



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY, 2023 VIA HYBRID MEETING

IN EBLANA HOUSE, MARROWBONE LANE, DUBLIN 8

- 1 Election of Chairperson of the South Central Area Committee**
Order: Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud was proposed by Lord Mayor Daithí De Róiste, seconded by Councillor Máire Devine and was duly elected as Chairperson.
- 2 Election of Vice Chairperson of the South Central Area Committee**
Order: Councillor Vincent Jackson was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon, seconded by Councillor Máire Devine and was duly elected as Vice Chairperson.
- 3 Minutes of Meeting held on 21st June, 2023**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 Questions to the Director of Services South Central** **5 - 21**
Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.
- 5 Environment and Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 27/06/23 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/06/23 and 20/06/23.
Order: 1. Report noted.
2. Reports noted.
- 6 South Central Area Matters**
 1. Waste Management Services Report - Collection of Green Waste Clippings
 2. Director of Services Report.
Order: 1. Report Noted.
2. Report Noted.
- 7 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
 1. Sports and Recreation Report for July 2023 South Central Area.
Order: Report noted.
- 8 Planning & Property Development Matters**
 1. With reference to the disposal of plot of land at Long Mile Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.
Order: Agreed. Recommend to Council.

9 Emergency Motions

10 July 2023 Motions

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th July, 2023

M262 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

That this area committee writes to the Minister of Education, seeking an additional secondary school for Dublin 8.

There are only enough secondary school spaces for one in three children finishing primary school in Dublin 8. In 2021, there were 17 primary schools with 3,421 pupils, but only 1,022 secondary pupils.

In Dublin 4, there is a ratio of 13 people to every 1 secondary school place. In Dublin 8, that jumps to 39.

There are currently five secondary schools in Dublin 8: all religious, all teaching through English. Just over half (53%) of people in Dublin City Council are Catholic, with nearly a quarter non-religious (23%).

This area committee requests (a) improved funding for the existing secondary schools in the area and (b) a new, mixed, non-denominational school, perhaps at a location such as the old SIPTU College on the South Circular Road.

We also ask that the Minister, or her school planning team, meet with local representatives and parents.

Order: Agreed to write to the Minister for Education.

M263 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This committee takes the opportunity to congratulate Dublin City Council, community groups, youth services and residents associations for the great success of both the Drimnagh Summer Festival and the Ballyfermot-Cherry Orchard Arts Festival.

Order: Agreed.

M264 Councillor Máire Devine

The loss of the Tivoli Theatre and other cultural spaces is keenly felt by the Dublin 8 community. The Rupert Guinness Theatre on Watling St has been lying empty over 20 years. It would be an amazing asset for Dublin to get this fabulous building refurbished and brought back to life. This Committee requests that DCC commence engagement with Diageo and reach agreement for a renewed cultural space to serve the Liberties and the city.

Order: Agreed.

M265 Councillor Máire Devine

Yet again this committee demands that the Iveagh Market's essential stabilising works be commenced immediately. That the Francis Street doors be opened at agreed times to allow public visibility (behind the locked gates so there is no issue re health and safety) and that the tender package be inspected by interested parties and fast tracked with the urgency that the fragility of the building requires.

Order: Agreed.

M266 Councillor Máire Devine

That this committee welcome the recent safety report on Robinsons Court compiled by AGS. The overdue installation of gates is recommended but somewhat vague. We request a more thorough technical report that demonstrates how this will be achieved and timeline for these works be provided.

Order: Report Noted.

M267 Councillor Máire Devine

This Committee agree to inviting senior pupils and their teacher from Inchicore National School to present to members in the late Autumn.

Order: Agreed.

M268 Councillors Vincent Jackson and Máire Devine

That the South Central Area Committee Councillors are in agreement if the appeal to An Bord Pleanála against DCC decision to include this fine manufacturing facility as a RZLT and the subsequent annual cost this will impose on the Botany Weaving Mill on Emerald Square Cork Street, Dublin 8, that this imposition will make the facility unsustainable leaving 75 jobs in the balance and threatening the future of two additional mills in the Republic. It is the intention of the local Councillors to look for a variation of the Dublin City Development Plan at the earliest opportunity. The retention and sustainability of viable employment opportunities must be retained within our City.

