

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2022

1 Minutes of the NCAC Meeting dated 17th October, 2022

Order: Agreed.

2 Questions to the North Central Area Managers 21st November, 2022. 6 - 112

Order: Agreed. Attached herewith.

3 Roads & Traffic Matters

- a **Minutes of the TAG Report dated 25th October, 2022** Order: Noted.
- b **Gully Report for noting** Order: Noted.
- c Presentation on the provision of school zones in the North Central Area Order: Noted.

4 Area Matters

а	Disposals - proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 117 Brian
	Road, Marino, Dublin 3.
	Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- b Disposals proposed disposal of land at 2A Glin Road, Coolock
 Dublin 17
 Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- c **Update on the illegal dumping at Newtown Industrial Estate** Order: Noted.
- d **Community Grants Report for noting** Order: Noted.
- e **Report on tree replacement/management on Griffith Avenue** Order: Noted.
- f Concerts in Fairview Park

Order: Noted.

- g Arts Officer's Report Order: Noted.
- h Area Manager's Reports Order: Noted.
- i Housing Supply Report Order: Noted.
- j Housing Allocations Quarterly Report for noting Order: Noted.
- k Sports & Wellbeing Report Order: Noted.

5 Motions

a Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

The North Central Area Committee recognises the growing bus routes and frequencies running along the Malahide Road. The North Central Area Committee also recognises that residential parts along the Malahide Road will be more exposed to noise pollution as a result, in particular the houses on St. Brendan's Avenue nearest the Tonlegee Rd junction that have no tree frontage

Therefore, the North Central Area Committee requests that an urban forest hedge, similar to that installed along the Drumcondra Road between Binn Bridge and Drumcondra Bridge, be put both i) inside the barrier rail opposite the houses at St. Brendan's Avenue nearest the Tonlegee Road junction that have no tree frontage (see attached photo) and ii) along the median from the pedestrian light at St. Brendan's Church to the junction with Tonlegee Road- this robust holly hedge about a metre high could provide an effective noise buffer for these houses who have indicated the need for same.

<u>Reply</u>

Proposals to alter the layout of this section of road and junction including, lanes, median and verges as part of the Bus Connects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme are currently with an Bord Pleanála and are due for decision next April.

Contact: Superintendent	Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks
Tel:	222 6625
Email:	<u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Order: Agreed.

b Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

That this area committee supports the provision of Changing Places toilet / changing facilities proposed for St Anne's Park, Fairview Park and Bull Island and seeks separate reports on each proposed facility please including timeframe etc.

<u>Reply</u>

It is intended that the Part 8 planning process for the Changing Places Toilet Block, overflow car park and the land art will be formally initiated in the coming weeks. To that end and in advance of the commencement of the formal process the Parks Service would welcome the opportunity to meet with the ward, and other interested Councillors on site to consider the rationale and scope of these proposals.

Provision has been made in the draft 3 year capital programme for the Fairview Park Tea Rooms which includes the Changing Places Toilet. The draft budgetary provision envisages the construction phase of this project to commence in 2024 to completion in 2025.

It is envisaged that the planning package for the new Biosphere Discovery Centre which includes a Changing Places Toilet Facility will be lodged formally with an Bord Pleanála early in the New Year.

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

Order: Motion fell as Cllr. O'Farrell wasn't present at the time of discussion. However, he was happy with the response.

c Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

The North Central Area Committee recognises the great amount of work done by the local area office with regard to providing arts, sports, culture, libraries and other activities across the local area. The North Central Area Committee also recognises that the 3 area wards are very active in promoting these activities and other DCC related activities across their various social media channels. However, there does not seem to a central online webpage/hub that would serve as a go-to for anyone looking for what is on in the local area - I am particularly thinking of parents during school holidays when they need to find free, easily accessible activities for their children. In this regard, this Committee supports a North Central Area pilot of a *'North Central School Christmas Holiday Activities webpage/portal for children and young people*' that would service to collate the details of all the various arts, sports, culture, libraries activities on offer from DCC on to one local page/portal for ease of planning and promotion.

Reply

A facility already exists on the Dublin City Council website; <u>www.dublincity.ie/events</u> where all sections within the Council can promote events taking place throughout the City. Given the ongoing work by the Communications and Transformation Unit to rationalise content on the website and simplifying navigation, thereby making it more user friendly it would not be appropriate to set up separate local events pages/portals within the corporate website.

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

Order: Agreed.

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Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muiri and Councillor Damian O'Farrell

That Dublin City Council commissions an external study to determine demand for playing pitches and sports facilities in St Anne's Park; that the Terms of Reference of this study would be agreed by the North Central Area Committee and that the process would involve engagement with all clubs, schools and organisations that currently use available playing pitches and sports facilities.

Reply

The Parks Service has good communications lines with the clubs that have an allocation of sports pitches in St. Anne's Park and feels that that it is best placed to have a full understanding of the total local demand for pitches in the park. As part of the annual allocation process the clubs are required to demonstrate the number of teams, juvenile, adult etc. that they have participating in formal competition and provide details of league affiliation which acts to provide a verification of the clubs need for facilities for the year. Each year the Parks Service's allocations team endeavours to find the best fit to meet this local demand from the available pitches of all codes within the park. The Parks Service also regularly meets with representatives of these local clubs and is amenable to certain suggestions they may have around orientation of pitches etc. which may better suit the club's needs as their age profile and membership numbers change over time. Local demand has increased in recent years and has ultimately outstripped availability particularly since 2018 and over the lock down periods necessitating certain prioritisations of local clubs over those at more of a distance from the park. Each year as allocations within the park could no longer be given to such clubs alternatives allocations elsewhere were offered.

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

Order: Agreed.

Attendance:

Members:

Alison Gilliland (Chairperson) Dearbháil Butler Donna Cooney Racheal Batten Jane Horgan-Jones Naoise Ó Muirí Declan Flanagan

Officers

Patrick P Smith Richard Cleary Fiona Moore Derek Kelly Cathy Cassidy Paul O'Halloran

Apologies:

Non-Members:

Members:

Daryl Barron Catherine Stocker Tom Brabazon John Lyons Damian O'Farrell

Catherine Cahill Deirdre Murphy Connell McGlynn Niamh Reilly Gerry McEntagart Kelly Hickey

Members:

Patricia Roe Terence Flanagan Deirdre Heney Micheál MacDonncha Larry O'Toole

Fergus O'Carroll Derek Farrell Bernie Roe Paul Murphy Catalin Rosca Niamh Ni Cholmain

Q.1 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones</u>

"To ask the Area Manager for the trees on Donaghmede Road on both sides to be pruned (further to my question 20 at the October NCAC)"

<u>Reply</u>

There are over 70 trees of various species and age classes along this road. A good number of these trees have been inspected in the last couple of years on foot of similar requests and were found to be in good condition with no works required or recommended at the time. An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023.

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

Q.2 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the manager to respond to housing application query for **(Details supplied)** and say:

- a. What is the applicant's position on the housing list?
- b. When can the applicant expect to be offered suitable accommodation because of the extenuating circumstances?"

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 18/7/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	65

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, they 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: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers Tel: 222 2201 Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager if he will deliver a badly needed pedestrian crossing across Collins Avenue at existing lights at the entrance to Collinswood?"

<u>Reply</u>

The Active Travel Programme Office (ACTPRO) was established in February 2022 in order to deliver a transformative 210km network of active travel infrastructure in Dublin City over the next eight to ten years. This programme includes the Finglas to Killester Cycling & Walking Scheme, which incorporates Collins Avenue and its junction with Collinswood Estate.

As this junction is already signalised for vehicular traffic, it is expected that it will be upgraded to include crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists as part of the permanent Finglas to Killester scheme works. However, as a project team has yet to be assigned to this project, it is currently anticipated that the upgrade works will not be completed before the end of 2024.

Contact:Padraig O'Brien, A/Senior Executive EngineerEmail:padraig.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager if the council is aware of any plans for the Credit Union Building in Ayrfield and if they can explore it being taken over by DCC for a library, community and sports facility for local clubs such as Ayrfield United?"

