillors Flanagan & Lyons asked similar queries in relation to the works timelines and increased staffing timelines. In response to Councillors queries, Donncha O 'Dúlaing stated that the works are a refurbishment and should not require a Part 8. As soon as the City Architects Department complete the design team brief, he hopes that the works will take place in the autumn of 2022. He will revert to Councillor Cooney on her query regarding the leaking roof. He also stated that there is a studio space on the premises which although is currently used for storage, can easily be converted. This will form part of the works and will be made available as a community resource in the fullness of time.

i Area Housing Maintenance Report - for noting

Order: Noted. Councillor D. Flanagan queried the turnaround time of voids in the North Central Area. Councillor MacDonncha asked about staffing levels in Housing Maintenance & if current staffing levels will be maintained, where there are retirements are staff being replaced and if there are any plans to increase staffing numbers. Councillor Cooney lauded the new system of all relevant trades attending to maintenance queries together rather than individually, stating it is much more effective and efficient. She would also like to see more apprenticeships given, particularly in the area of retrofitting. These queries will be referred to Housing Maintenance for direct reply to the councillors.

Manager Mitchell stated that the area office will organise Clive Ahern Executive Manager of Housing, to give a presentation to the membership on voids. They will also follow up with HR in relation to the corporate stance on apprenticeships.

j Chivers Factory Site - for noting

Order: Noted. Councillors Lyons & Cooney raised the points below. Councillor Roe requested that all 5 points be answered by the Executive Manager and that the response be circulated to all of the membership before the next meeting.

1. More information required as to why the Chivers Site hasn't been put onto the Derelict Sites or the Vacant Sites Register, given that it is idle and derelict since 2017?
2. Will Derelict Site Levies be applied retrospectively?
3. Can the Law Agent please respond to the query regarding the validity of the rezoning carried out by councillors in March 2018, bearing in mind that they were given false information by the developer?
4. Can the council indicate that significant development levies will be applied to the site?

5. Can a statement be made by Dave Dinnigan (Housing Delivery Unit) as to whether or not he has contacted the estate agent selling the land on behalf of the developer to state that there is no existing agreement that Dublin City Council will lease 30% of the properties and that all promotional literature regarding the sale should reflect this?

Manager Mitchell stated that the Law Agent concurred with the report given by Paul Clegg and John O'Hara at the October meeting. The Executive Manager will return to the North Central Area Committee when he has had the opportunity to respond to the above queries. It was noted that there was no communication received from Platinum Land in response to two invitations extended to them to attend a convening of the North Central Area Committee.

k Traveller Accommodation Report - for noting

Order: Noted. The Lord Mayor stated that she would follow up with the Traveller Accommodation Unit herself in relation to Grove Lane, that the council has the funding for it and is keen for it to progress. Councillor Cooney stated that the report was very brief and didn't give updates on Cara Park and she would like the TAU to update her on developments there. These comments will be passed to the TAU.

l Richmond Road

Order: Noted. Councillor Stocker requested that a meeting on site between residents, Manager Bernie Roe and Eoin Corrigan (TAG) take place to progress this item.

Councillor Heney stated that something needs to be done regarding the speeding on Richmond Road.

Eoin Corrigan stated that the detailed design is complete and has been referred to Dermot Stephenson. Dermot indicated that the scheme should be ready to go to ballot in early 2022. However, schemes are dealt with in rotation and there are 3 other schemes ahead of Richmond Road.

Councillor Cooney queried if the NTA Richmond Road Cycleway had been allowed for in the plans and if feasible, could the council deliver on a public realm project. She also wanted confirmation that if they are installed separately, that there would be no potential conflict between the new scheme and the cycleway.

Eoin Corrigan stated that Public Realms works are separate to the scheme that he is developing and would come under the remit of the Area Office. He also stated that his scheme has been seen by the sustainable mobility team (who deal with NTA funded cycle projects) and no conflicts have been indicated.

Councillor O'Muirí stated that the meeting requested by Councillor Stocker above, should take place in early January, to ensure no further delays.

Local area manager Ms. Bernie Roe has committed to facilitating a meeting between residents and Eoin Corrigan (TAG) as soon as possible to review the detailed design that has been completed.

m **Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Report - for noting**

Order: Noted. Councillor Heney praised the work of the Sports and Wellbeing partnership once again. In particular, she is pleased with the IABA boxing report which is targeting much younger age groups now and which is a very positive sporting influence on children who are not interested in other sports. She queried what is involved in targeting schools and would like to see Scoil Ciaran and Our Lady of Consolation Schools involved. She also asked if Kelly Harrington could be approached to become an ambassador on behalf of the council in promoting boxing, especially for the very young. She would like children as young as 5 to be targeted. Donncha O 'Dúlaing confirmed that is in train.

Councillor Cooney expressed an interest in "disability" sports and a resurgence of the cycle programme in East Wall. Councillor Butler requested could a listing of all sporting activities and promotional events be produced for the North Central Area. Councillor MacDonncha stated that Bay City Boxing in Kilbarrack were operating in challenging circumstances with below standard facilities and requested that the team meet this group to see if they could improve their lot in any way. Donncha O 'Dúlaing has undertaken to look into all of the above and revert back to the membership in due course.

n **Housing Supply Report - for noting**

Order: Noted.

Councillor Lyons stated that there is ongoing antisocial behaviour on Bunnratty Road and that this needs to be addressed holistically by Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána and in advance of the 78 new properties on Bunnratty Road being tenanted. Councillor Batten queried have the 78 properties been allocated yet and if proper vetting procedures have been practised. Housing Manager Connell McGlynn stated the new properties have not been allocated yet and that all tenants are vetted for suitability when allocating any council property. He also stated that his office is working closely with the Gardaí to eradicate the issues above.

o **Housing Allocations Quarterly report for October 2021 - for noting**

Order: Noted.

4 **Roads & Traffic Matters**

a **Minutes of the TAG Meeting of 26/10/2021 - for noting**

Order: Noted.

5 **Motions**

a **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

"This area committee notes that the boat ramp in Clontarf had been accessible and in regular and consistent use by many Dubliners over the last fifty years up until the recent decision of Dublin City Council to restrict the public's right to access the ramp, is aware of the disappointment and frustration this decision has caused, does not accept the reason given by the council for restricting access to the boat ramp so therefore calls on

DCC management to reverse its decision, lift the restrictions and allow the public to access once again the only boat ramp on the north side of the city.

Reply

There are no proposals to remove the demountable bollards that were installed at the entrance to the slipway access, to restrict the level of unauthorised car parking that was taking place here which had greatly increased during the Covid restrictions including the long term parking of camper vans. Footpath improvements were carried out at this location earlier this year which would not have been possible without controlling the unauthorised parking. Further improvements to provide better connectivity to the adjoining car park are proposed early next year.

Clontarf Yacht and Boat Club and the Coast Guard have been issued with keys to the demountable bollard and access for other boat owners can be arranged either through the club or through the Parks Service at parks@dublincity.ie who have put a key holding and access protocol in place for such boat owners requiring access.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Rejected. However, Fergus O'Carroll will ensure that there is improved communication around access to the slip way, with display information close by and a notice on the website.

b Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"That this area committee requests 'internal procedures' are drafted in order to assist councillors and officials through future development plans. Presently, as well as legislation to guide use through a part 8 local authority development we also have internal procedures. The same should apply to develop plans."

Reply

The Planning and Property Development Department will prepare a Development Plan Procedures Document to assist councillors and officials in the preparation of Development Plans. This document will complement the Guidelines on Development Plans for Planning Authorities (draft for consultation) which was published in August 2021, once it is finalised.

Contact: John O'Hara, Dublin City Planning Officer
Tel: 222 3813
Email: john.ohara@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Planning to develop an "easy read" set of guidelines to development plans for councillors.

c Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"Considering the fact that skateboarding is now an Olympic sport, that consideration be given to the provision of some form of low level lighting

(similar to that at the playground) be provided at the skate park in Fairview Park, (even up to 5.30pm (November closing time) when skaters use the facility), in order to allow skateboarders practice their sport **and** that the manager agree to meet with a representative user of the skate park to work through other issues such as the new railing that has been ordered and the gravel path that runs along the border; (gravel and small stones are a skaters worst nightmare as they wedge between their wheels and the smooth concrete and stop the wheel turning acting as a sudden sharp brake which causes the rider to be thrown forward with no notice; as putting a gravel path bordering the park makes this a huge issue and has caused hundreds of injuries over the years; as similar situation arose in Cork Street until the gravel areas were paved following complaints from local park users.”

Reply

Low level lighting is not considered adequate for such a high speed sport, floodlighting is required to allow this activity to continue after dark. Floodlighting is expensive to install, maintain and operate and would require planning permission and it is questionable if such lighting could be permitted next to such a busy road into the city. Fairview Skate Park is a small local facility with only 5 items and is not considered suitable for floodlighting.

A more robust replacement rail with additional anchor points has been ordered from a reputable playground company that supplies such items and will be installed at the same location as the previous.

The bound gravel path has been in situ next to the skate park for approximately 10 years and this is the first complaint of this nature received. There is approximately 500 linear metres of such paving surrounding the playground, picnic area and bandstand. The matter will be examined to ascertain if there is a cost effective solution can be identified.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Rejected. Manager Mitchell to pursue the feasibility of providing a state of the art skateboard venue on the Northside.

d **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

”That the Manager give an update on the welcome "on lead off lead" proposal for St. Anne's Park in terms of the next steps for the plan and give a time line for same as well as detail on how the consultation with park users will take place.”

Reply

The proposal has been shared digitally with local residents and interested groups for comment. If there are any other interested parties or groups that wish to make comment they can do so at parks@dublincity.ie

It is intended to organise an onsite consultation before the end of the year.

Ideally this would be in collaboration with a dog care charity to promote responsible dog ownership at the same time.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks
Superintendent
Phone: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed

e **Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí**

"That this Area Committee:

Expresses its concern that the current segregation solution for cyclists/pedestrians on the Causeway Road simply is not fit for purpose as it creates potential dangers for all categories of Causeway users

Reiterates its support for the implementation of planned improvement measures for the Causeway Road in advance of further work on the Dublin Bay Discovery Centre project".

Reply

The current segregation solution provided by way of plastic water filled barriers is very much considered a temporary solution and will be replaced with a cast in situ kerb and bollards or such low bollards similar to those that define cycle lanes on the quays and elsewhere in the city. Certain discussions have taken place with road design engineers but progress has been very slow due to the enormous back log of works arising from the works restrictions due to the pandemic. It is hoped that the matter can be progressed in the coming months with a permanent solution affected in the first half of 2022.

