



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL, 2024 VIA HYBRID MEETING
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.**

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 20th March, 2024**
Order: Agreed.
- 2 **Questions to the Director of Services South Central** 4 - 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 26/03/24 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/03/24 and 19/03/24.
Order: 1. Report Noted.
2. Reports Noted.
- 4 **South Central Area Matters**
 1. Presentation - Smart Dublin 8 Project
 2. Presentation - River Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme
 3. Naming proposal for a new development Ref. 4364/19, located at: Walkinstown Road/Balfe Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12
 4. Director of Services Report.
Order: 1. Presentation Noted.
2. Presentation Noted.
3. Agreed.
4. Report Noted.
- 5 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
 1. Sports and Recreation Report for April 2024 South Central Area.
Order: Report Noted.
- 6 **Emergency Motions**
- 7 **April 2024 Motions**

- M314 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud (Deferred from March Meeting)**
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: Cllr. Nicoullaud proposed a minor amendment to the Motion i.e. replace the words 'more 3 beds' with the wording 'more 2 beds'. This amendment was seconded by Cllr. Devine. Agreed to write to the Minister for Housing.
- M320 Councillor Daithí Doolan**
In noting the ageing population and the lack of a bus service this Area Committee agrees to write to the NTA and Dublin Bus requesting that they provide a shuttle bus service between lower Ballyfermot and Ballyfermot Road to facilitate residents accessing essential services in Ballyfermot.
Order: Agreed to write to the National Transportation Authority
- M321 Councillor Máire Devine**
That this committee agree to write to the NTA to convene a meeting with DCC Traffic, NTA and residents of CIE Works, Inchicore with the objective of finding solutions to the many difficulties posed by the Bus Connects proposals.
Order: Agreed to write to the National Transportation Authority
- M322 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**
This Area Committee agrees to write the Housing Manager, Frank D'Arcy, and urge him to take immediate action on the derelict house at Cherry Orchard Grove. This house has been vacant for a number of years, is facing a community centre and school and has been a dumping site for years. We ask that the house be refurbished immediately.
Order: Report Noted.
- M323 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**
We ask that DCC Housing Department engage with the Maisonette tenants in Bluebell on Huband Road to see if there's an option for them to be included in the new LDA planned development.
It's been documented for years now that the Maisonettes need maintenance and with the new development, there's an option to include all Maisonettes in the area.
Order: Report Noted.
- M324 Councillor Vincent Jackson**
That Dublin City Council please explain in plain simple terms what action we as a Local Authority can take against a tiny minority of our tenants who seem to think it's OK to behave in a manner which destroys the quality of life for adjoining neighbours / community. I am years asking what action we can take however it appears that some people don't care and are happy to diminish the quality of life for the vast majority within their community.
Order: Agreed.

Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud
Chairperson
17th April, 2024

Attendance

Members:

Sophie Nicoullaud (Chairperson)
Vincent Jackson (Vice Chair)
Kelsey May Daly
Michael Pidgeon
Darragh Moriarty
Máire Devine
Daithí Doolan
Michael Watters
Hazel De Nortúin

Officers:

John Flanagan, Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer, Environment & Transportation;
Gerard O'Connell, Senior Engineer, Flood Defence Projects Office;
Jack Lehane, Smart D8 Ecosystem Manager, Corporate Services & Transformation;
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;
Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, SWIC;
Dave O'Donovan, Administrative Officer, South Central;
Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department;
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;
David Quarney, Environmental Liaison Officer, SWIC;
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
17th April 2024

Q1 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a site meeting of relevant stakeholders at Herberton apartments be convened ASAP to discuss and resolve the many issues residents are enduring?

Reply

There are several different types of tenure in the Herberton Estate including City Council tenancies, Clúid Housing tenancies and private tenancies and there are also some units that are owner occupied. One of the blocks is also owned by a private company.

The City Council have been in discussions with the Management company regarding improvement works in the Estate such as door security measures and cleaning of communal areas. The funding has been provided to implement these measures in the Blocks where the City Council have tenancies.

In addition, the City Council, the Management Company and the Gardaí held a meeting on Monday 8th April regarding the anti-social behaviour and the policing of the Estate. It is envisaged that these meetings will continue to be held on a regular basis.