Order: Agreed.

M269 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council look at the current Housing List to streamline the number in operation. The current situation leaves people languishing at the top of the list without any real understanding of why they are never offered anything and indeed go down the list. Accepting we have a serious housing crisis, people waiting for many years seeing developments we have supported not getting a look in calls into question these multiple lists.

Order: Agreed.

M270 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council please again look at our policy **not to spray** weeds within our communities at street verges, footpaths etc. We are letting our communities down no end and whilst not wanting to spray with dangerous chemicals, we need a balance as we are losing our communities support. All people see are weeds from road side kerbs, verges small grassed areas outside homes needing to be cut but DCC as it is ruining any chance of getting people involved in clean-up`s etc. as the weeds are a never ending battle. Other Local authorities are still spraying at these important visual locations which trap litter, waste etc.

Order: Report Noted.

Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

Chairperson

Wednesday 19 July 2023

Attendance

Members:

Lord Mayor Daithí De Róiste
Sophie Nicoullaud (Chairperson)
Vincent Jackson (Vice Chair)
Michael Pidgeon
Darragh Moriarty
Máire Devine
Daithí Doolan
Michael Watters

Officers:

Derek Kelly, Director of Services South Central Area;
Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area;
Barry Woods, A/Senior Engineer, Waste Management;
Máire Nic Reamoinn, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation;
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;
Bláthnaid Conlon, Senior Staff Officer, Planning & Development;
Bronagh Corry, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Property Management;
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;
David Quearney, A/Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;

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Q1 Councillor Hazel De Nortiún

To ask the Director of Services can a plan be drafted to reduce the build-up of shrubs and trees behind the Craobh Inchicore building that's on Grattan Crescent? The building backs onto the park and those using the building have been trying their best to keep the garden space clean. The build-up of trees etc are restricting those efforts.

Reply

The trees growing along Grattan Crescent are mature London Plane trees. In accordance with the Tree Strategy, section 3.7.4, trees are not pruned or felled to reduce leaf fall. This is a natural process that cannot be controlled by pruning the tree. There are no plans to remove these trees at this time.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer.
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services to install a repeater filter turn light at the Lucan Road/Anna Livia Bridge junction in Chapelizod. There is a set of traffic lights there, with a main light and a filter/release light for left turns across the bridge. There is a repeater light on the other side of the junction, with just the main light. When cars go too far forward, they cannot see the filter light turn green, as there is no repeater light. This causes delays and cars behind to beep, which is a continuous nuisance for residents.

Reply

Thank you for your query, a review of the junction layout has taken place, it was found that if vehicles stop at the stop line, there are no visibility issues. It was noticed that some road users are crossing the stop line and stopping in the cycle reservoir which in this case, the vehicle is passed the traffic signal. It is not recommended to install a secondary left turn filter as it could potentially cause confusion to the majority of vehicles from afar or at night. It has been proposed to refresh the line marking on site as necessary in order to ensure vehicles stop at the correct location.

Contact: Susanne Hickey, Executive ITS Officer, Roads & Traffic Dept.
Email: Susanne.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a review of opening times of the Library at Richmond Barracks be undertaken so that it more accurately serves the needs of the community.

Reply

Libraries are looking into how the opening hours in Richmond Barracks can be increased and we hope to have a solution by the end of August.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, City Librarian
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the car parking spaces in front of the Quaker Burial Ground in Cork St be transformed into a “parklet” - similar to the design at Donore Avenue/Cork Street?

Reply

This section of footpath is proposed to be redesigned under Busconnects (Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre) including repositioning the inbound bus stop closer to Marion Villas and installing an ‘island-type’ bus stop to accommodate the cyclelane, removal of a tree, planting of a replacement tree where the current bus stop is located. There may well be potential to create a planted strip to the front of the Weir Nurses Home when the Busconnects plans are realised.