<u>Reply</u>

Dublin City Council leased the above site to Ayrfield Credit Union Limited for a term of 35 years from the 17th February 1993. This lease is not due to expire until 2028. Ayrfield Credit Union Limited has since changed its name to Member First Credit Union Limited. The current Lessees have given no indication or notice to DCC that they intend to vacate the property or surrender their lease.

The Council has been approached by a number of sports clubs in the area for use of the building but until such time as the lease is surrendered or expires, the Council is not in a position to consider future uses for the premises.

Contact:Margaret Mooney, Senior Staff OfficerTel:222 2852Email:margaret.mooney@dublincity.ie

Q.5 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones</u>

"To ask the Area Manager if the council will assist Kilmore Celtic and other clubs to apply to the Sports Capital Process for an all-weather pitch to serve the Kilmore area?"

<u>Reply</u>

The Area Manager and the Parks Department have begun discussions with four local clubs within the Artane/Whitehall LEA on the provision of all-weather training facilities and in the longer term the possibility of a full size all-weather pitch to service the four clubs.

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

The level of funding available through the last rounds of sports capital process represented approximately only 15-20% of the funds that would be required to deliver an all-weather pitch. Before such a funding application could be made the proposal would have to be finalised, planning permission would have to be in place and a source of remaining funding identified. Before planning permission can be sought all necessary environmental assessments of potential impacts of the proposals on protected species such as the Brent Geese or bats to be completed by suitably qualified ecologists

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

Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Area Manager what plans there are to ensure water quality testing is conducted at bathing spots on the Bull wall in view of the increased popularity of sea swimming and whether it can be identified as a bathing water?"

<u>Reply</u>

Dublin City Council (DCC) manages six bathing water locations within Dublin Bay. Two locations are designated under the Bathing Water Regulations S.I. 79 of 2008 namely Dollymount and Sandymount Strands. While Merrion Strand, Shelley Banks, Half Moon and the North Bull Wall are recognised as other monitored waters.

DCC takes samples at all six locations (regardless of designation) 20 times during the bathing season and on a fortnightly basis thereafter. Water Quality results are available on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) website <u>www.beaches.ie</u> and on DCC's webpage, <u>www.dublincity.ie/bathingwater</u>. Hardcopy results are also erected in the information cabinets along bathing water entrances.

Each year, DCC encourages public participation to establish if existing designations should be maintained and if there are bathing locations that should be considered for identification. The 2022 public participation period was held between 09/05/22 and 09/06/22. Details of the participation were published on DCC's dedicated <u>webpage</u> and across social media platforms. Furthermore, a newspaper notice was published in the Irish Independent on the 09/05/22.

No submissions were received to designate the North Bull Wall in 2022. However, the location was most recently assessed for designated in 2021. The assessment was carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's guidance document "A framework to assist Local Authorities in the assessment of submissions for the identification of new bathing waters" and the requirements set out in the Bathing Water Regulations 2008. Other considerations taken into account included the historic water quality data and local knowledge of complex pressures.

The 2021 assessment of the North Bull Wall concluded that DCC could not designate the location as an EU identified bathing area in light of consistent issues with poor water quality. Instead, it was deemed appropriate to continue to categorise the North Bull Wall as an "other monitored water". Previous assessments and reports can be viewed on the Dublin City Council website <u>HERE</u>.

Contact:Emma Finlay, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Water Pollution
Control, Protection of WaterBodies OfficePhone:222 2402Email:emma.finlay@dublincity.ie

Q.7 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones</u>

"To ask the Area Manager if the council can install a bench at the park at Foxfield Road, Raheny"

<u>Reply</u>

Parks are reluctant to install benches in such residential areas as they can be considered controversial as there is often a concern by nearby households that they will lead to congregation after dark and anti-social behaviour. Parks will liaise with the Area Office with regard to this request to see if there is community buy in, in the immediate vicinity and if so can consider same as part as a future parks improvements

Contact:	Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel:	222 6625
Email:	<u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.8 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to this public lighting issue at **(details supplied)**"

Reply:

The public lighting at **(details supplied)** close to the junction with the R139 will be inspected and assessed to establish whether additional lighting may be required. In the meantime arrangements will be made to replace any lamps that haven't been replaced in the last three years and routine maintenance will continue to be carried out as normal.

Contact:Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive EngineerTel:222 4415Email:seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to indicate **(details supplied)** position on the housing list."

Reply:

The application is deferred due to outstanding documentation required. They will only receive a position on the list when all documentation has been assessed.

Contact:Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations &
TransfersTel:222 2201Email:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.10 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** housing application case."

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing Medical List, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position	
Area B	1	30	

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.

Contact:	Sandra Barry, A Transfers	llocations	Officer,	Housing	Allocations	&
Tel: Email:	222 2201 sandra.barry@dub	lincity.ie				

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to have the railing in Ellenfield Park repaired especially across from **(details supplied)** where the gap is causing anti-social behaviour at night."

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks and any necessary repairs programmed as local schedules allow.

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

Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to review the action plan for the anti-Social Behaviour around Buttercup estate and the vacant properties that are not being secured."

Reply:

Estate Management are currently investigating reports of antisocial behaviour, in Buttercup Park and letters for antisocial interview have gone out to those responsible. All properties are either secured by steel panels or alarm but these are occasionally removed while properties are being renovated, in order for windows to be fitted.

Contact:Connell McGlynn, Area Housing ManagerTel:222 6940Email:Connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to look at putting additional parking space on the side walk in Brookwood Rise Artane Dublin 5. This side walk has very large pathways and to avoid cars parking on the path and on allocated parking space.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's policy is to promote and prioritise sustainable transport including walking, cycling and the use of public transport.

Reducing footpaths and/or green space in order to increase the availability of parking, would be contradictory to our current policies and Climate Change Action plan. Therefore, this request is not recommended by the Transport Advisory Group

Contact:Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.Email:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to look again at the possibility of waiving the requirements on garden drives. There are areas such as Dundaniel Road where there are a number of on street parked cars causing traffic issues".

Reply:

Planning permission is legally required under the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended for the provision of new vehicular entrances or the widening of existing ones. It is not within Dublin City's Council's powers to waive the requirement for planning permission.

Contact:Edel Kelly, Transportation Planning DivisionTel:222 2132Email:edel.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q.15 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to look at the urgent need for road re-surfacing on Shanrath and Lorcan Drive road. The road is very bad and it is important to have a good surface on it."

Reply:

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Road Maintenance Services will inspect and consider these two locations when planning the carriageway works programme 2023 or if additional funding becomes available this year.

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

Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager for an update on the discretionary fund application made by myself for the bottom green on Shanrath Road/Lorcan Drive and when the work is expected to happen."

Reply:

The manager will arrange to contact the Councillor to verify exactly where the work is required and perhaps will meet with the Councillor and the residents who have requested the works.

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

Q.17 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the street light upgrades that were promised in Kilmore/Castletimon area."

Reply:

The street lighting upgrades committed to in the Kilmore/Castletimon Area (e.g. Ballyshannon Road and Dundaniel Road) will be delivered under the Lighting Upgrade Project.

It was anticipated that the first Works Contract under the established framework for this project would have been awarded earlier this year but this has been delayed slightly.

It is expected that the first Works Contract will be awarded this side of Christmas and that works will commence in 2023. An exact timeframe cannot be provided for the upgrade works in the above areas other than to say that they will be undertaken during the course of 2023.

Contact:	Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,
	Public Lighting Services,
Tel:	086 8343154.
Email:	seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.18 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to have Shanliss Road cleaned and bins emptied please."

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Shanliss Road cleaned on the 11th November 2022 and we will ensure that litter bins there are emptied regularly.

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

Q.19 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to have the tree's trimmed on Shanliss Road please."

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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

Q.20 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to have Shanowen Road cleaned and bins emptied."

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have Shanowen Road cleaned by the end of November 2022 and we will ensure that litter bins there are emptied regularly.