There is a considerable level of service connections sewer, water, data and communications that will be required for the New Discovery centre which will need to be located in the Causeway Road. The matter can be referred to the design team to ascertain what level of improvements can be affected to the causeway in advance of the construction phase of the centre that might not be undone through the required service connections.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks
Superintendent
Phone: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

f **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

"That a flood emergency plan is developed for areas in the NCA that are most at risk from flooding from pluvial/flash flooding, river and marine flooding. That volunteers are trained from outside the areas that are most at risk to help with evacuations and assistance to those effected, as we are facing into the effects of climate change with more frequent extreme weather events, wetter weather increasing our communities and need to be prepared so we can protect those that are most vulnerable".

Reply

Dublin City Council has a flood emergency sub-plan which is part of the City's Major Emergency Plan. This sub-plan outlines procedures for forecasting, warning, putting flood alleviation measures in place and managing a flood event in the city. Civil Defence who are largely a volunteer organisation, but with significant training, are one of the resources which can be called upon in a flooding emergency. All potential flood warnings are assessed in advance by Dublin City Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) and by DCC's Flood Assessment Group (FLAG). Both of these operate 24/7/365.

The areas that are most at risk have been identified by Flood studies carried out for tidal, fluvial and pluvial flooding. Flood Projects have been put in place or are in the pipeline to reduce the flood risk to these areas on a priority basis. Historic floods have been used to verify the extents of these very at risk areas.

Climate change forecasts of increasing sea levels, larger waves and more intense rainfall events have been used to identify areas likely to be at significant flood risk in the future, up to the end of the century and estimates of flood protection are incorporated into all flood projects, where practical.

All of the above is being incorporated into the draft Development Plan to promote sustainable development currently and in the future. All new projects and developments in the city are encouraged to incorporate nature based solutions.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Senior Engineer, Flood Projects & Flood Warning Division, Environment & Transportation.
Phone: 01-2224302
Email: gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Manager Mitchell to revert to the membership before Christmas with an update on the status of the existing flood defence proposal & will examine ways to communicate flood protection advice and tips to the wider public.

g Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"That NCA conduct a community participant risk assessment survey for the effects of climate change and possible biodiversity loss at a local community level, also inviting ideas for solutions at a local level, that this can then feed into the development plan and other plans as part of commitment to act local and think global".

Reply

The area manager will meet with the councillor to review any and all possible options in relation to this request.

Contact: Bernie Roe
Email: Bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed

Councillor Patricia Roe
Chairperson
Monday 15 November 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Patricia Roe (Chairperson)
Dearbháil Butler
Catherine Stocker
Tom Brabazon
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland

Members:

Daryl Barron
Terence Flanagan
Deirdre Heney
Micheál MacDonncha
Larry O'Toole

Members:

Donna Cooney
Racheal Batten
Jane Horgan-Jones
Naoise Ó Muirí
Declan Flanagan

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Fergus O'Carroll
Derek Farrell
Karl Mitchell
Rob Ingram
Eoin Corrigan
Joanne O'Sullivan

Sarah Brady
Fiona Moore
Bernie Roe
James Nolan
Catalin Rosca

Deirdre Murphy
Connell McGlynn
Donncha O 'Dúlaing
Mary Davis
Dermot Stephenson

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Tomas Sexton of Coady Architects
Stephen Carter of Coady Architects

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
13th December 2021

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to give an update on provision of home extension to provide mobility for the resident at **(details supplied)**, all forms have been submitted?”

Reply

Dublin City Council received an application from the address provided in early November 2021. This is on the surveyor's list for inspection, following on from this a letter will be sent to the tenant informing her of the outcome.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager due to the worsening situation regarding the rat-run along Lorcan Road-Shanvarna Road-Shanrath Road, that a new survey needs to be conducted and additional measures investigated as per Area Committee Q98 from Feb 2021?”

Reply

This area is included on the list of areas that are being considered to receive a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme. It is anticipated that we will complete the assessments and be in a position to conduct surveys and commence a scheme for the selected area(s) within the next three months.

Contact: Andrew Geoghegan, Neighbourhood Transport Engineer (North City).
Tel: 222 6347.
Email andrew.geoghegan@dublincity.ie

Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to indicate when Installation of shower unit will be carried out at **(details supplied)** as the tenant suffers with serious ill health and cannot access the bath facility. This work was passed almost two years ago?”

Reply

The application for the address provided has been assessed and a decision has been made. The tenant will receive a letter concerning the outcome by the week ending 17th December 2021.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to this housing query at **(details supplied)** and say if this applicant can be accommodated with a transfer to a larger home?”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer List, Band 2 with an application date of 19/8/2014, and the applicant holds the following position on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	239

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 can log on and register at Homeswapper.ie if they wish to swap their tenancy with another Dublin City Council tenant.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to have the broken footpath ‘trips’ repaired at **(details supplied)** as there have been a number of minor accidents?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of this location. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager to clean out the laneways at **(details supplied)** and can he confirm that a cleansing schedule can be put in place for these laneways as the lack of cleaning has become a perennial issue?”

Reply

Waste Management Services have arranged to have the above mentioned laneways cleaned during the first two weeks of December 2021. Laneways are monitored on a regular basis and are cleaned when necessary as opposed to being on specific schedules.

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

Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager to review the footpaths on Grangemore Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13 and make safe all cracks and uplifts on same?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of this location. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.**
Tel: **222 3898.**
Email: **derek.horan@dublincity.ie**

Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager to review the footpaths in Grattan Lodge Estate and make safe all uplifted footpaths?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of this location. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager to review the footpaths on Elmfield avenue, Clarehall, Dublin 13 and make safe all uplifted sections of footpath as there are tripping points emerging from tree root activity?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of this location at Elmfield Avenue. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a maintenance inspection at **(details supplied)** as there seems to be damp, particularly in the porch area and the impact seems to be causing an offensive odour in the house?”

Reply

Dublin City Council’s Housing Maintenance replaced the roof and installed new flashing at the address provided. Housing Maintenance also had a contractor call to the house on Monday 6th December 2021 to complete internal painting works. Works commenced and initially the tenant was happy, but when the tenant realised that we were painting the walls and not skimming the walls as well, the tenant allegedly got very abusive and the contractor had to leave. This has now been referred to Area Office to speak to the tenant.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 2223517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

The Project estate office will be in contact with the tenant in relation to the above issue in the coming days.

Contact: Connell MC Glynn, Area Housing Manager
Phone: 222 6942
Email: connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a review of the tree at **(details supplied)** and the damage caused to the pillar of this particular residence?”

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the recommencement of all Safer Forum meetings via Zoom - these meetings have been an invaluable community engagement and participation platform and giving ongoing restrictions need now to harness technology and recommence?”

Reply

Moving forward into 2022 Dublin City council will address recommencing the Safer Forum meetings via zoom. For the smaller Forums such as Edenmore and Donaghmede where regular people attend there shouldn't be any issues. However for the likes of the Clongriffin/Belmayne Safer Forum where numbers and those in attendance can vary at each meeting from those residing in the area, we will have to decide on the most beneficial approach to Zoom meetings, it may be necessary to only invite 1 or 2 representatives from each Resident's association.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

The area office (Artane/Whitehall) will arrange for the first Kilmore Forum to occur early in the new year via zoom. We will also look into a Darndale Forum meeting being called in the new year via zoom also.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall
LEA
Phone: 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to indicate when the tree will be removed from outside the house at **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

The tree is listed for removal with a relatively low priority it is intended to affect its removal this winter in tandem with other essential tree works in the area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a night time examination to see if all street lights are working at **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

A night inspection was carried out here on 23/11/21, at this time one light (Pole no.12) was found to be not working. This light was repaired the following day and a follow-up night inspection completed 01/12/21. On the subsequent night inspection all lights were found to be operating normally.

Contact: Nicola O'Shea, Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 4452
Email: nicola.oshea@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to have the double yellow lines outside **(details supplied)** re-marked and also the School Keep Clear Road markings as far down as **(details supplied)** re-marked?”

Reply

The markings were inspected and are in reasonable roadworthy satisfactory condition and no further re-markings will be carried out. However, it was noted: they are covered in leaves. This has been reported to the NCA office whom I am advised has logged on CRM for street cleaning Ref: 2861934

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer
Tel: 086 815 1521
Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

Q.16 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to consider placing a dog poo bin at **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

Waste Management Services no longer provide dog foul specific bins. We have a number of standard litter bins in this area, all of which can be used to dispose of dog waste.

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

The Parks Service do not provide dog bins or indeed install any bins within residential estates but would expect residents to bring litter and dog dirt home and use their domestic bins.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the area manager (**details supplied**) to report on the erection of signs banning dogs from the bathing shelters on the (**details supplied**) please?"

Reply

These signs were erected after a number of complaints from sea-swimmers of untethered dogs within the restricted space of the bathing shelters causing injuries, intimidating bathers and fouling the space intended for sea-swimmers to change and enter the water safely. Due to the increase in popularity of the activity during lock down restrictions the small shelter spaces can be quite congested at the appropriate stage of the tide for swimming and as there is an un-railed drop off into the rock armour sea-defences it is felt that this is not a suitable space for untethered dogs.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (**details supplied**) to report on the erection of a piece of railing the Health Centre/ESB compound on (**details**) Ave which was blocking an access route into (**details**) Park which has been used by residents for 50 plus years please?”

Reply

The gap in this hedge was the locus of an accident which when investigated this unauthorised entrance was deemed to be unsafe for pedestrians as the protruding tree roots represented a trip hazard. It was recommended by the accidents investigator that the gap in the hedge be closed. There is a safe, universal access entrance some 150m to the north along Sybil Hill Road.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (**details supplied**) for an update in relation to the proposed Changing Places, kiosk and overflow car parking in (**details supplied**) please?”

Reply

The pre-planning process has been completed and it is envisaged that the Part 8 planning package will be published early in Q1 2022 subject to resources.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (**details supplied**) whether consideration can be given to establishing an Oversight Forum and developing an up to date Management Plan for (**details supplied**) please?”

Reply:

As a Green Flag park St. Anne's has an up to date management plan which is updated each year and sets out the management objectives for the following 2 years. The park also has a pollinator plan that fits into the National Pollinator Strategy.

As the small number of proposed developments or improvements in the park are subject to part 8 planning and are discussed at Area Committee it is not clear of what areas the suggested forum might have oversight.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (**details supplied**) for an update on the response to Question 42 from the November Area Meeting regarding the location of the proposed coffee kiosk on the (**details supplied**), and the proposals to deal with the need for toilets on the promenade while the coffee kiosk is closed, please?”

