



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024 VIA HYBRID MEETING  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.**

- 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 21st February, 2024**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 2 Questions to the Director of Services South Central** **5 - 22**  
**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 27/02/24 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
  2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/02/24 and 19/02/24.  
**Order: 1. Report Noted.**  
**2. Reports Noted.**
- 4 South Central Area Matters**
  1. Presentation - Dublin City Council Sports Plan 2023 – 2028.
  2. Presentation - Digital Strategy & citizen-facing digital services.
  3. Proposed Pedestrian Improvement Measures at Newmarket.
  4. Part 8 Notification – Flood lighting Donore Harriers. For information purposes only.
  5. 2024 Roads Maintenance Annual Works Programme.
  6. Director of Services Report.  
**Order: 1. Presentation Noted.**  
**2. Presentation Noted.**  
**3. Report Noted.**  
**4. Noted.**  
**5. Noted.**  
**6. Report Noted.**
- 5 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
  1. Sports and Recreation Report for March 2024 South Central Area.  
**Order: Report Noted.**
- 6 Emergency Motions**
- 7 March 2024 Motions**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**M312 Councillor Kelsey May Daly**

That this Area Committee recognises the invaluable work done in Warrenmount Adult Education Centre since 1995 to provide education to adult learners. The centre is a highly relied on resource for community engagement and accessible education and its closure would result in hundreds of displaced learners and tutors alike with no other clear option for relocation. Therefore, this Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to acquire the premises to ensure that it remains a centre of education for the community.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M313 Councillor Kelsey May Daly**

That this Area Committee directs the Director of Services to explore options to open the green space at the St Teresa's Gardens site to the public this summer and to present options at the next area committee. The community is negatively impacted by the dire lack of green spaces for children and families and therefore the council should consider *any options* including the Teresa's Gardens site, available to make space for recreation with the upcoming outdoor season.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M314 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

For this Committee to support the request from local social workers among others to add more 3 beds in the Emmet Road Project. That this Committee writes to the Minister for Housing expressing our support and asking for his support to provide housing for families.

**Order: Deferred to April Meeting.**

**M315 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council please look at using the new government legislation in relation use of CCTV to deter fly-tipping of waste to install cameras in the lane way from Kylemore Road Ballyfermot to Thomond Road. Neighbours are fed up with the constant filth and dirt those people dumping are responsible for. Can some of the waste be checked to see if we can find those responsible adjoining gardens are left with litter and odours from this very busy laneway.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M316 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council seek to preserve all the various archaeological finds recently discovered whilst construction of the new apartments takes place on the Old De La Salle Monastery and School site at Ballyfermot Road Dublin 10. Can DCC please indicate who will be responsible to ensure that all finds are properly recorded and documented? The Ballyfermot Heritage Group is very worried that the needs of the contractor will take precedent over the need to archive and record human remains etc. which we believe are now located on this vast site.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M317 Councillor Máire Devine**

This Committee is concerned at the number of established trees that have become damaged by construction works and subsequently are recommended for removal. We ask that the planning conditions for proposed developments be expanded so that trees are more robustly protected, regularly inspected and increased fines be included in any granted planning applications.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M318 Councillor Máire Devine**

This Committee recognises that with the significant developments in Dublin 8, especially the National Children's Hospital & St. James Hospital campus, parking availability for local residents has been very challenging. We recommend that the zoning map presently provided for in the Parking Control Bye-Laws be revised and updated to reflect the pressures placed on areas of high demand.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M319 Hazel de Nortúin**

That the South Central Area Committee invites Dynamic Drimnagh into the Council Chamber for a presentation on their vision for Drimnagh.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

**Chairperson**

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**Attendance**

**Members:**

Sophie Nicoullaud (Chairperson)

Vincent Jackson (Vice Chair)

Lord Mayor Daithí De Róiste

Kelsey May Daly

Michael Pidgeon

Darragh Moriarty

Máire Devine

Daithí Doolan

Michael Watters

Hazel De Nortúin

**Officers:**

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance;

