



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 19 JUNE 2023

- 1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee Meeting dated 15th May, 2023.**
- 2 **Questions to the Area Managers** **10 - 113**
- 3 **Roads & Traffic Matters**
 - a **Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 30th May, 2023.**
Order: Noted.
 - b **Gully Report for noting**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Area Matters**
 - a **Extinguishments - Proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a laneway located at 3 - 69 Annadale Drive, Marino, Dublin 3.**
Order: Deferred - pending inspection of the wording of the original petition that was circulated to the residents, including an indication of the numbers involved.
 - b **Extinguishments - Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over the laneway at 57-59 Celtic Park Avenue, Dublin 9.**
Order: Rejected. Retention of the PROW agreed subject to the words "Slow down" being painted on the ground at the exit of the laneway. Cllr. Gilliland, Batten and Butler abstained from the vote.
 - c **Extinguishments - Proposal to Initiate Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a laneway located at 6 to 60a Annadale Crescent, Marino, Dublin 3.**
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
 - d **Disposals - Proposed disposal of a plot of a land to the front of 21 Howth Junction Cottages, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5.**
Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
 - e **Sports & wellbeing report for noting**
Order: Noted.

- f **Dublin City Sports Plan 2023 - 2028**
Order: Noted.
- g **Area Managers Reports**
Order: Noted.
- h **Housing Supply Report for noting**
Order: Noted.
- i **Housing Allocations Report for noting**
Order: Noted.

5 **Motions**

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

That this area committee stands in solidarity with the workers at Iceland Foods Ireland who recently went on strike demanding that the company pay them properly and on time, and provide them with a safe and healthy working environment and further calls on the new management of Iceland to engage with the workers representatives from the Independent Workers Union to resolve these matters to a satisfactory conclusion.

Reply

For discussion at meeting.

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

Order: Agreed. The Area office will write to Metron Limited on behalf of the members.

b **Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

That this North Central Area Committee is concerned for the safety of pedestrians (and cyclists) in and near shared cyclist / pedestrian spaces including but not limited to; on our footpaths, shared spaces within parks and when alighting from buses. In areas which were previously safe for our elders to enjoy, they now fear the possibility of a life changing injury and their opportunities for leisure are becoming more limited and stressful. Does DCC active travel / safety officer believe the pedestrian safety issue I have referenced is an issue in itself.

Reply

Active travel projects being delivered by the Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) aim to improve the safety and user experience for all when walking, wheeling and cycling. This will be achieved through the widening of footpaths, the introduction of segregated cycling facilities and the decluttering of our urban spaces and in some instances, through other traffic management measures. The needs of all users is being considered when designing schemes, mindful of localised constraints, such as limited

available space for full separation paths for cyclists and pedestrians.

AcTPrO considers that, by delivering a network of segregated cycling facilities, cyclists will be expected to have more confidence to cycle around the city without having to encroach onto footpaths, which is not permitted in any case.

The delivery of the active travel network also includes the reconfiguration of bus stop areas, to ensure continuous segregation of cyclists from general traffic and buses. There is an ongoing review of the performance of these bus stop areas that are being installed. Further revisions will take account of the ongoing review.

Our parks have a range of functions and attract different users including pedestrians with different needs, including joggers, people with mobility aids, and dog walkers, among others. It is considered appropriate that the provision of cycling facilities in parks should not be done in a manner that encourages speeding from cyclists. As such, consideration is being given to providing share with care facilities.

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Deputy Director, Active Travel Programme Office

Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed, with the following amendment proposed by Cllr. Gilliland – “that Dublin City Council explore the possibility of launching a campaign with regard to safely sharing space, (to include drivers), that we drive and cycle and walk with care across the city”.

Seconded by Cllr. Heney.

c Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons

That this North Central Area Committee notes the lack of play facilities for young people in the Donaghmede area, this Area Committee endorses the calls from many parents and young people across the area for a new playground and calls on council management to prioritise the funding and installation of a new playground in the Donaghmede area as soon as possible.

Reply

In the survey of play facilities carried out by the Parks Service in 2016 Donaghmede was not identified as an area of deficit of play facilities as much of the area is in the catchment of Fr. Collins Park where there are 2 playgrounds or the playground at Edenmore Park. There are also a number of playgrounds in the Belmayne area. The existing playgrounds in Fr. Collins Park and in Belcamp Park are showing their age and all need significant investment to bring them up to standard. These upgrades are considered to be the priority for available playground budgets in the short to medium term.

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

Order: Agreed.

d Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons

That this North Central Area Committee reaffirms its support for a new community centre in Kilbarrack as we believe the area badly needs and richly deserves such a facility; we reject the conclusion of the recent Mazars Report and call on council management to initiate a new round of discussions with potential anchor tenant organisations, which should include the Northside Partnership; and lastly, we recommend the inclusion of funding for a new community centre in Kilbarrack in the council's capital budgetary process

Reply

Arrangements are being made to meet with the Northside Partnership with a view to exploring the feasibility of that agency becoming anchor tenant of a potential new community centre in Kilbarrack.

The adoption of the 3 year capital programme is a reserved function of the elected members and this budgetary process commences in Q3 / Q4 annually.

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

Order: Agreed.

e Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons

That this North Central Area Committee believes that the future development of the Clongriffin/Belmayne communities is at key juncture so we call on council management to convene a meeting between Gannon Properties and their representatives, residents' representatives, city council officials and public representatives, the Northside Partnership and other interested stakeholders to discuss and agree a plan to meet the social, communal, youth and cultural needs of the community by way of investment in new facilities, spaces and services.

Reply

It is acknowledged that the Clongriffin/Belmayne area is a major growth area, providing much needed housing for the City. For that reason the Council prepared a local area plan (LAP) for these lands in 2012, which set out a vision and a development strategy to guide development, with housing integrated with social, education, transport and amenity infrastructure. This LAP was extended to the end of 2022, and the Council continues to implement this approved plan. Included in the Belmayne & Belcamp Lane Masterplan, lands located at Clarehall/Norther Cross

Junction R107/R139, is a proposal for a Garda Station and a HSE Primary Care Centre as part of the Belcamp Lane, land bank.

The Council has been active in seeking funding to complete key elements of infrastructure including being awarded funding through the LIHAF (Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund) to complete key roads, Belmayne Main Street and has worked successfully with the Department of Education and Skills to see significant new school investment delivered in recent years.

DCC will continue to work with all key agencies and stakeholders to ensure that investment continues in the area to seek full implementation of the Local Area Plan and to meet the social, communal, youth and cultural needs of the community.

The North Central Area Office will arrange a meeting between Gannon Properties and their representatives, residents' representatives, city council officials and public representatives, the Northside Partnership and other interested stakeholders to discuss the needs of the community in Clongriffin/Belmayne.

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

Order: Agreed subject to the following amendment as proposed by Cllr. Gilliland –

*That this North Central Area Committee believes that the future development of the Clongriffin/Belmayne communities is at key juncture so we call on council management to convene a meeting between Gannon Properties and their representatives and **all other landowners in the area**, residents' representatives, city council officials and public representatives, the Northside Partnership and other interested stakeholders to discuss and agree a plan to meet the social, communal, youth and cultural needs of the community by way of investment in new facilities, spaces and services.*

f Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee agrees that a detailed report on the holding of concerts in St. Annes Park be issued by management and that such report will include

- (a) Commitment to carry out an EIS on the holding of future concerts in St. Anne's Park
- (b) Reasons why concerts are held in St. Anne's Park in the first instance
- (c) The reasons for the lack of an EIS to date as the issue is of local concern, in particular the negative effects the noise pollution is having on wildlife, including the several weeks of heavy vehicles trundling through the park during the bird breeding season
- (d) The chosen location of the stage and its possible relocation to a less sensitive space
- (e) The possibility of holding these concerts, (if same are to be held at all) at a later time of the year, post bird breeding season, in order to protect same.