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

Q.21 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to repair a number of larger potholes on Ardlea Road."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect and consider this location when planning the carriageway works programme 2023 or if additional funding becomes available this year. Any potholes found will be recorded with the view of being made safe when the relative crew is working in the area.

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

NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE 21st November 2022

Q.22 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager for an update on potential sports grounds in the Artane/Whitehall area that could be potentially upgraded in collaboration with DCC?"

Reply:

The Area Manager has begun discussions with local schools and facilities in order to collaborate in providing training facilities for local soccer clubs.

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

DCC through its Sports & Recreation and Parks & Landscape services manage a range of sporting facilities. DCC are happy to examine any potential upgrading collaborations that the Councillor would have in mind, within our scope of service provision.

Contact:Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive OfficerEmail:donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie

Q.23 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to form a working group to include a facilitator and representatives from the local football clubs & DCC in the Artane/Whitehall area. The intention would be to agree on meeting dates (e.g. monthly, quarterly) for all parties to discuss, support and work collaboratively to achieve the common goal of increasing much needed sports facilities in the area."

Reply:

The Area Office and Parks Department have had preliminary talks with the four local clubs. The area office is liaising with local schools and sports facilities to look to collaborate in provision of small scale training facilities locally. There are further discussions to be had internally with regard to the full size all-weather facility and we intend to meet the clubs again with the next steps.

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

DCC has four Sport Development Officers and four Co-funded Officers specifically assigned to the North Central area. There are also two DCSWP Citywide Officers and six Citywide Co-funded Officers who deliver programmes in communities across the city in their respective sports.

All Officers are actively promoting sports participation for their various sporting codes. All are available to assist in networking with local clubs to consider options to increase sports facilities in the area.

Contact and location details for DCSWP Officers and NCA and Citywide Co-funded Officers are attached. Details are also listed at the end of each area report.

DSCWP NCA Sport Development Officers

- Olivia Shattock
- Fergal Scally (remit includes the Artane area)
- > John McDonald (remit includes the Whitehall area)
- John Sweeney

DCSWP Citywide Sport Officers (These Officers support area based Sport Officers in the development and delivery of programmes and new initiatives and have responsibility for the planning and delivery of citywide programmes/flagship events)

- Darren Taaffe
- Robert Abbey

Citywide Co-funded Officers

- > Active Cities For Dublin Carmel O'Callaghan
- > Athletics in the Community Development Officer Colette Quinn
- > Cricket in the Community Development Officer Fintan McAllister
- Football For All (Disability) Development Officer North City Heather Jameson
- **Get Dublin Swimming Development Officer** Gearoid Fallon
- **Get Going Get Rowing Development Officer** Aoife Byrne
- > Health Promotion in the Community Development Officer David Phelan
- > Women's Rugby Development Officer Grainne Vaugh

NCA Co-funded Officers

- **Boxing in the Community Development Officer** Noel Burke
- FAI/Football in the Community Development Officer Keith O'Halloran (remit includes the Artane and the Whitehall area)
- FAI/Football in the Community Development Officer Neil Keoghan (remit includes the Whitehall area)
- > Rugby in the Community Development Officer Ray McCabe

Contact:Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive OfficerEmail:donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie

Q.24 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to schedule sweep cleaning on Skelly's Lane (road & path) to help reduce the build-up of leaves. Residents have been volunteering and composting some of the leaves, but the volume is becoming too much to manage on a voluntary basis."

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure Skelly's Lane is included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

Contact:Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,Tel2224240Email:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.25 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager if there is scooter stands from the NTA available to DCC for schools. Belmayne Educate Together National School have a lot of kids participating in active travel and are running out of spaces, particularly for scooters."

Reply:

Belmayne Educate Together National School are an applicant on the NTA funded Safe Routes to School and have been assessed for Round 1 priority. Under this programme they can apply through Green Schools for improved cycle parking. Bike Parking – Green-Schools (greenschoolsireland.org) http:// greenschoolsireland.org/saferoutestoschool/bike-parking/

Contact:School Mobility OfficerTel:222 3471Email:niamh.ncholmain@dublincity.ie

Q.26 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to inspect the trees at the rear of **(details supplied)**. The land was formerly owned by St David's Secondary School. The land was then sold to a developer and the developer transferred the common area to the council. The trees don't seem to have been maintained since that handover. Can you please investigate?"

Reply:

The trees and shrubs at this location have been regularly inspected since the area was taken in charge. The shrubs have been cut back from the footpath and cycle lane as and when necessary. The trees will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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

Q.27 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to install double yellow lines at the drop kerb beside Springdale National School in Raheny. The issue is that the drop kerb is being blocked by cars, preventing buggies, wheelchairs accessing the footpath or crossing the road" – PHOTO ATTACHED.

Reply:

As a result of an investigation, it has been observed that the dropped kerb at the above location is not suitable for prams, buggies, bicycles and wheelchairs. As there is no existing footpath across Lough Derg Road or any other dished kerb that would allow pedestrians to safely use the area.

The dished kerb is in place to allow maintenance machinery access to the green area by DCC's Parks Department. Until now, we have not received any request from the Parks Department to install double yellow lines at the aforementioned location the provision of double yellow lines is not recommended.



Contact:Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.Email:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.28 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to clean up the lane way at the rear of (details supplied)"

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the dumped bags cleared from the above mentioned laneway on the 11th November 2022.

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

Q.29 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to consider installing 'dog waste' bins on either end of Chanel Road if appropriate locations are available. There is many dog walkers along that road with no access to a bin."

Reply:

The installation of dog foul specific bins has ceased as they were being used for both general litter and dog foul and their limited capacity mean that this led to the regular overflowing of the bins between servicing.

Litter bins are no longer installed in residential areas as they were either under used or abused.

Dog walkers should bring their doggie bags home and place in appropriate bin.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Waste Management Services. Tel: 222 4243

Email: <u>bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.30 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to inspect the tree outside (details supplied) and schedule it for maintenance."

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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

Q.31 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell</u>

"To ask the Area Manager for a report on the cost of the sandbags to date on the Clontarf Promenade."

Reply:

Temporary flood protection has been in place on the Clontarf Promenade (at the carpark and yacht club slipway) since c. 2014 consisting of approximately 300nr 1tn Bags. The initial purchase of these bags cost c. \in 8,000+VAT (in current prices). Since installation the bags (not their contents) have had to be replaced on three occasions costing an additional \in 5,000+VAT approximately. It is likely that a full replacement of these bags (as opposed to re-bagging) will be required in the next 2-3 years.

Contact:Colm Fitzpatrick, Executive Manager (Engineering)Tel:222 2702Email:colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q.32 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell</u>

"To ask the Area Manager for a report on the graffiti on the follies in St Anne's Park. Such report to include details of the funds spent on restoring these follies, the cost of removing the graffiti, a timeline for such works and information on any plans or proposals to protect the follies from graffiti in the future."

Reply:

The cost of the works to repair, conserve and consolidate the 11 number follies in St. Anne's was in the order of \notin 347,000.

The follies are protected with an anti-graffiti coating which allows the graffiti to be effectively removed. The cost of graffiti removal varies per visit as it is based on time spent carrying out the cleaning and whether hoists and scaffolding is required. In general it can cost a few thousand euros per cleaning. As is probably appreciated due to the age and importance of these historic structures it is not possible to use power washers or similar which would be typically used for graffiti removal in other environments which does mean the process is slower and therefore more expensive. Generally the follies are cleaned of graffiti two or three times a year and in advance of events that may feature the follies. It is a source of ongoing frustration that the follies seemed to be attacked with fresh graffiti with renewed vigour as soon as they are cleaned.

Q.33 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell</u>

"To ask the Area Manager for details of the funds received for events in public parks, including the amount received for each event in each park and information as to where that funding goes e.g. into the specific park, into parks in general or to DCC."

Reply:

Guidelines for the holding of events in parks which also outlines the fee structure is available on the DCC website.

There have been over 430 event applications to hold a variety of events in our parks and open spaces to the end October 2022. However, many of these events are smaller community based events, non-commercial events or DCC led community events. No fees are applicable in these instances.

Income to the end of September 2022 is €562,297 but this includes income from larger events such as the two concert venues, the Big Grill, vendors at the Rose Festival with the balance coming from a variety of other events, filming, photoshoots etc.

Income from events held in our parks is receipted to the parks cost centre and these monies are used for general park improvements, including the parks where the events take place.

Q.34 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell</u>

"To ask the Area Manager for a report on the Park concerts planned / advertised for St Anne's and Fairview for next summer. The report to include how licences are granted and is there a limit on the number of licences for any particular park. The report to also include the length of time before and after for set up and take down - to ensure that general access to the park is not unduly impacted."

Reply:

The Licencing system for outdoor concerts in the Republic of Ireland is set out under Sections 229-241 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the associated articles contained in Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

In summary any outdoor musical entertainment event for a capacity of 5000 persons or more that takes place mainly in the open air or a temporary structure requires an Outdoor Event Licence.

The process can be described as follows. A mandatory pre application consultation meeting must be requested by the Promoter within a year of the first event to be the subject of a licence. This meeting is to be attended by officers from the relevant local authority, An Garda Siochana and the HSE. At this meeting the Promoter must outline the scope of the proposed event and the maximum number of concerts proposed at the venue that the licence application will be the subject of. The event cannot be advertised nor can tickets be sold in advance of this meeting taking place.

At this meeting the proposals are discussed and the statutory bodies in attendance can give the Promoter any advice they consider appropriate at that time relating to the proposal.

Once this meeting has taken place the Promoter can advertise/sell tickets for the events that were the subject of the meeting.

An Outdoor Event licence application is required to be lodged a minimum of 13 weeks prior to the first event date that the licence is the subject of. Within 2 weeks of the making of the application the applicant shall publish a notice of intention to submit an application in one local and one national newspaper. A summary of the proposal must be contained in these adverts to include event location, patron capacity and that any person may view the application at the office of the local authority for a period of 5 weeks and make a submission or observation relating to the application within 3 weeks of the date it is lodged. It should be noted that an application can be made for one or more dates under the one licence application (i.e. series of concerts).

Notifications are sent to area Councillors (as a courtesy) within one week of receipt of the application notifying them of the application concerned and details of how to

make a submission/observation if they so wish to do so. A summary of the application is also put up online on the Dublin City Council website planning pages.

Once the licence application has been lodged it is circulated internally to the relevant service Departments (including Parks) for comment as well as to AGS, DFB, the HSE and the various public transport agencies/NTA.

Statutory and bilateral meetings take place relating to the application and ultimately a decision must be made on the application a minimum of 4 weeks in advance of the first event that is the subject of the application.

In considering and making a decision on an application for an Outdoor Event Licence Dublin City Council has careful regard to the documentation and information set out in the application including inter alia:

- the documents and information submitted with and arising from the application for a licence
- consultations with the persons and bodies required to be consulted in relation to a licence application including the submissions from the prescribed bodies
- submissions, observations and objections made as per the 2001 Regulations
- the information outlined/exchanged at the event related meetings attended by the Planning Authority and associated with this application
- all statutory meetings for the proposed events
- events previously held at the location that is the subject of the licence application
- the matters the subject of the conditions that are imposed on the licence decision, including conditions to assist in the minimisation of disruption in the areas surrounding the event and indeed on the site itself (where a licence is granted).
- relevant ministerial guidelines or codes of practice issued by the Minister or by any other Minister of the Government.

There are no specific limits as to the number of shows that can be applied for in a particular venue, each proposal is assessed on its merits, however limits by implication are discussed at some pre application consultation meetings with the applicant (Promoter) particularly if it is considered that the scope of the proposal may not be acceptable should it ultimately come in by way of application.

While pre application consultation meetings have taken place with Dublin City Council in respect of proposed concerts in both St. Anne's and Fairview Parks for 2023 no licence application has been lodged to date. The information contained in the pre application consultation therefore remains confidential and is commercially sensitive. Once an application is lodged in respect of either of the venues concerned the local area Councillors will be notified of this and a summary of the application to include the maximum number of proposed concerts. If the Councillor has any further queries at this time he can contact John Downey who is the City Councils designated Outdoor Event Licencing Officer.

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

The Parks Service expects both the set up and the take down of the stage, fencing etc. to be carried out in an efficient and timely manner but safety is of course the most important consideration in this regard. The sequencing, timing, access routes etc. are agreed with the promoter in advance and are subject to a detailed risk assessment to ensure the safety of Park Users during these phases of the build. While the concerts are

ongoing the Parks Service works quite closely with the concert promoters to ensure that full access is retained to all parks facilities for parks visitors and that any necessary restrictions on concert days are kept to a minimum, left until as late as possible before each concert and are advertised well in advance.

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

Q.35 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to organise the removal of leaves / and have the grass cut regularly at the green space / verge adjacent to (details supplied). This spot is a 'sticking' area for leaves / debris etc."

Reply:

This is a grassed verge outside of a private residence. Such areas are no longer included in the grass maintenance contract but rather it is expected that they would be adopted and maintained by local residents.

Q.36 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to restore the wire mesh left at the Vernon Ave / Hampton Court area for leaf collection. It's normally in place but not this year."

Reply:

The North Central Public Domain Team did not place this mesh at this location and have no knowledge of it been removed. This could possibly have been put in place by local residents last year.

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

Q.37 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to provide a progress report on issues affecting an area at **(details supplied)**"

Reply:

- 1. The clearing of the moss on the roofs has been started and will be completed as soon as possible
- 2. The painting of the balconies has been added to the Paint Squad programme of works, but please note that there is a significant wait time
- 3. Housing Maintenance Northside Mobile Crew will add hedging to their programme of works and will endeavour to carry this out as soon as possible. The fencing was inspected by the Local Area depot and they are of the opinion that this does not need to be extended as the complex is open and accessible and further fencing is not required
- 4. The manhole outside (details supplied) has been addressed and is now in working order
- 5. An assessment will be carried out on the trees to determine what ones are need of pruning.
- 6. The Community Section from the civic centre in Bunratty Road have recently been in contact with the residents of **(details supplied)** and have provided them with plants for the complex.
- 7. Although this would not be a normal request for Housing Maintenance, the Local Area depot has facilitated this request and a picnic table has been fitted
- 8. There are currently 2 empty flats, one is with the Area Office to be let and the other is in the process of being refurbished
- 9. The community room in **(details supplied)** is currently being refurbished with the hope of opening this up to the residents in the near future for activities. The Community Section in the Civic Centre in Bunratty Road will be engaging with the tenant once the room is ready.

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

Contact:	Connell McGlynn, Area Housing Manager
Tel:	222 6942
Email:	Connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to have shores at **(details supplied)** repaired and cemented as the tarmac which was previously installed as a surround has sunk."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect and consider this location (details supplied) with the view of upgrading the concrete channel when planning the carriageway works programme 2023.

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

Dublin City Council Drainage Division will carry out detailed investigation of combined sewer in the area of **(details supplied)**.

Drainage Division will follow up directly with the Councillor as the investigation progresses

Contact:Siham Ahmed, Senior Executive Engineer (A).Tel:222 3646.Email:siham.ahmed@dublincity.ie

Q.39 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to have park railings at (details supplied) replaced."

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks and any necessary repairs programmed as local schedules allow.

Q.40 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to consider placing a pedestrian crossing at **(detail supplied)**."

Reply:

Following a recent site visit, it was observed that pedestrian volumes at the junction of **(details supplied)** were low and do not meet the warrant for the installation of a pedestrian crossing.

A zebra working group has been convened to make recommendations to the Transportation SPC regarding the use of Zebra crossings in the DCC area and this group is still meeting.

A pedestrian crossing is situated on **(details supplied)** near junction with Sion Hill Road and Transport Advisory Group is in the process of upgrading the traffic signals at the Grace Park Road/Collins Avenue/Beaumont Road/ junction with pedestrian crossings on all four arms of the junction, which will improve resident safety. These civil works are scheduled to commence in 2023.

Contact:Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive EngineerTel:222 - 5365Email:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to consider the following option to my Q.27 of last month regarding the provision of a dog park area within **(details supplied).**"

Reply:

The Share with Care route across the park is a 4m path that connects Annesley Bridge to the Howth Road junction and is an essential vehicular access route for maintenance purposes. It is the experience of the Parks Service that only a minority of dog owners use dog parks and often the facility in St. Anne's will be empty while many owners walk their pets within the park. While such facilities afford great amenity to those who do make use of them they do require considerable resources to provide in terms of space as well as financial and are really only considered viable in much larger parks. This issue has been looked at on a few occasions and given the proximity to the city space is at such a premium no suitable sites were identified. There is however a space on the Alfie Byrne Road to the south of the Fairview Gas Station which could provide a railed off 1 acre off leash exercise area. This area is at some distance from and not currently connected to details supplied, but there are proposals to develop a green way along the Tolka which would connect this space to the park proper under the railway bridge. However as this site is earmarked for a city farm in the medium term it could only provide such a facility temporarily until the city farm proposals are realised.

Q.42 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to have the road at (**detail supplied**) repaired as it is causing significant issues for residents particular during periods of heavy rain.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect and consider this location (details supplied) when planning the carriageway works programme 2023 or if additional funding becomes available this year.

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

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager will the Council prune the tree outside (details supplied) as the residents report that the tree roots have damaged their boundary wall?"

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to remove the bush that is growing out of the tree at the corner of Foxfield Green and Foxfield Grove which is obscuring sight lines and causing a hazard."

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to repair the footpath at the entrance to Foxfield Heights near the junction with Foxfield Road?

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at 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 the area.

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

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area to consider introducing traffic calming in Grace Park Meadows?

Reply:

A request for traffic calming measures on Grace Park Meadows (Enquiry Ref: 7022371) is listed for examination and report by the Transport Advisory Group.

The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact:Mary Boyle, A/Senior Staff Officer, TAG Administration,
Environment and Transportation Department.Email:mary.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.47 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to schedule the footpaths in Thorndale Park, which are in significant need of repair due to tree roots and day to day damage, for the coming year's programme of works"

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will consider this location when planning the footpath works programme 2023.

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

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager to assess the trees in Thorndale Park for pruning/crown lifting. Many have branches hanging low enough to pose a risk to people walking or cycling."

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.49 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the tree at **(details supplied)** to be assessed in terms of the health of the tree/whether there is any disease present and to arrange for crown lifting?"

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.50 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to put a litter bin in place between **(details supplied)** as there is no bin on this long stretch of road and residents would appreciate the addition of a bin for dog waste and to prevent littering."

Reply:

Waste Management Services would not be in favour of installing a litter bin in this residential area. However we will monitor litter levels at this location and keep this request under review.

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

Q.51 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a street sweeping/footpath clearing in Grace Park Heights. There are large accumulations of leaves and elderly residents in particular are not able to clear them and worried about slipping/injury."

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure Grace Park Heights is included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

Q.52 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to add the completion of the footpath works on Donnycarney Road and Belton Park Villas to the coming programme of works. These works were commenced in 2021 and I very much appreciate the work done to date but due to crossover with utilities were not completed and significant issues remain with Donnycarney Road and Belton Park Villas."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services decided not to complete works on Donnycarney Road and Belton Park Villas as part of the 2022 footpath works programme due to unexpected works by Irish Water in the area. As a result, Road Maintenance completed further works on nearby Elm Road, Hazel Road, Holly Road and Oak Road. Road Maintenance will again consider works on Donnycarney Road and Belton Park Villas when planning the footpath works programme 2023.

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

Q.53 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to ensure graffiti is removed from the utility box at **(details supplied).**"

Reply:

The Public Domain Enforcement Officer will have the graffiti removed from this utility box at above location.

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

Q.54 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for crown lifting of trees on Celtic Park Avenue – particularly along the stretch from **(details supplied)** where branches are hanging very low and are a risk of injuring pedestrians and cyclists."

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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

Q.55 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for upkeep/painting of the lighting poles around Celtic Park Avenue and Collins Park."

Reply:

Most of the poles on Celtic Park Avenue and Collins Park are ESBN Network poles that carry our lights and any painting required is a matter for ESBN. DCC Public Lighting will ask the ESB can they arrange for the poles to be painted.

Contact:Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,
Public Lighting Services,Tel:086 8343154.Email:seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.56 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to assess the health of the tree at **(details supplied**) and if it is found to be diseased/dangerous as residents indicate to have it removed."

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.57 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to have the tree pit reinstated/filled in at **(details supplied)** where the tree has been removed but there is a dog fouling issue with the remaining tree pit."

Reply:

The matter will be referred to road maintenance as the locus is not suitable for tree planting due to the proximity to the street lighting column.

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

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. The current condition of the footpath will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled 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.58 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the renovations to **(details supplied)** to bring it back to habitable use post it being CPO'd?"

Reply:

A complete works order has been finalised on the refurbishment of this property. This week a works order will be issued to a contractor to begin the renovations to this property.

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

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to indicate the proposed public swimming hours for the Christmas /New Year school holiday period in Northside Swimming Pool?"

Reply:

In line with all DCC facilities Northside Swimming Pool will close from 24th December and will reopen 3rd January 2023.

Contact:Donncha Ó DúlaingEmail:donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to indicate whether the public swimming hours in Northside Swimming Pool will be increased from just a few hours on a Saturday morning to cover some week days?"

Reply:

Further recruitment of swim qualified staff is envisaged in 2023 which will allow the expansion of public swimming at Northside. In the interim the pool is being extensively used by a number of swim providers with a range of swimming lessons being provided to numerous clubs and groups.

Dublin City Council and Swim Ireland's newly appointed co-funded Swim Officer is finalising a programme of swimming activities for other available hours for the community.

DCC have commissioned a feasibility study in relation to the long term future of Northside Swimming Pool, which will be presented to the Area Committee for comment and input early in 2023.

Contact:Donncha Ó DúlaingEmail:donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie

Q.61 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager what provision and specific proposals have been made by the developer on (**details supplied**), to implement the requirement for community/creative/cultural infrastructure in the Development Plan. If proposals have been made, say if they have been tested against the requirements/deficits in the area?"

Reply:

It is a requirement under *Objective CUO22* of the New Dublin City Development Plan (to be adopted after 14th December next), *that all* **SDRAs and Large Scale Developments provide a minimum 5% community, arts and culture spaces** *including exhibition, performance and artist workspaces predominantly internally as part of large scale developments above 10,000 sq. m. in total area.* This Objective is being applied to the (details supplied) Development with the Developers, Glenveagh Living Limited, providing 2,208 Sqm. internal floor area in a New Landmark Neighbourhood Centre located at the entrance to the development off Coolock Lane. The Neighbourhood centre will provide community and cultural facilities in a flexible multipurpose space over three floors.

In addition to this, the development accommodates a Community Childcare Building providing secure play and education areas both indoors and out. A total of 3.6 ha Public Open space is to be provided incorporating 1 main Park (3.2ha) and 3 additional Pocket Parks (Kilmore Gardens, Lawrence Gardens and Castle Gardens). Lawrence Lands Park incorporates community allotments, Orchards, Nature Trails, Skate and Scooter Park, Wetlands with boardwalks, Circle trails and Woodlands. Kilmore Park provides for bespoke play area, table tennis tables, a MUA (multi use play area) and casual landscaped areas connecting to Coolock Lane and the adjacent Gaelscoil.

An audit of Social and Community facilities and infrastructure in the surrounding areas was compiled as part of the **(details supplied)** land Initiative Project. This captured Retail, Open space/Recreational, Educational (Primary/Secondary/Further Educational facilities), community/sporting facilities and Religious uses in the vicinity of the site. This was referenced by the Developer in their consideration of a proposal for the new landmark building however a final agreed use (and operator) has yet to be determined for this proposed new facility.

Contact:	Martin Donlon, Development Manager
Tel:	222 3943
Email:	martin.donlon@dublincity.ie

Q.62 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to please refer to footpath breakages at **(details supplied)** and say when the necessary repairs can be carried out as the tree roots along this stretch of footpath is making the area hazardous for pedestrians, particularly our elder population and vulnerable persons."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(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 the area.

Please note that there is a very large backlog of defects across all of Dublin City, therefore an exact timeframe for these repairs cannot be given at this time.

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

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to refer to the footpath repairs being carried out at Brookwood Avenue, Dublin 5 and say what action can be taken to prevent
(a) The destruction (by contractors) of the tree roots at this location (and other locations) where footpath works are being carried out close to trees
(b) What residents see as new opportunities for motorists to park vehicles on dished kerb at Gracefield Avenue (see attached parked within hours of repair on the pedestrian crossing dished kerb) and if they can make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

- a) Road Maintenance Services have strict guidelines when working near trees. We try to minimise the impact on tree roots from our works as much as possible. We have again reminded the contactor of these guidelines to ensure these are strictly adhered too.
- b) It is illegal to park on the public footpath, Road Maintenance have reported the parking issue to our Parking Enforcement division to investigate.

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

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to please refer to **(details supplied)** and start the process for the disposal of same as my constituent went sale agreed on the property unaware that this situation was an issue."

Reply:

An application was received on 21/10/22 to purchase the plot of land to the **(details supplied)**

The service checks have now been completed and the applicant's solicitor was sent the terms of the disposal on 9/11/2022. Once the applicant agrees the terms of disposal it is expected that the disposal will come before the North Central Area Committee in December and once agreed it will go before the January City Council meeting for approval.

Contact:Cathy Cassidy, A/Administrative OfficerTel:222 7400Email:cathy.cassidy@dublincity.ie

Q.65 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager in relation to road as per **(details supplied)**, say what measures can be taken to

- (a) Slow down speeding traffic#
- (b) Reduce the number of cars using the road as a rat-run
- (c) Make the area safe for children, elders and vulnerable road users/pedestrians

Reply:

(**Details supplied**) is currently traffic calmed with five speed ramps which passively reduces vehicular speeds.

Traffic calming is also aided with the presence of on-street parking which reduces speeds and improves driver caution and the road is also lined with mature trees offering a more enclosed residential space.

This area is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists the road is a residential area and to expect children. This is clearly marked at entrance from **(details supplied)** Road and Philipsburgh Avenue.

No other engineering measures are recommended at this time.

Contact:Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive EngineerTel:222-5365Email:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.66 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to refer to trees at 2 location as per **(details supplied)** and say if she can arrange to prune same as is required,"

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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

Q.67 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to please refer to **(details supplied)** regarding cycleway markings & segregation of cyclists from walkers and respond please."

Reply:

This is not a commuter cycle lane but a shared surface segregated from vehicular traffic within a recreation setting providing access to the beach with 'Share with Care' signage. Cyclists are more than welcome to use this space providing their speed is appropriately modified to account for other users including pedestrians, prams, buggies, children, dogs etc. Cyclists who wish to cycle at a greater speed may continue to use the public roadway.

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

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed update to this Committee on what exactly is happening with the Clontarf flood defence, say when proposals will be brought forward by City Council and can the manager provide a full statement on the matter.

Reply:

Regarding the Clontarf Promenade and Flood Alleviation Project, draft documents to appoint Consultants for Stage 1 - Feasibility, preliminary design and Stage 2 Planning Process, were sent to Dublin City Council (DCC) stakeholders for comment. We are awaiting return from one of these. These documents will then be sent to the Office of Public Works for comment and then to DCC procurement to assess. Following this various meetings with internal and external stakeholders will take place before they are finalised and a tender competition can take place.

We will provide a further update on timelines once the tender documents are finalised and we are in a position to commence the tender process.

Following the appointment of the Consultants for the project, there will be a significant number of public consultations during the design and the planning process.

Contact:Gerard O'Connell, Senior EngineerEmail:gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to refer to application for disabled persons grant from a person as per **(details supplied)** and say when same will be granted."

Reply:

An application for a Mobility Aids Grant was received from the above person (**details supplied**) on 27th October 2022. However the Application Form was incomplete and was returned to the applicant requesting proof of payment of Local Property Tax, a pension slip for his private pension and an Occupational Therapist Report.

The application was returned and received in Dublin City Council's Home Grants Section on 7th November 2022 with proof of payment of Local Property Tax but no private pension payment slip or Occupational Therapist Report. The application form was returned to the applicant on 10th November 2022 requesting a copy of their private pension slip and an Occupational Therapist Report.

If the applicant needs assistance obtaining the outstanding documents for their application, Ms. Eimear McCormack, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme Coordinator can be contacted at 085 8622844 to assist with the Mobility Aids Grant Application.

Contact:Deirdre Cahill, Senior Staff OfficerTel:222 2640Email:deirdre.cahill@dublincity.ie

Q.70 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to please say, in relation to the Griffith Avenue cycleway,

- (a) When the project will be completed
- (b) If the bollards and other currently erected grey pieces of what look like
- low concrete bollards in place are to be replaced or remain
- (c) When will greenery be put in place along the route?

And if they can make a full statement on the final/finished design."

Reply:

- (a) It is anticipated that all works on Griffith Avenue will be complete by the end of 2023.
- (b) A number of different end pieces with reflective vertical upstands are currently being trialled. Their effectiveness to highlight the kerb and allow adequate cleaning of the cycle tracks will be monitored over the coming months. The finalised design will be implemented next year.
- (c) The Environment & Transportation Department are currently in discussions with the Parks Department regarding greening options.

There are a number of substantial works still to be complete including;

- The installation of an extruded kerb along the Southern side of Griffith Avenue between the Malahide Road junction and Charlemont.
- The installation of parking protected cycle lanes on the northern side of Griffith Avenue section 5.
- Significant junction improvement works at Malahide Rd / Griffith Avenue (the Cycle Design Office of the NTA to assist with the design when resources are available in the New Year).
- Implementation of greening options in early 2023.
- Stage 3 Road Safety Audit to be complete on the entirety of the scheme.

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

Q.71 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have traffic cones located at **(details supplied)** removed as they seem to be serving no purpose yet causing road traffic issues for constituents"

Reply:

DCC continue to monitor traffic on Clontarf Road on the inbound approach to Alfie Byrne Road junction.

Specifically with reference to the cones positioned in the bus lane on the inbound approach, this traffic management installation also remains under review. The motivation for leaving these cones (which are located in the bus lane) is an attempt to prevent cars stacking in the bus lane in advance of making the left turn onto Alfie Byrne Road. By providing for a clear bus lane it is hoped that the impact of left turning traffic is minimised on buses.

It has been noted that bus journey times through the junction have improved when compared to the junction layout prior to works commencing (2021).

The inbound bus lane is to open imminently between the Clontarf / Alfie Byrne Road junction and the Clontarf DART arch bridge. This should assist the progression of inbound buses through the junction. (Please note it may be necessary to close this bus lane after Christmas for finishing works.)

The matter continues to be kept under review by the Project Team and by colleagues in DCC Traffic Department.

Contact:Joe Mernagh, Senor Resident EngineerEmail:joseph.mernagh@dublincity.ie

Q.72 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the **(details supplied)** regarding sweeping and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

a) Waste Management Services will ensure the above mentioned location is included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

b) Road Maintenance Services will inspect and consider this location (details supplied) when planning the carriageway works programme 2023.

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

Q.73 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the **(details supplied)** regarding housing and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 20/11/20, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	2	309
E	2	388

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, they 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:Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations &
TransfersTel:222 2201Email:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the **(details supplied)** regarding bins and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

The bins within this park were removed due to ongoing anti-social behaviour and firesetting. There are no plans to replace these bins at this time. There are bins at the northeast and southwest entrances to this small park where pet owners can dispose of dog dirt.

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

Q.75 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the **(details supplied)** regarding parking and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

If vehicles are persistently parking in front of the resident's driveway either the local Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) should be notified on Tel: 01-602-2500 or info@dsps.ie. The resident should call enforcement as the resident must be at their residence when the parking enforcement van arrives to carry out enforcement across the resident's driveway.

Double yellow lines are provided on (details supplied) View at the junction with (details supplied) Crescent. If vehicles are parking on these DSPS or the local Gardaí need to be called to carry out enforcement.

Contact:Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive EngineerEmail:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.76 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the **(details supplied)** regarding a camera required and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

Dublin City Council are not in a position to install CCTV cameras until such time as the Local Authority Sector are in compliance with statutory requirement provided for in the recently enacted Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2022. The production of the Code of Practice for the use of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices (MRDs) for the prevention, detection and prosecution of offences under the waste and litter pollution acts (as amended) is being developed.

The Codes of Practice set out the standards that each Council seeking to use CCTV for the stated statutory purpose must adhere to, for their use of CCTV to be GDPR and LED (Law Enforcement Directive) compliant.

There is a CCMA subgroup tasked with developing the Codes of Practice.

- a. Code of Practice for the Operation of CCTV for the purpose of Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Waste Offences
- b. Code of Practice for the Operation of Mobile Recording Devices for the purpose of Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Waste Offences (plus toolkit)

The Act requires the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) to prepare and submit a draft Code of Practice to the Minister and a number of statutory bodies for approval. These requirements are being actioned on at present.

Following the required engagement with statutory stakeholders and the agreement of the Minister, a CCTV scheme must then be approved by the Chief Executive of DCC before CCTV is installed.

At this time we cannot estimate the likely date for conclusion of the requirements of the new Act, which are required prior to installing a CCTV system. In the interim a "No Dumping" sign will be put in place

Contact:	Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel:	222 4243
Email:	<u>bernie.lillis@dublinlcity.ie</u> .

Q.77 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the **(details supplied)** regarding dangerous wall and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

DCC DB have attended to & monitored this estate boundary wall since 2018. We have also called & written to the Estate management Company **Paramount Estates Ltd**. whose responsibility it is to maintain, repair & remediate same in the interest of public safety – on many occasions – with little / no active response.

A DB Inspector again reviewed this wall as of 11/11/2022 – the wall remains structurally stable at this time - no significant danger noted within the meaning of the LGSSAct 1964.

DB have no remit to repair, maintain or re-instate.

Note: - We have again made contact with the above Management Company as of 11/11/2022, who now advise DB of a change to the incumbent Property Management Company – we now seek the new point of contact.

Contact:Clare Goldenberg, Senior Executive ArchitectEmail:dangerousbuildings@dublincity.ie

Q.78 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding double yellow lines and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

a) The Transport Advisory Group, at its meeting of 28th June 2022, reported that following a recent site visit, no adverse problems regarding parking were observed. (details supplied) has on-street parking which acts as a traffic calming measure by physically narrowing the carriageway and reducing drivers' forward visibility. Further restrictions on this section of the road would lead to increased traffic speeds, whereas parking tends to have a calming effect helping to slow down the traffic in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidelines. The Transport Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend provision of parking restrictions at the above location (Ref: 7022316).

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

b) This request (Enquiry Ref: 7030165) will be 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:Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, TAG Administration,
Environment and Transportation Department.Tel:222 2528Email:mary.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.79 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding potholes and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

a) Road Maintenance Services will inspect and consider this location (details **supplied**) when planning the carriageway works programme 2023 or if additional funding becomes available this year. Any potholes found will be recorded with the view of being made safe when the relative crew is working in the area. Traffic Division would need to assess the requirement for double yellow lines.

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

b) Contact was made with this resident and it was explained that there is a continuous white line at (details supplied). Parking opposite a continuous white line is illegal and therefore negates the need for DYL's. Any infringements of this should be reported to An Garda Siochana or Dublin Street Parking Services on 01-602-2500 or Email: info@dsps.ie.

 Contact:
 Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

 Email:
 Gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.80 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding recycling bins and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

To the best of my knowledge no bins have been removed from **details supplied** all refuse and recycling bins have been moved into the new bin-shed to keep the area clean and tidy and stop illegal dumping.

At Present we only have 3 Grey and 3 Green bins but are hoping to introduce 2 x 240 leader Brown bins into **details supplied** in the near future, but this is a new initiative being brought in to all Senior Citizens complexes in the NCA.

Contact:	Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager
Phone:	222 8852
Email:	patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

Q.81 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding sweeping and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure the above mentioned location is included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

Q.82 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding works programme and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

The 2022 North Central Area carriageway resurfacing works are now substantially complete. Road Maintenance Services have also decided to complete further additional resurfacing works (listed below) with the view that these carriageway works will be completed before the end of the year:

- Snowdrop Walk Additional
- Cill Eanna localised concrete repairs and joint sealing, part of works programme 2022
- Calderwood Road localised concrete repairs and joint sealing, part of works programme 2022
- Griffith Walk localised concrete repairs and joint sealing, part of works programme 2022

Road Maintenance Services were in a position to award the 2022 North Central Area footpath works to the winning contractor in September. This contract has commenced mid - October this year. Footpath works ongoing are planned to take place at the following locations:

- Shanowen Road
- Shanowen Avenue
- Shanglas Road
- Shantalla Road
- Coolgariff Road
- Drumcondra Road Upper
- Malahide Road
- Blunden Drive
- Vernon Avenue
- Brookwood Rise
- Greendale Avenue
- Roseglen Avenue

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer. Tel: 222 3898.

Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

The Parks Service is currently compiling the winter street tree planting programme and the tree care programme for the area. The majority of items on the works programme have been delivered such as the spring bulb planting programme, upgrades to paths and gates in Edenmore Park however due to challenges getting quotations etc. certain matters have not yet been finalised. The Parks Service is liaising with contractors to ascertain which elements of the works programme can be delivered in 2022.

- Water bottle filling stations have been ordered for Fr. Collins and Ellenfield but installation will most likely be in Q1 2023.
- Pitch improvement works commenced in Fairview and Alfie Byrne Road but had to be paused due to heavy rains last month and will be brought to conclusion once conditions allow.
- Contractor to carry out necessary repairs to the small toilet block in Fr. Collins Park has been appointed a start date is awaited.
- Darndale Playground has commenced on site.
- The tendered returns for the proposed McAuley Playground has been disappointing and it is intended to re-advertise in the coming weeks with a view to commencing construction Q2 2023
- Certain improvements proposed for Ellenfield have proved challenging to procure and may have to be postponed until early 2023.

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

Q.83 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding footpath and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(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 the area.

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

Q.84 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding housing (and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP list with an application date of 8/3/11, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position	
Area B	2	17	

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. These are advertised every Friday and are open for 3 weeks.

Contact:Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations &
TransfersTel:222 2201Email:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.85 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding bins and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

The bins within this park were removed due to ongoing anti-social behaviour and firesetting. There are no plans to replace these bins at this time. There are bins at the northeast and southwest entrances to this small park where pet owners can dispose of dog dirt.

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

Q.86 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding footpath (and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at locations b) & c) (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 the area.

Road Maintenance Services will consider this location a) (details supplied) when planning the footpath works programme 2023.

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

Q.87 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding Astroturf and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

The all-weather facility in **details 1** Park is used by a number of local clubs. Maintenance and repairs are carried out by the Parks Service. There are a number of all-weather facilities in the area both public and private but these are well used. Contact could be made with the operators of each to ascertain the availability of slots.

There are no firm proposals for an all-weather facility in **details 2** Park at the Dohanies School rather a request to provide same at this location has been received from a local club similar to very many similar requests from local clubs all across the area. The feasibility of such requests are looked at in the context of local need. Suitability for the park or space, availability and distribution of such facilities in the area and availability of funding.

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

Q.88 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding road improvements and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

In relation to Speed Signs, it should be noted that it is DCC's Policy to only erect Speed Signs where Speeds change from one Speed Zone to another. This also adheres to the E&T Department's Policy of reducing "street clutter"

Contact:Michael J O'Brien, A/Traffic Officer, Environment &
Transportation Department.Tel:086 8150046.Email:michael.obrien@dublincity.ie

- a) Following investigation, it is noted that 3.5 tonne maximum gross weight restriction signs are in place at the following locations:
 - Millbrook Road junction with Tonlegee Road
 - Blunden Drive junction with Malahide Road
 - Millbrook Avenue junction with Grange Road
 - Ardara Avenue junction with Grange Road
 - Grangemore Road junction with Grange Road

In order to further restrict heavy vehicles from accessing this route as a short cut between the main roads and access to estates, 3.5 tonne maximum gross weight sign will be provided on Millbrook Drive junction with Tonlegee Road. Repeater signs will not be installed as DCC are actively trying to stop the proliferation of road traffic signs throughout Dublin City.

- b) (Details supplied) is currently traffic calmed with 8 speed ramps in order to slow down vehicles as per current standards/guidelines. Instances of speeding need to be referred to An Garda Síochána as a matter for enforcement. Dublin City Council Traffic Department currently has no plans to improve the speed ramps in the area due to budgetary constraints.
- c) (Details supplied) has 30 km/h Residential Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a residential area and to expect children playing; these road traffic signs are clearly marked at the entrances from Millbrook Road and Grange Road. A number of "SLOW" road markings were proposed and installed at strategic points on Millbrook Avenue, near the park entrances, in order to increase driver awareness. Additional signage is not recommended.

Contact:Gerry McEntagart - North City Executive EngineerTel:222 5365Email:gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding planning and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

A full report will issue directly to Councillor.

Contact:Fiona Murphy, Administrative OfficerTel:222 5233Email:Fiona.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q.90 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding potholes and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

a) Road Maintenance Services will inspect and consider this location (details supplied) when planning the carriageway works programme 2023 or if additional funding becomes available this year. Any potholes found will be recorded with the view of being made safe when the relative crew is working in the area. Traffic Division would need to assess the requirement for double yellow lines.

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

b) Contact was made with this resident and it was explained that there is a continuous white line at (details supplied). Parking opposite a continuous white line is illegal and therefore negates the need for DYL's. Any infringements of this should be reported to An Garda Siochana or Dublin Street Parking Services on 01-602-2500 or Email: info@dsps.ie.

 Contact:
 Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

 Email:
 Gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.91 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** LAP and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

The **(details supplied)** Local Area Plan 2012-2018 (the LAP) is the only active local area plan in the North Central Area. The LAP was made by the elected members in December 2012 was extended until January 2023.

In 2020, a masterplan was prepared for c.24 hectares of Dublin City Council owned lands located on the LAP Key Urban Village designation situated on the western side of the Malahide Road. The masterplan sets out a detailed urban design strategy for built form, movement and land use in order to guide development.

The new Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 designates the **(details supplied)** area as a Strategic Development and Regeneration Area (SDRA 1), to guide the future development of the lands by incorporating the LAPs phasing and implementation strategy to inform the future build-out of the lands, when the LAP expires.

See link to **details supplied** LAP.

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Contact:Brian Keaney, Senior PlannerTel:222 7933Email:brian.keaney@dublincity.ie

Q.92 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding Halloween and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

The Public Domain Team can confirm that this year's Halloween passed off with no major trouble regarding Bonfire materials been removed by contractors on behalf of the local area office. Our staff identified and were also made aware of areas that Bonfire materials were been stored.

The area office in conjunction with Waste Management, Parks Department and the support when needed of An Garda Siochana removed these materials when it was safe to do so in the weeks and days running up to Halloween.

Unfortunately the majority of Bonfires were on our green open spaces and the Parks Department carried out great work in removing the material when it was safe to do so both before and immediately after these fires.

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

The very wet conditions over Halloween Night itself seemed to act to reduce the number and intensity of bonfires on the night. This is no doubt a good thing with regard to public safety however it did mean that there were significant volumes of unburnt waste remaining at these sites after the event. As the concern was if this waste was left in situ that it would simply be burnt once the rain abated there was more of an urgency to remove same in the immediate aftermath. As ground conditions were very wet this did result in the clean-up ostensibly causing more damage to the open space than the small fires. However the reality is that wheel ruts on wet ground while very visible are easily repaired and grass will quickly grow here whereas bonfire sites can effectively poison the ground with toxic by-products of combustion and leave hazardous shards of glass, nails and wire in the area.

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

Q.93 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** regarding park bench and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply:

This work in relation to benches and gaps in the wall at above location have been completed by the Area Office.

Contact:Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEAPhone:222 8846Email:bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

Benches and gaps in the wall have been provided as was agreed. The extent of what footpath may be required to service same will be assessed as part of future parks improvement programmes

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

Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to please organise for the following footpath trips on Springdale Road **(details supplied)** in Raheny to be repaired as a matter of urgency as they are a hazard to pedestrians"

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at locations 1, 2 & 3) (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 the area.

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

Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to organise for a tree to be replanted in the empty tree pit outside **(details supplied)** or alternatively organise for the pit to be filled and made safe"

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and if deemed suitable for a smaller canopy tree it will be included in the coming street tree planting programme for the area 2022-23.

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

Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to please address the following complaint with respect to footpath repairs being undertaken on Harmonstown Road (**details supplied**). In particular can the Area Manager comment on the design approach to the scheme."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services have strict guidelines when working near trees. We try to minimise the impact on tree roots from our works as much as possible. We have again reminded the contactor of these guidelines to ensure these are strictly adhered too.

A number of footpath defects were identified at **(details supplied)** prior to our works. The footpath reconstruction at this location will repair these defects making the footpath safer.

The area directly outside the shops is a private landing and is not maintained by Road Maintenance Services. As such, no works are scheduled here.

It is illegal to park on the public footpath, Road Maintenance have reported the parking issue to our Parking Enforcement division to investigate.

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

Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to please organise for bags of leaves filled on Kincora Road West to be collected and also make sure that the shores there have been checked and are clear of all leaves and debris?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had these bags of leaves removed from Kincora Road West on the 11th November 2022 and we will ensure that it is included in our leaves removal programme during the autumn and winter months.

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

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Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to please follow on the complaint below (**details supplied**) with respect to the green area off Harmonstown Road and:

- 1. Confirm that it was DCC personnel/contractors who damaged the green
- 2. Implement the appropriate remedial actions to ensure the damaged green is repaired and restored

Reply:

The remnants of illegal and unauthorized bonfires on public open space often includes hazardous, sharp and potentially dangerous materials hidden amongst ashes and embers which is why such work is carried out mechanically rather than putting council staff at risk of injury. It is also critical that the removal of such materials is affected as soon as schedules allow to avoid putting children and pets at risk. It is unfortunate that conditions were so wet during clean up resulting in wheel ruts being left on the open space. Repairs to the green will be programmed as soon as local schedules and weather conditions allow.

Contact:	Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager In relation to Permit Parking for Dunluce Road can the Area Manager:

- 1. Confirm when the area was last balloted for a scheme
- 2. Provide a summary of the results of that ballot
- 3. Provide an up-to-date view from DCC in relation to complaint levels of illegal parking there and whether a scheme should be considered again

Reply:

Requests were made about pay and display and permit parking at this location in 2007 and in 2009. The area was inspected by the area engineer and it was deemed that due to the amount of driveways there would be very little parking on the street if a scheme went in.

A request came in in 2014 from Councillor Naoise O'Muirí and the criteria was sent out but no petition was received and therefore no ballot took place.

The area engineer will review the possibility of a pay and display and permit parking scheme at this area and will report his findings. If deemed feasible, the criteria can be sent again.

If residents driveways are being obstructed by illegal parking, they can contact Dublin Street Parking Services at 01 6022500.

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

Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to please organise for an urgent repair of the footpath outside (**details supplied**) as it is a hazard to pedestrians"

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(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 the area.

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Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the felling of a dangerous tree at **(details supplied)** as committed to previously"

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to also assess the condition of the tree at **(details supplied)**"

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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Q.103 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to include the resurfacing of Brookwood Avenue from the railway bridge to the Howth Road junction in the 2023 roads programme of works."

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will consider this location when planning the carriageway works programme 2023 or if additional funding becomes available this year.

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