Reply

A virtual presentation for Clontarf Councillors regarding the exact location was held on the 26th November. This presentation was also circulated to Councillors after the meeting. The model proposed would suggest that the coffee unit would be open at the times of highest footfall, which is also the time when toilets are most needed and in demand. It is not possible to provide supervised clean toilet facilities at all times. There is a requirement in the contract that the unit would be open a minimum of 50 hours per week.

Contact: **Coilín O'Reilly, Director of City Recovery**
Tel: **086 3835019**
Email: coilin.oreilly@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O’Farrell

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the current status of the Brent Geese feeding sites identified in the 2017 Scott Cawley Natura Impact Statement – Information for Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment please? **(Details Supplied)**”

Reply

Currently there is no update on the status of these sites as there is a PhD ongoing, which we have contributed towards, which is looking at Brent Geese movements and use of sites, and we will make this available when complete in 2022. We will also be working on mapping and site management guidelines for Brent Geese in 2022, and similarly will make data available when complete.

Contact: Shane Casey, Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 3418
Email: shane.casey@dublincity.ie

There are on-gong third level research projects on the Brent Geese and their feeding grounds which when published add to the information available from previous studies such as the 2017 Scott Cawley Natura Impact Statement. This research is then available to inform planning decisions.

It is also an objective of the new Biodiversity Action Plan team to draft site management guidelines for Brent Geese feeding sites which will then be available to private land owners.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (**details supplied**) for a report on the removal of the height restriction barriers at some of the carparks along the (**details supplied**) and whether it is intended to reinstate these barriers, please?”

Reply

Certain height barriers were removed as they had become damaged and posed a risk to users.

The height barrier at the slipway was removed to allow cars with kayaks etc. on roof racks access to the car park and slipway.

It is not intended to replace these in the short term.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager to support **(details supplied)** in respect of a council home please. Please provide details of his time and position on DCC's area lists and what options are available to him?”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 22/09/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	2	29
Area M	2	21
Area N	2	31

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.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, he should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager to support **(details supplied)** in respect of housing/senior citizen accommodation please. Can you report on **(details)** status vis-à-vis DCC / DRHE and his options / next steps to secure long term senior citizen accommodation please?”

Reply

Under the Social Housing (Assessment) Regulations 2011, as amended, the applicant is not eligible for Social Housing Support at present. According to documents submitted, the applicant has sufficient funds to provide accommodation from their own resources.

However, the applicant is in the process of appealing the decision (with the support of his brother) and the appeal will have regard to the extenuating factors in this case.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Director DRHE
Tel: 222 6611
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager to organise the reinstatement of the damaged / bent over 'stop sign' at the corner of Clonturk Park / Drumcondra Road, D9 (at Tesco's) please?”

Reply

That Sign Pole was replaced on Friday 26/11/21

Contact: Michael J O'Brien, Traffic Officer (E&T Department)
Tel: 222 2773
Email: Michael.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the works at (**details supplied**) in light of concerns re traffic flows, long delays and issues with emergency vehicles getting through. Is the Area Manager in a position to say when these works will be completed?”

Reply

The works at this junction are now substantially complete with the exception of re-surfacing the entire junction. The re-surfacing works is temperature dependent and will take place as soon as a suitable break in the cold wet, weather can be identified.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer
Phone: 222 2706
Email: COVIDMOBILITY@dublincity.ie

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if alterations to house at (**details supplied**) can be fast tracked in light of the tenant’s worsening medical condition?”

Reply:

Dublin City Council received an application from the address provided in early November 2021. This is on the surveyor’s list for inspection, following on from this a letter will be sent to the tenant informing her of the outcome.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Phone: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager, In light of my previous question to provide traffic calming measures on Hampstead Avenue, if Parks Department would consider reconfiguring the carpark at Albert College to allow for more parking spaces, to alleviate the illegal parking along double yellow lines on Hampstead Avenue, which occurs at the moment?”

Reply

Parks will look at the configuration of the car park here and consider line marking as part of a works programme in 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Dublin Street Parking Services will investigate the illegal parking and enforce where necessary.

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

With respect to the request for traffic calming measures on Hampstead Avenue, a speed survey has been procured and will be carried out this month. The results of this survey will determine what if any recommendations are necessary.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Tel: 222 6145.
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to investigate continuous breaches of the traffic management for **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

The Planning Enforcement Section has been engaging with the developer on a regular basis in respect of the site’s requirements relating to traffic management. Numerous inspections of the site by the Planning Enforcement Section have revealed no breaches of the traffic management plan at the times of the inspections concerned, to date. The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area will discuss the latest allegations of breaches contained in the Councillors question with the site manager in order to remind him of all traffic management requirements relating to the site.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

A letter of compliance was issued in May 2021 for condition no.16 of the permission granted under Plan No. SHD0002/20sub07 which states:

16. A detailed construction traffic management plan shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The plan shall include details of arrangements for routes for construction traffic, parking during the construction phase, the location of the compound for storage of plant and machinery and the location for storage of deliveries to the site.
Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

The letter stated that the framework for construction traffic management as set out within the submitted Traffic Management Plan is considered acceptable. This is subject to ongoing reviews of construction traffic management and liaison by the contractor/applicant with DCC’s Roadworks Control Section throughout the period of construction. The contractor/applicant shall apply for all necessary licenses and permits where required. Condition 16 is considered to be complied with.

Any departure from the agreed Traffic Management Plan, unless agreed with Roadworks Control Section, is non-compliant and as such should be referred to Planning Enforcement Section.

Contact: Edel Kelly, Senior Transportation Officer, Transportation Planning Division.
Email: edel.kelly@dublincity.ie

The road in question, where trucks are queuing to gain entry to the development site, is a private road and not in charge to Dublin City Council. Roadworks Control cannot take any action in this case.

Contact: Conrad Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Roadworks Control Unit.
Email: conrad.rennicks@dublincity.ie

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to investigate breaches of planning permission granted to (details supplied)?”

Reply

Following an investigation by the Planning Enforcement Section into this matter an Enforcement Notice was served under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requiring the cessation of the use of the conference centre at the Bonnington Hotel, Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9 for the hosting of events which are in breach of Condition 2 of planning permission granted by An Bord Pleanála (Reference PL29N. 220345) under Planning Register Reference 4083/06, and associated full compliance with Condition 2 of planning permission granted by An Bord Pleanála, (Reference PL29N. 220345) under Planning Register Reference 4083/06. This notice was issued on the 26th of November 2021 and is to be complied with from Monday 29th November 2021. If Dublin City Council ascertain that this notice has not been complied with legal proceedings will be initiated in respect of non-compliance with the terms of the notice.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on street lighting on suburban estates. Ever since the introduction of the white LED street lighting which replaced the old yellow monochromatic lighting residents report that the lighting levels appear to be very poor. Can you advise what minimum average lux levels are required and how often is this checked? Can the intensity of the lighting be adjusted?”

Reply

All the LED lights installed by Public Lighting Services throughout the city to date, to replace the old yellow lighting, is designed to comply with the light level classes stipulated in Standards IS EN 13201 or BS 5489.

A physical measurement of the light levels on a street following installation is not generally carried out.

Light level classes selected depend on the type and usage of road with, for example, Residential roads having lower light levels than Main roads.

The light output from LED lanterns is much more controlled than the old low- and high-pressure sodium lanterns (orange and yellow lights), allowing them to shine the light to where it is required, i.e. on the footpaths and roadways. This more controlled light also reduces light pollution and light spill into surrounding areas such as private gardens or properties, which can make these areas appear darker. The old orange lights (low-pressure sodium, SOX lights), in comparison, had very poor control, which resulted in the light being emitted in many directions causing light spill and upward light pollution.

If there are a lot of trees on a street with large foliage, this can also have an impact on the light levels.

The intensity of the LED lights installed cannot be changed at present; however, they are factory pre-programmed to dim between midnight and 6am.

If the Councillor has a particular street of concern with low light levels, we will examine the lighting there when we are provided with the street name.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.

Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the road name sign on (**details supplied**) could be placed on the opposite grass verge so that vehicles travelling around the roundabout could see the sign before they pass the turn off?”

Reply

Road Maintenance has asked the inspector to have this nameplate relocated. A job has also been scheduled to relocate this nameplate on our system, for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to the **(details supplied)** and say if she is on the housing waiting list and if so, what her position is on it; say if she is on the HAP scheme and if not, can contact be made with her to advise her of same and of her housing options including social housing as she is currently living in upsetting and unsettling circumstances and requires help?”

Reply

This person is not on the Housing list with Dublin City Council and has therefore not yet applied for HAP. If she becomes active on the Housing list, she will then be eligible to apply for HAP and the Housing Allocations section will issue her with a HAP pack.

Contact: Emma Leahy
Tel: 2226396
Email: emma.leahy@dublincity.ie

This person has not applied for Social Housing Support. A Housing Advisor spoke to applicant on the phone number provided and advised them of the process.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Director DRHE
Tel: 222 6611
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to the final phase 3 of the Wad River Flood Alleviation scheme, (from Collins Avenue East to Collins Park, Dublin 9), give a detailed update on progress of same and say

- (a) What efforts are being put in place to bring this scheme to completion?
- (b) The cost of the overall scheme to date, and to finality to include phases 1, 2 and 3
- (c) what engagement is currently taking place between Dublin City Council, the Office of Public Works, Irish Water and/or other relevant state agency, to ensure that we have the required sanction for the financial resources required to complete this much needed flood alleviation scheme for the reduction/prevention of flash flooding in Whitehall, Donnycarney, Killester and Clontarf and if he can make a detailed statement on the matter to include current planning, timelines for completion of the project”

Reply

Phase 1, of the Wad Flood Alleviation Scheme to reduce flood risk to houses in Clanmoyle Road and environs is completed. Construction cost plus maintenance to date €3.5m.

Phase 2, which includes a new tunnel under the Howth road and improved out details at Clontarf Promenade is at preliminary design stage. A Part 10 planning application may be required on the outlet element of this. This scheme has to be completed to improve the efficiency of Phase 1 and before Phase 3 can be commenced as the exact construction details will determine what can be done in Phase 3. Estimated cost €0.8m. Planning submission 2022. Construction 2023. Handover and maintenance 2024. OPW are on steering group for this project.

Phase 3 which would improve the drainage network upstream of Clanmoyle Road cannot be commenced in detail until Phase 2 is constructed. Cost Benefit analysis has to be re-assessed. It will probably require Part 10 planning permission from An Bord Pleanála as well as significant funding of around €23m+. Irish Water do not have any involvement in this project as it is primarily a surface water project. Possible funding source OPW to be requested to help fund design stage to planning if cost still beneficial and funding available in Q2 2022. It may not be funded at all until Phase 2 is completed.