The City Council is also aware that residents who are not City Council tenants also had a meeting with the Management Company regarding difficulties they are experiencing.

The Local Estate Officer also holds a weekly clinic where the City Council tenants can discuss their issues.

Contact: Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South West Inner City.

Email: frank.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the playground/pitch area at Poole Street, Pimlico be cleared of glass, weeds and assorted debris please?

Reply

Housing Maintenance have arranged for the playground to be cleaned and cleared of glass, weeds etc.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update from the public lighting section on the installation of agreed and funded heritage lamps at Ceannt Fort?

Reply

There is one heritage lamp standard at the entrance to Ceannt Fort and it was agreed to change the bracket and lantern to a heritage scroll bracket and lantern. This is still outstanding and apologies for that. Arrangements will be made to get this work done, at the latest, over the summer months.

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

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on status of the approved public realm scheme for Dolphins Barn and to engage with the residents of the area to discuss the planned improvements that need to be implemented.

Reply

There is ongoing engagement with local residents and the Back of the Pipes residents group in Dolphin's Barn and the Area Office is happy to meet residents on issues of concern. Residents can contact the Area Office (southcentral@dublincity.ie) or me directly as below to arrange a convenient time.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, South Central Area Office
Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on issues presented to this Committee by Reuben Street residents on 15th February 2023 regarding traffic problems in this narrow street?

Reply

Following a speed survey taken on 27/02/2023, the 85th percentile speed on Reuben Street was found to be 30.3 km ph. This is within the enforceable limit and as such, no measures were recommended by the Transport Advisory Group as a result.

Instances of illegal or dangerous driving, such as speeding or the damaging of parked vehicles should be reported to An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

Ref. No. 7038619

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the requested meeting between residents and the National Boxing Stadium with regards to traffic management.

Reply

Dublin City Council emailed the National Stadium on 23rd February, 2024 requesting a meeting. A follow up email has issued. No response has been received to date.

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

Q7 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on plans to revamp the “kick about” area at Vicar Street? That includes the protection of the Michael Mallin mural?

Reply

There are no firm plans in place to redesign/refurbish the kick-about area at Vicar Street. A proposal by the Area Office and Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services (set out as a greening opportunity/action in The Liberties Greening Strategy) to redesign the area as a public space has not progressed due to complications around the sequencing of development sites bounding the space and capacity within the Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services.

There are no plans to protect the temporary art piece/ mural here. Murals are by their nature ephemeral and not subject to protection. The mural is painted on a disused warehouse wall which is private property, and the site has planning permission in place to redevelop the warehouse as a hotel (Ref: 3972/18 ABP 303646-19).

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

Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q8 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services if the land in front of Newmarket Yards on St Luke’s Avenue has/is to be leased or sold to this private developer (please see photo) and when will the draft licence be discussed with Councillors?

Reply

Carrey Issuer DAC approached the Development Department for consent to landscape the linear strip which front their lands at St. Luke’s Avenue, Dublin 8, along with a small area to side/rear of the development. The sole possible future use of the two plots (shown in pink above) was as public realm/public open space and with this in mind the Council consented to the Developer including the strips in their planning application for the purpose of landscaping them to enhance the streetscape. Agreement was reached with City Valuer’s Office and the Parks, Bio Diversity & Landscapes Services Division regarding the Public Open Space and a licence was issued to the Developer to allow them landscape the lands involved. A comprehensive Landscaping Scheme was developed and approved by a Council Senior Executive Landscape Architect with the scheme’s completion being subject the satisfaction of the Parks, Bio Diversity & Landscapes Services Division. A twenty year service level agreement for the maintenance of the installation was also agreed with Parks, Bio Diversity & Landscapes Services Division.

Parks, Bio Diversity & Landscapes Services Division have confirmed that they did request that railings with gates be installed in discussions with the Developer’s Project Landscape Architects. The railings function to protect planting areas while they are establishing themselves and the overall performance/issues of the space can be reviewed by the Parks Services at a later date when the plants are bedded in.

Contact: Bláthnaid Conlon, Senior Staff Officer, Planning & Development

Email: blathnaid.conlon@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the long requested follow up works to **(details supplied)** be prioritised.