Reply

- (a) Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) are required under EU law for large developments with the potential for significant impacts on the environment and are not applicable to such events or concerts. DCC Parks commissioned a qualified, consulting ecologist to carry out monitoring of protected species before, during and after the concerts last year and again this year. The report into the 2022 monitoring concluded that there were no impacts on the protected wildlife in the park. The 2022 report has been shared with the Area Committee. The environmental monitoring and mitigation methods put in place during the series of concerts last year and again this summer have been discussed and agreed with the National Parks and Wildlife Service. A supplemental report outlining the proposals for monitoring of the concerts this year drafted by the Biodiversity Officer has also been shared with this committee. The final report of the environmental monitoring for the 2023 series of concerts by the consulting ecologist will be available in the coming weeks and will be forwarded once complete.
- (b) St. Anne's is considered a good location for such events as it has a suitable event space, the necessary infrastructure and good transport links.
- (c) An EIS was not carried out as they are not relevant to such events as concerts. As outdoor concerts in public parks have been held in Ireland for many years the impacts on wildlife are well understood and appropriate mitigations and monitoring can be put in place. St. Anne's Park is a very busy park with huge numbers of visitors and vehicle movements associated with ongoing management and events such as the weekly market. The wildlife in the park is considered to be somewhat habituated to levels of disturbance.
- (d) The stage and concert area is considered the most appropriate location in the park as the area is large enough for events of this scale, the ground is flat, the necessary fire hydrants are accessible and there is a good path network to the stage and back stage areas for site build and take-down. The area also has been de-compacted and top-dressed after each event improving the drainage and the carrying capacity of the area. Other similarly sized flat spaces in the park are taken up with sports pitches and while the weather has been very good for the last two series of concerts if the weather was wet this would result in significant damage to pitches and take them out of action for a considerable period while repairs were affected. Also other similarly sized spaces in the park are nearer the periphery and nearby housing which would no doubt increase the impacts on local residents.
- (e) The timing of concerts is not dictated by the Council nor indeed the promoter but by the availability of these international acts. Many of these acts and artists choose to commence their European summer tours in the UK and Ireland before leaving for the continent where there is a well-established tour of festivals and concerts. This is the reason there is a huge number of outdoor concerts and events around the country in June and very few later in the year.

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

Order: Noted.

g Motion in the name of Councillors O'Muire, Heney & O'Farrell

That this North Central Area Committee calls for all licence, event and other income accruing to Dublin City Council from St Anne's Park and Fairview Park concerts to be ring-fenced for Northside parks improvements.

Reply

The multi-annual income accruing from the concerts in Fairview and St. Anne's Parks has already been factored into the multi-annual capital programmes for parks improvements in the area. The income derived from these concerts represents only the smallest percentage of the proposed spend on Parks Improvements in the area over the next few years.

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

Order: Agreed. Fergus O'Carroll to circulate the figure to members in due course.

h Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muire

That this North Central Area Committee requests the design and implementation of an appropriate intervention at the junction of Shelmartin Terrace and Philipsburgh Avenue to ease the safe passage of members of the Grace Park Cycle bus from Fairview/Marino to schools on Grace Park Road and back again.

Reply

The Works Programme for 2023 has been allocated therefore, no examination will take place until 2024, with a view to consideration in the Future Works Programme.

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

The School Mobility Team are currently working through a list of 20 schools (fourteen Round 1 and six Round 2 schools) identified as priority schools by the Dept. of Transport last year. Due to staff shortages, progressing the school mobility programme has been significantly limited and we are unable to commit to any works outside of the priority list at this time.

Contact: Aishling Lennon
Email: sustainablemobility@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Cllr. Cooney seconded the motion.

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

That this North Central Area Committee agrees that there is a problem with weekend bin emptying at some locations in the North Central area both within the general public domain and within some city parks

- Notes that the problem appears to get worse in finer weather
- Calls on DCC officials to be accountable for service and to formulate and implement an urgent set of measures to improve the collection response.

Reply

Litter bins are serviced on main thoroughfares in North Central 7 days per week with some locations, Clontarf Promenade, Fairview shops etc., 2 to 3 times per day. Litter bins in housing estates are serviced daily Monday to Friday. Customers can report full litter bins through Citizen Hub or by scanning the QR code on the bin which we aim to action within 24 hours or less.

Contact: Trevor Maher, Waste Management Services Co-ordinator
Email: trevor.maher@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Chairperson
Monday 19 June 2023

Attendance:

Members:

Alison Gilliland (Chairperson)
Karl Stanley
Donna Cooney
Tom Brabazon
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell

Members:

Dearbhail Butler
Daryl Barron
Terence Flanagan
Deirdre Heney
Micheál MacDonncha
Declan Flanagan

Members:

Patricia Roe
Racheal Batten
Jane Horgan-Jones
Naoise Ó Muirí
Larry O'Toole

Officers

Derek Kelly, Mick Kelly, Fiona Moore, Catherine Cahill, Deirdre Murphy, Fergus O'Carroll, Jeremiah Moore, Gerry McEntagart, Catalin Rosca, Patrick Smith, Cathy Cassidy, Chris Manzira, Niamh Reilly, Lynda Drysdale, Trevor Maher, Aishling Lennon, Don Daly, Aideen O'Connor.

Guests

Brian MacNeice Teneo
Conor Slattery Teneo

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager for a zebra crossing to be installed on All Saints Road where the basketball court is, as you cross over to St. Anne's park. This crossing is used by a huge number of parents and children at the weekends attending GAA Ogra and it is badly needed.”

Reply

Currently there are no Zebra Crossings planned for the North Central Area as part of the first set of site installations for the **trial** of zebra Crossings as presented at the Januarys SPC Traffic & Transportation Group.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.
Tel: 087 2615965.
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager to ask the Parks Department to contact the Killester Garden Village Committee with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss their project.”

Reply

Historical research into the area including Killester Abbey, House and Demesne and the garden village housing scheme has been commissioned. This research is to inform the interpretative signage proposed for the site. The Parks Service has been in touch with the committee and advised that this research is to commence and will meet with the committee in the coming weeks when initial results of this research is available.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

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

“To ask the Area Manager to ask the Parks Department to arrange for a general cutting back of undergrowth in All Saints Park as it is leading to/concealing anti-social behaviour which spills out onto Wade’s Avenue and is also causing difficulties for the Mace shop. Could Parks also trim the trees when appropriate in this park, remove the tree stumps and clear the ivy on the railings”

Reply

Such clearance works is normally carried out in the autumn after the bird nesting season as is required by the Wildlife Act. The locus will be examined to ascertain if it is necessary to carry out some more minor interventions on safety grounds in advance of the autumn.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to request the clean-up and removal of weeds along Greencastle Crescent and surrounding roads, Coolock Dublin 17.”

Reply

The Public Domain team will have the Greencastle area included in the weed spray in the coming weeks.

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

Waste Management Services will have Greencastle Crescent and surrounding roads cleaned up when the area based cleaning schedule for this area is being carried out there during week 26th to 30th June 2023.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to request the installation of dog poo bins in the Beechlawn Avenue/Kilmore Drive area of Dublin 5.”