A new project manager required.

A possible programme if all above obstacles above can be overcome is:-

Procurement of consultant Q3 2022 – Q1 2023.

Stage 1. Environmental and other surveys, preferred option Q2 2023 – Q2 2024.

Stage 2. Preliminary design to planning. Q3-Q4 2024.

Planning An Bord Pleanála 2025.

Stage 3. Procurement of Contractor and new consultant. Q1-Q3 2026.

Stage 4. Construction Q4 2026 – Q4 2028. Resident Engineering staff required.

Stage 5. Handover and maintenance period. 2029.

Contact: Gerard O’Connell, Senior Engineer, Flood Projects and Water Framework Division.

Email: gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in in relation to my question 32 at the May 2021 Area Committee meeting (see attached), if he can arrange to

- (a) Correct the road signage on Seafield Road, Clontarf, where at present the signage indicates to motorists as they approach from the Vernon Ave side that they are still in a 50kph zone, yet there is a sign stating 30kph at the turn into Vernon Court; and when approaching from the Castle Ave side, they are in a 30kmph zone.
and
- (b) Clarify what happened to the recommendation that a pedestrian crossing was to be installed on Seafield Road.”

Reply

The Road Safety Engineer will inspect the signage issue described at part (a) above and make appropriate recommendations.

Contact: Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.
Email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie

Following assessment, an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing was proposed for Seafield Road West as part of TAG Package 7 Capital Works. Funding is in place and a contractor has been assigned. The exact sequencing of the works within package 7 is at the discretion of the contractor, we have requested a detailed works programme.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

A detailed works programme has been requested from the Contractor, and this will be passed on to all Councillors as soon as we have received it.

Contact: Will Mangan, Acting Senior Executive Engineer,
Email: will.mangan@dublincity.ie

Q.37 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the refreshing and replacement if necessary of the planters at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The planters in question are not maintained by Dublin City Council, they are owned and maintained by Fairview businesses and Bram's cafe.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Phone: 222 8866
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the current housing list in the NCA and the average time one enters the list and exists?”

Reply

It’s not possible to provide the average time for entry and exit to the Housing List. There are many variables as to why an applicant may exit the list; not eligible, housed, change of circumstances etc. Applicants with priority would generally be housed sooner than applicants on band 2 or band 3. This means the average time would not be an accurate indicator of how long an applicant may wait on the housing list.

See below waiting time for applicants currently on the Housing list for Area B.

Time on list	Area B
0-1 year	612
1 to 5 years	1711
5 to 10 years	941
Over 10 years	634
Total	3898

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an urgent upgrade request for street lighting at **(details supplied)**. This area is a heavily trafficked area with people in the area working night shift especially frontline workers that need appropriate lighting to ensure there is safe passage to and from there work?”

Reply

The existing public lighting on Castletimon Avenue, and adjacent Castletimon Road, Ballyshannon Road, and Dundaniel Road will all be upgraded to LED lighting as part of an upcoming LED Upgrade Project. While we can't provide an exact timeframe for this upgrade, it is our intention to schedule these works in 2022.

Contact: Nicola O'Shea, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services.
Tel: 222 4452.
Email: nicola.oshea@dublincity.ie

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the area at **(details supplied)** to be cleaned up and arrange to have this area on a regular route as it is a high traffic area due to the bus stop?”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned on the 2nd December 2021. We will ensure that this location is monitored and cleaned on a regular basis.

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

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to review the application of **(details supplied)** and ask that given the circumstance that this request be marked urgent and that it is priorities?”

Reply

Dublin City Council received an application from the address provided in early November 2021. This is on the surveyor’s list for inspection, following on from this a letter will be sent to the tenant informing her of the outcome.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a work schedule of the area surrounding **(details supplied)** as the area does not seem to be given the same amount of work as others and there seems to be very limited planting and flowers in the road ways?”

Reply

Generally planting and flowers planted on roadways, at the entrances to villages and around name stones are implemented and maintained by residents and tidy towns groups. These open spaces in the area all receive the same number of maintenance visits and attention under the landscape maintenance contract. Spring flower bulbs and wildflowers have been planted on the Malahide Road and MacAuley Park in the area. These programmes are completed for 2021 but if residents wish to make contact on parks@dublincity.ie to suggest further areas for bulb planting arrangements will be made to have these areas inspected for suitability for inclusion in future programmes. Wildflower seeds and sowing information and guidelines can also be provided to interested residents or environmental groups.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update to last summer’s request that the area at **(details suppld)** be cleaned up and there would be an update in the road signage?”

Reply

Thank you for clarifying the details for this nameplate.

Road Maintenance will complete an inspection of this nameplate located on the Kilmore Road/Avenue junction. A new nameplate will be ordered or the existing nameplate repainted as required.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

If further information can be provided to the undersigned, we will refer the query to Waste Management or the appropriate contractor .

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager when a tree at **(details supplied)** will be removed?”

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager his current plans for provision of a small playground/recreational area at **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

The multi-annual programme of playground upgrades presented to the area committee in 2019 identified Belcamp Playground as the priority for 2022. Certain discussions were held with residents group and local councillors and it is felt that a small playlot could be delivered in 2022 but this would require a significant contribution from the discretionary fund.

**Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent,
North City Parks District.**
Tel: 222 2265
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager is there any update on the cleaning up of the Clonshaugh Road and the dual carriage way so that there can be safer crossing to the hotel off Cloghran Lane?”

Reply

Waste Management Services send a sweeping machine into the above mentioned area at least once a week. The footpaths here are litter picked once a week. We will continue to make every effort to keep this area as clean as possible.

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

Q.47 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager for a progression update on the below DCC report in particular the co-ordinated approach to develop this essential piece of social infrastructure.”

To the Lord Mayor and Report No. 372/2017
Members of Dublin City Council Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

(v) Green Route and River Mayne Linear Park (Clongriffin and Belmayne)

(b) River Mayne Linear Park:

Objective MT07 seeks a pedestrian route along the River Mayne to the coast. The River Mayne Linear Park is envisaged as a greenway connecting the Plan area to the coast. This greenway has not progressed significantly since the LAP was made. Sections of the Park to the west of Marrsfield Avenue have been granted planning permission under Ref. Reg. 4016/16 and 4266/16 as part of residential development schemes which have yet to be developed.

Both Fingal Parks & DCC Park are seeking to provide a coordinated approach to the treatment of the River Mayne corridor which lies between the two administrative areas. It is intended to commission a ‘Landscape Plan’ /study on the stretch of the river from the M1/M50 junction (Turnapin and Cuckoo streams) to where the Mayne River enters Baldoyle Bay. Further discussions are required between DCC and Fingal to advance this plan.

Reply

Parks Services are continuing to pursue the objective of the River Mayne Linear Park through the development management process with applications including the river corridor within their boundaries. Currently this includes SHD pre-application discussions for the Belcamp Lands (Gannon’s) and compliance submissions under SHD0022/19 (Parkside).

Contact: Kieran O’Neill, Senior Executive Landscape Architect
Phone: 222 3400
Email: Kieran.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager that where Irish Water dug up the road in front of **(details supplied)** when repairing water pipes on the road, but never replaced the double-yellow lines when they fixed the road. Can these be repainted?”

Reply

The replacement of these double yellow lines were referred previously to Irish Water for replacement. This has been referred again to Irish Water for action. However, it should be noted that works will not be permitted on the **(details supplied)** during ‘Operation Open City’ which prevents roadworks taking place during the Christmas period on high impact roads such as the **(details supplied)**.

Contact: Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure
Management Unit.
Tel: 086 388 3986
Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on when the Whitehall to Killester section of the cycle route will be done. Also to get more information on the plans for the cycle route outside the shops at Whitehall, and Donnycarney (Collins Avenue West) and how the cycle route and parking spaces outside these two stretches of shops will be managed.”

Reply

The section referred to forms part of the larger Finglas to Killester route identified as part of the NTA's five year plan for upgrading pedestrian and cycling routes in the city.

A project office to implement this plan is due to be formed early in 2022. To date no plans have been developed for the section referred to.

Contact: Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer

Phone: 222 2706

Email: COVIDMOBILITY@dublincity.ie

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to provide the law agent's legal advice in relation to the proposed compulsory purchase order of the old Chivers Jam factory site on Coolock Drive?”

Reply

I reviewed and gave input to the replies prepared by John O'Hara and Paul Clegg. The following may be of further assistance to the elected members;

- The government has proposed new measures to counteract windfall gains from land speculation as part of the new action plan for Housing. The initiative proposes, if and when enacted, to require developers to pay to the State up to half of the value of land when it is rezoned for housing.
 - The Councillors may continue to lobby the government to enact proposed changes to legislation to provide for land value sharing.
 - It is clear also that the Councillors have an important role in lobbying for funding to be provided for the State and Local Authorities to acquire and develop sites suitable for public housing.
- The Councillors feel that they were duped into agreeing to rezone the lands from industrial to residential with a resultant increase to the land value. The Councillors are not entitled to extract any promises from land owners when they making zoning decisions. They should be aware that in making such decisions that they are setting *policy* and that there is no guarantee that land will subsequently be re-developed when it is rezoned.
- It is not open to the Councillors to direct the Executive to either acquire the site by bidding for it on the open market or to acquire the site by compulsory acquisition. Acquisition and CPO powers are exercised by the Executive and not the elected members. If the Council were to decide to CPO the site it would not be legally possible to set a value for the acquisition at pre 2018 prices.
- The Councillors are considering changes to the zoning for the site which is a function reserved to the elected members.
 - Councillors in considering any changes to zoning are legally restricted to considering proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government. Legally they must not take into consideration irrelevant considerations in making their decisions.
 - A change in the zoning objective of a site which has the benefit of a prior planning permission will not impact the validity of that planning permission although it will impact any future applications for planning permission or extensions/amendments to the current permission post a new zoning.
 - Using a change to zoning to increase the percentage of social and affordable housing to be delivered on privately owned lands under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 currently set at 20% runs the serious risk of a legal challenge. Any changes to percentages of social and affordable housing on private lands should be left to national legislation.

Contact: Yvonne C. Kelly, Law Agent
Phone: 222 3211
Email: Yvonne.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to produce a report on the proposal of attaching significant development levies to any proposed development of the old Chivers Jam factory site on Coolock Drive?”