A planning application for Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre is currently before An Bord Pleanála and the Area Office will monitor the outcome for this location and wider Cork Street and St Luke’s Avenue, and the implications for our greening plans, when the application is determined.

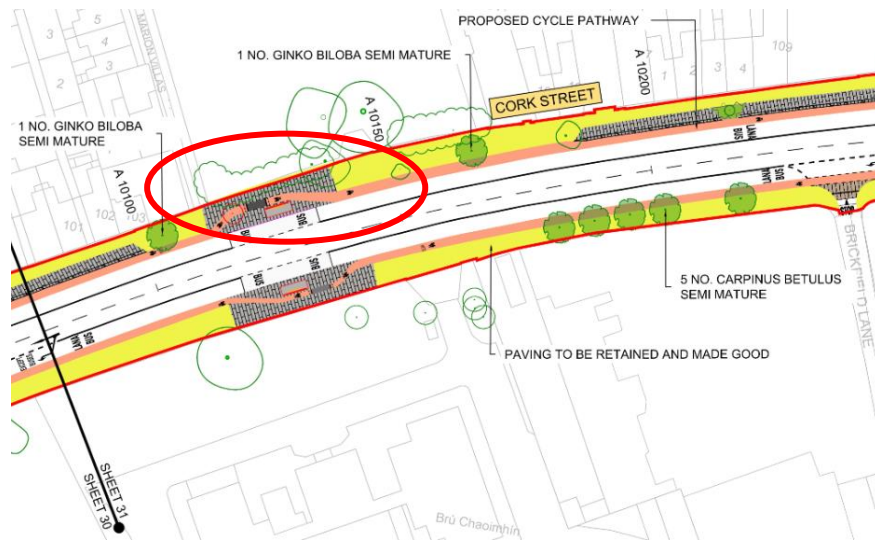


Fig: Excerpt of proposed Landscaping General Arrangement Drawing ...LL-0030 showing referred to location outlined in red (Source: NTA)

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Public Realm Projects Coordination
Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the resources from the closure of St Michaels Community Centre at Inchicore be reallocated to support community use of Richmond Barracks?

Reply

There were no ongoing resources provided to St. Michael’s Community Centre and therefore any reallocation does not apply.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central
Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.e

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for the immediate replacement of several dead trees along Cork Street/St Luke's Avenue as was achieved at the median on High Street with London Planes recently.

Reply

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Services have inspected these trees and determined that these trees are struggling. We have placed Gator watering Bags on these trees, in the hope that they might recover. If not, we'll try to replant the area in the winter.

Contact: Sean Ray, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service
Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the trees in Sandford Avenue, Dublin 8, especially those mid-section that are causing extensive damage to homes, be assessed and hard pruned once the season allows?

Reply

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service will carry out a tree assessment of the trees in Sandford Avenue D8 in September 2023.

Contact: Sean Ray, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service
Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the Council sends notice to the owner of (details supplied) requesting that the drains/Sewers be attended to so the strong pervasive effluent odour be neutralised for tenants and neighbours alike.

Reply

DCC Drainage Section inspected the public sewers at this location and found them to be operating normally with no offensive odours being generated or released into the public domain. This appears to be an internal private drainage issue.

When on site the Drainage Crew was able to access the internal bin room where the building's outfall drainage manhole is located. They noted a distinct malodour within this room which is vented directly to the street. They also noted non-standard pipework arrangements internally. Externally the crew further observed poor alignment of the rainwater downpipes and noted that one has separated in its entirety. These are all potential sources of both damp and odour internally. The issue of malodours – and the defects/departures from standard - should be referred to the Property Management Company responsible for the building in the first instance for investigation and follow-up.

Contact: Dominic Molony, Senior Engineer, Drainage Services
Email: dominic.molony@dublincity.ie

Reply

Site visits were conducted by the Air Quality and Noise Control Unit on two separate occasions and no odour was witnessed. The pipe in question is the responsibility of the property management company as outlined by Dominic Molony of the DCC

drainage unit. My Line manager Paul Rutherford also advised the DCC service centre that we would not deal with the complaint as it was outside of this Unit's remit.