Reply

Housing Maintenance have ordered a new kitchen for this tenant. However, there is a delay with the supplier but the Depot are following up with this and it will be installed once they receive the order.

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

Q10 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the vacant ground unit at the new development in Weaver Street apartments be made available for resident meetings?

Reply

The vacant unit at this location is due to be fitted out as a commercial space and cannot be made available for resident meetings. There is a Community Room across the road in the Timberyard and if the Residents Group contact The Community Section in the Area Office, they will assist in facilitating access for the meetings.

Contact: *Mary Harvey, Administrative Officer, South Central Area*
Email: mary.harvey@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services for an update on a solution to Reuben Street traffic issues, given that the James Walk one-way system has settled and has been working for some time.

Reply

The Neighbourhood Transport Team is currently assessing the feasibility of implementing transport interventions at this location under the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme projects. Councillors will be updated on the findings of this assessment once complete.

Contact: *Andrew Duff, Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport Projects*
Email: andrew.duff@dublincity.ie

Following a speed survey taken on 27/02/2023, the 85th percentile speed on Reuben Street was found to be 30.3 km ph. This is within the enforceable limit and as such, no measures were recommended by the Transport Advisory Group as a result.

Instances of illegal or dangerous driving, such as speeding or the damaging of parked vehicles should be reported to An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

Ref. No. 7038619

Contact: *Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group*
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm what plans, if any, to install traffic calming measures and additional pedestrian crossings on Walkinstown Avenue, particularly near the Lidl and Walkinstown Avenue Park. Residents are highlighting issues with speeding along the road, and no crossings to safely cross near the Lidl and Walkinstown Avenue Park.

Reply

It is intended that this location will be included in the works programme for 2024. We are currently in the process of engaging consultants to develop detailed designs for pedestrian crossings we intend to deliver in 2024 and this location will be included. We require the consultants to establish the feasibility of delivering pedestrian crossings in all locations under consideration and developing accurate costings prior to finalising the works programme for 2024. We would expect to be able to confirm the works programme later this quarter.

Contact: Claire French, Senior Executive Engineer, Transport & Environment
Email: claire.french@dublincity.ie

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 recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Ref. No. 11153387

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm if there are any plans for the following **(details supplied)**

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q14 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm if the former OLV Youth Centre on Sarsfield Road has been entered onto the Derelict Sites Register, to confirm what the City Council is doing to bring this site back into use and to ask if the site is being considered for Compulsory Purchase by the City Council. This site was due to be re-developed but this has not occurred, and is now attracting illegal dumping.

Reply

This site is not on the Derelict Sites Register and is in the ownership of Dublin City Council. Planning permission has been granted to Respond Housing CLG to demolish the existing structure and build 6 older person units. Negotiations are ongoing between Dublin City Council and Respond CLG for a disposal of the title in the site to Respond CLG, on the basis that the subject property can only be used for building social housing purposes.

The site was inspected on 10th April, 2024. The Development Department will organise for the site to be cleared and going forward the site will be monitored on a regular basis.

Contact: Cathy Cassidy, Senior Staff Officer Planning and Development
Email: cathy.cassidy@dublincity.ie

This site is being developed by Respond Housing who have Stage 2 funding approval for to six units of older persons housing with some units designed to be wheelchair liveable. The project encountered significant delay due to design issues and the project required a full redesign and as a result a fresh funding application. Planning was granted in November 2022.

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

Q15 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if traffic calming measures, such as additional speed ramps, can be installed on Tyrconnell Road to curtail excessive speeding by cars and scramblers on this road, particularly at off peak times which is a concern to local children playing in the area and cyclists.

Reply

Following an assessment, it was found that 4 no. speed cushions have already been provided on Tyrconnell Road. These cushions were provided at the appropriate distance to prevent heavy braking and subsequent heavy acceleration. No further measures are recommended at this time.

Instances of illegal or dangerous driving, such as breaking the speed limit, should be referred to An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

Ref. No. 11154681

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the following (**details supplied**)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q17 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for Dublin City Council to address damp and mould at the following DCC property (**details supplied**)

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange to call and inspect the issues outlined. We will endeavour to resolve these issues after our inspection.