Reply

Sub-section (1) of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 enables a planning authority, when granting a planning permission under Section 34 of the Act, to include conditions requiring the payment of a contribution. This contribution is in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefitting development in the area of the planning authority and that is provided, or that is intended to be provided, by or on behalf of the Local Authority.

The development at the old Chiver’s factory on Coolock Drive was granted by An Bord Pleanala on the 23rd of December 2020 and the development contribution applicable has been estimated at €3.25 million euro.

Contact: Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer
Phone: 222 3108
Email: greg.bryan@dublincity.ie

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to please cut the large overgrown trees which are next to this house in **(details supplied)** and are a hazard and blocking sunlight and if he could please phone resident?”

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to cut back trees next to **(details supplied)** as they are destroying gutters and blocking light they should be topped to the height of the houses. I would appreciate if you could please call resident in relation to this matter”

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager whether any capital works are planned for DCC library’s in the north central area and for details of the lease and planned expansion of the Donaghmede SC library.”

Reply

Raheny Library - Raheny Library will close on Monday the 20th December 2021 for essential refurbishment and upgrade works. The planned works will include new flooring, ceiling, lighting and internal furniture and fittings. These essential works are being undertaken to ensure an improved service for the public and working environment for staff. We look forward to the reopening of a new and improved library in Spring 2022. Library users may continue to access services at nearby Donaghmede Library and Coolock Library. Online content is also available. The message will issue to the public over the coming days via the usual library channels.

Donaghmede Library -There are no current plans to expand Donaghmede Library. Negotiations on a new long-term lease are continuing.

Contact: Alison Lyons, Divisional Librarian, Finance, Capital Projects & Facilities Management, Dublin City Libraries

Phone: 087 6245351

Email: Alison.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to investigate why this tenant of **(details supplied)** has no proper heating in her apartment for well over a year. She is pregnant and due in the coming days and having no heating is adding to her stress. Can the local housing manager please phone me about this case? Is there good news to report? Any update since last month?”

Reply

Dublin City Council and The Management Company have reached an agreement. I can confirm that works are planned to be carried out at this apartment details above this coming Monday.

Contact: Patrick Smith, Area Housing Officer
Phone: 222 3852
Email: Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager whether the room next to Northside swimming Pool on the 1st floor of the shopping centre can be taken in charge to help improve facilities at the swimming pool?”

Reply

DCC are in the process of appointing a design team to bring forward to tender proposals for the capital works including the much needed upgrade of changing facilities and the repair of the roof structure to the pool at Northside Shopping Centre. The scope of the works will examine the potential of undertaking improvement works to the lobby room on the 1st floor and its potential reuse as a studio.

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

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager can the footpath outside (**details supplied**) be swept as it is full of leaves etc. ”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned footpath swept on the 2nd December 2021.

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

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager can the following please be phoned re: very dangerous footpath near **(details supplied)**?”

Reply

The Area Engineer has made contact with above mentioned to discuss.

Road Maintenance Services will also complete an inspection of the footpaths on Saint Assam's Avenue/Park near **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide update on **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

The Part 8 Planning application for **(details supplied)** Older Person Housing Development was lodged on the 3rd of December, newspaper notices and site notices went on display from this date. The plans have also been uploaded to Citizens Space, this is a public consultation tool which allows submissions /observations to be made online.

The Public Inspection viewing ends four weeks from the 3rd of Dec. Observations and submission can be made for a further two weeks from his date.

Contact: Michelle Robinson A/Executive Manager
Phone: 222 6530
Email: Michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide a report re vacant retail units at Clongriffin and say what is being done to ensure they are occupied?”

Reply

Dublin City Council engaged Mason Owen and Lyons, Estate Agents to market the new retail units at New Priory.

A report on the first proposed letting, Unit 1A, is on the agenda for this Committee's meeting on 13th December 2021 and the Chief Valuer has advised that he will be in a position to report terms in respect of the other units shortly.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3055
Email: oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on programme works to be completed in the NCA for the remainder of the year. Please provide a breakdown of the discretionary spend in the NCA for the past 3 years?”

Reply

The following locations remain outstanding or ongoing on the 2021 works programme.

Roadway Resurfacing

Newtown Cottages (Due to the junction with Malahide Road and Operation Open City these works are planned in 2022)

Marino Park – Ongoing (recently added as additional works)

Footpath Repairs

Lorcan Estate- Ongoing

Seafeld Road East

Dunluce Road

Belton Park/Donnycarney Road – Partially complete. Works to recommence once Irish complete their works at that location.

The Rise/Hampstead Park – Scheduled in December 2021

Kilmore road

Collins Avenue Extension

Raheny Road

The above works were scheduled for 2021 but due to delays from covid restrictions and Operation Open City, any uncompleted works will continue into 2022.

The discretionary budget is organised by the local area office.

- In 2019 Localised footpath repairs in Elm Mount and Marino were part funded by the NC discretionary budget.
- The two locations part funded under the discretionary fund in the NCA discretionary budget in 2020 were Roseglan and Mount Olive. These locations were completed in 2021.
- Lorcan Estate localised footpath repairs and Raheny Road footpath repairs were part funded by the 2021 NC discretionary funding. These will be completed in 2022.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.

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Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to please provide details re plan to improve the energy efficiency of council owned housing units in the NCA?”

Reply

The number of housing units we will be in a position to retrofit in 2022 will firstly be determined by the level of funding we receive from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the continuation of the programme in 2022. This has yet to be announced and will be issued from the Department directly to all Local Authorities nationally, which we envisage will be Q1 of 2022 based on previous years.

When we receive confirmation from the Department on the level of funding that Dublin City Council will receive and any other information regarding the continuation of the programme, we will be more than happy to provide the Councillor with further details.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on the new procedures to facilitate public access to the boat ramp in Clontarf?”

Reply

If advance contact is made with parks@dublincity.ie identifying when access is required arrangements will be put in place to have the demountable bollard unlocked.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed community centre for Kilbarrack?”

Reply

The Cost Benefit and Needs Analysis for this project is still a work in progress. When this piece of work has been carried out, the results of same will be made known to NCA elected representatives.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer.
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Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed timeline for the development of the Oscar Traynor Road site, including when the development agreement is to be finalised, when the planning application is to be lodged by and how long the developer has to complete the project?”

Reply

Timeframe for development of Oscar Traynor Road site:

- **Signing Development Agreement:** Q1 2022 (within 4 months of Section 183 as per terms same)
- **Planning Lodgement:** Q3 2022 (within 6 months of signing DA as per terms of same)
- **Final Planning Grant:** Based on the above planning lodgement date and given scale, nature and complexity of the project (i.e. likely request for further information, etc.) planning could be granted in Q1 2023.
- **Construction:** As soon as practicable following grant of planning permission – Q1 / Q2 2023
- **Completion:** Latest Q2 2027 (i.e. 48 months from issue of commencement notice to complete and hand over every home on the site as per terms of Section 183). Delivery will be phased over the four years with the first of the new homes expected by end of 2024.

Contact: Martin Donlon, Development Manager
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Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for the costs incurred to date by the city council in relation to the administration of each of the Housing Land Initiative projects, Oscar Traynor Road, O' Devaney Gardens and St. Michael's Estate?”

Reply

Costs incurred to date by DCC in relation to HLI projects totals €1,822,853.27

Contact: Martin Donlon. Development Manager

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Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a report on all communications between the council and Glenveagh Living Ltd and/or its representatives and/or agents for 2021?”

Reply

Report on Correspondences between DCC and Glenveagh Living

01.02.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Tender Results
19.07.2021	Letter DCC to Glenveagh	Extension of Validity Period
24.08.2021	Meeting Request	DCC & Glenveagh – Alternative Redevelopment progress meeting
20.09.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Councillor Question draft Reponses
21.09.2021	Meeting Request	DCC & Glenveagh – Glenveagh draft responses
21.09.2021	Cancelled Meeting Request	DCC & Glenveagh
08.10.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Housing SPC Agenda & meeting link
15.10.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Draft Responses Press Query
01.11.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Meeting adjourned to 22nd & letter issued to councillors.
102.11.2021	Email DCC & Glenveagh	Tender Unit Price
12.10.2021	Email Glenveagh to DCC	Community Facilities licence
08.11.2021	Email Glenveagh to DCC	Community Facilities terms of licence agreement
22.11.2021	Email Glenveagh to DCC	Development Agreement Reponses
02.12.2021	Email Glenveagh to DCC	Glenveaghs solicitor contact details

Contact: Martin Donlon, Development Manager

Phone: 2223943

Email: martin.donlon@dublincity.ie

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to ensure proper estate management of the temporarily vacant blocks at Cromcastle Court. Nearby residents report an increase anti-social activity, illegal dumping and a rodent manifestation affecting adjoining homes to the complex.

Reply

This area will be secured in the coming days with new gates and the area cleaned, pest control have visited the area and will continue to monitor where necessary.

Contact: Connell MC Glynn, Area Housing Manager
Phone: 222 6942
Email: connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for a comprehensive report on all vacant and derelict sites in the north central area, including the vacant building at **(details supplied)?**”

Reply

Please see below details of vacant sites in the North Central Area as per the Vacant Sites Register:

Register No	Address of Property	Folio Reference	Ownership	Owner address	Market Value
VS-0501	61-65 Fairview Strand, Esmond Avenue, Fairview, Dublin 3	Unregistered	Banner A Cuig Limited	Sovereign House, No. 4 Christian Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2SD	€1,300,000
VS-0596	Site at Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 5	DN18193F; DN18194F	Dublin City Council	Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F	€44,000,000
VS-0623	Site fronting Clonshaugh Road, Dublin 17	DN6836	Mr. Brian Condron & Mr. Peter Downey	16 Farmleigh Park, Castleknock, Dublin 15; 207 Delwood Lawn, Castleknock, Dublin 15	€240,000
VS-0654	Site on corner of Swords Road & Collins Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9	DN217385F	Dublin City Council	Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F	€14,000,000
VS-1073	Grove Lane, Clare Hall, Malahide Road, Dublin 17	Unregistered	Unistone Limited	No. 63 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2 D02 NP73. & C/O J & S Property Management Sc Limited, Unit 14B, Stadium Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€565,000

Contact: Sonya Long, Senior Staff Officer, Active Land Management
Tel: 222 3838
Email: sonya.long@dublincity.ie

Details Supplied

Derelict Sites and Vacant Sites Sections have no active file on this property. An inspection will be arranged to assess its condition and determine what action is required, if any, under either Derelict sites or Vacant Sites legislation. A report on the findings and assessment will issue to the Councillor following the inspection.