Contact: Kevin Daly, Environmental Health Engineer, Air Quality & Noise Control Unit
Email: kevin.daly@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a timeline on the Thomas Street to Suir Bridge cycle way and that more effective methods be used to prevent the frequent and dangerous right turn at Rialto Bridge?

Reply

Project timeline

The current programmed construction timeline for the Suir Road to Thomas Street Interim Active Travel Project are works to begin July / August 2023 and carried out on a phased basis until the end of this year. More information is available on the DCC Active Travel Website where updates to timelines and construction plans will be posted.

Right turns at Rialto Bridge

It is currently illegal to make a right turn from James Walk onto Rialto Bridge and will remain so after the interim scheme is installed. There will be a new traffic island installed as part of the work to discourage this movement. Road markings and signage will also be renewed as part of the works. These measures will help to reinforce the restricted right turn to the motorist. We will liaise with Road Safety (Traffic) to advise the need for increased enforcement and improvement in driver behaviour at this location.

Contact: Grainne O'Brien – Senior Engineer – Project Manager
Email: grainne.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for the Parks Department to trim back and assess the health of trees at (*details supplied*)

Reply

Reply issued to Councillor

Q11 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to deal with a Pay & Display discrepancy off the South Circular Road (*details supplied*) where there is one street operating on a different time zone compared to three others. Can DCC engage with local residents and address this discrepancy as the time difference here makes the street a magnet for on-street parking compared to neighbouring streets.

Reply

(Details supplied) was balloted for a change of hours twice previously in 2006 and 2015. On both occasions the vote was returned not in favour of changing the hours of operation. There is no current request submitted.

A request for a change of operational hours can be made online using the Online Traffic Request Form: [Transport Service Request Form - Dublin City Council - Citizen Space](#) or by emailing the Traffic Administration Group (TAG) directly at traffic@dublincity.ie.

This request must be accompanied by a petition signed by at least 35% of the households on the road indicating their support for the changes.

Contact: *Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer, Env. & Transportation*
Email: linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for Housing Maintenance to resolve serious maintenance issues which have been left ignored for months at a flat with three small children and two parents living in a one-bed (*details supplied*).

Reply

Housing Maintenance called out to the property with a contractor to assess the maintenance requests.

The shower was checked and the shower wasn't leaking. The shower door seal wasn't working as it should and therefore new shower doors have been ordered and will be fitted in due course.

The windows were assessed by the contractor on the day and replacement parts have been ordered.

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

Q13 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to update members on plans to deliver community/social enterprise space at the ground-floor of the DCC/Iveagh Trust proposed development at corner of Dolphins Barn/South Circular Road.

Reply

No end user has been identified for the ground floor space in this development. DCC and the Iveagh Trust will continue to try and identify a suitable community/social tenant.

Contact: *Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Housing & Community Services*
Email: Michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services In light of recent staff changes and vacancies, Dolphin House is currently without a Project Estate Manager or a Project Estate Officer. On the ground contact between DCC with residents has been reduced to once monthly by appointment only sessions at the Dolphin House Community Centre. Given the range of persistent maintenance issues arising for residents as well as some ongoing antisocial challenges, can the Director of Services confirm the following:

- When the vacancies at Dolphin will be filled and who is responsible for day to day contact in the interim; and
- Whether DCC will reconsider its dramatic reduction in on-the-ground engagement with local residents and revert to weekly clinics with residents as a temporary measure until the Estate Management staff are appointed to fill the current vacancies.

Reply

I can confirm that Laura Kenny has been appointed as the Project Estate Officer for Dolphin House with effect immediately. Laura has already engaged with both the Regeneration Board Co-Ordinator and Community Representatives to advise of same. Laura will be implementing a weekly housing clinic within the complex in due course. Laura can be contacted directly by email laura.kenny@dublincity.ie.

Contact: Veronica Hand, Area Housing Officer, SWIC
Email: veronica.hand@dublincity

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on progress made with maintenance issues in Davitt House, Drimnagh.

Reply

We have carried out 54 Conditional surveys of the 64 units.
 We have begun looking at introducing Mechanical Ventilation in the units to date.

10 units have rejected the ventilation.
 40 units have been complete.
 13 are works in progress.
 1 has cancelled.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance
Email: robert.buckle@dublincitycouncil.ie

Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the plans for Glebe House, Crumlin.

Reply

A Section 5 Declaration (Ref. No. 0211/22) was issued for the reinstatement of the fire damaged roof to The Glebe House, Crumlin, (a Protected Structure) on 29th July 2022, following agreement of the essential repairs and works required with the Conservation Section.

However, the property owner's planning consultant has advised the Conservation Section that the reinstatement works (as approved per Section 5 above) cannot be implemented as the proposed housing development, granted permission by An Bord Pleanála on the larger site (Ref. SHD0013/22), has been judicially reviewed, with an injunction against the owner carrying out any work to the lands or buildings.

It is understood that the owner is separately pursuing a new planning application to the City Council for a Large-scale Residential Development (SRD) on the lands.

Contact: *Páraic Fallon, Senior Planner, Conservation Section*
Email: paraic.fallon@dublincity.ie

Reply

There is a current LRD application on the site, LRD6016/23-S3, for the construction of a development of 152 no. apartments (50 social housing and 50% cost rental).

The proposal includes the refurbishment and repair of fire damaged elements in Glebe House (following a fire on the 21st of April 2022) including the replacement of fire damaged roof with new slated roof, replacement of all first floor timber stud walls, replacement/repair of floor joists at first floor level, replacement of first floor joists in the rear return, replacement of internal render to kitchen/dining area in rear return building and replacement/repair of stair from upper ground to first floor level, the refurbishment of Glebe House including the removal of extensions to the rear and sides of the building, restoration of the facade, replacement of pvc windows with sliding sash windows (timber) and associated works to the interior and to the curtilage of Glebe House.

The scheme incorporates the change of use of Glebe House from residential to provide for community, cultural and arts uses, together with a neighbourhood café and crèche use.

The application is due to be decided on 15th August with last day for observations/submissions on 25th July.

Contact: *Kiaran Sweeney, Acting Senior Planner,*
Email: kiaran.sweeney@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the planned development of Coruba House?

Reply

LRD Application No. LRD6016/23-S3 (Glebe House and former Glebe House Industrial Estate and the vacant site of the former Coruba House, St Agnes Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12) - *Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) at a site of 0.88 Ha, located at Glebe House, (A Protected Structure, RPS Ref. 7560) which includes the derelict light industrial lands to the rear of Glebe House.*

The above application was submitted to Dublin City Council on 21st June, 2023 and is now fully validated. The last date for observations/submissions on this application is 25th July, 2023.

Contact: *Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central*
Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Reply

An application has been submitted under the LRD process for this development, this application is currently open for observations.

Contact: *Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer*
Housing & Community Services
Email: Michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the development of a multi-purpose sports facility in Cherry Orchard Park?

Reply

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services have commenced an exercise to re-design the park at Cherry Orchard which will include an up-grade and improvement of the playground and sports equipment. This will include a consultation process with the local community and key stakeholders. Proposals with regard to this consultation will be brought to the Area Committee in due course.

*Contact: Suzanne O' Connell, Landscape Architect,
Parks & Landscape Services*

Email: suzanne.oconnell@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services how many properties have been examined under the tenant in situ scheme in the South Central area and the number refused by the council, if any, on grounds of over accommodating the tenants.

Reply

Since January ninety one properties have been proposed to DCC for tenant in situ acquisitions in the South Central Area.

22 proposals have not proceeded for the following reasons;

Applicants not on a housing list - 4

Failed building inspection - 3

Refused by tenant – 4

Landlord withdrew - 7

Tenant moved out - 1

Bedroom requirements – 3 (2 x over accommodated. 1 x overcrowding)

*Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Housing & Community Services*

Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if the council can re-examine the case of (details supplied) for admission to the tenant in situ scheme considering their age and the fact that they require 2 separate bedrooms and face eviction in the coming months?

Reply

The tenant in Situ Scheme allows for some flexibility in terms of bedroom requirement. However in this case the couple have a 1 bedroom need and the property is a 3 bed. If there are extenuating circumstance e.g. health conditions the applicant could apply for a medical priority depending on the circumstance.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services to examine the housing file of (details supplied) and to advise if the level of overcrowding in the property requires greater priority be attached to this application.

Reply

The applicant is in Band 2 of the Transfer List. All overcrowded applicants are placed in Band 2. Applicants that applied on Exceptional Medical & Social Grounds Scheme etc are placed in Band 1.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services to examine the housing file of (details supplied) and to advise if greater priority can be applied given the overcrowding and age groups of the family members involved.

Reply

The applicant is in Band 2 of the Transfer List. All overcrowded applicants are placed in Band 2. Applicants that applied on Exceptional Medical & Social Grounds Scheme etc are placed in Band 1.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services to supply details of condition surveys that have been carried out by DCC maintenance (or anyone working on behalf of DCC) in Oliver Bond House, Emmet Buildings & School Street flats and to provide copies of same.

Reply

The units in Oliver Bond had conditional surveys carried out in September 2018 to March 2019.

The units in Emmet Buildings had conditional surveys carried out in September 2018 to December 2018.

The units in School Street had conditional surveys carried out between March 2019 and July 2019.

Following the conditional surveys DCC carried out works to help with trying to bring the properties up to the Standards for Rented Houses. Initially we installed new smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarms. In more recent times we have looked to install mechanical ventilation as well as warm boarding where possible. We are continuing to try and upgrade units where possible with the limited funds that we have.

Due to GDPR issues DCC is not able to furnish copies of our surveys.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance

Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if new stock condition surveys are required under Housing for All on all flat complexes in South Central, and if so, is there a schedule for undertaking them.

Reply

Dublin City Council carried out Stock Condition Surveys of all of our units in 2018 and 2019. The Standards for Rented Houses recommend that surveys are carried out at least once every 10 years where long term leasing is in place. Dublin City Council continue to carry out surveys through our void programme and also on our regular Planned Maintenance works.

Contact: *Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance*
Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services as a matter of urgency, ensure there is a bin located at every major Bus Stop in our communities. It is not viable that a basic requirement of a bin is not part of a bus stop / shelter.

Reply

Dublin City Council Waste Management Services policy in relation to the supply of litter bins is to provide an adequate number of litter bins in appropriate areas that are, or are in close proximity to litter generators. This includes at locations such as neighbourhood shopping areas, urban village centres, amenity and leisure areas and facilities, entrances to parks, main thoroughfares and arterial routes. Also included within this is at major bus stops where there is a likelihood of litter being created due to the significant usage of the stop in question.

Any specific bus stop can be forwarded to Waste Management for review and consideration.

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

Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into the following housing case (details supplied)

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP List with an application date of 19/4/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area J	2	7
Area K	2	19

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

The applicants should check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice. They are advertised every Friday and remain advertised for a period of 3 weeks.

The applicant should have a HMD form 1 (attached) filled in if she wishes to make an application on Exceptional Medical Grounds

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the following - I had a couple with one child contact me in relation to housing. This couple both work but are unable to get a mortgage and are above the social housing threshold this couple are asking will they ever be able to have an opportunity to rent from DCC or buy a home as they fall between the cracks, it is a sad reflection on our society that they are thinking of giving up a job so as to come below the income limits for social housing. Is there any options available to them?

Reply

The income threshold for social housing support for 2 adults & 1 child is 43,000 euro per annum. If the household is interested in a Local Authority Home Loan they must meet the eligibility criteria for example; one of the criteria as joint applicants is to have an annual gross income not more than 85,000 euro. The eligibility criteria is listed on the Dublin City Council website along with application form. This application can be returned to Loans & Sales, Dublin City Council, Block 2, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 (contact: 012225449)

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please look at the following housing (details supplied)

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 4/4/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	1	35
Area L	1	69

Area M	1	61
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Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicants should check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice. They are advertised every Friday and remain advertised for a period of 3 weeks.

The applicant should contact a Housing Advisor to have their income assessed. They may be eligible for the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can the margins in the Cherry Orchard Area be cut by DCC or our contractors as a minimum to help keep the place clean and tidy? It is unreasonable just to stop this cutting without first discussing this strategy at local level.

Reply

This area was inspected on 12/7/2023 and it was found that there is significant buy – in from residents who are tending to grass verges close to their homes. It is hoped that in the future this will extend further throughout the area.

Contact: Sean Ray, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Services
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the following housing issue (details supplied)

Reply

Based on the documentation supplied to Housing Allocations, the applicant is over the income threshold for Social Housing Support. If the applicant's income has changed they can submit a new application and we can have it assessed again. A staff member from Housing Allocations spoke to the applicant on the phone to provide advice directly.

Contact: Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me a full report on why the builder of the Apartments at De La Salle has not been asked to invite local residents to meet in order to look at the issues raised with this huge development in the local community e.g.: Traffic movements, dirt / dust and noise. The Cycle Lane fronting the old De La Salle property is filthy and never cleaned. DCC need to ensure a proper channel is opened to ensure smooth progress in this major development in the years ahead and what community gain will come for the existing local community from this development.

Reply

The Planning Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council is currently actively engaging with the developer of this site to ensure that the issues raised by local residents , including hours of work, dirt on road, dust and noise are fully dealt with by the developer and his main contractor. In that regard several inspections have been carried out over the last 2 weeks to ensure that best practice is being implemented on site and in the adjoining areas affected by the development. The Planning Enforcement Section will continue to monitor the site and further enforcement action will be reactivated should the developer not comply with commitments given to the Planning Enforcement Section, that best practice will be put in place going forward on this site.

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

Q32 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to provide a status for (details supplied). Has succession right been given to him? His status has been paused and this needs to be sorted.

Reply

The application to succeed his late uncle's tenancy has been received and is currently under review. A decision letter is expected to be issued soon.

The Social Housing Support application is suspended pending the submission of further documentation. The applicant has an appointment booked with a Housing Advisor on Monday 10th July to submit the outstanding documentation.

Contact: *Sandra Barry, A/Administrative Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers*
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services what is the outcome of enforcement procedure with (details supplied) A warning letter was issued around March 2023. Has the recipient of the enforcement letter responded to DCC? Was an inspection undertaken after the 4 week period? Are further enforcement actions required? Are additional investigations necessary to obtain sufficient evidence to sustain legal proceedings?

Reply

An inspection was carried out at the premises on the 2nd of May 2023, The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area was not granted full access to the premises by the tenants. A search is taking place by our Law Department referencing section to establish ownership of the property. Once this information has been received an inspection will be arranged with the owner of the property in order to establish whether further enforcement action is required in this case.

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

Q34 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services what is the future plan for traffic and circulation for vehicles on Jamestown Road and Kylemore Way?

Reply

There are currently no plans by the Transport Advisory Group for circulation for vehicles on Jamestown Road and Kylemore Way.

Traffic entering / exiting Kylemore Way use the Kylemore Road.

Traffic entering / exiting Jamestown Road use the Tyrconnell Road.

Traffic on Jamestown Road can also use O Donoghue Street, Jamestown Avenue, Ring St and Tyrconnell Park to access Tyrconnell Road.

There are two 3.5 tonne limit signs on entering Tyrconnell Park from Tyrconnell Road.

If further measures are required please inform the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: *Neil O Donoghue, South City Executive, Transport Advisory Group.*
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to work with the Walkinstown Community Centre to bring the bingo back asap or for DCC to find an alternative solution. This has been going for a long time, elderlies in the area need as many outings as possible.

Reply

As the deed of variation to the lease has been completed there is no impediment to bingo resuming in the community centre once a week as long as appropriate insurance is in place and all applicable health & safety regulations are complied with. The variation stipulates that any income generated by the bingo must be re-invested into the centre.

Contact: *Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot/ Drimnagh*
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services where is the plan to host Anti-Social Behaviour clinics in the Cherry Orchard Centre and in the Civic Offices? It was agreed with an Garda Commissioner and Alan Sherry to get this going to make sure AGS has a proximity approach to policing.

Reply

An Garda Síochána has booked the conference room in the Orchard Centre every second Thursday from 6th July from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM providing an opportunity for local residents to drop in with any queries they have. This initiative is planned to continue on a trial basis until the end of November. There have been similar events held in the civic centre, Ballyfermot and Dublin City Council will provide whatever assistance it can in relation to these events.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services what is the roster for green space maintenance in Davitt House during the 12 months of the year.

Reply

The grass cutting schedule for our complexes, including Davitt House, is usually weekly visits for litter and grass cutting from April to September. Then fortnightly visits during February and March and visits as required during October and possibly November if there is still active grass growth.

This is a guide to green space maintenance as there are many variables, such as weather conditions, ground conditions, for example, if it is too soft for machinery to go onto the ground it won't happen as an area will be badly damaged.

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

Q38 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services for a review of the vacant units in Davitt House to be undertaken and for a timeframe for renovation and re-tenanting to be given to me.

Reply

There are currently 7 voids units in Davitt house. 5 of these units have been fully refurbished and are ready for re-letting. The other 2 units are nearing completion, one unit will be ready for re-letting this week and the other will be completed in 6 weeks.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance
Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to provide all Councillors with a copy of the fire safety inspection report from Dublin Fire Brigade carried out in Davitt House complex about 2 months ago.

Reply

Dublin Fire Brigade visited Davitt House on 24th April 2023, the fire safety management was generally acceptable. The inspecting officer advised that any issues in relation to maintenance, and in particular to each apartment unit, should be notified the Housing Maintenance Department of DCC.

Contact: Dennis Keeley, Chief Fire Officer, Dublin Fire Brigade
Email: dennis.keeley@dublincity.ie

This query was raised with Dublin Fire Brigade and they responded that in relation to Davitt House, Dublin Fire Brigade visited the building on 24th April 2023 and said the fire safety management was generally acceptable. The inspecting officer advised that any issues in relation to maintenance, and in particular to each apartment unit, should be notified to the Housing Maintenance Department of Dublin City Council.

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

Q40 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to give details on what measures will the Transport Advisory Group implement to ensure traffic flow on Galtymore Road, between the junction of Carrow Road and Galtymore Road and the junction of Galtymore Road and Benbulbin Road.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer has recommended to the Transport Advisory Group the following measures:

5 no. of No Parking Buffer zones (24 hour) with the appropriate traffic signs Rus 010 No parking on the northside of Galtymore Road between Benbulbin Road and Sperrin Road.

Extending at two locations the continuous white centre line at the junction of Galtymore Road and Benbulbin Road and Galtymore Road and Sperrin Road.
These measures will improve traffic flow.

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will continue to monitor Galtymore Road between the junction of Carrow Road and Benbulbin Road to see if further measures are required.

Contact: Neil ODonoghue, South City Executive, Transport Advisory Group.
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services how many DCC housing clinics are in operation in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh constituency.

Reply

There are no housing clinics in operation in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area. The area office provides a walk in service in the civic centre, Ballyfermot from 9.30 AM to 1.00 PM from Monday to Friday and an appointment service every afternoon. Members of the public can contact the local area team at ballyfermot@dublincity.ie or 222 4660.

Housing staff regularly meet members of the public in person to deal with queries raised by them at a mutually agreed time and location following contact through the avenues detailed above. This approach ensures that best use is made of the staff's

time as attendance at clinics can result in staff spending time attending with very few and possibly no queries being raised with them.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office
Email: alan.shery@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services what is the plan on the land of the old pitch and putt in Lansdown Valley Park? Why was it closed in the first place? Is there any plan to reopen it? What is the overall plan to reopen this part of the park to the public?

Reply

A reply on this question will issue directly to the councillor in due course.

Contact: Sean Ray, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service
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