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

Q18 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask Dublin City Council to install a bike bunker at Haroldville Avenue, Dublin 8, for use by residents on this street and surrounding streets. Residents here say they have asked for years for a bike bunker to be installed and they had understood it was imminent. Can DCC please comment on when this will be installed?

Reply

The Road Safety and Micromobility Section is currently working on the Bike Bunker scheme tender process. Dublin City Council is planning to launch a competitive tendering process to select a contractor who will manage the comprehensive bike bunker operations, users and assets. After selecting a contractor, the council aims to collaborate with the winning tenderer to provide this service throughout the city and establish a goal of having 300 bike bunkers (by 2026), dependent on funding. The procurement process for this scheme was scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2024, unfortunately this date was missed and this process is planned to kick off in April/ May 2024.

Contact: Zewar Zyada, Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport Projects
Email: zewar.zyada@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on its surveys and assessment of Rueben Street to determine its suitability for a one-way street, which has been requested by residents and which was subject to a presentation to the South Central Area Committee in February 2023.

Reply

The Neighbourhood Transport Team is currently assessing the feasibility of implementing transport interventions at this location under the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme projects. Councillors will be updated on the findings of this assessment once complete.

Contact: Andrew Duff, Executive Engineer, City Centre Transport Projects
Email: andrew.duff@dublincity.ie

Following a speed survey taken on 27/02/2023, the 85th percentile speed on Reuben Street was found to be 30.3 kmph. This is within the enforceable limit and as such, no measures were recommended by the Transport Advisory Group as a result.

Instances of illegal or dangerous driving, such as speeding or the damaging of parked vehicles should be reported to an Garda Síochána for enforcement.

Ref. No. 7038619

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to provide Double Yellow Lines at the entrance to Bulfin Gardens, off Bulfin Road, Inchicore. Residents here report regular difficulties with bin collectors being able to access the street and further, very

concerning recent incidents where emergency services vehicles also couldn't access the street. The entrance to Bulfin Gardens is narrow and cannot accommodate parking on both sides of the street – one side needs to be permanently Double Yellowed.

Reply

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 recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Ref. No. 7038627

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group

Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC to examine traffic calming measures on both Goldenbridge Avenue and Southern Cross Avenue, Inchicore, which are subject to regular rat run by motorists coming off Suir Road and cutting through Bulfin Estate. Southern Cross Avenue, in particular, is wider than most roads in Bulfin and attracts high speeds. Can traffic calming measures, such as speed ramps, be installed here to slow down cars before somebody is seriously hurt?

Reply

3 No. raised tables and 2 no. ramps have already been provided on Goldenbridge Avenue. These ramps are provided at the appropriate spacing so as to prevent harsh braking and subsequent heavy acceleration. Additional measures at this location are not recommended at this time.

On Southern Cross Avenue, 2 no. sets of speed cushions have already been provided. Speed cushions were preferred over speed ramps as Southern Cross Avenue is served by a bus route. However, buildouts and an uncontrolled crossing point are currently being assessed for the provision of buildouts and an uncontrolled crossing point.

Ref. No. 7038623

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group

Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on its plans for the informal car parking located at Goldenbridge Terrace, near the canal. This location has been used informally for years as a free park and ride by people for the nearby Luas. It is a waste of this space. Can the Council provide an update on its plans for this location?

Reply

A landscape architect firm have finished working on first draft of concept design for the Goldenbridge Terrace gravelled space. These concept plans have now been reviewed by internal Dublin City Council Departments, including South Central Area Office,

Parks and Landscape Services, Drainage and Roads, with feedback given to the landscape architects and the draft plan is currently being revised.

Once design plans are agreed, the next stage includes finalising plans for presentation and public display (expected May/June 2024). Once feedback is received and considered then detailed design, bill of qualities for landscaping elements and planting schedules will be prepared.

It is expected that contractors should be on site for 6 to 8 weeks, in the second half of 2024.

