



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY, 2024 VIA HYBRID MEETING
IN EBLANA HOUSE, MARROWBONE LANE, DUBLIN 8

- 1 Election of Chairperson of the South Central Area Committee**
Order: Councillor Vincent Jackson was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan, seconded by Councillor Máire Devine and was duly elected as Chairperson.
- 2 Election of Vice Chairperson of the South Central Area Committee**
Order: Councillor Michael Pidgeon was proposed by Councillor Darragh Moriarty, seconded by Councillor Ammar Ali and was duly elected as Vice Chairperson.
- 3 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May, 2024**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 Questions to the Director of Services South Central** **7 - 16**
Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.
- 5 Environment and Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 28/05/24 and 25/06/24 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/06/24 and 18/06/24.
Order: 1. Report Noted.
2. Reports Noted.
- 6 South Central Area Matters**
 1. Naming & Numbering Proposal for a new residential development known as the 'Donore Project' on the site of former St. Teresa's Gardens, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8 - Planning Ref : ABP-315306-22.
 2. Naming proposal for a new mixed use development – Ref: ABP-314791-22 located at the former site of St. Michael's Estate on Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8.
 3. Naming proposal for a new development Ref. LRD6022/23, located at: No. 86 and No.'s. 90-96 Jamestown Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8.
 4. Naming proposal for a new development Ref. 3486/22Sub01 Located to the side and rear of No. 726 South Circular Road, Dublin 8
 5. Two Nominations to Dolphin House Regeneration Board.
 6. Two nominations to Donore Avenue Regeneration Consultative Forum
 7. Two nominations to Kilmainham Inchicore Network (KIN)

8. Two nominations to Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF)
9. Two nominations to Oliver Bond Regeneration Forum
10. Two nominations to National Childrens Hospital Resident Project Monitoring Committee
11. Two nominations to Bluebell Community Council
12. Two nominations to Board of Management Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre
13. Two nominations to Sons of Devine Providence Steering Group
14. Two nominations to FamiliBase Board
15. Two nominations to F2 Centre Board
16. Two nominations to Ballyfermot Chapelizod Drug and Alcohol Task Force
17. Two nominations to South West Inner City Drug and Alcohol Task Force
18. One nomination to Canal Communities Drug and Alcohol Task Force
19. One nomination to D12 Drug and Alcohol Task Force
20. Director of Services Report.

Order: 1. It was agreed to go with 'Option A'.

2. Agreed.

3. Agreed.

4. Agreed.

5. Cllrs Darragh Moriarty & Michael Pidgeon were nominated

6. Cllrs. Máire Devine & Jen Cummins were nominated

7. Cllrs Ray Cunningham & Ammar Ali were nominated

8. Cllrs. Máire Devine & Michael Pidgeon were nominated

9. It was agreed that all 5 SWIC Councillors can attend the Oliver Bond Forum Meetings.

10. Cllrs. Máire Devine & Ammar Ali were nominated.

11. Cllrs. Hazel de Nortúin & Daithí Doolan were nominated for the 1st 2.5 year term and Cllrs. Vincent Jackson & Ray Cunningham were nominated for the remaining 2.5 year term.

12. Cllrs Hazel de Nortúin & Vincent Jackson were nominated

13. Cllrs. Hazel de Nortúin & Daithí Doolan were nominated

14. Cllrs. Daithí Doolan, Hazel de Nortúin & Vincent Jackson were nominated.

15. Cllrs. Jen Cummins & Michael Pidgeon were nominated

16. Cllrs. Hazel de Nortúin & Vincent Jackson were nominated

17. Cllrs Darragh Moriarty & Máire Devine were nominated

18. Cllr. Ammar Ali was nominated

19. Cllr. Ray Cunningham was nominated for the 1st 2.5 year term and Cllr. Vincent Jackson was nominated for the remaining 2.5 year term.

20. Noted.

7 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters

1. Sports and Recreation Report for July 2024 South Central Area.

Order: Report Noted.