Eileen Quinlivan, Assistant Chief Executive, Corporate Services, Transformation & HR;

Darach O'Connor, Executive Manager, Corporate Services, Transformation & HR;

Bruce Phillips, A/Executive Manager, South Central;

Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;

Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot Drimnagh;

Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, SWIC;

Linda Fanning, Area Housing Manager, SWIC;

Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, SWIC;  
Dave O'Donovan, Administrative Officer, South Central;  
Pauline Treacy, Assistant ICT Manager, Transformation Unit;  
Donncha Ó'Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer, Sports & Recreation Services;  
Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Andrew Duff, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, SWIC;  
Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department;  
David Coyle, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Brid Brosnan, A/Sen. Exec Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscape Services Division;  
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
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**20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Q1 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the hoarding at Brabazon Street, Dublin 8 be replaced with more visually appealing green wire fencing and set back so to allow the reinstatement of the full width pedestrian path” (see attached photo)

**Reply**

The Development Department will carry out a site inspection, and in parallel with an examination of the site map, determine the property line. This will establish whether it is possible to move the hoarding back. If this is a possibility, the associated costs and viability of widening the footpath will have to be considered before the matter is progressed. Options for the future use of this site will also be considered.

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*Email: [cathy.cassidy@dublincity.ie](mailto:cathy.cassidy@dublincity.ie)*

**Q2 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for an assessment of the cul-de-sac area at Our Lady's /Rosary Road, Maryland Dublin 8 with a view to improving and greening this compact space?

**Reply**

The Estate is quite compact with a lot of on-street parking. It would not be a suitable location for street trees. Should any members of the community come forward with suggestions for minor environmental initiatives for consideration, the Public Domain Officer would be happy to meet and discuss options.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South West Inner City*  
*Email: [anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie](mailto:anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie)*

There are currently two vehicular entrances onto Our Lady's Road at this location and the roadway is used for parking and so this area isn't suitable for landscaping. The semi-private character of the cul de sac would also mean there no rationale for the Council to invest in and maintain landscaping here, although there are opportunities for a local environmental group or residents committee to add and maintain planters at the location.

The area is changing. The large site to the south is currently subject to redevelopment as c. 54 apartments and a retail unit (as permitted by Ref. Reg. 3629/18) and these plans propose a new pedestrian link or entrance at this location to connect Maryland to Cork Street. Landscaping of this new entrance and route is to be undertaken by the developer in accordance with an approved Landscape Plan (although it doesn't appear that this will become a public route).

A planning application has been submitted to modify this original permission (Reg. Ref. 3068/24, submitted 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024) which is currently being considered by the Planning Authority. This new application proposes to amend the scheme to omit the pedestrian link and to develop a new ESB substation and other services at this location. This would mean that the cul de sac would require continues access by vehicles.

The Area Office can refer the location to the Parks Services to consider planting a tree on the footpath in front of No 37 Our Lady's Road, if the location is suitable, as part of future tree planting/tree replacement in this area. I would suggest that the agreement of the householder would be required for this given the semi-private character of the cul de sac.

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

*Email:* [stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie)

From an initial assessment of utilities running in the footpath in this cul-de-sac combined with the number of entrances and the narrow road width (which results in parking on the footpath) my conclusion is that tree planting is unsustainable in the long term.

*Contact:* Bríd Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec. Parks and Landscape Officer

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**Q3 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the footpath in front of the Grotto at Maryland be replaced with agreed suitable paving that will enhance this area at the heart of the community.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance are responsible for the upkeep of the existing road network, inclusive of footpaths, however any change to an existing feature is a matter for DCC Traffic department to review and revert on.

Road Maintenance repaired the footpaths on Ave Maria Road-Lourdes Road and Morning Star Road in last year's 2023 minor works footpath contract and envisage completion of all footpaths in the Maryland estate inclusive of Loreto Road in our 2024 Minor Works Contract, which is currently in the tender process and will be completed later this year.