*Contact: Aoife Hannan, Project Manager Kilmainham Inchicore Network;
South Central Area Office, Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane, D8.*

Email: Aoife.hannan@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services can the relevant department carry out a maintenance and clean-up of the roundabout at the bottom of Landen Road, Ballyfermot? It's a key entry point into Ballyfermot and although the grass is cut, there's no maintaining of the surrounding edges or plants.

Reply

Parks will arrange for a clean-up at the above location in the coming weeks.

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

Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services is there a maintenance/cleaning schedule for the changing rooms/public toilets in the Lawns Park, Ballyfermot? Or is it the responsibility of club users to maintain?

Reply

As part of the pavilion letting each club agrees to ensure that there is an adequate cleaning procedure and rota in place for all rooms, showers, toilets, dressing rooms and storerooms after use. Each club must also ensure that the pavilion and store room(s) are returned in a clean, neat and safe condition after every use.

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

Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services to ask Housing Maintenance how many contracted companies are actively contracted and on the ground in Cherry Orchard to renovate vacant houses? How the contractors are selected and when was there an open application for contractors to apply?

Reply

There are currently 11 Contractors on the current Framework for renovating DCC properties. This contract commenced in November 2022 and will finish this year. The competition is run on eTenders and is open to all. Contractors are selected on the

terms and criteria as set out on the Framework, it is generally divided into 70% price, 20% experience and 10% Health and Safety.

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

Q26 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services are there plans to update the park area in Cherry Orchard Crescent? Residents have requested that the area be updated so they can use the public space. If a plinth can't be installed, is there an option for developing the green space so that the park can be used and is there a timeline?

Reply

The local area office engaged with the local community and is keen to progress plans to make the green a more enjoyable space for the local residents. Fly tipping continues to be a problem on the green and a number of options have been considered to try and curtail this activity including the putting in place of a plinth wall and, more recently, seeking to have CCTV put in place. In the meantime, the area office will prepare a brief for the tendering of a designer, in partnership with the Parks department, to develop a plan for the space.

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

Parks are happy to be involved in any improvements which may have funding at the above location.

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

Q27 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Parks Manager who the contractor for maintaining the roundabouts and green spaces are in Cherry Orchard? When cutting the grass on one roundabout, the contractor has been removing a dumped microwave and then replacing it when the work is completed. Said microwave is still on the roundabout. Is there an option to link relevant departments in to avoid this?

Reply

There are a number of open spaces maintained in the Cherry Orchard area under landscape maintenance contract by Redlough Landscapes. Under the terms of the contract incidental litter is picked by the contractor and does not include large bulky items dumped. When I last visited the site there was no Microwave on the roundabout.

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

Q28 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services to ask Housing Maintenance to look at the gutters at (details supplied)

Reply

Housing Maintenance have sent this onto a roofing contractor to repair the gutters at this property. The Depot will follow up with the contractor as the inclement weather is not ideal for carrying out repairs of this nature.

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

Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to confirm if DCC currently has or has ever had a full time Road Safety Officer?

Reply

Currently, the Council does not have a Road Safety Officer.

The Council employs a full time Road Safety Engineer, Zewar Zyada, who works within the Road Safety and Micromobility Team, and the wider National Road Safety Team as coordinated by the RSA and LGMA.

The Road Safety Engineer manages the Road Safety Working Together Group including its external stakeholders, AGS, FS, Councillors, TII, NTA, and Dublin Bus. The Road Safety Engineer works collaboratively with internal stakeholders; TAG, the School Traffic Wardens and the Walking and Cycling Officers.

The Council at this time does not intend to employ a full time Road Safety Officer.

Contact: *Jennifer McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer*
City Centre Transport Projects
Email: Jennifer.mcgrath@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what action has DCC taken and what actions will be taken to deal with, **(details supplied)**

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

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

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

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

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please have a look at the broken / lifted section of footpath outside Number 23 Colepark Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. The cracked / lifting surface poses a serious risk of someone tripping at this location.

Reply

Road Maintenance inspected this location on 05/04/2024 and have added this defect to our works list for repair.

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

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the broken footpath surfaces at the entrance to the Oranmore Close Lane-way from Clifden Drive / Orchard Lawns.

There is a substantial amount of repairs needed at this location to make the area safe.

Reply

Road Maintenance inspected the footpaths on Oranmore Close and noted a number of trips at the joints of the concrete slabs outside no.4 & no.6. Both of these defects have been added to our works list for repair.

It was also noted that two water valve covers are broken at this location and I have requested a repair to be co-ordinated through our Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU).

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

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me an update on what actions we can take to reduce the potential for a serious accident outside St. Gabriels and St. Michaels Schools Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. I have been contacted by parents, teachers and principals in relation to the ongoing issues of parking in front of the school which make a possible serious accident a real issue. I have previously asked for pencil bollards here and a traffic study to see what we can do I am sure some enforcement will be also needed here. Can DCC arrange an onsite meeting to see at first hand the difficulties her something that is mirrored all over the area at schools.

Reply

The Sustainable Mobility Team is currently working its way through Round 2 schools prioritised by the National Transport Authority for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme. However, our records show that a School Zone has been installed at St. Gabriel's previously. St. Michael's is not an applicant for a School Zone or the SRTS programme and unfortunately we are not currently in a position to engage with schools outside of the current programme.

Contact: Ailish Lally, Walking & Cycling Officer, City Centre Transport Projects

Email: ailish.lally@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services the following - I recently met a lady who lives at home with her elderly mother and other family members. It now appears that their elderly mother sold her home to a financial institution approx. 15 years ago for €50,000 on the basis that when she passed away the house would become property of the Bank. However, she never told her children what she had done. The loan is now €200,000. The house is lived in by family members who`s relationships have broken down and they could never borrow €200,000 to pay off the loan would. DCC consider buying the loan from the Bank and allowing them rent the house from DCC otherwise two small families will become homeless.

Reply

Based on this information I can advised that this case does not fall under any of our schemes eg; tenant in situ acquisition or mortgage to rent. However we will make further enquires on this situation and will revert back directly to the Councillor

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

Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

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

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please give me an update on **(details supplied)**

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please tell me what hope there is for single people to be housed in Dublin as so little are ever reached on the housing list.

Reply

In quarter one of this year there have been 428 single applicants housed in single persons accommodation across each housing band and housing areas.

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

Q40 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services to investigate **(details supplied)**

Reply
Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q41 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services **(details supplied)**

Reply
Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q42 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services for an update on the planned playground for Chapelizod. When will it go for public consultation and what way?

Reply
Parks are planning on carrying out the public consultation for Chapelizod playground in quarter 2. The consultation will be carried out through workshops with local children who attend local schools and pre-schools.

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

Q43 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services to look at the footpath outside 12 Hughes Road South in Walkinstown. It is drastically uneven and is in the centre of the footpath.

Reply
Road Maintenance visited this location today and noted large uplift of the footpaths by tree roots at various locations along this stretch of road. Defects outside no's 12, 16, 20, 22 & 29 have been added to our works list for repair.

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

Q44 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services **(details supplied)**

Reply
Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q45 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services **(details supplied)**

Reply
Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q46 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to fix the public light that is on 24 hrs on Suir Road Bridge. I had sent a question asking the same at the January meeting and March meeting.

Reply

The light that was on 24 hours a day has been repaired and should now only be operating during night time hours.

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

Q47 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services **(details supplied)**

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q48 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services the rules and regulations for car parking on Bunting Road along where there are houses.

Reply

Bunting Road is a considerable length and there are multiple and varying road restrictions in place on different stretches of the road, such as double yellow lines, cycle tracks, max 3 tonne vehicle parking restrictions and junctions where roads meet. The regulations for car parking on public roads in relation to all these measures and restrictions are set out in the Road Traffic Act and the Dublin City Council Parking Bye Laws.

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

Q49 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

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

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q50 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services what came out of the investigation of barking dogs at **(details supplied)**

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q51 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to ask Irish Water to do a check on the water quality in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area. I had a couple of people contact me in relation to high levels of chlorine in the water and in my own home I can smell chlorine off the water. Firstly can it be investigated and if it's safe, why is this the case?

Reply

Drinking water testing is a matter for Uisce Eireann who oversee the management and supply of Ireland's drinking water.

The Councillor should make contact directly with Uisce Eireann in relation to this matter using the dedicated email address for Elected Members -

LocalRepSupport@water.ie

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