8 Planning & Property Development Matters

1. With reference to proposed grant of Short Term Business letting for Enterprise Unit 41 St Antony's Road Dublin 8 to Enable Ireland Disability Services CLG.

Order: Agreed. Recommend to Council

Emergency Motions

The order of business was suspended to deal with the following Emergency Motion:

Emergency Motion 1 - Cllr. Máire Devine

This Committee is aghast at proposals to remove the wild flower areas at Fatima Luas stop as a solution to ASB. Leave the flora and fauna in situ and ask that the Local Authority seek other strategies that provide real deterrent to criminal activity while allowing nature blossom for the enjoyment of all linear park users.

Order: Report Noted.

Emergency Motion 2 - Cllr Daithí Doolan, Ray Cunningham, Máire Devine and Jen Cummins

This Area Committee condemns the recent violence in Coolock. The scenes witnessed at the former Crown site on the Malahide Road were deplorable. The burning of vehicles and attempted burning of the building are violent criminal acts and must be strongly condemned.

Those responsible should desist immediately. This is an effort to spread fear and hate in our communities and the vast majority of decent people want nothing to do with it.

The Department of Integration has stated that the site is to be developed to accommodate families applying for international protection.

Any concerns that people have about this should be raised peacefully and democratically. Violence, intimidation and arson should have no place in our communities.

Everyone deserves respect, including men, women and children due to be accommodated at this site.

Equally, we need to see constructive engagement with communities to ensure that all necessary facilities are in place for both the local population and those accommodated in the centre.

We call on the chair of this Area Committee to circulate this motion to other Area Committees, to the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Integration.

Order: Agreed to write to the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Integration and circulate the Motion to the other Area Committees.

July 2024 Motions

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
17th July, 2024

M001 Councillor Ray Cunningham

The Committee notes that many people in the south-west of Drimnagh are without easy access to green spaces and playgrounds. The committee also notes that the former Lansdowne Valley pitch and putt course is in council ownership, but has been closed for years. The committee calls on the Parks department to provide a timetable for the opening of this space as a park, connecting through to Lansdowne Valley Park, and to include a playground and community garden in the park plans.

Order: Agreed.

M002 Councillor Ray Cunningham

The Committee recognises that the village of Chapelizod is being overwhelmed by traffic - massive congestion at some times of the day, and speeding cars when the roads are clearer. It is unsafe for children to walk to school or sports, or for people to cycle through the village. The committee calls for a traffic plan to be developed for the village, in consultation with residents, to reduce through traffic and improve safety.

Order: Report Noted.

M003 Councillor Ray Cunningham

The Committee notes that there is a persistent problem with illegal dumping at the bottle banks beside Walkinstown library, and calls for the installation of CCTV cameras to monitor the location.

Order: Report Noted.

M004 Councillor Máire Devine

This Committee expresses deep disappointment and frustration once again on the 3rd anniversary of the fire that closed Donore Community Centre. We insist that the council pull out all stops so that the agreed timelines for restoration are abided by –

- . Tender to be issued in June.
- . Completed tenders to be assessed in early August.
- . Contract to be signed in August and building works to begin in September.

Any delay must be avoided at all costs, those costs already have had detrimental effects on the community of Donore.

Order: Report Noted.

M005 Councillor Máire Devine

That this Committee recognises the pitch in the Liberties as “Mallin Park” and erect this name plate and “storybook “at this location.

Order: Report Noted.

M006 Councillor Máire Devine

This Committee expresses strong dissatisfaction with the “RobinsonsGate” saga that is way past its due date. We insist that this essential protective measure for our vulnerable senior citizens be addressed and prioritised now

Order: Deferred to September 2024 Meeting

M007 Councillor Máire Devine

This Committee agree that a dedicated cleaning crew be assigned for the Liberties with particular concentration on Meath, Thomas and Francis Streets- the main economic hub/spine of the Liberties.

Order: Report Noted.

M008 Councillor Maire Devine

This Committee demand urgent action to protect school children and others as they cross what amounts to a “Motorway” at Chapelizod By-Pass at Inchicore. While BusConnects project has detailed plans for this significant junction it needs to be revised. Safety measures are needed now. We call on the Traffic Department to meet with Gaelscoil Inse Chór including the young pupils to discuss and prioritise appropriate measures before the next school year.

Order: Agreed.

M009 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee urges Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána and the Department of Justice to ensure the current Joint Policing Committee, including local policing forum structures remain in place pending the full introduction of the Community Safety Partnerships.

Order: Agreed.

M010 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

This Area Committee requests that the Bluebell Graveyard is restored and maintained to an orderly manner. That a continued maintained plan is in place to ensure it's up keep for obvious reasons.

Order: Report Noted.

M011 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

This Area Committee fully supports the Unveiling The Shadows report on Domestic Violence in the Dublin 10 area. The Committee will support the recommendations from the report, and condemns all levels of Domestic Violence in our community.

It further acknowledges Dublin City Council and the local Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Councillors for supporting myself in allocating funding for this report and therefore highlighting how we can constructively challenge all levels of violence within our respective roles.

Order: Report Noted.

M012 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

This Area Committee agrees to request the CEO of Dublin City Council, with the level of residential development proposed for the Cherry Orchard area, that he reviews the staffing arrangements/vacancies, considering the issues of security that surfaced within the last construction site in Cherry Orchard.

Order: Noted.

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

17th July, 2024

Attendance

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)

Michael Pidgeon (Vice Chair)

Ammar Ali

Jen Cummins

Darragh Moriarty

Máire Devine

Philip Sutcliffe

Ray Cunningham

Daithí Doolan

Hazel de Nortúin

Officers:

Bruce Phillips, A/Executive Manager, South Central;
Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Linda Fanning, Area Housing Manager, SWIC;
Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, SWIC;
Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, SWIC;
Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area;
Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department;
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;
Trevor Higgins, Administrative, Culture Recreation & Economic Services;
Sandra McAleer, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing & Community Services;
Martin Donlon, Development Manager, Housing & Community Services;
Kenneth Murphy, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services;
Cathy Cassidy, Senior Staff Officer, Planning & Property Development Department;
David Quearney, Environmental Liaison Officer, SWIC;
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;

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Q1 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the agreed maintenance and repairs at Herberton Apartments , Rialto with emphasis on safety issues posed by intruders on a regular basis?

Reply

The Housing Maintenance Section have been engaging with the Management Co. regarding the installation of a new fob system with fobs that cannot be copied. It is the intention that this new system will be introduced for all of the blocks in the Estate. The door locking mechanisms have also been repaired. The City Council regularly meet with An Garda Síochána regarding anti-social behaviour on the Estate.

Contact: Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, South West Inner City.
Email: frank.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the long requested insulation of (details supplied)

Reply

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance (DCC-HM) would ask the Councillor to confirm the specific tenancy/tenancies to which this and previous representations relate, as we believe that the address is incorrect.

DCC-HM engineering personnel have carried out an inspection of the suspected subject property to establish if there is a justifiable basis for retrofitting additional sound insulation in the dwelling. Based on the results of this inspection, DCC-HM will not be advancing with the request. DCC-HM have retrofitted sound insulation in a very limited number local authority dwellings in the past due to exceptional circumstances, and the measures have rarely produced the desired result. Furthermore, the implementation of such measures would cause significant disruption on the residents during construction and are considered to have a negative cost-benefit overall, e.g., there would likely be a reduction in floor space due to the addition of an extra insulation on wall elements, and the works to wall and floor elements would necessitate costly and disruptive reconfiguration of existing fixtures and fittings, including mechanical and electrical installations.

DCC-HM will investigate the reported mould in the dwelling specified.

Contact: Robert Buckle, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 01 222 3708
Email: robert.buckle@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that Street signs at St Anthony Crescent & Park and Our Lady of Fatima Close be erected. There exists much confusion for blue light services, deliveries visitors etc?

Reply

Road Maintenance inspected these three cul-de-sacs and have ordered two cast iron nameplates for each road that will have to be mounted on a stand by direct labour.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer.
Tel: 222 8812
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the replacement play equipment at Weaver Park D8- response from Parks to my query at Jan 2024 Area Committee committed to purchasing appropriate equipment at that time.

Reply

The playground upgrade is advertised on eTenders currently. Parks will update the councillor once a contractor has been appointed, hopefully early autumn. Depending on contractors availability it would be hoped that the upgrade will be completed by the end of the year.

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

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services (**details supplied**) be included in the permit parking scheme as is afforded to the neighbours of the same street address?

Reply

According to our system, the residents of the properties named above, all have a permit quota for the parking spaces further down the road from their properties and have the ability to park there using those permits.
If the residents are looking to change the road layout to have spaces placed closer to their properties, they are advised to contact the Traffic Advisory Group at traffic@dublincity.ie to have a traffic engineer assess that stretch of the road as it may not be feasible to provide parking at that location due to traffic density, width of road etc.

Contact: Suzanne Lacey, Administrative Officer, Parking Enforcement
Tel: 01 222 7075
Email: suzanne.lacey@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed redevelopment of Richmond Park and for an update on the related CPO'ing of the properties along Emmet Road.

Reply

The CPO is at preliminary stage. Arrangements are underway for the preparation of a CPO map and Book of Reference & Rental ie ownership details.

It is the City Council's preference and policy to acquire by agreement where at all possible and the City Valuer's Office is continuing to secure the acquisition by agreement of required properties to facilitate the redevelopment of Richmond Park.

119/119A and 133 Emmet Road have been acquired, 131 Emmet Road is under contract and agreement has been reached between City Valuer's and the owners of No. 129. Negotiations are ongoing with other property owners.

Contact: Margaret Mooney, Administrative Officer
Phone: 01 2223941
Email: margaret.mooney@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to consider introducing a 'Dog Park' in Le Fanu Park, Ballyfermot, this will curtail dog fouling and dogs roaming freely across the Park.

Reply

The optimal size for a dog park is 1 acre which is a considerable amount of space. The area is best to be level to allow easy access. Le Fanu would struggle to accommodate these conditions as the level areas are currently laid out for pitches.

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

Q8 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on, **(details supplied)**

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q9 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to take action to maintain **(details supplied)**

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q10 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the primary Health Care Centre for Drimnagh. Planning ref: 357113

Reply

There is an Extension of Duration of Permission on this permission to the 31st January 2025 (3571/13/X1). A Commencement Notice has not been lodged as at date of reply.

Contact: Tara Robertson, Administrative Officer, Planning & Development
Tel: 01-2225233
Email: tara.robertson@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to please commence the installation of a level access gate in to Le Fanu Park, this will facilitate universal access as the current access points prohibit certain wheelchair users.

Reply

There is level access from the public footpath into Le Fanu Park through the playground. When this entrance is locked there is access on the path that runs between the swimming pool and skate park. There is an issue with horses and scramblers in the park and for this reason Parks are reluctant to remove the kissing gates at all other entrances.

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

Q12 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what are the plans for the pitch & putt course in Drimnagh and what is the time frame for these plans. Residents are very concerned about the site being used for anti-social behaviour.

Reply

The former pitch and putt lands at Lansdowne Valley were closed when the club moved to an alternative location. As the grounds are arranged for a pitch and putt course there is no paved access. Parks are working on plans to reopen this section, as part of the wider Lansdowne Valley Park. However, the new network of footpaths will need to be designed, tendered and constructed. The councillor will be updated in due course.

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

Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to install dog waste bins in Bunting Park.

Reply

Parks will install a bin in this location as soon as possible.

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

Q14 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services why the basketball courts behind the Inchicore Community Centre are closed? What's the plans for these and when are they due to be opened?

Reply

The staff at St Michael's Community Sports Centre have confirmed that the basketball courts behind the centre are not closed. These facilities are accessible at any time.

*Contact: Sandra McAleer, Senior Executive Engineer,
Housing & Community Services*
Tel: (01) 222 3695
Email: sandra.mcaleer@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services why St Michael's Community Centre is closed, when will it be back opened or what's its plans?

Reply

St Michael's Community Centre was initially closed as a result of the Covid Pandemic in 2020.

In preparation for the future regeneration of the site (The Emmet Road Project) the SCA office coordinated the relocation of the existing community groups utilising the centre.

The new development will deliver a new library/community hub. As a result the current building will not be reopening. This building will be demolished as part of an enabling works contract commencing on the site at the end of Q4 2024.

*Contact: Sandra McAleer, Senior Executive Engineer,
Housing & Community Services*

Tel: (01) 222 3695

Email: sandra.mcaleer@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services how long the house at **(details supplied)** has been vacant, and when there'll be a date to return the property back for allocations.

Reply

Dublin City Council are engaging with the tenant of the above address regarding the surrendering of the house. DCC hopes to complete the surrender in the coming weeks.

Contact: Pat Smith, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

Email: pat.smith@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services can the bushes around Bunting park be cut and maintained to;

-Remove all shrubbery along Bunting Park at the Bunting road side – makes Park safer and footpath cleaner.

- Clean up the footpath along Bunting Park at the Bunting road side - cannot be used by people with buggies or wheelchair users.

- Remove pine trees from beside memorial bench at running track.

- Fix up the running track. The track is overgrown and needs some TLC.

Reply

The hedge will be trimmed in autumn once nesting season is over (Mar-Aug incl).

The pine trees were planted in the last couple of years following requests from local residents and community groups to improve the biodiversity offering in the park. The hedge that runs along Bunting Road is also a biodiversity measure that provides a corridor for wildlife in an urban setting. It also provides habitat and food for many species. Additionally it acts as a buffer to the traffic travelling on Bunting Road offering shelter from the noise and pollution for users of the park.

We will examine the running track and carry out any works that are deemed necessary.

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

Q18 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services for an update and timeline on the Lansdowne Valley Pitch and Putt course? What is planned for the park and what is the timeline.

Reply

The former pitch and putt lands at Lansdowne Valley were closed when the club moved to an alternative location. As the grounds are arranged for a pitch and putt course there is no paved access. Parks are working on plans to reopen this section, as part of the wider Lansdowne Valley Park. However, the new network of footpaths will need to be designed, tendered and constructed. Consideration will be given to your suggestions as part of this process. The Councillor will be updated in due course.

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

Q19 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the “concrete planters” in Brabazon Square be repaired/replaced with more appropriate structures that will be in keeping with the unique setting of this community.

Reply

The Trees and concrete planters in Brabazon Square will be examined with a view to ameliorating this issue if appropriate, subject to the advice of the Dublin City Council tree officer.

Contact: *Niall O'Reilly, District Parks Officer, Parks Department*
Tel: *01 222 5278*
Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

Q 20 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for the footpath to be fixed on Stephens Road, Bulfin Estate where tree roots have caused the footpath to uplift creating a trip hazard for local residents.

Reply

I visited this location today and logged a number of footpath repairs to our works list for direct labour. This tree trip is particularly bad so I will request that the repair be

moved up the list of priority. I will also include the speed ramps on this road for possible inclusion in our 2025 resurfacing contract.

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

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q 21 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for DCC Traffic to investigate the feasibility of a one-way system in Maryland, Dublin 8 – specifically on Rosary, Morning Star and Lourdes Roads. The current situation in Maryland is not tenable with parking on both sides of these roads, often resulting in motorists coming head to head, which a one-way system would avoid. Can this be investigated by DCC Traffic and any recommendations brought to local residents for discussion before implementation?

Reply

Road closures and one-way systems have a number of drawbacks associated with them including:

- Operational difficulties for emergency services, waste disposal and deliveries.
- Inconvenience to local residents and other road users due to diverted traffic.
- Increased volumes of traffic on other local streets as traffic is displaced.
- Change in traffic speeds.

Therefore, it is not recommended to turn the roads in the Maryland area into a cul-de-sac and/or one-way system.

If residents feel parking is an issue, they may wish to apply for a pay and display/permit parking scheme (<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>).

However if residents still feel that a one-way system / filter permeability is required, they may wish to apply for a neighbourhood transport scheme. (https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request)

Ref. No. 7040404

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

Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q 22 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to urgently address the lack of lighting on the public walkway between Dolphins Barn Bridge and Herberton Bridge, Rialto alongside Dolphin House flats. There is some public lighting where the new phase of housing has been built but the rest of the walkway is in near total darkness at night time and evening time during the winter period. Can DCC investigate and address this issue, if even on a temporary basis, until the housing regeneration is completed?

Reply

The walkway area in question falls under the remit of Waterways Ireland. Dublin City Council have sent the Councillor's request to Waterways Ireland and will revert back as soon as a response issues.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central
Tel: 2223654
Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q 23 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

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

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q 24 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

In August 2020, then acting on local concerns raised about the possible removal of the tarmac football pitch at Vicar Street, to make way for a “plaza area” outside proposed hotel development at Molyneux Yard, I sought clarification from DCC that there were no plans to get rid of this pitch. I received the following response in August 2020, from then Acting Assistant CE, Tony Flynn:

I have confirmed with the Deputy City planner that in spite of the image shown for a plaza, it was not included within the red line boundary for the recent planning application (4262/19) and did not form part of the assessment of the application. The Area Manager has confirmed there are no plans to remove the pitch from this area.

A similar planning application was lodged recently, showing similar plans for a public plaza once more, and I am seeking clarification on behalf of local residents that again, there are no plans to get rid of this pitch at Vicar Street, which in spite of its poor condition and lack of upkeep from DCC, is much used by the local community in the Liberties. Can the Director please confirm that there is no intention from DCC to remove this pitch and that in fact, it is in need of upgrading?

Reply

The current planning application Reference 3687/24, does not include the lands referred to within the red line boundary of the site

Contact: Emer Uí Fhátharta, Deputy City Planning Officer
Tel: 222 3319
Email: emer.uí.fhátharta@dublincity.ie

The surface and equipment on this kick about area was upgraded in recent years. The Area Office will arrange an inspection of the play area to see whether any maintenance issues need to be addressed.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Economic Development Officer, South Central Area Office
Tel: 01 222 5180
Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services for a breakdown of local area staffing positions filled and vacant within the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area office, in;

Housing
Community Development
Public Domain
Clerical

If the manager can fill in any staffing positions that have been missed but are allocated to the local area office.

Reply

The current level of staffing is set out below:

Housing:

1no. Area Housing Manager
2no. Project Estate Officers
2no. Housing Liaison Officers
1no. Allocations Officer
1no. Clerical Officer
1 no. Rent Arrears Officer

Community Development:

1no. Senior Community & Social Development Officer
1no. Community & Social Development Officer
1no. General Operative

Public Domain:

1no. Public Domain Officer

Clerical:

1no. Senior Staff Officer
4no. Staff Officers
4no. Assistant Staff Officers
1no. Clerical Officer

There are currently 7 vacancies in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area Office. Four of these vacancies are in the process of being filled from recently formed panels.

The Human Resources Department engages with local management in relation to the filling of vacancies through the Council's Workforce Planning process.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Executive Manager, Human Resources Department

Tel: 2222381

Email: dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services how many Housing allocations have been awarded to tenants who were referred on estate management grounds to the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area from both external and internal in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward in 2024, 2023, 2022?

Reply

Please find the requested information as set out below –

| Year | Estate Management Lettings Area J |
|-------------|--|
| 2022 | 5 |
| 2023 | 4 |
| 2024 | 0 |

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

Tel: 01 2222201

Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie