

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023

1 Minutes of the North Central Area Committee meeting dated 18th September, 2023.

Order: Agreed.

2 Questions to the Area Managers

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Order: Noted.

3 ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

- a **Minutes of the TAG meeting dated 26th September, 2023.** Order: Noted.
- b **Gully Report for noting** Order: Noted.

4 AREA MATTERS

a Leases & Licences - proposed grant of a further Lease of the Clontarf Road Car Park, Dublin 3 to Templeville Developments Limited T/A Westwood Club Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council subject to the following

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council subject to the following proviso at the behest of Cllrs. Cooney, Stocker & O'Muiri:

"That the lease to Westwood Club be reduced to 15 years, starting at 2020 and that the lease should include a stipulation that "traffic management works" be undertaken by the club to prevent danger to pedestrians, cyclists & blocking of bus lanes. Also, that a check for any monies that may be owing to Dublin City Council for rates be confirmed before agreements".

- Leases & Licences Proposed grant of a 10 year lease of Unit 2A, Block 19, New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13 to RGAM Limited t/a Barber Co.
 Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- c Leases & Licences Proposed Licence of lands for the Installation of Telecoms Equipment to Cignal Infrastructure Ltd at Foxfield Green, Raheny Dublin 5

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- d Naming & Numbering proposal for additional units at Santry Place, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin 9
 Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- e **Killester Heritage Sign Report for noting** Order: Noted. Item to be referred to the Commemorations and Naming Committee.
- f **Update on the Belcamp Boundary Wall Project Part 8 Application** Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- g Dublin City Council's Community Climate Action Programmepresentation
 Order: Noted. Presentation to be recirculated.
- h **Community & Informal Adult Education Grants** Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- i **Update on the Discretionary Budget 2023** Order: Deferred to the November meeting.
- j Area Managers Reports Order: Noted.
- k Housing Supply Report for noting Order: Noted.
- Arts Officer Report Order: Noted.
- m Sports & wellbeing Report for noting Order: Noted.

5 MOTIONS - Motion in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland (6b deferred from the September meeting)

That this North Central Area Committee acknowledges the huge benefit to both dogs and their owners of dog specific parks/areas in our parks that are fenced in, have large dog and small dog areas and where they can run off lead and have water services. However, the North Central Area Committee recognises that not all parks within the Artane/Whitehall Ward (e.g. Ellenfield Park) are suitably large enough to incorporate a designated dog park. Therefore to support the expressed desire for a dog park in the Santry/Whitehall area of the ward, that the North Central Area Office liaise with Fingal Co. Co. with a view to establishing a designated dog park in Santry Demesne, a large expansive park area within the Santry area but just outside the DCC administrative area.

<u>Reply</u>

The Parks Service has been in touch with our counterparts with responsibility for Santry Demesne who have advised that Fingal County Council have plans to designate an off leash area in Santry Demesne and will liaise with Parks Users and DCC as part of this process.

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

Order: Agreed.

a Motion in the name of Cllr. Jane Horgan Jones

That this North Central Area Committee agrees that an upgrade and refurbishment be carried out on the Maypark Playground.

<u>Reply</u>

Maypark, Ellenfield and Belcamp are considered to the last of the older designed playgrounds in the North Central area and it is intended that each will be upgraded in the next few years. Of the three the playground in Belcamp Park is considered the priority for 2024.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel:222 6625Email:parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Motion fell.

b Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the Manager to arrange, for health and safety reasons, to have necessary improvement works carried out on facilities at North Bull Island and Dollymount as follows:-

- Steps (especially broken steps at the long shelter) are in need of repair; the bottom 4 steps which are under water at bathing time are particularly dangerous
- Unsafe/dangerous rails
- Regular cleaning of shelters Summer and Winter
- Showers at the long steps shelter

And that he make a statement on the matter.

Reply

As the shelters, steps and handrails are exposed to the tides and winter storms they are regularly inspected, treated for algae, made secure and identified necessary repairs programmed each year. The request for an additional shower can be investigated and if water pressure allows for same, can be included in future works programmes subject of the identification of a suitable budget.

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

Order: Agreed.

c Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the manager to take the necessary steps to have additional toilet facilities provided on North Bull Island and Dollymount, similar to the sustainable "eco" WC facilities provided in Fingal area and that he make a statement on the matter.

Reply

Once the tender returns for the modular building tender have been analysed and the framework established the procurement of additional toilets can proceed as has been discussed.

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

d Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the manager to make a statement on the **poor water quality** at Dollymount where there were 5 poor readings this year so far; say why nothing has improved and when matters will improve and give a timescale to solve the poor water quality and that he make a statement on the matter to include why a red flag was flown for the best part of August despite the fact that there was poor reading in the month of August.

Reply

A red flag was flown at Dollymount Beach a total of 35 times this year during the bathing season. Rationale for flying the red flag at these times include water quality/pollution, sea condition/waves, wind and weather conditions including visibility and Jellyfish.

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

To provide some background, Dublin City Council has two designated bathing waters, namely Sandymount and Dollymount Strands, which we manage in accordance with our regulatory requirements under the Bathing Waters Regulations 2008. Four additional locations are recognised as *other monitored waters* including the North Bull Wall, Half Moon, Shelley Banks and Merrion Strand. Bathing waters are monitored on at least 20 occasions during the bathing season and on a fortnightly basis thereafter, regardless of designation.

A review of 28 investigative and scheduled samples taken at Dollymount

Strand during the 2023 bathing season identified 2 *Poor* results and 25 Good or Excellent results. The two Poor results occurred on the 27/07/23 and 01/08/23, resulting in a temporary prohibition raised in consultation with the Health Service Executive.

Given the above information conflicts with that detailed in the Motion, it is believed the motion pertains to the North Bull Wall 'other monitored water'. A full overview of bathing water quality sample results are available on our website <u>HERE</u>.

At the North Bull Wall, 5 *Poor* bathing water results were recorded in July 2023. A month recorded by Met Éireann as the wettest on record, recording above average rainfall at every weather station in the country. Furthermore, Met Eireann issued 5 separate rain and thunderstorm warnings for Dublin during the period. See below table extracted from <u>www.met.ie</u> highlighting elevated volume of rain experienced in Dublin in July 2023.

Adverse weather, specifically intense rainfall events have a significant negative effect on bathing water quality. This is due to a variety of contributing factors, however in an urban environment, it is primarily linked to increased storm water runoff from hardstanding areas/roads to waters and the activation of storm water overflows (SWO's).

The Protection of Water Bodies Office has initiated a number of nature based solution/SUDS projects, which utilise green infrastructure to capture, attenuation and treat storm water runoff. Examples of SUDS include permeable paving, rain gardens and wetlands, which not only provide much needed treatment, but also amenity and biodiversity value. Further information on DCC's upcoming projects can be found <u>here</u>. Uisce Éireann is the sanitary authority responsible for the management of waste water in Ireland operating under license from the Environmental Protection Agency.

It should be noted that improving bathing water quality at the North Bull Wall is an ongoing task, and due to a number of complex contributing factors, there is no *quick fix*. Nonetheless, DCC is committed to improving surface and bathing water quality throughout its catchments, and as such continues to prioritise operational activities which target pollution including misconnection inspections, responding to pollution incidents and investigating unauthorised discharges.

