



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 2024 VIA HYBRID MEETING
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.**

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 17th January, 2024**
Order: Agreed.

- 2 **Questions to the Director of Services South Central** **5 - 19**
Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.

- 3 **Environment and Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 30/01/24 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/01/24 and 19/01/24.
Order: 1. Report Noted.
2. Reports Noted.

- 4 **South Central Area Matters**
 1. Presentation on Environmental Noise Regulations.
 2. Presentation ESB Networks – Cable Replacement Projects South Central.
 3. 2nd Notification – Part 8 River Liffey Pontoon Project.
 4. City Edge Project Update.
 5. Naming proposal for a new development – Planning Reference 5339/22Sub01 located at Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10.
 6. Naming proposal for new development Ref. ABP-313790-22 located at: The former grounds of Glebe House and Coruba House, St. Agnes Road, Crumlin, D12.
 7. Discretionary Fund 2024
 8. Director of Services Report.
Order: 1. Presentation Noted.
2. Presentation Noted.
3. Noted. Recommend to Council.
4. Report Noted.
5. Agreed.
6. Agreed.
7. Agreed.
8. Report Noted.

- 5 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
 1. Sports and Recreation Report for February 2024 South Central Area.
Order: Report Noted.

6 **Planning & Property Development Matters**

1. With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 Year Short Term Letting at 81, The Coombe, Dublin 8 (Ground Floor) to Shannon's Hopeline CLG.

Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council.

7 **Emergency Motions**

8 **February 2024 Motions**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st February, 2024

M303 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

The residents in Riverview Court in Chapelizod have been requesting that DCC engage with their Housing needs. This Committee agrees that DCC should conduct a review of the complex with the potential to identify any upgrades that are needed.

Order: Report Noted.

M304 Councillor Máire Devine

This Committee notes the stated intent to provide an "incidental space/pocket park" at St Luke's Avenue as agreed in 2022 and seeks an update on the progress of this.

Order: Report Noted.

M305 Councillor Máire Devine

This Committee is aware that the parking/traffic issues in the D8 area surrounding the National Stadium remain unresolved and again seeks a meeting with local residents and the Stadium's event management.

Order: Report Noted.

M306 Councillor Máire Devine

This Committee acknowledges the work of DCC, Uisce Éireann and local reps who worked together over the Christmas period to restore water supply at several locations in D8. Can members be provided with a report that explains the issues and the solutions.

Order: Report Noted.

M307 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

That the Parks Department agree to protect existing public trees by demanding that buildings be pushed back away from mature trees. It happened here, it happened in Brickfield and it is not good enough. We are losing years of environmental benefits from existing mature trees. Younger trees don't store as much CO2. That this council demands from the main contractor that mature trees be replacing the existing trees. To ask that the new trees be planted further back from the building in order to let the trees grow better.

Order: Report Noted.

M308 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

That this Area Committee back up the creation of a social enterprise for Cherry Orchard. That the Director of Services share what progress has been made to introduce a space for social enterprise in Cherry Orchard. Has DCC conducted research on what social enterprise type is most needed? What type of social enterprise has been looked at so far? That this committee make a case for a community shared kitchen to be included as a social enterprise /business plan to consider.

Order: Report Noted.

M309 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the De Paul Trust be asked to provide an urgent management / maintenance schedule in relation to the homeless wet hostel operated at James Street / Stevens Lane Dublin 8. The whole complex is in serious needs of cleaning and regular maintenance. For a building which is relatively new, little maintenance ever takes place here, shoddy waste in windows, weeds growing out of once flower boxes is all that the local community see. It is something that could be sorted out very easily with good local management.

Order: Report Noted.

M310 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That this Committee agrees to invite the Board of Management representatives of Ballyfermot Resource Centre Ballyfermot Road Dublin 10 into the next SCAC to give a presentation on the serious problems they are having with construction traffic. Lack of car-parking, cycle lanes etc.

Order: Agreed.

M311 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That this Committee calls upon An Post to ensure that satisfactory premises are provided in Upper Ballyfermot to meet the needs of this very large community all too often you can see many people standing outside the Post office in all weathers waiting to get service. The staff are excellent however the premises are not up to standard and no other area would accept such a small office for a large customer base, expanded banking services all add to poor customer experience. There is an old Bank of Ireland Branch on Ballyfermot which is an ideal premise to operate from.

Order: Agreed to write to An Post.

Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

Chairperson

Wednesday 21 February 2024

Attendance

Members:

Sophie Nicoullaud (Chairperson)

Vincent Jackson (Vice Chair)

Michael Pidgeon

Darragh Moriarty

Máire Devine

Daithí Doolan

Michael Watters

Hazel De Nortúin

Officers:

Bruce Phillips, A/Executive Manager, South Central;
Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Deirdre Scully, City Planner, Planning & Property Development Department;
Brian Keaney, Senior Planner, Planning & Property Development Department;
Ronan Fallon, Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Property Development Department;
Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot Drimnagh;
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, SWIC;
Linda Fanning, Area Housing Manager, SWIC;
Aoife Hannan, Administrative Officer, South Central;
Dave O'Donovan, Administrative Officer, South Central;
Donncha O'Dulaing, Senior Executive Officer, Culture, Recreation & Economic Services;
Christina Dowling, Sports & Recreation Officer, Culture, Recreation & Economic Services;
Owen McManus, Senior Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department;
Paul Rutherford, A/Principal Environmental Health Officer, Environment & Transportation Dept;
Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department;
Al Madjid, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation;
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;
Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscape Services Division;
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
David Quarney, Environmental Liaison Officer, South Central;
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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21st February 2024

Q1 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to install double yellow lines on either one side of Upper Cross Road, Rialto or to stagger double yellows on both sides at alternating locations so as to avoid the build-up of illegally parked cars, which has caused numerous access issues for emergency services vehicles and basic things like bin collection. Residents are proactive in proposing a solution: DYLS on one side of the road, or staggered on both sides at alternating locations. Can DCC install either option to improve local access?

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group South Central Area Engineer will assess the site and review the residents' proposal and will issue a report to the Councillor.

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

Q2 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to cut back the tree outside (**details supplied**) which is growing into the gutters of homes along this stretch.

Reply

Parks have inspected the above location and found that the tree is encroaching to a minor extent into the gutters of the address. This matter will be scheduled however, may not happen until after the nesting season due to more urgent matters requiring attention in the meantime.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks Superintendent,
Culture, Recreation & Economic Services*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to address (**details supplied**)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q4 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to install DYLS along this stretch (picture included) outside the Royal Oak Pub on Kilmainham Lane. The footpath disappears at this location and if cars are parked here, pedestrians have to go out onto the main road to get around. DYLS at this location to deter illegal parking would prevent pedestrians having to go out into traffic.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group has made recommendations for double yellow lines to be installed at this location outside Royal Oak Pub on Kilmainham Lane.

The line marking team will install the double yellow lines which is on their schedule of works.

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

Q5 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to address (**details supplied**)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a heritage street sign replace the faded blue and white one at Cameron Square.

Reply

The traditional green & white nameplates are no longer manufactured and have been replaced with the blue and white nameplates for many years now. The architectural conservation division had tried a scheme in the Tenters area a few years back but sadly, the scheme was discontinued.

Looking at the picture, you have provided, I will order a new blue and white cast iron nameplate and replace the current nameplate at high level on this residence. The lead in time for manufacture is approximately 6-8 weeks.

Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transport.
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the public lighting poles at Cameron Square be repainted and repaired as necessary.

Reply

The public lighting poles at Cameron Square will be added to the painting list with a view to painting them this year. Any repairs to the street lights that may be faulty will be attended to in the coming week.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer,
Public Lighting & Electrical Services
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with Trees For Tenters Group prior to their stated intent to remove 8 mature trees adjacent to Newmarket Yard Ave please?

Reply

The above mentioned group have been consulted with in relation to works.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks Superintendent,
Culture, Recreation & Economic Services
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the historic city walls at Lamb Alley and St Audens be cleared of the buddleia which has proliferated along these structures of national importance.

Reply

Significant cutback and treating of buddleia was undertaken on the city wall at Cornmarket/ Lamb Alley and Cook Street in 2022 and early last year, but growths will continue to occur.

Some small buddleia growths were cut back on the Cornmarket/ Lamb Alley section of the city wall in recent weeks. We will continue to monitor this section of wall and work with Parks, Biodiversity & Landscaping Services to limit the growth of this pervasive and easy-growing plant.

A significant programme of conservation work, including localised masonry repair that should reduce opportunities for buddleia to establish, is now proposed for the wall at Cook Street/St Audoen's. The project is being led by the City Archaeologist and the Heritage Officer and supported by the Community Monuments Fund and should see works underway later this year.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, South Central Area Office

Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services how communities apply for an EV station in communal suitable locations?

Reply

Dublin City Council do not provide on street EV charging services and do not have an application system. Dublin City Council adopted the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy in 2022. It was agreed that DCC's role was to facilitate the roll out of fast charging hubs over other models. Dublin City Council's agreed policy does not support neighbourhood charging.

To support the strategy DCC and the other Dublin Local Authorities are in the process of procuring an operator to implement a pilot project to develop a limited number of public charging hubs across Dublin City and County. The following locations have been identified by Dublin City Council as suitable for the pilot scheme.

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| 1. St. Anne's Park | North Central Area |
| 2. Clontarf Bus Garage | North Central Area |
| 3. Strand Road, Sydney Parade | South East Area |
| 4. Mary's lane | Central Area |
| 5. Donnybrook (The Crescent) | South East Area |
| 6. Milltown (Strand Terrace) | South East Area |
| 7. Ballyfermot Leisure Centre | South Central Area |
| 8. Raheny Library | North Central Area |
| 9. Cabra Parkside Leisure Centre | Central Area |
| 10. Finglas, Wellmount St. | North West Area |
| 11. Clonskeagh (Farmer Browns) | South East Area |
| 12. Bushy Park (Rathdown Avenue) | South East Area |
| 13. Cabra Library | Central Area |
| 14. Walkinstown Library | South Central Area |

These locations will be subject to a final assessment by the successful Charge Point Operator, to ensure that site conditions and layouts are suitable.

In relation to residential / domestic charging, where a property has off street parking, the property owner can install an EV charger for use within the curtilage of the property.

Dublin City Council do not sanction any other systems of EV charging from a domestic supply.

Contact: Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.

Email: darby.mullen@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a schedule of works to insulate and tackle the damp/mould at Tyrone Place and provide plans on its future refurbishment be presented to members?

Reply

Dublin City Council will make arrangements to investigate and tackle the mould issues at Tyrone Place. We will revert with our findings.

Contact Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance

Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the works at Rialto end of Linear Park?

Reply

BAM have taken possession of a section of the Linear Park, running from Rialto Luas Stop Crossing to Rialto Bridge, with the view to finishing off the boundary between the New Children's Hospital and St. James's Linear Park. The works include improved footpath surfacing and additional tree planting.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks Superintendent, Culture, Recreation & Economic Services

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services what priority level Rialto Street is given for street and gully cleaning and when will this be completed.

Reply

Rialto Street and Rialto in general is considered a normal priority area. This is predominantly based on historical experience and flood risk assessments on an area based context.

Our general policy is to visit and clean each gully once per annum for maintenance and assessment purposes. There are circa 55,000 in Dublin City in all.

As our records below highlight that Rialto received significant maintenance in 2023 and all gullies continue to be in good working order.

The gullies on Rialto Street have been cleaned as follows:

- 14 of 14 gullies cleaned on 25/01/2024
- 15 of 15 gullies cleaned on 25/10/2023
- 15 of 15 gullies cleaned on 19/09/2023
- 16 of 16 gullies cleaned on 17/01/2023

All gullies in good working order.

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

Email: kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services clean Rialto Street five days a week, Monday to Friday. We also remove dumped rubbish from there when necessary to do so.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services that the road around Cherry Orchard playground is cleaned to remove all the built up broken glass. The area that seems to be in need of cleaning is the residential area behind the Orchard Centre.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned area cleaned as requested on the 12th February 2024.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services how many Senior Citizen Complexes, that DCC own, are in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward? How many of the common rooms in these complexes are open for use to residents on a regular basis - excluding the keyholders that have the option to open the room when or if access is needed?