Derelict Sites

Derelict sites visually impact negatively on the surrounding area, give out the impression of an area deteriorating and are a magnet for antisocial behaviour and take valuable housing stock out of circulation. There are currently 76 sites on the Derelict Sites Register and the Derelict Sites Unit has circa 400 active case files.

The Council through the effective exercise of the legislative provisions in the Derelict Sites Act 1990, proactively strives to achieve the eradication of dereliction in the City and the return of derelict sites to active use. The implementation of an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 is a key part of the Council's Active Land Management Initiative which aims to eradicate underutilised, vacant and derelict lands and buildings in the city. The Council will only acquire compulsorily as a last resort in circumstances where all efforts to secure the carrying out of improvement works by property owners have been exhausted. In determining what sites to acquire, the Council prioritises those properties which can be most readily reinstated to active residential use. Twenty five derelict sites have been acquired compulsorily since March 2017, twenty one of which were retained by the Council under the control of the Housing & Community Services to be used for social housing purposes. Many of the properties have been completely refurbished and rendered non-derelict and are now occupied, or are currently undergoing refurbishment. The compulsory acquisition process has commended on a further eleven derelict sites and there is one acquisition from earlier this year with An Bord Pleanála for decision.

The number of derelict sites acquired compulsorily is just part of the story, the Council has experienced that in the face of compulsory acquisition some sites have been 1) rendered non-derelict and removed from the Derelict Sites Register, 2) owners are actively seeking planning permission or have obtained planning permission for redevelopment, 3) derelict sites have been placed on the market and are at varying stages in the sales process, which offers the prospect that they will be redeveloped and returned to active use.

Derelict Sites Register – North Central Area

Below is a list of derelict sites in the North Central Area that are currently on the Derelict Sites Register. The Derelict Site Levy is 7% of market value. Outstanding levies attract interest at the rate of 1.25% per month, Outstanding levies including interest automatically become a charge on the land and will remain a charge on the land until all outstanding have been paid.

Ref	Address	Date of Entry	Market Value	Levy Amount
DS936	Malahide Road/Grove Lane, site at junction, Clarehall, D17	15.11.2016	€600,000	€42,000
DS767	* Millwood Villas, adj. 48 (a.k.a. 48A), Kilbarrack, D5	24.11.2011	€120,000	N/A
DS1012	Rathmore Park, 49, Raheny, D5	19.10.2017	€400,000	€28,000
DS784	* Richmond Avenue, 21 & 27-29 & lands at rear, D3	13.12.2012	€445,000	N/A
DS795	St. Brendan's Park, 68b, D5	02.06.2016	€300,000	€21,000

*These sites were acquired compulsorily by the Council and awaiting refurbishment. They will remain on the Derelict Sites Register until rendered non-derelict and as they are owned by a local authority they are not subject to a Derelict Sites Levy. Any outstanding levies will be deducted from any compensation claim.

North Central Area – Active Files

Files are opened following the receipt of complaints / queries regarding the condition of a site. Inspections are arranged and the condition of a site assessed to determine what action, if any, is warranted under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. If a site needs attention there would follow a process of engagement with the owner to secure the carrying out of necessary improvement works. Engagement with owners in general results in positive results but if the engagement does not yield the desired results the formal procedures under the Derelict Sites Act are invoked which can culminate in the site being entered on the Derelict Sites Register. The Derelict Sites Unit has implemented an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 so any site entered on the Register can be considered for possible acquisition.

Abbey Court, 20, Killester, Dublin 5.
Apollo Way, 33, Coolock, Dublin 5.
Artane Cottages Lower, 1, Dublin 5.
Artane Cottages Lower, 12, Dublin 5.
Artane Cottages Upper, 1, Dublin 5.
Belcamp Avenue, 63A, Darndale, Dublin 17
Castilla Park, 12, Clontarf, Dublin 3.
Castilla Park, 5, Clontarf, Dublin 3.
Castilla Park, 9, Clontarf, Dublin 3.
Cedar Park, 2A, The Donahies, Dublin 13.
Church Lane/Swords Road, 3 Warehouses, Santry, Dublin 9.
Clonshaugh Drive, 21, Dublin 17.
Clontarf Road, 221, Clontarf, Dublin 3.
Clonturk Avenue, 2, Drumcondra, Dublin 3.
Craigford Drive, 17, Dublin 5.
Dunsink Park, 6, Finglas, Dublin 11.
Edenmore Crescent, 123, Raheny, Dublin 5.
Ennel Drive, 67, Artane, Dublin 5.
Fairview Strand, 47-49 (Players Lounge), D3.
Grace Park Avenue, 7, Dublin 3.
Grace Park Heights, 53, Drumcondra Dublin 9.
Grange Abbey Road, 33, Donaghmede, D.13.
Grangemore Lawn, 22, Donaghmede, D.13.
Haddon Road, 30, Clontarf, Dublin 3.
Hazelwood Court, 16, Beaumont, D.9.
Hole in the Wall Road, Windermere, Donaghmede, Dublin 13. (Site A)
Hole in the Wall Road, Windermere, Donaghmede, Dublin 13. (Site B)
Howth Road, between 84 & 90 (Phoenix Squash Club), D3.
Killester Park, 56, Killester, Dublin 5.
Larkhill Road, 155, Whitehall, Dublin 9.
Lorcan Crescent, 14, Santry, Dublin 9.
Middle Third, Legion Hall building, Killester, D.5.
Newbury Avenue, 37, Clonshaugh, Dublin 17.
Newcomen Avenue, 1, Dublin 3
Raheny Road, 91, Dublin 5.
Ratoath Avenue, 78, Finglas, Dublin 11.
Redcourt House, Seafield Road East / St. Gabriel's Road, Clontarf, D.3.
Richmond Estate, 1, Fairview, Dublin 3.

Seafield Road East, 49, Clontarf, Dublin 3.
Shanard Road, 45, Santry, Dublin 9.
Shanowen Drive, 27, Santry, Dublin 9.
Shelmalier Road, 53, Eastwall, Dublin 3.
Site to the rear of 112 & 114 Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9.
Spencer Place, 4, North Strand, Dublin 3.
Springdale Road, 10, Raheny, Dublin 5.
Swords Road, Site to the rear of 286, Santry, Dublin 9.
Sybil Hill Road, land to rear of St. Paul's College, Raheny, D5.
The Bramblings, 18, Killester, Dublin 5.
Vernon Avenue 72/72A, Clontarf, D.3.
Victoria Road, 29, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer
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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to liaise with the developer responsible for the Parkridge Development on Fairview Terrace and/or Irish Water to ensure the carriageway and footpath are fully and properly reinstated. A resident has made me aware that one side of the road was dug up for water services to the houses and that side has been left with no yellow lines as were there previously and also it is unsightly and uneven?”

Reply

In response to this question, Fairview Terrace was inspected by a member of the Infrastructure Management Unit, who noted a temporary Irish Water reinstatement requiring attention. The permanent reinstatement of this Irish Water service trench is scheduled for completion by the end of week starting 6th December 2021. The permanent reinstatement will include the replacement of road markings.

Contact: Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure
Management Unit.
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Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to support the addition of a wheelchair accessible swing in the new Fairview playground. This playground is relatively close to the Irish Wheelchair Association headquarters, the CRC and Temple Street hospital. There are a number of children in the local community who would avail of it. While I am aware that there are other inclusive play equipment elements, given the situation of this playground and the fact that the proposed tea rooms development is to include a ‘changing places’ changing area, the park and playground have the potential to be a focal point for children with disabilities and wheelchair users to visit and plan days out around. In that context the addition of a wheelchair swing – as is seen in multiple playgrounds throughout the country – could only be a positive?”

Reply

Wheel chair swings are not considered all that inclusive nor do they really meet the 7 principles of universal design as they segregate the wheelchair user from their peers. The redesigned and upgraded playground at Fairview designed and ordered in 2020 but delayed by CoViD which will be opening in the coming weeks does indeed include a number of inclusive items that allow wheelchair users to play with their friends without being segregated but does not include a wheelchair swing. It is unfortunately too late in the delivery of the playground upgrade to now redesign the layout to retrofit a segregated wheelchair swing into the offering.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Please find attached **Report: Providing Play Facilities for Children with Diverse Needs - North Central Area/Parks Districts**

Contact: Debby Clarke, Play Officer
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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange a meeting between the parks department and the residents of Elm Mount Close to inspect the trees on Elm Mount Close. Two of these trees have been blown down by high winds since August and residents are naturally concerned about potential risks to people and property?”

Reply

The trees are listed for a full recorded inspection in the coming weeks, weather permitting. Once complete the Parks Service is more than happy to discuss the results with the residents.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to engage with residents of Gracepark Heights/Meadows **(details supplied)** regarding recent removal – without consultation – of items added to the green area in Grace Park Meadows – including tyres used as planters, giant pencils and other decorative objects. The vast majority of the residents and the Resident’s Association are in favour of the improvements that have been made and are disappointed to see them removed with no prior warning or discussion?”

Reply

The parks service will make contact with the residents association in the next week to 10 days as schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on northside swimming pool and the plans to upgrade the pool and changing room facilities?”

Reply

DCC are in the process of appointing a design team to bring forward to tender proposals for the capital works including the much needed upgrade of changing facilities and the repair of the roof structure to the pool at Northside Shopping Centre. Funding of €845,000 has been allocated in the Sports Capital Programme for 2022 to allow these works to be undertaken. They are likely to begin in Q3 2022 and will take c. 6 months to complete.

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Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to have the road swept (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the old Malahide Road swept on the 2nd December 2021.

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

Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to outline his plans to improve the facilities for swimmers at the bull wall and whether there are plans to improve and have more changing facilities along the Clontarf /Raheny coast?”

Reply

Essential repairs to the steps and shelters were carried out earlier this year. No further improvements to the shelters are proposed. It is understood that Water Safety intend installing showers at each bathing shelter.

There are no plans to provide changing facilities along the Clontarf or Raheny Roads away from the designated bathing area.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to outline what discretionary and capital works are due to be completed for the remainder of the year?”

Reply

The North Central area finance officer will engage directly with the councillor to respond to any specific queries that he may have on the matter of the discretionary spend in the NCA.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall
LEA
Phone: 222 8546
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Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed development planned for the Oscar Traynor lands and if he will make a statement on the matter?”

Reply

At a Special meeting of Council, 22nd November last, Councillors voted in favour of the Section 183 Disposal of lands at Oscar Traynor Road to accommodate the proposed development by Glenveagh Living Ltd. of 853 homes consisting of 40% social (341 homes), 40% cost rental (341) and 20% affordable purchase homes (171).