Finally, a red flag can be raised at a bathing location for a variety of reasons, not limited to poor water quality. As noted above the water quality at Dollymount was Good to Excellent from all samples taken after the first of August 2023. Bathers are encouraged to discuss raised flags directly with the lifeguard on duty, as the raising of flags is managed by them and a red flag is to indicate *Danger – No Swimming*. Bathers are also encouraged to adhere to the safety advice provided. Any further queries pertaining to lifeguard management should be directed to the Parks Department.

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

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
2023	42.4	12.2	121.3	76.4	27.9	50.9	<mark>149.1</mark>	109.4	105.7
2022	16.7	91.9	41.4	37.9	55.9	56.1	38.1	14.4	128.7
2021	115.6	61.7	34.2	16.2	96.9	14.2	<mark>83.6</mark>	51.2	33.4
2020	39.6	141.5	30.7	13.6	8.3	68.9	100.7	89.3	56.3
LTA	65.3	51.3	54.0	52.7	61.4	69.1	<mark>54.9</mark>	73.1	60.0

Total rainfall in millimetres for PHOENIX PARK

Order: Agreed.

e Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Brabazon

That this North Central Area Committee calls upon the manager to open the public toilets at Fr Collins Park.

Reply

The toilet block in Fr. Collin's Park was taken out of service due to serious and repeated vandalism. While repairs have been carried out to the block there remains a significant issue with the water supply. There is a leak in the system which it is hoped can be tracked down and repaired in the coming weeks. Once the water supply to the toilet block is restored it is intended that the toilets can be first made available during community events or similar when there is adequate supervision of the facility in place. There are no proposals to open the toilets on full time basis at this time due to anti-social behaviour concerns. It is intended to go to the market in late 2023 or early 2024 to ascertain if there is interest in the provision of a coffee cart at this location that could provide supervision and servicing of this facility which would allow the toilets to be available on an ongoing basis for next summer similar to the arrangement in Fairview Park.

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

Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. Barron.

f Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Brabazon

That this North Central Area Committee agrees to rename the R139 or N32 between the Malahide road and the M1 to the Kathleen Mills Road.

<u>Reply</u>

The manager has requested legislation and advice on this process in writing. The Law Agent informs us that there is new and updated

legislation and the regulations for the enactment of these are yet to be enacted. We will update all Councillors once we have received the memo.

Contact:Derek Farrell Acting Local Area ManagerTel;222 8546Email:derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. Barron – to be referred to the Commemorative Naming Committee

g Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Brabazon

That this North Central Area Committee calls on the council to take in charge without delay the roads and services of the road which leads from the Malahide Road at Churchwell Gardens down to the Hole in the Wall Road to enable implementation of preventative measures for undesired parking which is dangerous to road users.

<u>Reply</u>

The North Central Area Office are co-ordinating efforts to regularise the taking in charge of some of the main streets in Belmayne: Belmayne Main Street, Belmayne Avenue, Parkside Boulevard and two sections of Greenway.

If financially viable a taking in charge process may be progressed by declaring the roads to be public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, which is a reserved function rather than the regular taking in charge process, whereby the Developer applies to the Local Authority, Planning and Development Taking in Charge Section.

Following an extensive survey of the Belmayne area, a map of the roads there that are proposed to be declared public has been finalised. This map for declaration of public roads proposal has been circulated to internal sections of DCC requesting them to submit their queries and observations.

This internal consultation process is currently ongoing.

Contact:Deirdre Murphy, Administrative OfficerTel:222 8845Email:deirdre a.murphy@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllr. MacDonncha

h Motion in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland

That this North Central Area Committee notes the granting of planning permission for the development of 853 housing units, green spaces, retail units, crèche and community space on the Oscar Traynor lands and the impending commencement on site in November. The North Central Area Committee also notes that commencement of the contract with Glenveagh activates the €7m local investment fund. The North Central Area Committee also acknowledges two other housing developments in the area, Cromcastle Underpass under the auspices of the LDA and the DCC

Cromcastle Court redevelopment that will both deliver local community spaces. Therefore, to ensure that the local investment fund will deliver maximum local impact and deliver for local community needs, and that the various community spaces coming on stream across the three developments will be appropriately kitted out and effectively and democratically used/managed a working committee be established by the North Central Area Office to guide and manage the allocation of the fund.

<u>Reply</u>

The area office are working on developing a consultation process with the residents of Kilmore West, Lorcan, Castletimon, Aulden Grange and Woodlawn to work out what facilities are in place, what facilities are needed by residents, what sports and recreation the residents and their children are interested in, what type of activities the residents would like to volunteer for among other things. Once this consultation process has been carried out the Area Office will set up an oversight group to work on developing the wants and needs of the Communities.

Contact:Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area ManagerTel:222 8546Email:derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Seconded by Cllrs. MacDonncha & Batten.

i Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Heney

That this North Central Area Committee agrees that the manager gives an update on the promised playground for McAuley Park, Artane as the area has experienced a massive generational shift, with children, families and even grandparents being left with little public amenities in the area.

<u>Reply</u>

The tenders for the proposed playgrounds at Harmonstown and Kilmore West have been received and assessed. The tenderers have been contacted and advised of the results of the assessment. At the end of the 2 week statutory standstill period the preferred tenderer will be appointed and local consultations can commence. Once these have been completed a timeframe for delivery can be agreed.

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

Order: Agreed.

j Motion in the name of Cllr. Donna Cooney

That this North Central Area Committee agrees to trial planters and seating made from recycled plastic as replacements to the unsightly sandbags on the Clontarf promenade until the final flood defences are in place" examples attached as seen in Vienna.

<u>Reply</u>

The Environmental Protection Division is examining alternative solutions to the existing sandbags and will issue a report to the NCAC and the Clontarf Working Group once the report is finalised.

Contact:James Nolan, Executive ManagerTel:222 4858Email:james.nolan@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

k Motion in the name of Cllr. Donna Cooney

That this North Central Area Committee agrees the pavements on Hollybrook Grove Clontarf are in a terrible state and need to be resurfaced and a temporary tarmac area which is sinking is replaced and a **suitable tree planted** there, the trees also need larger pits and can that be provided as park or the resurfaced pavements, could the double yellow lines be extended and the pavements of the right when entering from Clontarf road (which are very narrow) be widened" please find photos attached.

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref. 11144977) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector to inspect both the carriageways & footpaths.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

A minimum road width of 6.5m is required for double side parking; the average width along Strandville Avenue East (entering from Clontarf Road) is 7.4m there is sufficient space for vehicles to get access this road.

There are double yellow lines located to allow staggered vehicular parking combined with the parking restriction acts as a traffic calming measures by physically narrowing the width of the carriageway.

Further restrictions on this section of the road would lead to increased vehicular speeds whereas parking tends to have a calming effect helping to slow down traffic in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidelines.

Considering the above, extension of the double yellow lines are not recommended.

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

The trees at Holbrook Road will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works determined to be necessary will be added to the prioritised list of works for the area.

Contact;Sean Ray, Parks AdministrationEmail:parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

<u>Councillor Daryl Barron</u> Chairperson Monday 16 October 2023

Attendance:

Members:

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

Members:

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

Members:

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

Officers

Bruce Philips, Mick Kelly, Derek Farrell, Fiona Moore, Catherine Cahill, Fergus O'Carroll, Jeremiah Moore, Gerry McEntagart, Catalin Rosca, Patrick Smith, Gillian Corcoran, Bláthnaid Conlon, Adam Kelly, Niamh Reilly, Lynda Drysdale, Deirdre Murphy, Nicky Finegan, Dean Eaton, Kelly Hickey, Ronan Connolly, Roy O'Connor, Emma Finlay, Sinead French, Charles Duggan, Marie Gavin.