Reply

Waste Management Services no longer provide dog foul specific bins. The above mentioned area is considered residential and there are no plans to install litter bins there. Dog walkers in this area would use the litter bins on the Oscar Traynor Road and at the shops on Coolock Drive to dispose of their dog waste.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to request "Children at Play" signs in the Kilmore Drive/Beechlawn Avenue area.”

Reply

Kilmore Drive/Beechlawn Avenue is a residential area covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone. Which alerts drivers they are in a SLOW ZONE residential area and to expect children.

Road Traffic Signage are in place at the entrance Kilmore Avenue junction with Kilmore Road and at Beechlawn Avenue junction with Oscar Traynor Road.

Further signage on the aforementioned roads is not recommended as this would lead to a proliferation of similar signs throughout the city.

However, a number of “SLOW” road markings will be proposed at strategic points, near the football pitch/green area, in order to increase driver awareness.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer.
Tel: 087 2615965.
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to request local consultation on the proposed new playground in Kilmore West take place as soon as possible.”

Reply

Preliminary consultations have taken place with local school children which fed into the specification in the tender documents. The next round of follow up consultations will be scheduled once tenders have been returned and a preferred contractor appointed. At that stage a preliminary design will be available and it will be possible to consult on a proposed design.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager to agree to install autism friendly/autism awareness signs in all playgrounds in the North Central Area and to engage in a consultation process to determine the suitable content of such signs with relevant stakeholder groups such as AslAm.”

Reply

The Play Development Officer has been working on the design and supply of communications boards for all parks playgrounds including NCA. The boards are used as a means of communication for children and young people with neurodiverse conditions such as verbal dyspraxia and supports families of children that have been diagnosed with this and similar conditions that require support for non-verbal communication. Signage has been identified from appropriate charity ‘Finding Charlies’ Voice’ and design is now finalised and Irish translation completed etc.

The next stage of this project is to roll out same citywide. This will require the seeking of quotes for fitting/erecting signage and the consultation with each parks district to agree suitable locations within each of the playgrounds in their district for signage that is both accessible to key stakeholders and compliant with playground safety guidelines subject to the identification of suitable budget lines.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange the gullies to be cleaned on Maryfield Crescent, Artane as there are awful smells coming from there”

Reply

All 26 gullies at the above address were cleaned by the Gully Cleaning Crew on 01/06/2023. No repairs or defects were found.

Contact: Marina Hennesly, Senior Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division
Tel: 222 2403
Email: marina.hennesly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to have parking enforcement to monitor Maryfield Crescent for illegal parking especial on Thursday evening on the corner beside the shops.”

Reply

Following clarification from Cllr Batten, the junction of Maryfield Crescent and Maryfield Avenue has been identified.

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will visit the location on a Thursday evening to assess the situation and request enforcement action be carried out if required.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 2238
Email: linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the tree outside **(details supplied)** to be cut as it is breaking through the path and is low hanging.”

Reply

The tree will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to ensure the timely measurement and installation of new windows and doors at **(details supplied)**. The job of work has been agreed but yet to be carried out.”

Reply

Housing Maintenance arranged for timber windows to be fitted at this property, however the tenant did not want these ones and is looking for PVC.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager to request the insulation of the home at **(details supplied)**. The job to insulate their and the neighbours' homes together had been scheduled a number of years ago but the work never commenced.”

Reply

Thank you for your query relating to the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme. Due to the volume of properties involved, which is 12,000 houses approximately, it is a roll out programme and areas/estates must be targeted in their entirety from both an operational and magnitude/economies of scale perspective. The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion. Consequently, it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area/estate citywide. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible, the level and scale of works in each area is determined by our Departmental allocation received for the programme on an annual basis. However **(details supplied)** is not an area we are currently working in.

We are pleased to confirm that we have included the property in question, onto our list for survey and inclusion, if eligible, when works commence in this area in the future. An Inspector will be out to survey the dwelling when works are taking place in this area.

We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible.

We thank you for your continued support.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to indicate the exact type of functioning (on demand or programmed) of each of the pedestrian traffic lights on the signalised junctioning system that will be installed on the Coolock Lane flyover?”

Reply

The pedestrian traffic signals will operate on demand as part of the DCC SCAT traffic management system.

Contact: Karen Hosie, Senior Transportation Officer
Tel: 222 5488
Email: Karen.hosie@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to investigate the lack of drains in the cul de sac at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

This section of road falls down to its junction with **(details)** Crescent (a drop of c. 0.9m or 3’) where two gullies intercept and drain the surface water before it runs onto the main road. DCC Surface Water section have surveyed and cleaned the two gullies at the entrance to the cul-de-sac and confirmed them to be in good working order.

A CCTV camera survey of the main sewers along **(details)** Crescent will be undertaken to confirm the integrity of the public sewers here. Where any deficiencies are identified these will be addressed. DCC Drainage will issue an update to the Councillor directly as soon as results are available.

DCC Drainage is unaware of any reports of recent or historical flooding in this area. If the councillor has any further information DCC Drainage would be grateful if these can be sent on directly for further investigation. It should be noted that some localised very intense thunderstorms were experienced across the city during April/May of this year. Drainage systems are not designed to deal with rainfall of such intensity on cost-benefit grounds. Such events do not typically cause internal property flooding but rather road ponding which usually dissipates fairly quickly.

Contact: Jack Mills, Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 2842
Email: jack.mills@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to investigate the water coming from the pavement when there is heavy rain at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The gully at the above address is on the list of works for the week commencing 12th June 2023, for cleaning and surveying. If any defects or repairs are found they will be passed on to the relevant Departments.

Contact: Marina Hennelly, Senior Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division
Tel: 222 2403
Email: marina.hennelly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager following on from the NTA to support to modify the bus stop at **(details supplied)**, to ask the Area Manager to ensure this work enters in to our programme of works as soon as possible?”

Reply

Dublin City Council Bus and Coach Section have raised the issue of bus stop **(details supplied)** with the NTA and Dublin Bus. The NTA have proposed that this stop will be upgraded as part of the D Spine. Once Dublin City Council receive these drawings from the NTA, Dublin City Council will assess the location and if any additional civil works are required.

Contact: Adam Kelly A/ Senior Executive Technician
Tel: 2222472
Email: adam.kelly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the remarking of the yellow box at the entrance and exit to car-park at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days any requirement to remark the yellow boxes will be assessed on inspection.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the removal of the tree suckers from outside (details supplied)”

Reply

The locations will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the fixing of the trip hazard on the pavement between **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. Job number 41171243 & 41125124 has been scheduled, when a works crew is available in the area. There is currently a large backlog of repairs, which we are working through.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a response to my Q 7 to the April North Central Area meeting as per **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The area manager is liaising with line departments to clarify that works can be carried out. Once clarification is received he will speak to a contractor to price similar bollards.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager, Artane/Whitehall LEA
Tel: 086 8150764
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to evaluate the need for a playground at **(details supplied)** - a previous review of playground locations in 2016 as part of the open space strategy did not identify a need but since then we have a new 15 minute city policy and the demographic of the area in question has changed with many young families. Neither Father Collin's Park nor Edenmore Park are within a safe walking distance for young children and therefore require private vehicle transport to access which negates our promotion of active travel to reduce climate emissions.”

Reply

The review of the Parks and Open Space Strategy is to commence over the summer months including an on-line consultation. The existing playgrounds in Fr. Collins Park and in Belcamp Park are showing their age and all need significant investment to bring them up to standard. These upgrades are considered to be the priority for available playground budgets in the short to medium term.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if the tree at **(details supplied)** will be removed and if new contractor assigned to remove other tree in estate? “

Reply

This tree is not listed for removal in the current plan.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manger to examine when paths and ramps in **(details supplied)** will commence as substantial improvements required?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services currently have no plans in place to complete footpath repairs at **(details supplied)**. However this location will be considered when finalising the 2024 programme of works.