The site is located off Coolock Lane in Dublin 5 and is situated approx. 5.5km to the north of Dublin City Centre and approx. 3.5 km to the south of Dublin Airport. After a procurement process, the Council selected Glenveagh Living as the preferred bidder. Glenveagh Living first submitted a proposal to councillors at the monthly Council meeting in November 2020. The proposal involved the construction of 853 residential units together with associated infrastructural works, commercial units and open spaces. The residential plan consisted of 253 Social, 172 affordable purchase and 428 private homes- a mix of 50% private, 30% social and 20% affordable purchase.

To reach the planning stage, the proposal required Section 183 approval from Councillors. This Section 183 proposal was rejected by Councillors and therefore the project did not proceed.

Councillors referred the project to a working group from the Housing Strategic Committee (SPC), with a view to formulating an alternative plan for the site. This working group drafted a new proposal that was later approved by the full group of Councillors at the March 2021 City Council meeting.

A key element of this new proposal was for the site to be developed directly by Dublin City Council or in partnership with an Approved Housing Body with an alternative tenure mix as follows: 40% Social Housing, 40% Cost/Affordable rental, 20% Affordable Purchase.

This proposal was subsequently submitted for consideration to the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government. The Department requested detailed economic and financial appraisals for the proposal, consistent with the National Public Spending Code. This entails Design Feasibility, Suitability Assessment Report (SAR) and a Preliminary Business Plan to meet Department requirements in order to secure necessary approvals.

As part of the revised plan, Glenveagh is prepared to sell a further 10% of the private homes to Dublin City Council, increasing the percentage of the social homes to 40% and to sell the remaining 40% of the Private homes to an Approved Housing Body for the provision of Cost Rental Housing. 20% of the homes would be sold to DCC for the provision of Affordable Purchase.

It is anticipated that the Development Agreement will be finalised in the coming weeks and signed by both parties early in 2022; latest date for signing of DA is 4 months post Section 183. Glenveagh Living Limited have six months within which to submit a planning application to the Council following signing of the Development Agreement, i.e. latest Sept. 2022. It is anticipated that a planning application process could take up to six months, i.e. latest date for obtaining planning would be March 2023. Construction will commence upon receipt of grant of planning permission.

The overall construction timeframe is 48 months. Delivery will be phased over the four years with the first of the new homes expected by end 2024.

Contact: Martin Donlon, Development Manager
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Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for a report on gully cleaning in the north central area?”

Reply

Please find attached report for the North Central Area for November

Contact: Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water and
Flood Incident Management.
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Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise whether there are any plans to expand the number of recycling facilities and improve the facilities at the centres?”

Reply

A new Civic Amenity Site is currently under construction as part of the development of the North City Operations Depot in Ballymun. Waste Management Services would be happy to develop more recycling centres should suitable locations and finance be made available to us.

We have introduced additional services such as small WEEE recycling and inkjet recycling to the majority of bring centres across the city in the past year. Additionally, we trialled polystyrene recycling technology at Ringsend Civic Amenity site earlier this year. The trial was unsuccessful due to the emission of fumes that were a potential hazard to the health and safety of staff and patrons, and to the local environment. Polystyrene can however still be disposed of through the bulky waste stream at Ringsend and North Strand CA Sites.

We are keen to continue trialling new recycling services at our facilities to augment the services currently available to patrons, subject of course to feasibility and available space.

Contact: Sid Daly, Public Domain Enforcement Officer, Waste Management Services.
Phone: 222 4306
Email: sid.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to outline his goals & for his staff for improving the north central area in 2022?”

Reply

The area office will be developing their business plan for calendar year 2022 early in the new year. The office among other things will continue to liaise with Community, Consultative and Safer Fora, work with line departments on housing and capital projects, support environmental and community lead initiatives and roll out on projects from the members discretionary budget.

**Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager for Artane - Whitehall
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Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide this councillor with a copy of the local area plan for the Clongriffin /Parkside area and to advise whether there are any plans to update it?”

Reply

A Local Area Plan (LAP) was prepared for the Clongriffin / Belmayne area in 2012. This LAP set out a vision and a development strategy to guide the development a highly sustainable, mixed use neighbourhood centred on key public transport interchanges at Clongriffin and Belmayne.

Following the slowdown in construction from 2008, the Dublin City Council extended the life of the LAP to enable the statutory development strategy to be fully realised. The LAP will expire at the end of 2023 see [Clongriffin / Belmayne Local Area Plan 2012](#).

As significant housing, public transport, roads, open space, community infrastructure and economic and retail objectives remain to be realised at Clongriffin / Belmayne, it is envisaged that the next Development Plan will provide sufficient detail so as to guide the future development of this area. In this vein the draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 sets out, in Section 13.3 of Chapter 13 of the Written Statement, a strategic spatial and urban design framework along with guiding principles for the development of lands, see <https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2021-12/volume-1-draft-dublin-city-development-plan-2022-2028-low-res.pdf>

Contact: Jane O’Donoghue, Senior Executive Planner
Phone: 222 3500
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Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager for an update re: the skate park planned for the northside and to advise whether there are plans to upgrade the existing ones in the north central area?”

Reply

There are no current plans to upgrade any of the existing skate-parks in the North Central Area.

There is a longer term proposal to construct a destination skate park for the north side similar to the one delivered in Ballyfermot. Such a facility should ideally be collocated with a sports or community centre. To date a suitable location has yet to be identified.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager whether there are plans to improve the traffic flow on the Oscar Traynor Road from Northside SC to the motorway and to advise whether an audit has taken place in recent times of the traffic lights and sequencing of lights etc., in the NCA?”

Reply

The traffic flow along Oscar Traynor Road is continually monitored both by Dublin City Council's Traffic control road staff and also by the SCATS traffic management system which monitors traffic demands and automatically adjusts traffic signal timings and sequences to match this demand.

Some recent amendments have been made to the traffic signal coordination along this route to improve traffic movement.

If there is a query regarding a specific junction along this route, or indeed across the wider North city area, that can be assessed individually.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Transportation.

Phone: 222 6198

Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to refer to footpaths at location as per **(details supplied)** and outline what measures have been put in place in recent months (since the works at the nearby development site and the introduction of cycleway infrastructure) to deal with the issue of

- (a) hazardous parking on these footpaths and
- (b) elimination of on street parking adjacent to these footpaths and if he will make a detailed explanatory statement on the matter as local persons are concerned that vulnerable pedestrians are being put in danger by hazardous parking and that local persons who once parked on street, now have nowhere to park due to the ongoing major main drainage and private construction works at this location?”

Reply

Dublin Street Parking Services will patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking.

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

GMC Utilities Group Ltd. (GMC) working on behalf of Irish Water were issued with a T2 permit (ref No. IWCD5734-1) to carry out sewer connection works on **(details supplied 1)** between the junctions of Turlough Parade and **(details 3)** Road. According to the contractor these works will continue until Christmas and will recommence at weekends only in the New Year where a road closure will be in place at the junction of **(details 1)** Avenue & **(details 3)** Road. These works were in the carriageway and did not affect any paid parking spaces. GMC have stated that they have liaised with schools in the area to ensure safe crossing for pupils, residents and general pedestrians.

Roadworks Control have also issued a Hoarding Licence (No. 3965) to JS Dooley Contracting Ltd. outside house on **(details 1)** Avenue, valid up to the 7th February 2022. A condition of the licence is that access for pedestrians must be maintained at all times. No parking spaces are affected by the positioning of this hoarding.

Contact: Conrad Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Roadworks Control Unit.
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Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, comment on the need to remove vegetation/branches from trees etc. following the very welcome work carried at (details supplied), following my continued representations on the matter and say when he can arrange removal of same?”

Reply

The locus will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the shrubbery maintenance programme for the area 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to housing applicant as per **(details supplied)** at (a) say if she can be given every possible consideration for housing in either vacancy at details (b) as she and her children are living in a serious situation with alcohol abuse in their current overcrowded temporary home?”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 09/05/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	116
Area E	3	151
Area H	3	58
Area B	2	24
Area E	2	44
Area H	2	14

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.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

If the applicant feels they are experiencing exceptional social circumstances they should contact the Social Work Section to discuss their case.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to housing transfer applicant as per **(details supplied)** at (a) say if she can be given consideration for housing vacancy at details (b) as she her partner and their 3 children are living in a seriously overcrowded conditions?”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 05/07/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	216

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.

The applicant can register on homeswapper.ie with the possibility of arranging a mutual exchange of tenancies with another Local Authority Tenant.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer my previous question (see below) regarding housing applicant as per (**details supplied**) who is being removed from the housing list due to an issue with income and say if he can examine the case with a view to positively and finally resolving same?”

Reply

Based on the information supplied by the applicant, she is over the income limit and not eligible for Social Housing Support at present. The applicant has also appealed this decision but was not successful.

As per the Household Means Policy “income criteria is based on a calculation of their preceding 12 months net average income prior to the date of receipt of application”.

All assessable income from the previous 12 months must be taken into account. The applicant has been provided with a breakdown of the calculations made. If she wishes to receive these again, please contact the office and we can arrange for them to be sent again.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **(details supplied (a))** can he please say if he can

1. Outline what works are currently being done by Parks Dept or their agents
2. If a diagram of plans can be provided
3. Who requested same and what local consultation has taken place
4. What effect it will have on **details (b)** attached who currently play there
5. If it will limit their pitch to younger teams only
6. If the planned works will be seen as support for **details (c)**
7. If there is a thought out DCC management view on the future of **details Park** as these conflicting actions are sending out mixed messages and if he can make a statement on the matter”

Reply

A footpath is being installed across the northern section of the park from the Clonturk Park estate to the entrance at Grace Park Road. The route of the path is to follow the desire line across the park and does not impact upon the pitch area. A small amount of landscaping is to take place at each entrance to the park. A section of wall on the boundary to Richmond Road which has been a source of ongoing complaint of public urination on match days is to be replaced with a railing to make the locus less attractive for such anti-social behaviour by football fans.

It is not considered any of these works will impact upon the junior football activities in the park.

These works were all requested by and discussed with local resident groups. These works are solely to improve the recreational amenity of a local park for local residents and have no relevance to any campaigns to save the football stadium across the road,

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
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The redevelopment of Dalymount Park, requires the sale of Tolka Park to fund the provision of a new municipal stadium. A rezoning proposal for Tolka Park will be presented to City Council for consideration and if agreed a section 183 disposal will follow. Once the redevelopment of Dalymount Park is complete it will become the home of both Shelbourne FC and Bohemian FC.

Contact: Don Daly, Project Manager
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Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O Muiri

“To ask the Area Manager if he is aware of a recent pollution incident in the river Tolka which was clearly visible from Griffith Park? Can the Area Manager provide a detailed report in relation to (a) the source of the pollution (b) its impact on water quality and flora/fauna and (c) follow-up action being taken to ensure it doesn't happen again?”

Reply

The Water Pollution Control Section can confirm that they are aware of the surface water pollution incident that occurred on the River Tolka, Griffith Park on the 15/11/21 circa 2pm. Once notified, the section promptly conducted a site visit. A visual inspection of the River in Griffith Park confirmed an oil spill had occurred upstream in the catchment. The source of the contamination was found to be entering the River via a tributary of the Tolka which outfalls immediately downstream of Saint Mobhi Road. The tributary is fully culverted, meaning there was no open channel to inspect for signs of contamination. Furthermore, the network catchment is significant, extending from Griffith Park to Ballymun.

To prevent contamination of the river downstream, WPC installed a floatation and an absorbent boom across the Tolka. This mitigation measure supported the recovery of residual oil floating on the rivers surface. Furthermore, the breakdown of the oil via physical processes was aided by the multiple weirs present in Griffith Park. Ambient sampling of the river was carried out on the 15/11/21. A review of the analysis carried out by the Central Laboratory indicated that the short-lived incident did not impact water quality. The incident did however result in temporary negative visual and olfactory impacts.

On 16/11/21, Water Pollution Control conducted investigations into possible sources of contamination. Spot inspections took place along the storm water network at locations where safe access was available, however no traces of oil contamination was found. Site inspections were also conducted at commercial premises along Mobhi and Ballymun Road, however again no sources of oil contamination were present at the time of visit. These results were to be expected as the incident had largely dissipated overnight.

From the 15/11/21, the river was visually inspected by Water Pollution Control on a daily basis. The presence of oil in the River diminished daily and following continued satisfactory inspections, the booms were removed on the 23/11/21. Throughout the incident, Water Pollution Control liaised with relevant stakeholders including Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Environmental Protection Agency. During this time, the section also responded to multiple complaints and enquiries from the public, elected members and the press.

Following a full review of the incident, the likely source of contamination was deemed to be an accidental fuel spill from a home heating tank in the storm water catchment. These types of incidents are not typically reported to the Council and are resolved privately. It is estimated that there are thousands of houses served by the storm water network that was affected, making door to door calls prohibitive. Thus, while Dublin City Council is disappointed the incident occurred, it is confident that adequate

corrective actions were employed to mitigate risk posed by the incident and limit the spread of pollution to downstream receptors.

Contact: Emma Finlay, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Water Pollution Control, Protection of Water Bodies Office.

Email: emma.finlay@dublincity.ie

Contact: Roy O'Connor, Senior Engineer, Protection of Water Bodies Office & Chairperson of the Bathing Water Task Force.

Email: roy.oconnor@dublincity.ie

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O Muiri

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for the public water connection near the bathing shelters on the North Bull Wall to be upgraded to include a bottle refilling station as currently installed at the entrance to the Red Stables?”

Reply

There are no current proposals to upgrade the existing tap as areas without a public tap would be considered a higher priority but consideration could be given to upgrade of same in future improvement programmes.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager to write to registered private landlords to request the provision recycling of waste for tenants?”

Reply

Tenants should refer to their lease in order to confirm who is responsible for the provision of waste collection services.

In most instances the tenant is obliged to provide for the collection of waste and the tenant who generates the waste is legally responsible for the correct separation, presentation and payment for waste they present, unless a written agreement is in place, such as a lease, that specifies otherwise.

In some instances, such as apartments, the tenants cannot practically provide for their own waste collection and communal waste collection is arranged by the Management Company or operator of the development. This does not lead to good waste practice as it does not incentivise the reduce, reuse, recycle waste management hierarchy and Dublin City Council allow this arrangement only where there are no other practical arrangements possible.

For more details in relation to the householder (including tenants) responsibility, we refer you to Dublin City Council's: [WASTE MANAGEMENT \(STORAGE, PRESENTATION AND SEGREGATION OF HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL WASTE\) BYE-LAWS 2018](#) which can be downloaded from our website.

Consequently it is a matter for tenants to make arrangements with their landlord in relation to waste and it is not appropriate for Waste Management Services to write to registered private landlords to request the provision of recycling for tenants.

Any further questions or specifics can be discussed directly.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.

Phone: 222 4237

Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Private rented dwellings are inspected by Environmental Health Officers to ensure that they are up to standard under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. Refuse Facilities are covered under Regulation 11, which states:

“The house shall have access to suitable and adequate pest and vermin proof refuse storage facilities”.

As there is no reference to recycling facilities Landlords cannot be requested to provide recycling facilities under these Regulations.

Contact: Michelle McNally Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer

Phone: 222 3753

Email: michelle.mcnally@dublincity.ie

Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager Could the issue of illegal parking on Fairview Strand pavements be addressed?”

Reply

The parking policy and enforcement section will require a more specific location and can then investigate and request Dublin Street Parking to regularly patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking.

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

Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the Area Manager could the litter warden look at means like DNA sampling of dog fowl to identify dog owners that do not pick up after their dogs, could the talking reminder be put in black spots like under Annesley Bridge?”

Reply

At present there are no plans in place to use DNA sampling to identify dog fouling in Dublin City.

Arrangements are in place in install an audio device under Annesley Bridge.

**Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer,
Waste Management Services.**
Phone: 222 4243
Email: Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager when the proposed build-out will be put in place at (details supplied)?”

Reply

A reply from 2019 stated that the buildout was “*to be considered for inclusion on a future year’s works program.*” However no commitment was ever given to carry out the works. Our budget for capital works is limited each year and to date the buildout has not made the shortlist for construction.

We will be finalising our works programme for 2022 in the coming weeks and will discuss this shortlist with Councillors. The above scheme will be considered when completing this shortlist.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Tel: 222 6145.
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager when a tree at **(details supplied)** will be substantially pruned or removed altogether as part of the multi-annual and prioritised programme of tree replacement and works in this estate? Please also provide an update to the area in question at **(details supplied)?”**

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager when a dead tree at a **(details supplied)** will be removed?”

Reply

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and if confirmed to be dead arrangements made for its removal as soon as schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a fire place to be replaced and fitted at **(details supplied)** as it is currently not working?”

Reply

The Area Foreman is carrying out an inspection of the fireplace the week ending 17th December 2021 and following on from this a decision will be made on the type of works that are required.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Tel: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to inspect and install double yellow lines at **(details supplied)**. If not in charge by Dublin City Council, what can be done to instruct the local management company to install?”

Reply

The roads in Belmayne have not been taken in charge by Dublin City Council, they are still in private ownership. Before they are taken in charge there are issues which need to be resolved i.e on street designated private parking spaces. There are discussions ongoing with developers how to progress this.

Following taking in charge of these roads this junction can be inspected regarding installing yellow lines. I have no knowledge of a local management company who would have responsibility for installing these lines.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Phone: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to inform myself of detail plans on capital infrastructure on projects for roads within **(details supplied 1)** of this part of the area for Dublin 13. He might also confirm the status of the road to build between **(details Supplied 2)?”**

Reply

Dublin City Council commenced work on the **(details 1)** Main Street and **(details 1)** Avenue scheme in October 2021. The proposed road scheme involves the new construction at **(details 1)** Main Street from Malahide Road to **(details 2)** and road improvement works at **(details 1)** Avenue and Parkside Boulevard.

The scheme will include a new bus gate junction at Malahide Road/Mayne River Avenue and will also include bus lanes, traffic lanes, signalised junctions, parking, footpaths, landscaping works and provide safer pedestrian and cycling facilities for the community. The new road scheme will facilitate the development of adjacent lands and a new town centre.

The proposed scheme includes:

- Full depth road construction, road resurfacing works, cycle way and footway construction;
- Bus stops and associated infrastructure
- Water mains, drainage, public lighting and other utilities;
- Undergrounding of existing overhead 38kV power lines
- Signalised pedestrian and cyclist crossings;
- New signage and road markings;
- Landscaping works

Contractor Details:

Dublin City Council has engaged the following main Contractor for the works:

Coffey Construction (I) Limited,

Moanbaun,

Athenry,

Co. Galway

Phone: (091) 844356

Email: siobhan.mcdonnell@coffeygroup.com

Web: <http://www.coffeygroup.com>

Contact: Karen Kennedy

Phone: 222 2601

Email: Karen.kennedy@dublincity.ie

Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager that an installation of parks bench and seating be arranged for **(details supplied)** and if there is any plans to add to or upgrade the Playground?”

Reply

(Details supplied) has been identified as an area for the inclusion of two of the Lord Mayor’s Covid Benches. They will be installed in the coming weeks.

Two playground items suitable for older children have been procured and are scheduled to be installed in February of 2022

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.103 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager that Traffic calming measure be looked at **(details supplied)** on the roads with installation of children at play signs. Car driving at fast speeds with kids at play?”

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7023087) has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and
Transportation Department.
Tel: 222 2528
Email: martina.halpin@dublincity.ie

Q.104 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on bag collections locally and what Dublin City Council are doing to remove and expedite as soon as possible with the area with a massive amount of build-up locally? I would ask that Donaghmede LEA gets additional resources to remove all bags urgently.”

Reply

The public domain section are allocating bags and litter cleaning tools to community groups on an ongoing basis. The local community groups coordinate their clean-ups on specific days then we organise waste management services to remove the bagged materials afterwards. Unfortunately there is a minority of people whom are dumping bags along the kerb edge at intermittent locations and days. This is putting extreme pressure on waste management services trying to maintain core operations like street sweeping and bin emptying.

Contact: Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer
Phone: 222 8843
Email: rob.ingram@dublincity.ie

The North Central Area office allocates bags and litter cleaning tools to community groups on an ongoing basis. The local community groups coordinate their clean-ups on specific days and Waste Management Services remove the bagged materials afterwards. Unfortunately there is a minority of people whom are dumping bags along the kerb edge at intermittent locations and days. Waste Management Services remove these dumped bags as soon as we can, including in the Donaghmede LEA.

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

Q.105 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to seek to provide electric charging points in **(details supplied)** as currently they are very few public points in the area. “

Reply

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points.

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now practically complete. The consultants are currently finalising some additional inputs from stakeholder engagement and we expect delivery of the final report in the weeks before year end.

The working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project, which will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport.

In addition, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study.

This is a pressing matter for us in the Council and indeed with our colleagues in the Dublin Metropolitan area that we may enable and facilitate the transition to more sustainable mobility.

Contact: Cormac Healy, Energy Management Lead.
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