*Contact:* Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transport Dept.

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**Q4 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for a breakdown of all costs to date associated with securing, protecting, legal fees and any other miscellaneous expenses related to the Iveagh Markets?

**Reply**

In December 2022, Iveagh Markets was surrendered to Dublin City Council by Lord Iveagh and since then the building has been in the possession of the Council. The table below sets out costs since that time relating to the Market to the end of 2023. It excludes the current essential stabilisation and conservation works, the programme for which is ongoing and for which the DHLGH has given approval in principle of €9 million under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Description	Costs
Security	519,074
Legal Fees	132,829
Misc. Expenses stone/brickwork cleaning, graffiti removal, painting	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€661,903</b>

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**Q5 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the crumbling cycle lane alongside Mary Akinhead House, James's Street be urgently repaired.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance are currently in the process of negotiating substantial repairs to this section of carriageway on James Street, inclusive of the bicycle lane, by working with the LUAS as there is a window of opportunity being provided at the end of March 2024 by Transdev.

Contact: *Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transport Dept.*  
 Email: [roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie](mailto:roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie)

**Q6 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services if a suitable premises be sourced within the Mount Brown/James's Street area for the establishment of a "Men's Shed" as sought by many locals?

**Reply**

The Area Office is aware of the need for a Men's Shed in the Mount Brown/James's Street area and supports such an initiative and is endeavouring to source a suitable unit.

Contact: *Lois Salmon, Senior Community & Social Development Officer, SWIC Community Team*  
 Email: [lois.salmon@dublincity.ie](mailto:lois.salmon@dublincity.ie)

**Q7 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for a statement on the independent report presented to Regeneration Board members on 22/02/2024 regarding defects at Phase 1 of Dolphin House.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council has not yet been provided with a copy of the report. The Dolphin House Regeneration Board have been requested to forward a copy of the report to the City Council for assessment.

Contact: *Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South West Inner City.*  
 Email: [frank.murphy@dublincity.ie](mailto:frank.murphy@dublincity.ie)

**Q8 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the draft Bye-Laws for On Street Food Banks/Soup Runs following the calling of a meeting with Stakeholders.

**Reply**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) held their first consultation meeting with stakeholders on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, during which groups gave feedback and discussed their services. There are a number of stakeholders that have still to engage with the DRHE, so the consultation process is ongoing, with further meetings proposed, in order to engage with the optimum number of stakeholders before the draft bye-laws are progressed.

*Contact: Mary Hayes, Director DRHE, Housing & Community Services*

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**Q9 Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that the weeds and lichen growing at the entrance and Avenue in Ceannt Fort be removed and a general tidy/cleanup be done.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned up on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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

*Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)*

I have walked around the area with the chair of the residents committee and the District Parks Officer. We have discussed a number of possible interventions to improve the quality of the entrance and main landscaped area of the estate. Cleaning the main avenue and weeding at the entrance has been discussed and agreed. The Chair will bring back suggestions to the committee and then we can progress agreed actions.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South West Inner City*

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**Q10 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

To ask the Director of Services if the condition of the sewers on Rafters Lane, Drimnagh, has been assessed and if there are repair works scheduled. Local residents report a serious problem with rats coming from the sewers. This is likely to be made worse by the building works planned between Rafters Lane and Crumlin Road, if the issue is not addressed soon.

**Reply**

Inspections were carried out of the foul and surface water sewers at Rafters Lane on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. No evidence of rodents were found during these inspections. However, follow-up CCTV surveys of the public sewer pipelines (between manholes) have been scheduled. These surveys are required to assess whether there are any structural defects where rats could be nesting along/off the public sewer system. Results of the survey will be communicated to the councillor directly.



Contact: Jack Mills, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water Maintenance, E&T Department.  
Email: [jack.mills@dublincity.ie](mailto:jack.mills@dublincity.ie)

**Q11 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services what progress is being made to secure parking spaces for Part V tenants in The Davitt.

**Reply**

No parking was provided for in the original lease agreement for the Davitt and all tenants were aware of this in advance of allocation, and signed tenancies on this basis. We are aware that some tenants have since signing for their tenancy now come forward and expressed a need for parking. DCC leasing staff have been in ongoing discussions with the operator in relation to accessing parking for these individuals.

The operator has provided a draft licence agreement for our consideration. The draft licence agreement is between DCC (not the tenant) and the operator with a monthly charge of €75.00 per parking space. Our legal team are reviewing this proposal.

Contact: Aisling Browne, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community  
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**Q12 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with residents in Davitt House and DCC staff to work together to enhance planting in the complex. Is this the Parks or Community Officer? How can they access funding for this type of community work?

**Reply**

The local area Housing team will liaise with the parks department in relation to the possibility of enhanced planting in the Davitt House complex and revert back to the member

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office  
Email: [alan.sherry@dublincity.ie](mailto:alan.sherry@dublincity.ie)

**Q13 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to fix the public light that is on 24 hrs a day on Suir Road Bridge. I had sent a question asking the same at the January SCAC meeting. Location is <https://maps.app.goo.gl/VXXZaTPaVUyGmUVt5> (light N-E of the bridge)

**Reply**

Unfortunately attending to this 'day burning' light cannot be done during the normal working week because of its close proximity to the bridge and how busy the road is.

The light is scheduled for repair on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting  
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**Q14 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to reinstall the traffic island on South Circular Road across from the Primary Care Centre and St Andrews Community Centre and to give a timeline for it.

**Reply**

The Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) are conducting a preliminary assessment of the South Circular Road across from St Andrews Community Centre taking into consideration future projects in this area.

It is estimated that this assessment will be completed by April 2024 and a decision will be made on what future actions are required at this location based on the findings of this assessment.

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**Q15 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to come back with a feasibility study on how to offer the DCC properties at 14-19 Martins Row in Chapelizod as Cost Rental. This would offer housing solutions for people who cannot make the housing list and who cannot afford a mortgage. Same for Mulberry Cottages. This would also create a mix of housing tenancy.

**Reply**

The Councillor's comments and request is noted and the City Council will review its future proposals for these properties.

*Contact: John Ryan, Administrative Officer, Housing Development & Regeneration.*  
*Email: [john.ryan@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.ryan@dublincity.ie)*

**Q16 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services to come and inspect (**details supplied**) and draw up a list with all the repairs needed.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance have carried out a number of repairs to this property. The tenant is actively seeking a transfer. However, the Foreman will call again to see what, if any, other repairs are required.

*Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*  
*Email: [ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie](mailto:ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie)*

**Q17 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

To ask the Director of Services what is the plan with timeline and estimate cost for the retrofitting of Davitt House? What year is work planned for? What would make the process faster?

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance have been tasked with replacing windows in approximately 50 units in Davitt House. This project is at preliminary stage. We intend to carry out trial works in a sample unit in approx. 2-3 weeks' time.

Housing Maintenance will also be carrying out attic insulation works in mid-March.

Contact: *Shane Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Maintenance*  
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**Q18 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to confirm that plans to permanently close bin chutes in Summer Street/Braithwaite Street/Pimlico Terrace flats is to make way for the delivery of waste separation for tenants – general, food waste and recycling bins. Further, to ask the Director for DCC to provide detailed drawings and information of where the bins will be located and how frequently they will be collected. Lastly, to ask the Director to commit to organising a public meeting with residents to explain the changes and listen to and respond to their concerns.

**Reply**

Dublin City Council is bound by EU Legislation which states in 2015 Regulations that all household waste must be segregated for disposal. This will require changes to be implemented across our housing complex stock and will result in decommissioning of bin chutes. We are actively trying to work with the residents at above complexes in consultation with the local Area Office. A number of issues have been raised and the work is on hold pending resolution of these issues.

Contact: *Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*  
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**Q19 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to install some public bins along Goldenbridge Walk and along the canal at Devoy Road. Between Blackhorse down as far as Suir Road, there is no public bin on the inside of the canal which is a popular local dog walking spot. If a standard public bin is not possible, can DCC please install dog-waste bins instead.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services will survey the bin needs of the above mentioned area and install some bins where appropriate.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,*  
Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)

**Q20 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the delivery of improved cycling infrastructure connecting Blackhorse to Portobello. Improvements along the Grand Canal are sorely needed and in the interim, can DCC designate one side of the canal between Blackhorse and Suir Road a 'Share with Care' cycle path and the other side, Goldenbridge Walk, pedestrian only?

### **Reply**

The Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello) is currently at the Concept Development and Options Selection Phase. This project will progress the extension of the existing premium cycle route east of Portobello. The objective of the scheme is to deliver a high quality off-road cycle and pedestrian route along the canal that is attractive to commuters, school children, recreational and family users.

The Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) identified this as a priority project for the Active Travel Design Office, who commenced work on this project in January 2024.

A revised options report and emerging preferred route is expected to be shared with the local community later this year through a non-statutory public consultation process. The programme for the delivery of the project will depend on the outcome of the route options process and stakeholder consultations.

The existing paths along the section between the Grand Canal, Blackhorse Bridge and Suir Road are in the ownership of Waterways Ireland. Your request for clarity on the use of these paths has been forwarded to Waterways Ireland.

*Contact: Rhona White, Senior Engineer, Active Travel Unit, Environment & Transport*

*Email: [ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie](mailto:ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie)*

### **Q21 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to urgently investigate and resolve damp and mould at **(details supplied)**. These dangerous and unhealthy living conditions need to be addressed by DCC given its obligations and duty of care to its tenants as a local authority.

### **Reply**

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

### **Q22 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on DCC the Weir Home, Cork Street, which was previously earmarked for redevelopment as housing by the Peter McVerry Trust – can DCC provide an update on these negotiations, whether they are progressing with Peter McVerry or another AHB, and a timeline for delivery?

### **Reply**

Following Peter McVerry Trust's withdrawal from the Weir Home project, Dublin City Council explored delivery options to facilitate the delivery of social housing at this location. An alternative AHB are now reviewing the proposal to redevelop the building. Title for the project rests with the Health Service Executive and the AHB have begun engagement with the HSE. A timeline for delivery is unknown at present.

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### **Q23 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on DCC the delivery of homes by the Iveagh Trust at the corner of South Circular Road/Dolphins Barn. In the Social

Housing Delivery Report at the March City Council, it states finish date is 2025. Can DCC confirm if this timeline is still achievable?

**Reply**

The Iveagh Trust intend to lodge a planning application in the coming weeks for this site. Once planning is lodged a revised programme for construction will be available. Meeting the 2025 completion deadline may not be possible, however until planning is lodged it is not possible to provide a definitive revised completion date.

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**Q24 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on plans for the Quaker Burial Ground on Cork Street to transfer to Dublin City Council for a publicly accessible greenspace. Can the Director confirm if these plans are progressing and an update on the timeline for delivery?

**Reply**

Parks Services were contacted by Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Spring of 2023 with a request that the Quaker Burial Grounds on Cork Street in which they hold title be transferred to Dublin City Council and taken in charge by Parks Services.

The Burial Grounds and the contiguous James Weir Home for Nurses building is currently under the control of HSE. Following Peter McVerry Trust's withdrawal from the Weir Home project, Dublin City Council explored options to facilitate the delivery of social housing at this location. An alternative AHB are now reviewing the proposal to redevelop the building. Title for the project rests with the Health Service Executive and the AHB have begun engagement with the HSE. A timeline for delivery is unknown at present.

Temporary use of a portion of the Burial Grounds is likely needed for construction to proceed subject to acquisition/agreement/license to build.

The Parks Service will take the burial grounds in charge if and when the title is transferred to Dublin City Council.

Contact: *Bernard Brady, Senior Executive Landscape Architect /  
Project Manager, Culture Recreation & Economic Services*  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q25 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services to provide a detailed update on the state of play regarding the upgrading of the 'Inchicore Library Building' on Emmet Road. Can the Director provide a timeline for as to when works will commence to protect and upgrade this listed building and reopen it for community use?

**Reply**

The procurement process to engage a project architect is underway and should be completed in quarter 2 of 2024. The architect(s) will be requested to review the existing plans and specifications as the building is now included in the Record of Protected Structures which will add to the complexity of the refurbishment project.

We have also made good progress resolving access issues as the site is extremely challenging for facilitating universal access. To date we have been looking at both ramp and lift access. We now have agreement that either a ramp or lift will suffice to meet the universal access requirement for a Protected Structure. This will lower costs considerably and help make this refurbishment project affordable.

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**Q26 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to install a public bin between St. Andrews Community Centre and Dolphins Barn – there is no bin outside the numerous takeaways on this side of the road and public litter regularly builds up here. A public bin is needed and I would ask that the Director to make the strong case to the Waste Management that this is necessary. Can the Director make a comment on the matter as well as a response from Waste Management, please?

**Reply**

Arrangements have been made to have a litter bin installed at the above mentioned location.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,*  
Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)

**Q27 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to install a public bin near the entrance of Maryland on Marrowbone Lane. I have repeatedly requested a public bin be installed in Maryland, but this has been rejected citing the fact it is a residential area. There is now a public bin in the new park on James's Walk and there is a bin at the bus stop on Cork Street, near Vauxhaul Lane – if DCC can install a bin on Marrowbone Lane, near the entrance of Maryland, this will be all three entrances covered on main thoroughfares and it would be very welcomed by the local community. A public bin is needed and I would ask that the Director to make the strong case to the Waste Management that this is necessary. Can the Director make a comment on the matter as well as a response from Waste Management, please?

**Reply**

Waste Management Services still maintain this residential location is not a suitable location for a litter bin. There is occasional dumping of bags of domestic waste at this location which would be further exacerbated if there was a bin there as a focal point for this activity. There is a sufficient number of bins on the main thoroughfares near this location to cater for the litter needs there.

Contact: *Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,*  
Email: [mick.boyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)

The City Council can review the situation should the circumstances change and the illegal dumping of domestic/ household waste abates along Marrowbone Lane. To this end we can request that litter enforcement target this location for Bye Law compliance – Waste Management (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of

Household and Commercial Waste) Bye Laws 2018 and appropriate enforcement action.

*Contact: Bruce Phillip, Executive Manager, South Central Area.*  
*Email: [bruce.phillips@dubincity.ie](mailto:bruce.phillips@dubincity.ie).*

**Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to please remedy the ongoing ponding issue at the Drimnagh LUAS stop, every time there is rainfall the road at the pedestrian lights becomes flooded. This is causing huge inconvenience for both pedestrians and cyclists alike.

**Reply**

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

- Drimnagh Luas Stop - 4 of 4 gullies cleaned on 07/03/2024.

The mains on Davitt Road were checked by the Drainage Division and found to be in good working order.

*Contact: Kevin Vallely, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division*  
*Email: [kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie](mailto:kevin.vallely@dublincity.ie)*

**Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for a full update on progress made with the CPO'ing of the property on Emmet Road to facilitate the development of Richmond Park?

**Reply**

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

**Q30 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update from the board of St. Patricks Athletic on the proposed redevelopment of Richmond Park.

**Reply**

St. Patricks Athletic have no update to report.

*Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central.*  
*Email: [gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie](mailto:gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie)*

**Q31 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to contact the developers of the former De La Salle site to ensure that Ballyfermot Road is properly and comprehensively cleaned as the mud from the site is allowed to gather in the cycle lane making cycling very difficult.

**Reply**

Following the raising of the issue at last month's South Central Area Committee meeting, the Public Domain Officer (PDO) contacted the site developer and informed him of his responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act's 1997-2009 as amended. He

further requested that the roadways from Kylemore Roundabout to St Laurence's Road junction be cleaned, including the cycle lanes, which the developer immediately undertook.

The PDO also agreed an initial procedure to be put in place by the developer, to prevent the further depositing of dirt from the site onto the public footpath and road, including the cycle lane. This involved 2 manually operated power washers at the exit of the site to ensure all vehicle tyres exiting the site are fully cleaned.

It has been agreed that other measures to prevent dirt from the site being deposited on the public roadway be undertaken including bringing forward the installation of the internal site roads and the installation of a static wheel wash system within the site.

The PDO has advised the developer that if it is found that the agreed procedure is not working or not being complied with, enforcement action will be taken.

*Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Office*  
*Email: [alan.sherry@dublincity.ie](mailto:alan.sherry@dublincity.ie)*

**Q32 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to allow the family at, **(details supplied)** to be allowed park in front of the family home because of the extenuating circumstances out lined in the **(details supplied)**

**Reply**

Section 36 of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking Regulations) 1997 outlines the prohibitions on where vehicles may park. Section 36 2 (i) specifically outlines that parking on "a footway, grass margin or median strip" is prohibited. The clamping contractor, DSPS, must work within the remit of the Legislation and DCC does not have the power to provide exemptions to national legislation.

*Contact: Elaine Norton, A/Administrative Officer*  
*Environment & Transportation*  
*Email: [elaine.norton@dublincity.ie](mailto:elaine.norton@dublincity.ie)*

**Q33 Councillor Kelsey May Daly**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the Marrowbone Lane Depot reduction/consolidation project. Specifically addressing the number of staff currently working on site, projected reductions of staff and services over the next year, the progress of plans for the open space which will be vacated by the depot operations, and details of the DCC official with responsibility for developing a sporting/recreational use for the lands, specifically a full sized pitch for the community.

**Reply**

The Marrowbone Lane Depot provides key operational services essential for the functioning of the city, and there are no immediate plans to reduce the number of staff or services operating from the Depot.

*Contact: Eileen Quinlivan, Assistant Chief Executive, HR & Transformation*  
*Department.*  
*Email: [Eileen.quinlivan@dublincity.ie](mailto:Eileen.quinlivan@dublincity.ie)*



**Q34 Councillor Kelsey May Daly**

To ask the Director of Services how the council plans to address the maintenance issues in Tyrone Place. Specifically, the mould infestation, leaks and structural damage to the flat complex. Is there a meantime solution to improve the health, safety and well-being of the residents.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance assesses each case/report of mould, condensation, and dampness, separately as condensation and mould are caused by site specific factors. We respond to each report by first completing an assessment of the dwelling to identify sources of damp and to ascertain the extent of the issue. Based on this assessment we may take measures to improve ventilation or rectify the causes. The tenant is kept informed throughout the process and advised of any works required (e.g. the installation of mechanical ventilation).

Similarly, any reports of leaks or other structural issues, are dealt with on a case by case basis.

Contact: *Shane Connolly, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Maintenance*  
Email: [shane.connolly@dublincity.ie](mailto:shane.connolly@dublincity.ie)

**Q35 Councillor Kelsey May Daly**

To ask the Director of Services to provide new windows at the property below to ensure that the named tenant in her 90s has an adequately heated home going forward **(details supplied)**

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance carried out an inspection of the windows at this property last year. The windows are PVC double glazed and were found to be in good working order with the exception of the repair of some handles. All repairs have now been carried out.

Contact: *Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*  
Email: [ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie](mailto:ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie)

**Q36 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services can he confirm if, **(details supplied)**, has been allocated and if the tenant has taken up residence in the property?

**Reply**

The property has been allocated and the tenant is occupying the unit. A window is currently boarded up while awaiting repair.

Contact: *Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Office*  
Email: [alan.sherry@dublincity.ie](mailto:alan.sherry@dublincity.ie)

**Q37 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services how many properties are empty at, **(details supplied)**, how long has each been empty and when will they be allocated?