The ramps on **(details)** Park are included in this year’s resurfacing works which we would anticipate completion in Q3.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if the Roads Division will examine the path and fix the problems at **(details supplied)**? As recent incident caused an accident to elderly person. Specific details can be sent via email”.

Reply

The locations will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be programmed as local schedules allow.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if an additional bin could be installed on **(details supplied)** as illegal dumping with area consistent over the last 12 months”.

Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned location to see if there is a requirement for an additional bin there.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager to examine when paths in **(details supplied)** will be improved? Paths requires improvement to deem them safe”.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services currently have no plans in place to complete footpath repairs at **(details supplied)**. However this location will be considered when finalising the 2024 programme of works.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if a Roads Division will repair road as pot hole had appeared at **(details supplied)** as it has become a hazard to vehicles”.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the carriageway at **(details supplied)**. If any potholes are found these will be made safe with a more permanent repair considered at a later stage.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if there is an update on taking in charge of the paths and roads in Belmayne and Clongriffin respectively and to confirm when major road works in Belmayne will be completed?”

Reply

Dublin City Council are in discussion with the contractor and consultant on how the road can be opened to members of the public in a safe manner, due to the ongoing construction sites adjacent to the scheme. Additional surveys and scoping of works will be required on how Belmayne Avenue can be brought up to taking in charge standard.

Contact: Eric Lavelle, Resident Engineer
Tel: 222 6847
Email: eric.lavelle@dublincityy.ie

Clongriffin

The taking in charge process for Main Street, Clongriffin is still underway. There are ongoing meetings between Gannon’s and the various service divisions from DCC with a program of testing and investigations still underway by Gannon’s at the request of DCC. The taking in charge of Clongriffin will be done on a sequential basis, once Main Street has been taken in charge, Gannon Homes will then apply for Marrsfield followed by Bell Tree and Beau Park to be taken in charge.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager when proposed works at (**details supplied**) will be commenced as confirmed by area office previously that improvement to railing and building where to be done?”

Reply

The maintenance contract that is in place at the moment is coming to an end in July 2023 and we won't have time to complete the works under the current contract. However, we are hopeful that this work will be done as soon as the new contract is in place in July/August.

Contact: Karen Munds
Tel: 222 4000
Email: dfbfeedback@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if they can examine the installation traffic calming measures at **(details supplied)** as road users are not adhering to speed limits. More details can be provided”.

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7033552) 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: Catalin Rosca, Assistant Engineer
Tel: 222 6145
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manger to arrange for a safety forum for Kilbarrack to be initiated as approved NCAC by motion in 2021. A forum is required”.

Reply

Discussions will be held with local Garda Management with a view to ascertaining the feasibility of establishing a safety forum for Kilbarrack or other mechanisms whereby local residents can highlight and discuss issues of Anti-Social behaviour, criminal activity etc. with An Garda Síochána.

**Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede
LEA**
Phone: 222 8846
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Area Manager if the road sweepers will clean and wash (**details supplied**)”.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned roads swept by a road sweeping machine on 9th June 2023. On inspection it wasn't considered necessary to have washing carried out there.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will remove the illegal dumping from Streamville Park (Donahies Field) as there is an ongoing issue with rubbish being set on fire, and will they engage with the Resident's Association on this issue?”

Reply

The matter has been referred to local Parks Management for investigation.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will install a bin at the green space at the entrance to Grace Park Heights?”

Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned location to see if there is a requirement for a litter bin there.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will inspect the trees at two locations **(details supplied)** given that they are adjacent, with the view to carrying out the necessary pruning? Residents are trying to make a collective effort to have the trees pruned as several of them are blocking the light from street lamps on the street, and others are too large to manage for elderly residents.”

Reply

The reduction or removal of leaf fall is not considered a valid reason to remove or prune an otherwise healthy tree. Leaves, seeds and honeydew are defined in the policy as ‘natural and seasonal occurrences and are judged to be a relatively-minor, short-lived inconvenience when considering the many benefits of having trees in the urban environment’.

Objective 3.7.4 Leaf Fall states that ‘the Council will not prune or fell a Council owned tree to remove or reduce leaf fall or remove fallen leaves from private property’.

The trees will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will inspect tree roots that have grown into a front garden and damage to the garden wall at **(details supplied)** with the view to preventing further damage occurring?”

Reply

The tree will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will remove the graffiti on the Harmonstown Bridge over the Santry River?”

Reply

The Acting Environmental Liaison Officer has requested a contractor to remove the graffiti on the Harmonstown Bridge over the Santry River.

Contact: Joanne O’Sullivan, Acting Environmental Liaison Officer
Phone: 222 8843
Email: joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will cut the grass verge between Lein Park and Lein Road at **(details supplied)**.”

Reply

There is a small green area at this location which is understood to be under contract the matter has been referred to the contracts manager.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the road can be resurfaced at Gracefield Road which is in very poor condition?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services currently have no plans in place to complete carriageway repairs at (**details supplied**). However RMS will consider this location when finalising the 2024 programme of works or if additional funding becomes available this year.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if a bin could be placed beside the basketball courts or, failing that, a big belly bin could be placed at the entrance to **(details supplied)** and signage be erected to remind dog owners that it is illegal not to pick up after their dogs as there is an issue with dog fouling in the park. Residents recently requested that a bin be placed beside the courts but were unsuccessful, although the area is prone to littering. See photos attached. I appreciate that there is a bin currently outside but, as can be seen from the photos, is not used by users of the courts.”

Reply

The existing bin is approximately 20m from the location. The Parks Service does not install bins within such local open spaces rather they are located at the road side by waste management to allow for servicing. The request for dog fouling signage has been forwarded to local parks management.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the green area between **(details supplied)** could be cleared out. There are very large nettles and other overgrown shrubbery which enables litter to gather.”

Reply

An officer from the Community and Social Development would be happy to meet with the residents of **(details supplied)** and Parks Department to discuss the development of this green space.

Contact: Niamh Reilly, Area Community & Social Development Officer
Artane / Whitehall LEA
Tel: 222 8841
Email: niamhp.reilly@dublincity.ie

This matter has been referred to local Parks Management for action. Shrubbery will be examined with a view to including same in the autumn winter shrubbery maintenance programme.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the bulbs at the pedestrian lights at **(details supplied)** could be replaced? The problem is that the lights themselves are very difficult for motorists to see, especially when the sun is shining brightly. I think the bulbs might need replacing. This obviously presents a danger when pedestrians have a green light to cross.”

Reply

The traffic controller module that controls these pedestrian signals is a legacy unit and is not capable of supporting modern LED lamp bulbs.

Once funding is secured to fully upgrade this pedestrian crossing the traffic controller will be replaced and the signal lamps will be upgraded to LED type.

Contact: Seán Fallon, Executive ITS Officer, Transportation
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if a dog run could be included in the upgrades currently planned for **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Unfortunately many of our urban and sub-urban parks such as **(details supplied)** are just too small to accommodate a dog park. The recommendations for dog parks from an animal welfare perspective is that they be at least an acre (5,000 m² approx.) in size. This allows space for the dogs to run and socialise but more importantly ensures enough space so that dogs don't feel trapped or cornered which might lead to an aggressive incident. The area shown in the map is less than a third of the space recommended to provide a safe dog park. Park users also expect a separate space to be provided for small dogs; mixing small dogs and larger breeds in a restricted space would inevitably lead to conflict and complaints. In such a small space the grass would quickly wear away and leave an unattractive muddy fenced off space.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager why the bin was removed from the 14 Bus terminal on Maryfield Drive as this area is a hot spot for litter and has increased again since the bin has been removed.”

<https://goo.gl/maps/FdeUKMFsr8MJDFEg7>

Reply

This bin was removed again as it was being used as a toilet and this was a serious health and safety concern for the staff emptying the bin.

Contact: Paul Arnold, Executive Engineer, Waste Management Services,
Email: paul.arnold@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager why the bin was also removed from this location on the Malahide Road. There has also been a noticeable increase in litter along that area since it was removed.”

<https://goo.gl/maps/mQB2qtDrNLWaakjXA>

Reply

Waste Management Services will replace the above mentioned damaged litter bin when the new batch of bins are delivered in June/July 2023.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to replace the public bin in this location as it is a hot spot for litter. There was previously one just beside the seating, can you consider moving it away from the seats, so that it doesn’t smell when people are using the seats.”

Reply

There hasn’t been a bin at this location for many years as it cannot be serviced safely due to its location on a busy roundabout. For this reason there are no plans to install a bin there.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager who is responsible for the lampposts that are also shared with other services such as ESB? The poles along the Ardlea Road are rusty and unsightly, can DCC engage with the relevant people to work towards getting these lampposts painted, see example”

Reply

Where public lighting is mounted on a pole with ESB services, the pole itself belongs to ESB Networks and Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services only own the light attached to such a pole.

Most of the public lighting on Ardlea Road is mounted on ESB Network poles and the painting of these poles is a matter for ESB Networks. We will contact ESB Networks and request they paint their poles on Ardlea Road.

There are five (5) number poles on Ardlea Road that belong to Public Lighting Services. Two (2) number of these DCC-owned poles require painting and they have been added to the Public Lighting painting programme.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services
Tel: 222 4539
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager if it is possible to explore some planting options for the 4 islands that approach Artane Roundabout. There is a section that is not used by pedestrians and this could be an opportunity to plant appropriate plants/hedging to enhance biodiversity. I have inserted a sample image from the work done in Drumcondra Upper.”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services would not endorse planting at this location as the shrubs may interfere with site lines and grow into traffic lanes causing a potential hazard.

Contact: Shane Satell, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager for an update on my question regarding the repair of the wall at Maryfield Woods that was damaged some time ago?”

<https://goo.gl/maps/k5o37BMckBtDJmz38>

Reply

This task has been on the very full repairs schedule for some time now and it is understood that it will be addressed in the coming weeks. This section of wall has been repaired in the past and it seems it is vulnerable to turning large vehicles such as bin lorries. The wall may be shortened to prevent reoccurrence.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager for the timeframe involved in securing the funding for a new playground in the Donaghmede area.”

Reply

Addressing recognised areas of deficit of play facilities and the necessary upgrades to bring existing playgrounds in the area up to standard are considered to be the priority for available playground budgets in the short to medium term.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to senior citizen unit at **(details supplied)** and say if he can:

- A. Arrange to have window sills, balcony and hall door painted and
- B. Say when the resident can expect to have doors and windows replaced as same are in a dreadfully poor state or repair.”

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange to call to the tenant early next week to assess the windows and the door, we will also asses any painting that maybe required.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager about the number of complaints from constituents and park users about the fencing that is being used, and its positioning, to block off the area in which the stage for the concerts; this fencing is leaving no room whatsoever for wildlife to get underneath it.

Can you please advise me of your view on the above and say that you can rectify same in order to avert an ongoing problem for the wildlife in the park, Badgers in particular.

Reply

The secondary fencing in the woodlands is considered a necessary mitigation to prevent disturbance of badger setts during concerts which are protected under law. This lighter fencing has gaps beneath which are adequate for badgers to pass beneath allow full access to the woodland areas where badgers forage. The stage and concert area which are surrounded by the solid fencing is not considered as badger habitat.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please refer to request form local park user as per **(details supplied)**, for the provision of a shaded area in Fairview Park to assist in the prevention of dehydration, sun burn and heat stroke for children and adults alike, given that there is no shade within the playground and no public potable water fountain nearby.”

Reply

There is a water bottle filling station located to the east at the sports pavilion where there was a source of potable water.

The provision of shade has not been a consideration in the design of playgrounds heretofore and may have to feature in the future. It would not be possible to retrofit shading to any meaningful level within the playground. A small amount of shading could not in any way be considered a suitable substitute for sun hats, sun cream and good hydration.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to the ongoing problem of cycling on the Clontarf Promenade, including scooters and skateboards, to outline what real progress has been made since my walk along the promenade with his predecessor, Bernie Roe, over 3 years ago, to make the promenade safe for pedestrians, particularly vulnerable pedestrians, as the problem is becoming a worsening one; and can he also comment on the response **(details supplied)** my constituent received from City Council on making enquiries on how the matter of cyclists using the promenade could be addressed.”

Reply

The footpath on the prom is clearly marked with ‘No Cycling’ ground graphics. It is not clear what additional measures could be taken to tackle inconsiderate and indeed threatening cyclists who choose to ignore this signage.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to trees (**details supplied**), agree to lop same as they are unsuitable for their current location (according to Parks official) as they are a huge tree specimen and can the manager give a timeframe for the lopping of same.”

Reply

The trees will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **(details supplied)** say,

- (1) What position this person is on the housing list and
- (2) When is it likely she and her partner will be housed?”

Reply

The above applicant is on Band 3 of the Transfer List with an application date of 04/01/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on the list:

Area	Bed size	Position
B	3	151

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.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, if any being/have been purchased/leased by Dublin City Council for the purposes of housing/homeless hubs”

Reply

The DRHE received a submission through its tender process for emergency accommodation RFT No.205758 for **(details 2)**, which is currently a guesthouse. This guesthouse may be used by DRHE for emergency accommodation for persons experiencing homelessness subject to terms being agreed through the council’s valuer’s office.

The DRHE is not in negotiations for **(details 1 or details 3)**.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to please arrange to clear overgrowth of weeds at **(details supplied)** and prune trees and shrubbery in **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Since the policy decision was taken at City Council level to cease the use of herbicides within public spaces where children play weeds such as these will be more evident in the public realm. These areas are strimmed a couple of times a year to prevent them becoming over dominant. The locus will be examined in the coming weeks with a view to scheduling this work.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager to provide the Area Committee with a copy of the St. Anne’s Park Management Plan and can he also say when the plan will be renewed”

Reply

The Green Flag award requires the management plan for the park to be updated at least every 2 years. This is currently underway and a copy of the most up to date plan can be forwarded upon completion.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Traffic at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The Road Design and Construction division will arrange for a traffic survey to be carried out. We do not believe that it is feasible to allow some of the Clonshaugh industrial estate traffic exit directly onto the M50.

Contact: Joe Kelly, Senior Engineer, Road Design and Construction
Division
Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding grass at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The maintenance of roadside verges in residential areas was until 2021 carried out by way of contract. This contract for verge maintenance was not renewed last year as this work was neither quantifiable nor verifiable and access was problematic due to parked cars etc. rather it was expected that residents would adopt the verge outside their properties and maintain same as best they see fit as is the case in all other Dublin Authority Areas. It was further anticipated that citizens would provide assistance to older and more vulnerable neighbours in their community in this regard again as the case in all other Dublin Authority areas. Supports are available in the community for older residents to help with such routine maintenance tasks that they are no longer able to undertake where families are unable or neighbours unfortunately unwilling to provide assistance. This is the second year since the contract was not renewed and the experience last year was that the vast majority of domestic verges have indeed been adopted by residents and have been maintained and residents are providing assistance to the older and more vulnerable residents in their community. As this work was not carried out by the Council the Parks Service is unfortunately resources are not available to take on such maintenance in-house without diverting resources away from core parks work. It was intended last autumn to assess the condition of verges after the growing season with a view to arranging a once off cut of unmaintained verges going into the winter if there was a significant number of same. However this proved to be unnecessary as the vast majority proved to be well maintained. Such an assessment can be carried out again this autumn. If there are exceptional circumstances whereby a resident requires support, that request can be emailed to parks@dublincity.ie and the area requested can be considered for a one off cut.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding libraries at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

Dublin City Libraries Library in the Community Service: North Central Area
Following the review of the Dublin City Mobile Libraries Service in 2020, a new model of service delivery was adopted – ‘Library in the Community’. This outreach service extends the reach of Dublin City Libraries beyond our network of library branches, offering services and programming to existing and potential new patrons.

The ‘Library in the Community’ section brings library services to local communities and organisations throughout the city. These include older persons, schools, early learning centres, health and community centres, sheltered accommodation, and charities.

As well as providing books through outreach collections and our Home Delivery Service, Library in the Community provides information workshops on services provided by Dublin City Libraries, digital literacy workshops using Acorn tablets, facilitates cultural events, and provides a casual outdoor reading hub in a variety of civic locations including at summer festivals.

The Dublin City Library network consists of twenty-one service points. The furthest distance anyone in Dublin can be from their local library is estimated to be no more than 5km.

However, the evidence from Dublin City Libraries’ ‘Library in the Community’ service indicates that some people find it difficult to access their local library, especially young children and older persons. From January 2022 to May 2023, we have engaged with 7261 people at 69 events outside of a library setting (not including schools). A Home Delivery service delivers library books to sixty regular users who cannot access their local library.

The Library in the Community service contacted various groups and organisations to promote the services provided by the section. Examples of groups contacted in the North Central area are:

- Local Area Managers in Dublin City Council
- Community Officers in Dublin City Council
- Age Friendly Officers in Dublin City Council
- Housing associations such as Clúid Housing and Fold Housing
- Parenting for Life initiative in Darndale

We have also appeared on Near FM and Dublin City FM to promote the services provided by the section.

Events in North Central Area (June 2022 – June 2023)

Date	Location	Activity
03-Jun-22	Clúid Community Hub, Belmayne	Library information sessions for residents.
16-Jul-22	Rose Festival, St. Anne’s Park, Raheny	Library in the Community Van and a programme of family events.
17-Jul-22	Rose Festival, St. Anne’s Park, Raheny	Library in the Community van and a programme of family events.

17-Oct-22	Raheny Men's Shed, Raheny GAA club	Library information session for Raheny Men's Shed group.
08-02-23	Darndale Belcamp Village Centre	Outreach collection (tied in with Ireland Reads initiative)
12-04-23	Enterprise Ireland, East Point Business Park	Library Information Event.
10-05-23	Darndale Belcamp Village Centre	One Dublin One Book Lecture.
01-06-23	Whitehall Colmcille GAA Hall, Collins Avenue, Dublin 9	Sensory Play Pals Story time and Pop- Up Library.
Scheduled 15-06-23	Hampstead Older Persons Complex, Ballymun	Library Information Event for residents requested by Assistant Community Officer, North Central Area
Scheduled 15 th and 16 th July 2023	Rose Festival, St. Anne's Park, Raheny	Library in the Community Van and a programme of family events.

Outreach Collections in the North Central Area

Location	Address	Type
Nazareth House	56 Malahide Road, Grace Park, Dublin 3	Adult
Wellview Scheme, Tonleegge Road (FOLD Ireland)		Adult
Darndale Belcamp village centre	The Bell building, Darndale, Dublin 17	Adult
<i>Early years collection</i> - Bonnybrook Early Education Centre	Bunratty Drive, Coolock, Dublin 17	Children
<i>Early years collection</i> - Bunratty Community Childcare	Northside Civic centre, Coolock, Dublin 17	Children
<i>Early years collection</i> – Learn and Play preschool and afterschool	Coolock, Dublin 17	Children
<i>Early years collection</i> – Moatview Early Education centre	35A Moatview Avenue, Priorswood, Dublin 17	Children
<i>Early years collection</i> – Kilbarrack Foxfield Preschool	Greendale road, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5	Children
<i>Early years collection</i> – Edenmore Early Education centre	Tonleegge Road, Dublin 5	Children
<i>Early Years collection</i> – Darndale/Belcamp Integrated childcare services	Darndale Belcamp Village centre	Children
<i>Early years collection</i> – St. Benedict's crèche	Swan's nest road, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5	Children
<i>Early years collection</i> – Doras Buí	17 Bunratty Dr, Kilmore, Coolock, Co. Dublin, D17 TF63	Children

Contact: Enda Leaney, Divisional Librarian
Tel: 222 4875
Email: enda.leaney@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding a Walkabout (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The area office are working on the items discussed during the walkabout. The area manager will forward a list of items to the Councillor over the coming weeks when he returns from annual leave.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager, Artane/Whitehall LEA
Tel: 2228546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Roundabout at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) currently have no plans in place to modify or improve the appearance of the roundabout at **(details supplied)**. RMS would prefer to direct the limited funding available for the North Central Area towards locations, which are in a more urgent need of repair.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding funding for **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

Area management are working on the finished listing and will forward to the Councillor once this is completed along with outstanding items from last year.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager, Artane/Whitehall LEA
Tel: 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Senior Citizen Housing at (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

All complexes are currently being examined as part of a housing regeneration programme review with the aim of recommending a strategic regeneration plan for the next 30 years. The above two locations are under consideration as part of this review.

An overview of the regeneration plan was presented at a workshop with the Housing Strategic Policy Committee on Friday 19th May 2023. Following on from this meeting, a commitment was made to follow with proposal in due course. This will be discussed and shared with the local elected representatives.

Contact: Alice Simington, SEO Housing Regeneration
Tel: 087 267 2578
Email: alice.simington@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding community clean ups at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

Residents Associations who wish to maintain more manicured grass margins within their estates can continue to do so. The ongoing work of Tidy Towns and Environmental groups who contribute greatly to the appearance of their neighbourhood streets is acknowledged and appreciated and further information on how best to manage grass cuttings is available from the Public Domain team. Should Resident Committee's/Environmental Groups wish to cut the grass margin, it is DCC's preference that the cut grass should be left in place to allow for return of valuable nutrients like nitrogen back into the soil in accordance with best practice and as outlined in the document attached. See url link below

[Ghttps://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2023-01/DCC%20GrassCycling](https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2023-01/DCC%20GrassCycling)

Where Residents Committee's/Environmental Groups wish to maintain more manicured margins, and wish this grass to be collected **only** Waste Management Services new “Compostable bags” should be used. These bags will be collected as resources allow at times agreed between the Resident Committee's and Waste Management Staff. It should be noted that collection of cut grass is a resource intensive operation and Waste Management Services are not in a position to guarantee a regular and timely collection service.

Green waste from private gardens should not be presented for collection and should be disposed of in residents' brown bins. Green waste presented by private residents will be regarded as illegal dumping and could be subject to a fine of €150.00

Signage has recently been erected at known black spots where householders have been presenting private green waste for collection in order to deter from this practice.

Contact: Mick Carroll, Local Area Manager Donaghmede/Clontarf LEA
Tel: 222 8840
Email: mick.carroll@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following re; grass verges at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

Question withdrawn by Councillor.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following Astro Turf (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The area replied to the Clubs representative on this issue on the 12th April (forwarded to Councillors on the 14th April) but to date have not received any further correspondence from the Clubs. The area and the Parks Department are looking at options laid out in this reply.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Local Area Manager, Artane/Whitehall LEA
Tel: 222 8546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

Reply

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned Estate on a seven week cleaning schedule. This estate, including **(details supplied)** was last swept during week 5th-9th June 2023.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager to prioritise Donnycarney West (Belton Park Road, Donnycarney Road, Oak Road, Hazel Road, Holly Road) for painting of 30KPH signs on the carriageway due to significant rat running and speeding.”

Reply

There are existing 30 km/h Slow Zone signage visible at Donnycarney West indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone To alert drivers the road is a residential and to expect children. The signage is located:

- at the entrance on Belton Park Road from Collins Avenue;
- at the entrance on Hazel Road from Collins Avenue;
- at the entrance on Oak Road from Collins Avenue;
- at the entrance on Elm Road from Malahide Road;
- at the entrance on Donnycarney Road from Malahide Road;

The Area Engineer does not recommended additional 30 km/h road markings at aforementioned locations.

Instances of high speed on the aforementioned roads should be reported to the local Gardaí as a matter for enforcement.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer
Tel: 087 2615965
Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager for the amounts of the contributions by developers through the developer contribution fee as a result of development in Belmayne over the past 20 years, presented in tabular form, broken down by year of payment and with the name of the relevant developer provided?”

Reply

Information requested will be sent to the Councillor in the next 2 weeks.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will prune the trees at **(details supplied)**, as the branches are blocking the 3 street lights in winter?”

Reply

The trees will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will consult with local residents about installing some benches in Grangemore park for older residents? “

Reply

The siting of such benches can sometimes be a cause for concern amongst local residents as there can be fears of congregation after dark leading to complaints of anti-social behaviour. If the residents can make contact on paks@dublincity.ie dialogue can be opened on this matter with a view to finding agreeable locations for same.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if bins can be provided at the entrances to Donaghmede Park?”

Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned location to see if there is a requirement for litter bins there.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will schedule for the long grass verges on Donaghmede Road (which do not fall outside a property) to be cut on a regular basis?”

Reply

As such verges are maintained by contract the matter has been referred to the contracts manager.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will inspect and review the playground surface and nets in Fr Collins Park, both of which have deteriorated, with the view to having them repaired or replaced?”

Reply

The safety of playgrounds is of the utmost importance and they are regularly inspected and necessary repairs programmed as schedules allow.
The ball stop netting will be inspected and repairs scheduled if current budgets allow.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will consider installing public toilets and a café in Fr Collins Park in consultation with local residents?”

Reply

There are currently no plans to construct a café in Fr. Collins Park. The existing toilet block in Fr. Collins Park was closed down a good number of years ago due to persistent attack and vandalism. It was intended to bring this block back on line to have it available for events etc. and to seek expressions of interest from providers of coffee carts to supervise the toilets so that they could be made available on an ongoing basis. However recent attempts to refurbish the block has revealed that there is a significant issue with the water supply which requires further investigation but it is not clear at this time how this matter might be resolved or what the cost might be. A tender seeking such expressions of interest from coffee providers will be issued later this year and it is hoped that the water issue can be resolved once the issue is identified and an appropriate budget line put in place.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager for a timeline on when residents will no longer be able to use the Belmayne Allotments, as many residents would like to find alternative plots before this happens?”

Reply

The allotments in Belmayne are situated on the Belmayne land parcel which forms part of the Belcamp lane and Belmayne Masterplan. This Masterplan will guide the development of c. 24 ha of lands at Belmayne and Belcamp Lane in order to secure the delivery of a new Town Centre and residential area.

To date there is no indication of when these works will commence, therefore in February the North Central Area Office have renewed the 11 month licences with the allotment holders. The North Central Area office will ensure to keep all allotment holders updated of any future plans.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the metal fence between the open green space and Foxfield Crescent be taken down in consultation with local residents?”

Reply

This open space contains a playground/playscape for which the fencing provides a barrier between same and the public road. It is not clear what the rationale to remove this fencing might be.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Karl Stanley

“To ask the Area Manager if the Council will schedule a road sweeper and litter picker for the Grange Road between the hole in the wall roundabout and Donaghmede Shopping Centre, as there is a continued issue of littering.”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned as requested on the 12th June 2023.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager In relation to trees on Elm Mount Lawn:

- There is a particular tree on Elm Mount Lawn which is large and at an angle; can it be assessed for pruning and if necessary for removal
- Can all other trees Elm Mount Lawn be assessed for pruning
- Leaf fall is a particular problem at this location during the autumn – can the Area Manager ensure that Elm Mount Lawn is included as a priority for leaf sweeping”

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that Elm Mount Lawn is included as often as possible in our leaf clearing programme during the autumn and winter months.

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

The trees will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager about a local resident who met with me recently and raised the concern that repairs to footpaths caused by tree root damage at Thorndale Crescent are effectively only temporary as the roots will continue to grow and the trees will eventually have to be removed. Can the Manager respond on this assessment as it has some merit?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the public footpath with recent repairs completed at **(details supplied)**. The Parks division deals with any issues regarding the removal of trees separately.

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

The tree strategy adopted by the full council as policy in 2016 recognises the importance of tree canopy cover in the city during these times of an environmental and biodiversity crisis and asserts that the removal of trees in conflict with the built environment should only be considered as a last resort. The repairs carried out at this location are in keeping with section 3.5.5 of the adopted policy.

3.5.5 Pavement Lift

The Council will undertake measures to make safe an unacceptable trip hazard on a public footpath or road caused by the growth of a Council owned / managed tree. Where trees are considered to be causing damage to paths or footpaths, the Council will not normally consider tree removal except where there is a risk to public health which cannot otherwise be mitigated. It is often possible to repair paths to take account of adjacent trees and tree roots. Where roots protrude, the path can be re-laid around the tree with flexible material to provide a smooth surface using asphalt or preferably resin bonded gravel (where appropriate) which will allow free flow of air and water to the root zone. The Parks Service will explore engineering solutions to reduce trip hazards and will liaise with Roads Maintenance in relation to their annual work plan to repair pavements where pavement lift has occurred.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm if DCC are satisfied that the footpaths on both sides of the DART bridge at Killester station are of sufficient width? Local residents have been in touch to say that they find it very narrow and difficult to traverse at this location.

Reply

The footpath widths at Killester Dart Station Bridge (IR ref OBB 11) will be examined and a report prepared. This will be carried out when the DCC Roads Inspector is in position to do so.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager about local residents who have contacted me in relation to regular occurrences of cars parking with 4 wheels up on the footpath outside the Thorndale Physical Therapy Centre on Thorndale Drive. Can the Area Manager ask DSPS to investigate and take the appropriate action?”

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Inspector will visit the location and will request Dublin Street Parking Services to carry out enforcement where necessary.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 2238
Email: linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for the removal of the “kissing gate” on the laneway connecting Grace Park Heights to Calderwood Road (Calderwood Road end) as it serves no purpose and prevents the use of the laneway by cargobikes”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services would not be in favour of removing the bollard or barrier as it would create a safety issue for pedestrians if bikes were also permitted to use the footpath at (**details supplied**).

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for an investigation of the working of the gully at the junction of Thorndale Drive and Elm Mount Road as local residents inform me that water pools there during heavy rain.”

Reply

The above gully will be put on the list for cleaning for the week of 12th June 2023. If any repairs or defects are found they will be passed on to the relevant Departments.

Contact: Marina Hennesly, Senior Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division
Tel: 222 2403
Email: marina.hennesly@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to provide me with a report on any previous discussions involving Elaine Mulvenny and the Area Office in relation to efforts to source facilities for a local boxing club to be established in the Donnycarney/Killester area.”

Reply

The North Central Area Office has engaged over the years with a local resident seeking premises to locate a boxing club in the Donnycarney/Killester area.

Community Officer Tony Fagan (on behalf of former Area Manager Ms. Elaine Mulvenny), liaised with this resident on numerous occasions. As Dublin City Council does not own any suitable premises in the area, the resident was advised accordingly and it was suggested that they make contact with local halls and/or school premises with a view to securing potential facilities. The resident enquired as to the status of a particular building on Collins Avenue, however, it was ascertained that this is in private ownership and the subject of a planning application for apartments & therefore not a viable prospect.

Contact: Tony P. Fagan, Community Officer
Tel: 2228854
Email: tonyp.fagan@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“To ask the Area Manager to organise for the pruning of the trees outside (**details supplied**)”

Reply

The trees will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Rats (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

Upon first receipt of this complaint, DCC Drainage staff attended the area on 11th May last to investigate. While the public sewer was found to be operating normally, evidence of rat presence was observed in four manholes. As no defects were found in these manholes where rats could be nesting, CCTV surveys of the public sewers have been scheduled with a view to determining if there are defects along the pipelines where rat nests could be located. Pending completion of these surveys baiting of the four manholes (identified above) has been scheduled on a pre-emptive/precautionary basis. In the event that defects are found allowing rats to nest on the public system these defects will be scheduled for repair to eliminate that infestation.

Investigations of the private ‘shared’ drain serving number (**details 1**) indicate that it runs up to a private outfall manhole within the back garden of House (**details 2**) from where it connects to the public sewer on Carndonagh Park. DCC Drainage staff noted that the trap within the private outfall manhole is blocked/choked and sewage is flowing out through the rodding/cleaning eye. The flow of sewage should be through the trap and there should be a cap in the rodding to both prevent odours from the public sewer passing up the private drain and (importantly in this case) deterring rats from passing between the public and private drainage. Responsibility for restoring the trap’s operation and inserting a cap in the outfall manhole is the joint responsibility of all households served by this private ‘shared’ drain.

Contact: Jack Mills, Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 2842
Email: jack.mills@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Trees at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The trees will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

There is a school zone in place here to deter illegal parking on the footpaths close to the school. The parking enforcement inspector will visit the location at the school drop off and pick up times to observe if there is illegal parking taking place. Where illegal parking is observed Dublin Street Parking Services will be requested to attend.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 2238
Email: linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding cleaning at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned locations swept and cleaned on the 9th June 2023. We will have these locations monitored and kept as clean as possible.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to list and respond to the following regarding taking in charge (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The above location is not in charge. The Developer in the first instance or Property Owners are responsible for applying to the Taking in Charge / Financial Contributions Section of the Planning and Property Development Department who will coordinate the process.

Contact: Jonathan Duffy, Clerical Officer
Tel: 222 3945
Email: joanthan.duffy@dublincity.ie

A review of the Planning Department records has shown that to date the Planning Department has not received a request from the residents to take services in charge.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Waste Management Services have no current plans to install big belly bins in any area this year. Bins within parks fall under the remit of the Parks Division.

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

There are no proposals to install additional large capacity bins as it is understood that the limit of the current contract with the supplier has been reached. The majority of bins at **(details supplied)** playground have covers to prevent seagulls accessing waste. Additional bins without such covers are required at weekends due to the sheer volume of waste generated by visitors and patrons of the market. The bins in this area are serviced frequently during such peak times.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding trees at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The trees will be examined 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 2023-24.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

Reply

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. Job number 41170485 & 41170486 has been scheduled, when a works crew is available in the area. There is currently a large backlog of repairs, which we are working through.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding schools at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

The School Mobility Team are currently working through a list of 20 schools (fourteen Round 1 and six Round 2 schools) identified as priority schools by the Dept. of Transport last year. A further 5 schools adjacent to the priority schools will receive some interventions as part of the works. 2 of the priority 20 schools are now complete. See priority list status update below.

In addition to the priority list, a significant number of other schools across the city have requested school mobility interventions. Due to staff shortages, progressing the school mobility programme has been significantly limited. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has recently (May 30th) sanctioned two new Walking and Cycling Officers for the Traffic Dept. Once appointed, these roles will assist to progress the school mobility programme, as well as other projects.

#	Round 1 and 2 SRTS Schools	Adjacent School	Community	Area	Status
1	SRTS Round 1 Assumption Junior School		Walkinstown	South Central Area	Complete
2	SRTS Round 1 Assumption Senior Girls' National School		Walkinstown	South Central Area	Complete
3	SRTS Round 1 Our Lady of Consolation	Scoil Chiarain	Collins Ave East	North Central Area	Progressing
4	SRTS Round 1 St Fiachra's Junior National School	St Fiachra's Senior National School	Beaumont	North Central Area	Progressing
5	SRTS Round 1 Broombridge Educate Together National School		Broombridge	Central Area	Progressing
6	SRTS Round 1 Drumcondra National School		Drumcondra	North Central Area	Progressing
7	SRTS Round 1 St. Brigid's Girls' National School	St Marys Secondary School	Glasnevin	Central Area	Progressing

8	SRTS Round 1 St Joseph's Secondary School Fairview		Fairview	North Central Area	Progressing
9	SRTS Round 1 St. Joseph's CBS		Fairview	North Central Area	Progressing
10	SRTS Round 1 Stratford College		Rathgar	South East Area	Progressing
11	SRTS Round 1 Stratford National School		Rathgar	South East Area	Progressing
12	SRTS Round 1 Harold's Cross Educate Together Secondary School	St Clare's Primary School	Harold's Cross	South East Area	Progressing
13	SRTS Round 1 Kildare Place School		Rathmines	South East Area	Progressing
14	*SRTS Round 1 Belmayne Educate Together Secondary School *(<i>NOT CURRENTLY IN DCC CHARGE</i>)		Belmayne	North Central Area	Not Yet Commenced
15	SRTS Round 2 St Christopher's Primary School		Haddington Road	South East Area	Progressing
16	SRTS Round 2 St Pauls College Sybill Hill	St Brigid's BNS	Raheny	North Central Area	Not Yet Commenced
17	SRTS Round 2 Gaelscoil Lios na n-Óg		Rathmines	South East Area	Not Yet Commenced
18	SRTS Round 2 Glasnevin National School		Glasnevin	Central Area	Not Yet Commenced
19	SRTS Round 2 St Kevin's Junior National School		Donaghmede	North Central Area	Not Yet Commenced
20	SRTS Round 2 St. Paul's CBS Secondary School New Brunswick St		Smithfield	Central Area	Not Yet Commenced

Contact: Aishling Lennon
Tel: 087 7158800

Email: sustainablemobility@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding Park at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

A number of improvements have been carried out over the last few years; new seating; adult exercise equipment; planting etc. There are no proposed capital investments on the improvements programme for 2023.

The vermin issue has been referred to local Parks Management for investigation and action.

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

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2023

Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following regarding lighting at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply

Installation works on the First Call-off contract under the Lighting Upgrade Project commenced on the 11th May 2023 in the North Central Area.

As part of this contract the street lights on around 272 roads in the North Central Area will be upgraded to LED street lights. The list of roads scheduled for upgrade is included in the attached list. The works are expected to be completed in a year.

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