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

"To ask the Manager to arrange for a pedestrian crossing at the All Saints Church, as this is a dangerous crossing (crossing to the shops in Raheny)"

<u>Reply</u>

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035483) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group

Email: <u>Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie</u>

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

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the path to be fixed outside (details supplied)"

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref. 11144182) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the locus and assign the repairs to a crew.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Manager if the McAuley park playground has gone out to tender and when the work is expected to be completed."

<u>Reply</u>

The tenders for the proposed playgrounds at Harmonstown and Kilmore West have been received and assessed. The tenderers have been contacted and advised of the results of the assessment. At the end of the 2 week statutory standstill period the preferred tenderer will be appointed and local consultations can commence. Once these have been completed a timeframe for delivery can be agreed.

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

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

"To ask the Manager to have the tree pruned at (details supplied)"

<u>Reply</u>

Arrangements have been made to have the trees in this and the adjacent estate fully and independently assessed. Any recommendations made by the consulting arborist as part of this assessment will be programmed as per the assigned priority rating.

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

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager if the Steel barriers at the end of Griffith Avenue will be continued all the way to Philipsburgh Ave."

<u>Reply</u>

There are currently no proposals to extend the installation of bollards on Griffith Ave.

Contact:Mick Carroll, Local Area ManagerTel:222 8840Email:mick.carrol@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE <u>16th October 2023</u>

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

"To ask the Manager if the active travel department have plans to develop a Cycle Lane for Grace Park Road"

<u>Reply</u>

Grace Park Road is not situated on Dublin City Council's Active Travel Network. As a result, the Active Travel Programme Office currently has no plans to develop a cycle lane along the road.

It is noted that Grace Park Road is identified as a secondary route on the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan 2022. This may result in the road being considered for upgrades that will improve the experience of walking, wheeling and cycling in the future; however, the current primary objective of the Active Travel Programme Office is the delivery of the existing Active Travel Network.

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Deputy Director for the Active Travel Programme Email: ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

Q.7 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Manager to follow up on the funding in 2022 for the visual improvement to take place at Shanrath Green, this was very simply a couple of raised flower beds and the path to be re-surfaced with some sort of glow in the dark paint or solar lights to help people see walking through it at night, lot of elderly people in the area"

<u>Reply</u>

The area office are waiting for the Councillor to provide contact details for residents in this area so that staff can meet them on site.

Contact:	Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager
Tel:	222 8546
Email:	derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to assess the over-crowding at **(details supplied)** and the antisocial behaviour taking place"

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged of the property at **(details supplied)**, to check for compliance with the provisions of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. Issues regarding anti-social behaviour in privately rented properties do not fall under the remit of the Environmental Health Section of Dublin City Council, and may be dealt with under the disputes resolution process with the Residential Tenancies Board.

Contact:	Michelle Officer	McNally,	A/Principal	Environmental	Health
Tel: Email:	222 3753 <u>michelle.mo</u>	cnally@dubli	ncity.ie		

Q.9 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Manager about a festival in Ellenfield Park, I attend the family fun day in Grace Field in Drumcondra, and I understand the council supported this, I don't think there needs to be much more than this, arranging ice cream van etc. and it could be a lovely event. I understand there is an integration fund so having some culture dancing or singing would be lovely. The Lord Mayor is very much about spreading the Kind city so it could be marketed as a Kindness festival. If someone can come back to me on this and some of the local business are happy to support this."

<u>Reply</u>

The Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) are more than happy to work with the relevant departments and Councillor Batten on a festival for Ellenfield Park in 2024. The Area Community & Social Development Officer will commit to organising a meeting in early 2024 to progress further.

Contact:Niamh Reilly, Area Community & Social Development Officer –
Artane/Whitehall LEATel:2228841 / 086-3880982Email:niamhp.reilly@dublincity.ie

The Parks Events Team will happily work with the organisers of any such proposed event to guide them through the necessary event management planning to ensure a safe and successful event.

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

Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager if he can accelerate the purchase and use of **(details supplied)** for use as a social house"

<u>Reply</u>

The site is entered on the Derelict Sites Register and is one of a number of sites that have been identified for acquisition as part of the Council's ongoing acquisitions strategy to tackle dereliction. The Derelict Sites Unit has initiated the statutory compulsory acquisition process as provided for in the Derelict Sites Act 1990; a Public Notice of Intention to Acquire the site compulsorily was published on 2nd October, 2023 and a formal notice served on the owner and affixed to the property on the same date. The last day for objections to the compulsory acquisition is 2nd November, 2023.

Contact:	Nial Dully, Administrative Officer
Phone:	222 3941
Email:	nial.dully@dublincity.ie

The City Council will endeavour to finalise matters as regards the acquisition of this property and return it to use in a timely manner.

Contact:John Ryan, Administrative OfficerTel:222 5367.Email:john.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for a detailed update on the proposed new playground for the Kilmore West area"

<u>Reply</u>

The tenders for the proposed playgrounds at Harmonstown and Kilmore West have been received and assessed. The tenderers have been contacted and advised of the results of the assessment. At the end of the two week statutory standstill period the preferred tenderer will be appointed and local consultations can commence. Once these have been completed a timeframe for delivery can be agreed.

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

Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for a report on the proposed leasing arrangements for the Oscar Traynor Coaching & Development Centre and what provisions have been made to facilitate its use by local clubs Kilmore Celtic FC and St. John Vianney"

<u>Reply</u>

Under Indenture of Lease dated 16th January 2003 the site at Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 17, was demised by Dublin City Council to The Oscar Traynor Coaching & Development Centre Limited for a term of 99 years from 1st January 2003 subject to an abated rent provided the site is used entirely as an Association Football Coaching, Development and Administration Centre

While the Council is aware that members of the board may change from time to time, there is no change in the tenant company and they comply with the covenants and conditions in the lease. The operation of the Centre is a matter for the lessee.

Contact:Margaret MooneyTel:222 2852Email:property.management@dublincity

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for an inspection of the public lighting along Marigold Crescent as I've received reports that a number of the street lights aren't working"

<u>Reply</u>

We will arrange for a night inspection of the public lighting in Marigold Crescent to be undertaken to identify any lights that may be out. Any repairs required will then be scheduled.

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

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager in relation to **(details supplied)** if he can refer to response provided by the CE to question 69 at September City Council meeting and if he can consider increasing the green light time for motorists (as opposed to green man time for pedestrians) at both junctions"

<u>Reply</u>

Dublin City Council policy priorities sustainable and Active Travel modes of transportation within the city.

Vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists receive the highest priority at traffic signalised junctions and crossings.

However, following evaluation of the two junctions in question on Griffith Ave, some amendments to traffic signal operation and timings have been made to lessen any congestion on Grace Park Rd / Philipsburgh Ave.

The operation of the traffic signal operation at these junctions will be monitored and further changes made, as required, to assist all road users, where there is scope to do so.

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

Q.15 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Manager in relation to grant application as per **(details supplied)**, say if grant assistance can be provided in the circumstances"

<u>Reply</u>

The Housing Grant Section administers three Housing Grants Schemes designed to provide assistance to people making adaptations to their privately owned homes to meet their medical needs and to older people in poor housing conditions carrying out essential repairs to their owner occupied homes. These measures enable people to stay in their own communities and prevent or delay their placement in residential care thereby reducing social segregation, assisting their carer's and strengthening families

A completed application form has not been received in Home Grants for **(details supplied)**. I wish to confirm that we have forwarded a new application form to **(details supplied)** if they require assistance completing the application form, I would suggest that they contact Ms. Eimear McCormack, the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator.

Ms. McCormack can be contacted on 085 8622844.

I have attached the hyperlink to the Housing Aid for older people Grant (Private Houses) for further information.

https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/housing/i-own-my-home/grantshomeowners/housing-aid-older-people-grant

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

Q.16 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Manager in relation to location as per (details supplied), arrange to have clear updated signage erected advising park users of bye-laws in relation to maintaining control over their pets as pets are being allowed off leash on a regular basis and if **animal welfare officer** can be asked to visit same to advise dog owners of their responsibilities"

<u>Reply</u>

The Animal Welfare Unit will increase the number of Dog Warden patrols in **(details)** Park over the coming weeks and engage with dog owners to advise on responsible dog ownership under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and subsequent amendments.

Contact:	Richard Herlihy, Administrative Officer
Tel:	222 6553
Email:	richard.herlihy@dublincity.ie

The Parks Service is aware of this disappointing and inconsiderate behaviour by a very small number of dog owners and local supervisors have spoken to certain individuals on a number of occasions. Temporary signage has been erected in the recent past but is often removed by persons unknown. Permanent no dog signage has been ordered and will be erected in the coming weeks. The Animal Welfare service has been advised of this behaviour and does patrol the park on a not infrequent basis.

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

Q.17 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, say if/how he can help bring about an improvement in the poor appearance/condition of the landing at same".

<u>Reply</u>

The area in question is a private landing & not the responsibility of DCC.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2576Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager to refer to footpaths and low wall at **(details supplied)** and say if he can agree to arrange for repair of same."

<u>Reply</u>

The low wall at this locus will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any necessary repairs will be listed on the repair programme for the area.

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

An enquiry defect (ref. 11144550) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of the above locations and create a jobs list for same & assign to a crew when they are next available in the locus.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMS North
CityTel:222 2576Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Manager to arrange to cut/spray/remove the overgrowth of weeds at **(details supplied)**."

<u>Reply</u>

The area is maintained by contract which provides for strimming of such weed growth during the growing season, the matter has been referred to the contracts manager and will be attended to in the coming weeks as schedules allow.

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

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for an update on the plan to remove the illegal dump at Belcamp Gardens, Dublin 17."

<u>Reply</u>

A Part 8 application to construct a new boundary wall at Belcamp Park was lodged on 9th August'23. The period for submissions has now closed and a Planners Report is being prepared.

An update on the part 8 will be presented to Councillors at the 16th October meeting.

A consultant team is preparing tender documents for the construction of the wall and the removal of the waste.

Contact:Marie Gavin, Senior Executive EngineerTel:222 2577Email:marie.gavin@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Manager to please revert back to (**details supplied**) in relation to repairing a wall that was cracked as a result of work being done on the path"

<u>Reply</u>

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has contacted Uisce Eireann customer services on the 9th of October 2023 and notified them of the alleged damage to the wall at the address supplied and requested what action(s) they propose to undertake.

Contact:	Finan Dooley, Executive Engineer
Tel:	222 6727
Email:	finan.dooley@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to arrange for contact to be made with **(details supplied)** to ensure that the residences are satisfied with the facilities being provided and there is a resolution to the kitchen being closed and they are not using a bucket to clean their cups.

<u>Reply</u>

Under our Health and Safety regulations we are unable to give the tenants access to the kitchen as it is used by the Meals on Wheels service.

Contact:Gillian Corcoran, Acting Area Housing ManagerTel:222 6942Email:Gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to follow up on the request from last year where (**details supplied**) that the path repairs where going on to the works program for 2023, and come back with a date when this work will be done."

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry defect (ref. 11144692) has been created for **(details supplied)** and forwarded to the RMS Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection and create a list of works and assign to a crew for repair.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive EngineerTel:222 2576Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Manager to ensure that there is an update at the JPC of where we are at with additional Garda presence in the Dublin 9 area in the night time, given the increase in criminal activities in the area lately"

<u>Reply</u>

This question is for the JPC and not for the Area Committee as the Gardai are not answerable to area committee questions. The question can be brought up with Senior Gardai on Monday at the JPC.

Contact:Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area ManagerTel:222 8546Email:derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.25 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Manager to arrange for a traffic safety review to take place in **(details supplied)**, to ensure that blind spots are not taking place with parking, and consider putting double yellow lines on the both corners and they are extended to the first house.

<u>Reply</u>

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035333) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group Email: Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie

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Q.26 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Manager to direct the traffic department to conduct a traffic assessment at rush hour, along Coolock Village and Beech Park Avenue, and consider the request of residence for ramps on the road."

<u>Reply</u>

Main Street (Coolock Village) is currently traffic calmed with 3 No. speed ramps placed at the appropriate distances for optimum traffic calming. At the junction with Beech Park Avenue/Coolock Village is traffic calmed by virtue of a raised table (large ramp). There is a pedestrian crossing near Ulster Bank on Main St. Which further aids in traffic calming.

Main Street has on street parking which effectively acts as traffic calming by physically narrowing the carriageway and reducing drivers forward visibility in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets guidelines.

Main Street is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists the road is a residential area and to expect children.

These signs are clearly marked at entrance from Malahide Road and Oscar Traynor Road. It is therefore not recommended to introduce traffic calming measures on Main Street at this time.

Regarding "speed ramps Beech Park Avenue", this request 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 decision of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: <u>gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.27 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Manager to direct the traffic department to conduct a traffic assessment of Montrose Drive for Jazzer lines and double Yellow Lines at both corners, there is issues with the school Parking and there needs to be some action to address the dangerous parking."

<u>Reply</u>

It is not recommended to install parking restrictions, such as providing double yellow lines where restrictions are already covered under the law.

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked:

(c) Within 5 metres of a road junction;(i) On a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;

Any instances of illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (Tel No. 01 602-2500) or email info@dsps.ie for enforcement under the Regulations.

 Contact:
 Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

 Email:
 gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.28 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Manager to direct the traffic department to conduct a traffic assessment at Ardmore Drive, Artane existing out on to the Kilmore road, this is a huge estate and there is no filter light for residence to access the main road. There has been a number of near misses."

<u>Reply</u>

The aforementioned location will be assessed in due course and if warranted will be placed on a list of Controlled Pedestrian Crossings for funding.

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

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager for a detailed update on the proposal for a new community centre for the Kilbarrack area."

<u>Reply</u>

The Area Office met with Northside Partnership to establish their level of interest in becoming anchor tenant of any proposed new community facility in Kilbarrack.

DCC Architects Department have since been requested to examine whether their office/space requirements could be incorporated into the initial design/plans for the Community Centre which were drawn up in 2018, taking into account that the childcare facility space would no longer be needed.

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

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager to have the back windows at **(details supplied)** replaced. They are in very bad condition. The front windows were replaced a number of years ago."

<u>Reply</u>

Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot will carry out an inspection of the windows at this property. If they are in need of replacement, all necessary works will be carried out.

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

Q.31 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Manager to make provision for extra litter bins at (details supplied)."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned roads assessed and litter levels monitored there over the coming weeks to see if there is a requirement for extra litter bins.

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

Q.32 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Manager to respond to **(details supplied)** and say if the area can be given closer attention for street sweeping and cleansing."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned at the end of September 2023. We will monitor litter levels there between scheduled cleanings and arrange extra cleaning if necessary.

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

Q.33 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Manager to make provision for the following at **(details supplied)**, some of the paths are in a very dangerous condition as a lot of the residents use walking aids etc."

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry defect (ref.11144820) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection of footpaths in **(details supplied)** estate and create a list of defects for repair.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive EngineerTel:222 2576Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.34 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Manager to respond to this housing application of **(details supplied)** who is awaiting a Medical Priority and is currently commencing Dialysis. Can the manager indicate when they will be offered suitable accommodation?"

<u>Reply</u>

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a medical priority, with an application date of 01/03/2023, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
В	1	28
E	1	32
Н	1	27

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list 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, Acting Allocations Officer
Tel:	222 2201
Email:	Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Manager can the overgrown tree at **(details supplied)** be removed or adequately pruned"

Details: 23 Cromcastle Close.

<u>Reply</u>

Estate Management have asked a contractor to inspect the tree in the front garden, with a view to prune/remove it. Tenant will be contacted directly.

Contact:Gillian Corcoran, Acting Area Housing ManagerTel:086 8556560Email:gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

Housing Maintenance will call out to undertake an assessment. If the tree is in the garden, we will inspect it to see if we can undertake any works. If the tree is outside the property boundary on the public footpath, we will forward this onto Parks for their review.

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

Q.36 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones</u>

"To ask the Manager about three of the beautiful but old trees on Saint Lawrence Road which have fallen in the last 2/3 months with the various storms and high winds that we've been having. Every time a tree has fallen it's taken out a car, a railing or a front window. The trees are so tall and so heavy that a person would not stand a chance if they happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Tree surgeons from DCC surveyed the fallen trees after they fell and said both had root rot - these were at either ends of the road. So it's not beyond the realms of possibility to think that further trees on the road could have the same. Can someone come out and assess the safety of the current trees?

<u>Reply</u>

Arrangements have been made to have the trees on this road fully and independently assessed. Any recommendations made by the consulting arborist as part of this assessment will be programmed as per the assigned priority rating.

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

Q.37 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Manager to make provision for a speed bump/ramp at **(details supplied)**"

Details: Brookwood Lawn, Dublin 5. This is a small cul de sac with a green area. Used by small children as a play area.

<u>Reply</u>

The above location is short in length which is not conducive to speed and does not meet the criteria for the provision of speed ramps (it does not have a straight run of more than 200 metres). It is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking, which reduces the carriageway width for drivers and increases driver caution/awareness.

Considering the above, further measures such as speed ramps are not recommended.

The Area Engineer has recommended provision of a cul de sac sign on above location at junction with Rosemount Ave to reduce the instances of drivers entering the area in error due to lack of signage and to alert drivers that this location is a residential area.

 Contact:
 Gerry McEntagart - North City Executive Engineer

 Email:
 gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the Manager to clean up Maryville Road, the full road, especially the start of it at (details supplied), the paths are full of weeds in the cracks."

Details: Requested by number 15 Maryville Road.

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry defect (ref.11144878) has been created for **(details supplied)** & forwarded to the Area Inspector for inspection. A list of jobs will be created & assigned to a crew for repair.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services will arrange cleaning here by the middle of October 2023.

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

Q.39 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Manager to have a full traffic study carried out at **(details supplied)** with a view to installing pedestrian/traffic lights. This is a very busy junction adjacent to schools, shops, two bus stops (on a very busy bus route) and a church. The road layout can be very hazardous for traffic manoeuvres."

Details: See map Clonshaugh Ave/Priorswood Road/Glin Road

<u>Reply</u>

The aforementioned location will be assessed in due course and if warranted will be placed on a list of Controlled Pedestrian Crossings for funding.

 Contact:
 Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

 Email:
 gerald.mcentagart@dubluncity.ie

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager to have a maintenance inspection carried out at **(details supplied)** and an investigation into opening up the play area around the block, which is currently closed."

Details: 33 Cromcastle Court

<u>Reply</u>

Housing Maintenance will carry out an inspection at this property and all necessary works will be undertaken.

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

A maintenance inspection has been organised, for the play area at above location, with a view to re-opening it.

Contact:Gillian Corcoran, Acting Housing ManagerTel:086 8556560Email:gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide an update on the installation of (details supplied)"

Details: bollards to protect the grass verge opposite the the Mace shop on Shantall Rd

<u>Reply</u>

The manager is liaising with parks and roads re the proposed provision of extra bollards to prevent parking on the grass verge.

Contact:	Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager
Tel:	222 8546
Email:	derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide an update on the decanting of Cromcastle Court and the reallocation of tenants"

<u>Reply</u>

The regeneration of the first phase of Cromcastle Court and the Coalyard site received Stage 2 approval in August 2023.

In Phase 1 it is proposed to demolish three existing blocks and rebuild in their place, new blocks with capacity for 115 homes.

An integrated design team has been progressing with design proposals and are preparing to commence the planning process which will be through the Section 179a planning approval process.

The three blocks which are earmarked for demolition have now been fully decanted.

Contact:	Alice Simington, Senior Executive Officer
Tel:	222 3695
Email:	alice.simington@dublincity.ie

There are 3 fully de-tenanted blocks in Cromcastle Court (Blocks 6,78). The remaining 5 blocks are being de-tenantated on an on-going basis. There are 54 units of the remaining 80 units occupied. Block 5 has the least number of occupied units with only 4 tenants remaining. We continue to de-tenant the remaining blocks when suitable vacancies arise to fit the needs of the remaining tenants.

Contact:Gillian Corcoran, Acting Area Housing MangerTel:222 6942Email:Gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the investigation of foul sewage smells coming from the drains along (details supplied)"

Details: 6 The Close, Beaumont Woods

<u>Reply</u>

DCC Drainage responded to a work order relating to malodours at above location on the 3rd of October. Local foul sewer was found to be choked and this has now been cleared. Odours in the locality may continue for a day or two before dissipating.

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

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to provide an update on the housing maintenance audit requested last month for (details supplied)"

Details: 16 Belcamp Avenue

<u>Reply</u>

The Housing Maintenance Local Area Depot will carry out a full maintenance check at this property to include plumbing, electrical and heating, and all necessary work will be carried out.

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

Q.45 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland</u>

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the cleaning of gullies at (details supplied)"

<u>Reply</u>

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

- (details 1) 32 of 32 Gullies cleaned and inspected on 05/10/2023
- (details 2) 21 of 22 Gullies cleaned and inspected on 05/10/2023.

All Gullies mentioned above are in good working order.

Contact:Kevin Vallely, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood
Incident Management DivisionTel:222 7504

Email: <u>kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the fixing of the pavement at (details supplied)"

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref.11144960) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector for inspection.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive EngineerTel:222 2576Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Manager to arrange for the cutting back of the tree branches at **(details supplied)**"

<u>Reply</u>

This tree was fully inspected on the 26th Sept 22 and recorded to our digital inventory of street trees. The tree was assessed to be of moderate quality with no works required or recommended. The tree is not due to be re-inspected until 2026.

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

Q.48 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Manager in relation to **(details supplied)** say when necessary improvements can be carried out to dwelling"

<u>Reply</u>

The above address was acquired by Clanmil Housing Association Ireland Ltd in 2020 using Capital Assistance Scheme funding. A leak, from a privately owned apartment on an upper floor, damaged the property in May 2022. The AHB extensively engaged with the Property Management Company but efforts to have the leak repaired were protracted. Ultimately, the leak was repaired in August 2023, this enabled installation of new flooring, wall treatment and painting to be completed in the subject property on 15th September 2023. Other issues raised by the tenant in August 2023 relate to areas outside of the apartment and have been reported to the Property Management Company.

Contact:	Aisling Browne, A/Senior Staff Officer
Tel:	222 6530
Email:	aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

"To ask the Manager what effort the Council is making to ensure that the vacant former credit union building in Ayrfield is returned to community use; what is the status of ownership and lease; is the executive aware that Ayrfield United FC and Ayrfield Youth Club lack suitable premises and are examples of possible future use for the building; and if a full report will be given."

<u>Reply</u>

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Dublin City Council granted a lease of premises at Blunden Drive for use as a credit union for a term of 35 years from 17th February 1993 to Ayrfield Credit Union Limited (later changed to Member First Credit Union Limited). This lease is due to expire in 2028. Property Development is aware that the premises is closed and no longer operational as a credit union and are engaging with the legal representatives of Member First Credit Union Limited in relation to the terms and conditions and residue of their lease. Future uses of this premises cannot be progressed until matters with the current lessee are resolved.

Contact:Bronagh Corry, Senior Executive OfficerPhone:222 3488Email:bronagh.corry@dublincity.ie

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

"To ask the Manager if there is a timetable for the opening of Belmayne Main Street; if clarity will be provided on the report from the Roads Construction Division given to the recent community forum which claimed that reopening is dependent on both completion of various local construction projects and planning approval for Bus Connects; if he is aware of the huge disruption to residents in this densely populated area and if he will help ensure that the road is opened without further undue delay."

<u>Reply</u>

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Belmayne Avenue and Churchwell Rise is open to the Public.

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Belmayne Avenue and Priory Hall in the interest of everybody's safety is planned to open to the Public by the end of 2023.

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Churchwell Rise and Malahide Road in the interest of everybody's safety is planned to open to the Public by the end of 2024.

Contact:Joe Kelly, Senior EngineerTel:086 3860696Email:joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Manager to remove the branches and debris brought down onto the far green in Grace Park Heights during recent storms (photos attached)."

<u>Reply</u>

The clean-up after the recent storm events is ongoing and will take a number of weeks to complete.

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

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

"To ask the Manager to remove and clear tree stumps left in Grace Park Heights following recent storms. In the interests of clarity these stumps are unrooted, not still in the ground, and according to residents there are 10 in total between the two estates. Some of the locations include (**details supplied**)"

<u>Reply</u>

Due to the not insignificant number of trees that failed here during the recent storm events arrangements have been made to have all of the trees in this estate independently surveyed. Ideally the stumps will be left in situ to allow an examination of same by the consulting arborist. Once the survey has been completed arrangements will be made to have these and other stumps in the area removed.

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

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

"To ask the Manager to arrange immediate repairs of dangerous footpaths in Grace Park Heights and Meadows where damage has been done by trees being uprooted in the storm."

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref. 11144963) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection of both these estates and assign repairs to a crew.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Manager to arrange clean-up of leaves on the footpaths in Grace Park Heights and Meadows."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will ensure the above mentioned roads are included as often as possible during the leaf removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

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

"To ask the Manager to send a claims form to **(details supplied)** who wishes to have the damage from tree roots to his cobble lock assessed for a potential claim"

<u>Reply</u>

Arrangements will be made to post out the claim forms.

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

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

"To ask the Manager to arrange a street sweeper for Donnycarney Road due to heavy fall of hazelnuts."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will ensure hazelnuts are cleared from Donnycarney Road as often as possible as part of the leaf removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Manager if the Council will prune the tree at (details supplied)?"

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

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

Q.58 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Manager if the Council will review and prune a tree at (details supplied) that produces a large volume of tree sap? The resident had a bad fall due to slipping on the sap and has been in hospital on account of very serious injury."

<u>Reply</u>

Dublin City's Tree Policy adopted as policy in 2016 does not consider the reduction or removal of Honeydew as a valid reason to remove 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 3.7.6 states that 'the Council will not prune of fell a Council owned tree solely to remove or reduce honeydew or other sticky residue from trees'. The tree at this location has been inspected a number of times this summer, including after each recent storm event on foot of concerns raised by the resident and each time no excessive sap/honeydew was observed and the tree was found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended.

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

Q.59 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Manager if the Council will dish the footpath at the pedestrian entrance to the Coolock Primary Care Centre on Cromcastle Road, as it is currently an accessibility issue?"

<u>Reply</u>

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035533) 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: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.60 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Manager what the schedule is for removal of leaves in the cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue as every year there are issues with the cycle lane becoming clogged due to heavy leaf fall. When combined with heavy rains this makes the cycle track unusable and forces cyclists out onto the carriageway. It would be good to get ahead of the issue."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services remove leaves from Griffith Avenue on a daily basis during the leaf removal programme over the autumn and winter months. We will ensure that as much priority as possible is given to the cycle lanes there.

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

Q.61 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Manager for an update on the removal of the tree at **(details supplied)** The resident was informed last year that the tree was scheduled for removal in the 'winter of 2023/2024' (see below for reply given last year). Can the parks superintendent please confirm this will go ahead as the resident has significant issues with the tree including touching off power lines and very heavy fruit fall (see pictures attached)"

A Theachta,

DCC's Parks Service agreed a multi-annual phased replacement programme of all of the problematic pear trees in Marino. The residents association devised the schedule after consulting with their residents to prioritise the worst trees where the most vulnerable residents lived and so as not to remove too many from one street at one time.

The tree at (**details supplied**) is listed in the agreed plan for removal in the winter of 2023/24

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Fergus O'Carroll Senior Executive Parks Superintendent North City Parks District

<u>Reply</u>

It is fully intended to schedule the annual tranche of tree replacements this winter 2023/24 as has been agreed with the residents as part of the multi-annual phased replacement programme of problematic trees in the area.

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

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager to please prune the tree at (details supplied)"

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

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

Q.63 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

"To ask the Area Manager if the Council will fix the trip hazard and prune the tree at a location (details supplied)"

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

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

An enquiry (ref. 1114489) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will inspect this footpath and add the work list.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive EngineerTel:222 2576Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.64 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

"To ask the Area Manager if the tree at the end of Clonrosse Court close to two houses at

(**Details supplied**) can be inspected? Residents are concerned that the part covered in moss may be rotting, weak and pose a danger."

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

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

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if the Council will repair the surface of the green at Slademore Avenue - work was previously carried out by the Council and there are holes and unlevel surfaces remaining on the grass."

<u>Reply</u>

The area will be inspected and any works deemed necessary to make the area safe will be listed for inclusion in the works programme for the area.

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if the Council will restore the grass verge outside (**details supplied)** properly after a tree was removed"

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection of the locus will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in works schedule for the area.

Q.67 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

To ask the manager to reinstate (**details supplied**) on the list of roadworks to be carried out in the coming 12 months"

<u>Reply</u>

Sections of **(details supplied)** are included in the C10-22 North City Civils Works, which is currently underway. This contract includes sections of footpath repairs which should be completed in 2023. Carriageway repairs will be considered when drafting the 2024 works programme. Attached is a copy of the 2023 works programme with associated costs.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager if the following property at **(details supplied)** could be upgraded to reinstate a downstairs bathroom and upgrade the current insulation as the lady who shares this property with her daughter's family suffers from chronic illnesses, letters concerning which have been provided to Allocations Office and is unable to access the upstairs bathroom"

<u>Reply</u>

The above property is leased by the Council under a long term lease agreement. By virtue of the lease the Council is responsible for internal repair and maintenance and the owner/lessor has obligation for all structural repairs. The owner has previously declined our requests to reinstate the downstairs bathroom. The property originally had a downstairs toilet, which did not comply with building regulations. At the request of the Council, the owner removed the toilet in order for the property to be considered suitable. This is a four bedroom house, three bedrooms upstairs and one downstairs. The tenant signed and agreed that the accommodation was suitable to their needs.

Contact:Aisling Browne, A/Senior Staff OfficerTel:222 6530Email:aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager to provide an update on the work being undertaken by the Council to address issues related to a property at **(details supplied)**"

<u>Reply</u>

The property was secured with steel shutters and graffiti removed. Housing Acquisitions are inspecting the property in the coming days.

Contact:	Gillian Corcoran, Acting Housing Manager
Tel:	0868556560
Email:	gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager if he will take steps to address parking issues at **(details supplied)**, in Dublin 9"

<u>Reply</u>

Dublin Street Parking Services are active in this area and regularly patrol and enforce illegal parking. They will be requested to continue to focus patrols on the roads in this estate. This estate does not have restricted parking and therefore vehicles are permitted to park on the public road, however if vehicles are causing obstruction to driveways, Dublin Street Parking Services should be contacted and the obstruction reported. Contact details 01 6022500 info@ dsps.ie

Contact:Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement OfficerTel:222 2238Email:linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

The appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised is the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme. The purpose of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme is to eliminate long term commuter parking.

If residents would like to apply for a Residential Parking Scheme details of the criteria can be found on the DCC website:

https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme

Illegal parking/speeding should be referred to the local Gardai as and when they occur

 Contact:
 Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

 Email:
 gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.71 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

"To ask the manager to provide speed ramps on **(details supplied).** It is the only road of the surrounding roads which does not have ramps and consequently, is used by more by speeding Traffic. It is the one road in the immediate area with a green and therefore has a lot more children at play and could do with traffic calming.

<u>Reply</u>

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035474) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group Email: Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Manager for an update on the provision of a playground for McAuley Park"

<u>Reply</u>

The tenders for the proposed playgrounds at Harmonstown and Kilmore West have been received and assessed. The tenderers have been contacted and advised of the results of the assessment. At the end of the 2 week statutory standstill period the preferred tenderer will be appointed and local consultations can commence. Once these have been completed a timeframe for delivery can be agreed.

Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to please request the Tree at **(details supplied) be** removed and or Loped and branches cut back as impacting serious to neighbouring residents.

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager at the Junction of (**details supplied**) that we commit to a Dublin Canvass box at the entrance of the estate. I had requested numerous time previously and it a great location for the box."

<u>Reply</u>

This Public Domain Team have noted the request and have referred it to Dublin Canvas for consideration for artwork in the 2024 programme.

Contact:Joanne O'Sullivan, Environmental Liaison OfficerTel:0872868325Email:joanne.osullivan@dublincity.ie

Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to seek Traffic calming measures at (**Details Supplied**) as resident are complaining about the consistent speeding. Can we also engage for installation of the Yellow Pencils to help with this matter?"

<u>Reply</u>

Recently a speed survey was conducted on above location. The resultant 85% percentile speed was found to be 33.4 km/h and did not indicated the presence of speeding vehicles which suggests that the road is compliant with the speed limit.

Therefore, the provision of any traffic calming measures is not recommended at this time.

Provision of Yellow Pencils – will be referred to Safe Routes to School Team for assessment

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

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Q.76 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron</u>

"To ask the Manager to have Road maintenance at (**Details Supplied**) as path needs repair as a dip into resident's garden and causing a water to hold at end of driveway."

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref. 11144998) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will investigate this matter.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.77 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron</u>

"To ask the Manager to request parking enforcement to inspect illegal parking of cars at (**details supplied**) as resident complaining about dangerous parking on a bend of a junction in the estate. Exact location and photos can be provided.

<u>Reply</u>

The parking enforcement inspector will visit the junction of **(details supplied)** and investigate, where illegal parking is observed parking enforcement action will be requested.

Contact:Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement OfficerTel:222 2238Email:linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to request parking enforcement to inspect illegal parking of cars at (**details supplied**) as resident complaining about dangerous parking on a junction on the road. Big HGV Vehicles. Exact location and photos can be provided"

<u>Reply</u>

This location is not in charge of Dublin City Council and the enforcement contractor has no authority to carry out enforcement action here. Residents should contact An Garda Siochána in relation to dangerous parking.

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

Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager for an update on Belmayne Main Street, Dublin 13 as these works should have been complete already and when will the road open to public"

<u>Reply</u>

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Belmayne Avenue and Churchwell Rise is open to the Public.

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Belmayne Avenue and Priory Hall in the interest of everybody's safety is planned to open to the Public by the end of 2023.

The section of Belmayne Main Street between Churchwell Rise and Malahide Road in the interest of everybody's safety is planned to open to the Public by the end of 2024.

Contact:Joe Kelly, Senior EngineerTel:086 3860696Email:joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q.80 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron</u>

"To ask the Manager to update (**Details Supplied**) for the Greenspace keen to see progress on works here and improvements on this space. The greenspace is suffering with drainage issues for many years and require the works to be carried out".

<u>Reply</u>

The pitches at this location have been included in the annual pitch maintenance programme for 2024 currently underway and it is expected that surface amelioration works and topdressing will be carried out in the coming weeks, weather permitting.

Q.81 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron</u>

"To ask the Manager to provide an updated list of Void within Area B and projected turnaround of these voids for year-end 2023"

<u>Reply</u>

Please see attached voids report for the North Central Area.

ContactRobert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing MaintenanceTel:222 3708Email:robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to seek Traffic calming measures at (**Details Supplied**) as resident are complaining about the consistent speeding. Can we also engage for installation of the Yellow Pencils to help with this matter?"

<u>Reply</u>

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7017176) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group

Email: <u>Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Manager to request If any additional EV Charging pointing will be installed by DCC or a requests have been sought ESB Networks In north Central Area"

<u>Reply</u>

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy commissioned by DCC, DLRCC, FCC, SDCC, Smart Dublin and CARO established an overview of the anticipated demand for public EV charging equipment up to 2030.

DCC is working with Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI), ESB Networks and other key industry stakeholders to enable and facilitate an increase in the number of public EV charge points across the City.

The Dublin Local Authorities and our energy agency Codema are also in the process of procuring commercial partners for the supply, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of Public Destination Electric Vehicle Charge Points at locations across the City and County. Locations considered for the pilot scheme will be prioritised to optimise the benefit to all EV drivers in the County and to support a just transition to a low carbon national fleet.

Contact:Darby Mullen, Senior Executive EngineerTel:222 6116Email:darby.mullen@dublincity.ie

Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services clean all cycle lanes on main thoroughfares on a daily basis. Cycle lanes on residential roads are also cleaned regularly. We pay as much attention as possible to the cleaning of cycle lanes particularly during leaf fall season.

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

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

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

<u>Reply</u>

The practice of painting kerbside infrastructure has been phased out over the years with the introduction and installation of electrical illuminated bollards and the option of erecting high resolution traffic chevrons where appropriate.

(The impact of the adherence to Health & Safety associated with construction regulations, when working near or on carriageways, deems it necessary to implement essential and comprehensive traffic management. This includes the submission of traffic management plans and method statements - as a condition - to qualify for the appropriate T2 license to carry out this type of maintenance. In addition - it is expensive)

Contact:Damien Cooney, Traffic OfficerEmail:damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

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

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

<u>Reply</u>

The parking enforcement inspector will visit the junction of **(details supplied)** and investigate, where illegal parking is observed parking enforcement action will be requested.

Contact:Linda McDonald, Acting Parking Enforcement OfficerTel:222 2238Email:linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

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

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

<u>Reply</u>

Following on from previous site investigations, it was observed that the above location is not conducive to speed and is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking which act as passive traffic calming measures. Thus reducing carriageway width for motorists and increasing driver caution in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidelines; in addition, the bends near house Nos. 39, 20 and 90 (details supplied) act as a traffic calming measures by causing drivers to slow to navigate the bends at this location.

The above location has a posted 30 km/h speed limit with corresponding road traffic signage at the junctions with Ardlea Road and Mayfield Cres. Alerting drivers the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone and to expect children.

A previous speed survey indicated drivers travelled at an 85th percentile of 32 km/h and therefore the provision of any extra traffic calming measures is not recommended at this time.

Enforcement of speed limits is a matter for An Garda Síochána, and TAG will raise the Councillor's concern with them at the next TAG Meeting.

Contact: Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

Email: gerald.mcentagart@dubluncity.ie

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

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding tree removal at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

Q.89 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding noise issue at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

<u>Reply</u>

This matter will be investigated to ascertain if there is a practical solution to this issue which might be actioned as part of a future works programme.

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

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

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding traffic lights at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

<u>Reply</u>

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7035477) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Contact: Catalin Rosca – North Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group

Email: <u>Catalin.Rosca@dublincity.ie</u>

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

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding lights in parks **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<u>Reply</u>

As parks are officially closed at night the Parks Service does not light up parks for use after dark. There are two number lit commuter routes across this park providing connections for local residents.

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

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

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

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

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding footpath repair/tree pruning at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

<u>Reply</u>

A tree inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

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

An enquiry (ref. 11145001) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will investigate this matter.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

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

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref. 11145002) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection at this address & assign a crew to repair same.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.95 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding tree pruning at **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Reply

This adopted tree policy does not consider the reduction or removal of leaf fall as a valid reason to prune or remove 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'. An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

<u>Reply</u>

This location is within the Fingal Administrative area.

Q.97 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

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

<u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance Services has been in communication with Irish Water on the 10th of October 2023 to carry out remedial works on the reinstatement at this location.

Contact:Finán Dooley, Executive EngineerTel:222 6727Email:finan.dooley@dublincity.ie

Q.98 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding grass verge outside his house **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

<u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance Services does not have a roadworks record of KN Circet working on behalf of a Utility at this location. Road Maintenance Services will investigate further what utility was working at the address specified.

Contact:Finán Dooley, Executive EngineerTel:222 6727Email:finan.dooley@dublincity.ie

Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned roads assessed and litter levels monitored over the coming weeks to see if there is a requirement for extra litter bins.

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

Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

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

<u>Reply</u>

The above applicant is on the Oder Persons Housing List with an application date of 30/6/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	20
Area D	1	12

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, Acting Allocations OfficerTel:222 2201Email:Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.101 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

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

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023/34. It should be noted however that the recent storm event has precipitated a considerable volume of requests from understandably concerned residents to inspect and assess publicly owned trees.

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

An enquiry (ref.11145005) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection & assign the repairs to a crew.

Contact:	Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMS
Tel:	222 2297
Email:	<u>ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding tree pruning at **(Details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<u>Reply</u>

This tree was fully inspected on the 13th Sept 22 and recorded to our digital inventory of street trees. The tree was assessed to be of moderate quality with no works required or recommended. The tree is not due to be re-inspected until 2026.

Q.103 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding dangerous footpath at (**Details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter."

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref. 11145001) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector, who will carry out an inspection of this locus and add to a works list for repair.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.104 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding dangerous footpath at (**Details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter."

<u>Reply</u>

An enquiry (ref. 11145007) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector for repair.

Contact:Ronan Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, RMSTel:222 2297Email:ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q.105 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding manhole issue at (**Details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<u>Reply</u>

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has been in communication with Irish Water on the 10th of October 2023 to carry out remedial works on the manhole cover and frame at the location details provided.

Contact:	Finán Dooley
Tel:	222 6727
Email:	finan.dooley@dublincity.ie

DCC Drainage have investigated this manhole and found that it is on part of the foul sewerage network. The frame has sunken in the roadway and it has been scheduled for exchange by Irish Water who own this asset.

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

Q.106 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Manager could the Clontarf promenade car park that is due to be dug up as part of the phase 2 wad culvert works be replaced with permeable surface and safe pavement be provided through the car park to the seafront from the road to facilitate those using the bus and with pushchairs or wheelchairs" images provided"

<u>Reply</u>

As part of the Wad Phase 2 works at the Clontarf promenade, the design team will ensure that an appropriate pedestrian and car park surface is in place within the areas that are effected by the works.

Contact:	James Nolan, Executive Manager
Tel:	222 4858
Email:	james.nolan@dublincity.ie

Q.107 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney</u>

"To ask the Manager could I have an update from the Coolock to Clontarf cycleway team?"

<u>Reply</u>

The DCC Active Travel Programme Office recently appointed a consultant Jacobs to provide Engineering services for the Coolock to Clontarf Walking & Cycling Scheme. The scheme will now be delivered in 3 phases:

Phase 1- Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybill Hill and a short section of Vernon Avenue.

The non-statutory Public Consultation for this Phase was carried out from 6th June to 31st July, 2023. A public information event was held in Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre on Tuesday 25th July, 2023 with over eighty persons attending. Over 800 submissions have been received. These are being reviewed and the Public Consultation report is currently being prepared.

Jacobs to develop the Detailed Design over Q4 2023 and Q1 2024.

Phase 2- Vernon Avenue to Clontarf Road and Phase 3- Ardlea Rd/Kilmore Rd / Oscar Traynor Road and

Jacobs to commence the Concept Development and Option Selection for Phase 2 and 3 in 2024.

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Q.108 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Manager could I have an update on when we will have a meeting/ workshop to discuss the Vernon avenue village design project as agreed previously"

<u>Reply</u>

Active Travel recently appointed a consultant to provide Engineering services for the Coolock to Clontarf Walking & Cycling Scheme. The scheme will be delivered in 3 phases:

The consultant will commence the Concept Development and Option Selection for Phase 2 Vernon Avenue to Clontarf Road in 2024.

The DCC Active Travel Programme Office will work with the DCC department that is leading the Vernon Avenue Village Design Project so that it can incorporate the requirements of the walking & cycling scheme.

A meeting will be arranged with the local Councillors in the coming weeks to discuss the feasibility of developing a public realm project at this location.

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Q.109 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Manager could the large dip on Clontarf road opposite Alfie Byrne road be looked at on the newly resurfaced pavements as it could be a trip hazard due the shape gradient and could the proper tactile markings be put where the pavements cross over the cycle way at the Alfie Byrne road, I blind man showed me he has no way of knowing he is crossing over, see photo attached"

<u>Reply</u>

With regard to the two queries as outlined we would be grateful for an opportunity to review the items raised. The Clontarf to City Centre Project would be happy to come back with a full response once a review of the items has been undertaken.

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