Reply

There are 9 senior citizens complexes in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area, 7 of which have common rooms. There are key holder arrangements in place for all common rooms and all are available for use. While Cornamona is being used the area office is trying to secure funding to provide furniture.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office

Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services if there are plans to upgrade street lighting on Grey Street and the surrounding areas. If not, could it be considered in the planned redevelopment of Meath Street.

Reply

It is planned to upgrade all street lights in the City Council's administrative area to LED street lights under the Lighting Upgrade Project.

An exact timeframe for the upgrade of street lights on Grey Street cannot be provided at present except to say that these street lights will be upgraded sometime over the course of the next five years or so.

In the meantime the existing lights will continue to be maintained in accordance with normal maintenance regimes.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Engineer,
Public Lighting & Electrical Services

Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services if a review of polling stations in the South West Inner City will be taking place in advance of the June local elections to ensure that the most suitable buildings are utilised to ensure full accessibility for both voters and staff. To maximise the need for remedial works and to ensure a suitable spread of location to enhance voter turnout.

Reply

The creating and updating of polling stations for all electoral events falls under the remit of the Dublin City Returning Officer, Mr. Joseph Burke.

Dublin City Council's Franchise section updates the register with the polling stations provided to them from the Dublin City Returning Officer.

Currently the polling stations in the South West Inner City area are:

- Inchicore National School, Sarsfield Rd, Inchicore, D10
- Our Lady of Lourdes National School, St. Vincent's Road West, Inchicore, D8
- St. Audoen's N.S., Cook Street, D8
- Francis St C.B.S, Davis Place, off Thomas Davis St, D8
- Scoil Treasa Naofa C.B.S., Petrie Road, D8
- St. Catherine's N.S., Donore Ave, D8
- Municipal Rowing Centre, Chapelizod Road, Islandbridge, D8.
- St James's Primary School, Basin Street Upper, D8
- Canal Way ETNS, Basin Street Upper, D 8
- St. Andrews Community Centre, 468 South Circular Road, D8

If you wish to make a call for a new polling station in the area, the Dublin City Returning Officer contact details are:

Dublin City Returning Officer.
54 Fitzwilliam Square
Dublin 2.

00 353 (01) 6759003 / 6759004 / 6759005
(Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm)

info@dublincityreturningofficer.com

Contact: Carol McAuley Acting Staff Officer, Franchise Section
Email: carol.mcauley@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services to investigate and rectify the leak at **(details supplied)** & to clarify the safety of fire escape routes at the same address

Reply

Housing Maintenance engaged a contractor to address the leak at this property and all works are now complete.

In relation to the safety of the fire escape routes at this address, the tenant has access to the back garden/yard which is a similar escape route to someone living in the middle of a terraced block of houses.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Kelsey May Daly

To ask the Director of Services that a new front door be supplied to **(details supplied)** & that this case be dealt with urgently given the number of young children who live in this home.

Reply

The maintenance records indicate that a door replacement has been previously carried out at the property. Housing Maintenance will arrange to have the door inspected for the tenant and if it is deemed in need of repair/replacement the necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a progress report on **(details supplied)**

Reply

Housing Maintenance Adaptations Section have liaised with the tenant in relation to the proposed works and have given the family a number of options to consider.

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

Q21 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to clarify why successful tenants in Elanora Court are still waiting to move in, Elanora Court, D12 and to please contact Respond asking them to confirm where the barrier is to the tenants being given Garda clearance to move in?

Reply

Due to the large number of tenancies involved the estate management clearance aspect of the process was dealt with in batches to try and move the process forward as quickly as possible. While there are still some checks to be completed a number of tenants have signed up and are in the process of moving in. Respond is very keen to have the properties tenanted as quickly as it can.

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

Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to consider installing dedicated cycle lanes the length of Tyrconnel Road D8.

Reply

Dublin City's proposed Active Travel Network includes a project between Naas Road and Inchicore. The indicative extents of this project include Tyrconnel Road, D8 as can be seen on the interactive map of the Active Travel Network an extract of which is shown in the figure below.

(Link to interactive map -

<https://mapzone.dublincity.ie/MapzoneATN/MapZone.aspx?map=ATN&Search=Description>)

In terms of project timelines, we do not currently have a date for when this particular project will be completed and it is unlikely to be commenced in the next 2 years. This is a result of the large amount of work being undertaken by the Active Travel Programme Office and current resource constraints.

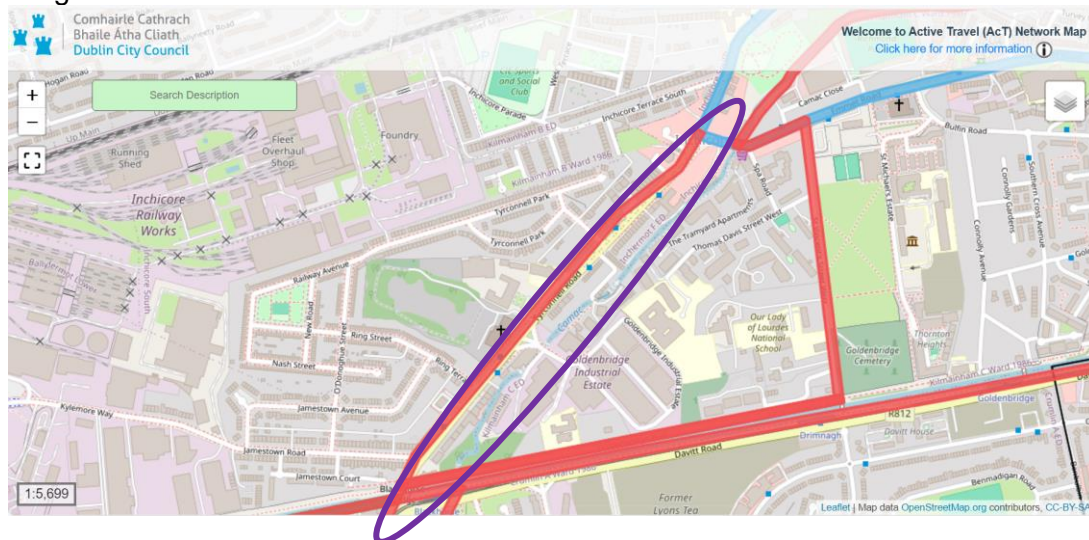


Figure 1. Extract of the Active Travel Network Map with Tyrconnel Road highlighted

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

Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to replace the gates for (details supplied)

Reply

Housing Maintenance have never had any report from the tenant in relation to the gates at this property being broken or robbed.

In accordance with [Dublin City Council Tenant Handbook](#) (Pg. 19) repairing or replacing gates fall under the responsibility of the tenant.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a full update on progress made with the proposed housing development on the Sons of Divine Providence site, Sarsfield Road and when will the development group meet again?

Reply

A new Housing Delivery Project Manager was appointed to oversee this project in December 2023.

Extensive collaboration has already been undertaken between Dublin City Council, the Sons of Divine Providence and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to agree a pathway that allowed the project progress. Substantial progress was made on identifying and resolving issues with a number of Council Departments involved at various stages.

The identified proposal is a 176 unit development in three blocks. The proposal allows for one block of 60 sheltered units to be owned and managed by the Sons of Divine Providence (an AHB) with Dublin City Council operating intergenerational social housing from the other two blocks. Dublin City Council would retain nomination rights for all 176 dwellings in this proposal.

A development agreement will include Title Exchange and allow the project advance to stage 2. The agreement has progressed to initial draft stage and is being reviewed collaboratively by a number of Council Departments. This review stage is expected to last a number of weeks following which the City Valuers Section will re-enter negotiations with representatives of the Sons of Divine Providence.

In February 2024, following the retirement of the architect previously assigned to the project, a new architect was appointed to oversee and produce a tender brief for procurement of an integrated design team. The design team will be responsible for taking the project through the detailed design stage and for achieving planning permission (inter alia).

A meeting of the Sarsfield Working Group is expected to be convened towards the end of the first quarter of 2024.

Contact: Aisling Browne, A/Senior Executive Officer,
Housing & Community Services
Email: aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the planned redevelopment of the Liffey Gaels pitches and East Timor Park, Sarsfield Road.

Reply

The plan is to commence a series of improvement works on the pitches in East Timor Park which are allocated to Liffey Gaels, to improve drainage, however, these works cannot commence until the soft ground conditions improve. Discussions have also taken place relating to the feasibility of an all-weather training facility in the park however such a project will take some time to plan.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks Superintendent,
Culture, Recreation & Economic Services*

Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for the planned programme of work for the Phase 2 Insulation programme for Dublin 10 & 12?

Reply

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is a roll out programme. Due to the volume of properties involved, 12,000 houses approximately, areas/estates must be targeted in their entirety from both an operational and magnitude/economies of scale perspective. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible.

We are pleased to confirm that DCC is currently initiating works on 61 dwellings in the D10 & D12 area under the EERP. The programme for the D10 & D12 area will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to explain how a DCC tenant on a transfer list goes from being number 1 on the waiting list to being 23? Why was **(details supplied)** not offered a house when she was number 1? For each of the 22 persons who were placed before her to give the reasons why they were placed in front of her, a full explanation for each and every one of the 22 persons?

Reply

Position on the list can fluctuate for many reasons for example; applicants are allowed to change their areas of preference once a year. If an applicant chooses to change an area of preference they will be moved to the waiting list that meets their bedroom requirement and new selection of area of choice, as they keep their registration date this allows for other applicants with a short period of time on the list to see a fluctuation in their position.

In respect of the above applicant I set out the following timeline of the application in respect of **(details supplied)** which may assist you in understanding how her positions have fluctuated –

22/07/2021 – applicant added her children to her housing application which resulted in her being moved from the Band 3 transfer list to the Band 2 transfer list owing to now being overcrowded

1/09/2022 – The applicant was awarded a medical priority, therefore, moved from the Band 2 transfer list to the transfer medical priority, the applicant's date of registration (01/09/2022) was updated to reflect their date of approval for a medical priority

Currently the applicant is on the Transfer list with a medical priority and holds the following positions

Area J – 11
Area K – 14

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 A/Allocations Officer, Housing & Community Services
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services why **(details supplied)** is still on the transfer list. Can the following case be reviewed?

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List, with an application date of 02/02/2018, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
J	3	160
K	3	260
N	3	187

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Dublin City Council are increasing the number of units that are being allocated through the Choice Based Letting Scheme, such vacancies are advertised on the DCC website. If there are no properties available at present, nothing will be advertised. Applicants can only apply for properties in their chosen areas that meet the size requirement of their household.

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

Q29 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services for the lease department in DCC to share the contract signed between DCC and The Davitt owner or owners.

Reply

The Housing Department secured 30 long term leased units at The Davitt, Davitt Road, Dublin 12. 26 Part V units closed on 16/09/2022 with an additional 4 units closing on 26/04/2023. The national lease template applied for both transactions. Leasing templates are available on www.housingagency.ie. However, redacted leases will be provided directly to Cllr. Nicoullaud.

Contact: Alana Dunne, Administrative Officer, Long Term Leasing, Housing & Community Services

Email: alana.dunne@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services the timeframe for attic insulation of all attics in Davitt House, the timeframe for wall insulation and the timeframe for windows, doors (front and back) replacements. To ask how many attics need to be measured, how many apartments need measurement for windows and doors replacements?

Reply

Housing Maintenance will be insulating all the attics in Davitt House, subject to the tenants permitting clear access to same at the required times. Each attic is required to be surveyed prior to works commencing on the respective dwelling. Currently it is envisaged that the attic insulation works will commence in the coming weeks during Q1/Q2 this year and the attic insulation works will be completed in 2024.

With regards to the windows DCC have been out and measured up for the window replacement. Currently we are working through our preparation of tender documents and are hopeful of going out to tender in the coming weeks.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if there are sewage pipes in the middle of the laneway on St Mary's Drive in Walkinstown? If so would that pose a problem if residents wanted to apply for the extinguishment of the laneway?

Reply

The existence of underground services would not necessarily preclude the extinguishment of a public right of way. Before proceeding with such an application it must be shown how access to any services would be retained. The requirements of the relevant Dublin City Council Department e.g. Drainage Division would be considered as part of the extinguishment process.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South West Inner City Area Office

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Q32 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if **(details supplied)** is on the Void list? What is the status of the occupancy of the house?

Reply

This dwelling is currently occupied. The area office will carry out an inspection of the property.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office

Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

Question withdrawn by Councillor.

Q34 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services if the Liberties Weavers could avail of the DCC owned Taylor Hall for their community activity. How much does DCC spend on storage for the group yearly?

Reply

In 1968, Dublin Corporation, in line with the relevant legislation, entered into a lease for a term of 99 years with Tailors Hall Fund. In 1984 the lease was assigned with consent to An Taisce, the current Lessee, for the premises known as Tailors Hall, Back Lane, Dublin 8. The residual term of the Lease is 44 years. Control of the building rests with the current Lessee.

*Contact: Nicola Finegan, Administrative Officer,
Planning & Property Management*

Email: Nicola.finegan@dublincity.ie

In relation to storage Dublin City Council Community Team will investigate and contact the Councillor directly.

*Contact: Lois Salmon, Senior Community & Social Development Officer,
SWIC Community Team*

Email: lois.salmon@dublincity.ie

Q 35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

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

Reply

The applicant in this case cannot be considered under the Financial Contribution Scheme. For an applicant to be eligible for the scheme, Dublin City Council must purchase the applicant's property. A copy of the Scheme is attached for ease of reference.

Contact: Sandra Barry A/Allocations Officer, Housing & Community Services

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q 36 Councillor Vincent Jackson
To ask the Director of Services to look at the following housing request (**details supplied**)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q 37 Councillor Vincent Jackson
To ask the Director of Services to look at the possibility (**details supplied**)

Reply

The above applicant is on the Older Person's Housing Transfer List, with an application date of 11/03/2020, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
J	1	86

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.

It would be advised that the applicant make contact with the maintenance regarding the property failing to heat.

Should the applicant wish to make an application for a medical priority he should complete the Disability and/or Medical Application form and submit it with supporting documentation for review to Housing Allocations.

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

Q 38 Councillor Vincent Jackson
To ask the Director of Services that the following housing matter be looked into (**details supplied**)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q 39 Councillor Vincent Jackson
To ask the Director of Services to replace the Road Ramps along Claddagh / Spiddle Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10 with proper speed cushions / ramps. The existing ones are in a very poor state.

Reply

Road Maintenance have replaced most of the ramps on Spiddal Road over the last 5 years or so, however the ramps on Claddagh Road and Spiddal Road will be inspected and if resurfacing is required they will be added to our 2024 resurfacing contract.

Contact: Carl Ryan Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transport
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q 40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to do a full retail audit / report on the retail premises available in Ballyfermot, on the type of businesses and why are there so many take-aways allowed?

Reply

It is currently an objective of the City Development Plan (CCUVO9) “*To progress ‘Health Check Assessments’ for older suburban Key Urban Villages, as part of Local Area Plans and Village Improvement Plans in order to ensure the vitality and viability of these centres, assessing issues such as attractions, accessibility, amenity and actions to be taken.*” Tables 2-13 and 2-14 of the CDP lists LAPs and Village Improvement Plans to be carried out, subject to prioritisation. Should a plan be forthcoming for the Ballyfermot area, the above objective will provide for a retail assessment.

In assessing any planning applications for retail proposals including takeaways in such areas, the Planning Authority will have regard to the detailed list of issues in Section 15.14.7, which includes the effect on amenities, the need to safeguard the vitality and viability of the shopping area and to maintain a suitable mix of uses. In particular for take away proposals, the number/frequency of such outlets within 1km of school sites is examined, as is the context and character of the existing street, where the aim is to maintain and improve its vitality by encouraging a range of convenience and/or comparison retail shops.

Contact: Nicola Conlon / Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Development Dept.
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Q 41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that every Bus stop be provided with a public litter bin. I cannot understand why public transport operators are not asked to provide bins as part of the Bus Stop / Shelter.

Reply

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

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

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
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