**Reply**

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

**Q38 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to allow **(details supplied)**, to go ahead and plant a tree of remembrance in the park off Errigal Road, Drimnagh

**Reply**

Parks are happy to facilitate this request and plant a tree at an agreed location. If the councillor could request the family to make contact directly with the undersigned we can progress.

*Contact:* Brid Brosnan, A/Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer

*Email:* [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look at having a proper management plan for the enhancement and maintenance of the large Spiddle Park in Upper Ballyfermot. For many years this well used area and the two small adjoining pocket parks beside St. Matthews Church have had let's just say, the minimum level of upkeep. I am well aware we will never have a maintenance arrangement as good as the Peoples Park, Ballyfermot Road, however, we should strive for incremental improvements.

**Reply**

The green spaces mentioned above receive the same level of maintenance afforded other green spaces in the city. The two greens adjacent to St. Matthews Church have received a number of improvements over the last couple of years, with spring bulb displays being added to year on year – these are blooming and coming into bloom currently. There are additional trees being planted into these greens next week. If the councillor has particular enhancements he has in mind for these locations I would be happy to discuss.

*Contact:* Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer

*Email:* [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the following housing transfer request. **(details supplied)**.

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a medical priority, with an application date of 21/01/2022, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
J	3	8
K	3	10

I have noted the applicant's interest in the above properties on their file. I note from the applicant's file that they are actively engaging with their local area office in Ballyfermot in respect of their housing need owing to their daughter's medical needs. 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. 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](mailto:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie)

**Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services give me a full report on **(details supplied)**.

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Homeless Hap priority housing list, with an application date of 19/04/2011, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
J	2	6
K	2	19

I would advise to link in with the local area office in Ballyfermot with a view to arranging a meeting regarding the applicant's housing need.

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.

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.

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**Q42 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services please ensure that **(details supplied)** be looked into.

**Reply**

The only option for heating in these apartments is electric. Housing Maintenance will inspect and consult with Electric Services in relation to this issue.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance  
Email: [ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie](mailto:ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie)

**Q43 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please give me an update on the ongoing downstairs toilet problems at **(details supplied)**

**Reply**

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

**Q44 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services please look into the housing application of **(details supplied)**.

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List, with an application date of 29/05/2014, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
J	3	120
K	3	192

As the applicant is renting she will have to highlight any issues within the property with her landlord or alternatively she can link in with the Private Residential Tenancies Board who can advise them on their rights as a tenant.

Should the applicant wish to make an application for a medical priority she can do so by completing a HMD1 Form and submit same for consideration.

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.

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.

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**Q45 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services please look into the following **(details supplied)**.

**Reply**

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 17/07/2012, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
J	1	35
K	1	53

I have noted the applicant's interest in the areas set out above, the applicant will be considered for an offer of accommodation to meet his need when it becomes available and according to his position on the list.

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.

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.

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**Q46 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services please give me an update with regard to the ongoing waste issue with (details supplied).

**Reply**

The area office has engaged with this tenant previously, including engaging the Council's welfare team, in relation to having a waste collection service in place and the situation had been resolved with the tenant using a waste collection service. However, the tenant has discontinued the service resulting in the current situation. The area office is engaging with the tenant to resolve the situation, including the supply of skip bags to address the immediate problem, and trying to ensure that a long term solution is maintained

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Office  
 Email: [alan.sherry@dublincity.ie](mailto:alan.sherry@dublincity.ie)

**Q47 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please look into the resurfacing of Martins Row Chapelizod from Park Lane up towards Knockmaroon Hill. The current Road surface is very badly worn and is in bits in some sections.

**Reply**

I can confirm that the section of carriageway commencing at the village and working up along Martins Row has been added to our 2023 resurfacing contract as part of the additional works, which are due to commence next Month. I will be requesting the contractor to program the works as early as possible and in the meantime, Road Maintenance will continue to carry out temporary repairs at this location.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Environment &

*Email:* *Transport Dept.*  
[roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie](mailto:roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie)