Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee Meeting 8th May 2017

Q.1 <u>Councillor Ruairí McGinley</u>

To ask the manager to deal with a pest control issue in a tenancy property details supplied.

Q.2 <u>Councillor Ruairí McGinley</u>

To ask the manager to arrange for ControlPlus parking control to address severe weekend parking issue at details supplied.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to make emergency repairs to lockup used by local football clubs in Bushy Park that was burnt by an arson attack.

Q.4 <u>Councillor Ruairí McGinley</u>

To ask the manager to advise on plans to bring disused high demand tennis courts in Bushy Park back into use for forthcoming summer season.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to renew baffle walls at skate-board park in Bushy Park - baffles not working for last ten months with resulting noise to residents adjoining.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to review the rationale for the elimination of a traffic lane at the junction of McGowans at Harold's Cross Park due to a footpath extension, with a view to reverting to previous status. Local residents, who were not consulted, are not in favour of this change and see no reason to what has been done by Dublin City Council.

Q.7 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the traffic manager to assess the feasibility of cul-de-sac-ing Belmont Avenue (with bollards at either the Sanford or Donnybrook end) as it is becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists due to the increasing number of rat-running cars using the road during rush hour and mounting the kerbs to pass each other.

Q.8 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the manager if it might be possible to adjust the green space outside *details supplied to enable the elderly resident easier access to his car.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will give a detailed reply to the letter submitted by the residents of Glovers Court on April 6th/7th containing their "Top issues" and also to respond individually to the more detailed individual tenant issues submitted at the meeting held on the 6th April directly to the Dublin City Council officials.

Q.10 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

Further to my previous question in relation to natural habitat along the Dodder (attached) to ask the manager if she will examine the ideas submitted below with this question and seek the assistance of the OPW and the contractor currently working on the Dodder to have some of these ideas implemented.

This weekend I spent some time observing the newly walled in section of the Dodder (see attached photo). The only perching locations for birds (wagtails, gulls, ducks,

herons) at this stretch of the river, is on top of the walls, but unfortunately the birds get regularly disturbed by passers-by once they land on the walls.

To assist the birds and occasional otter, can I suggest that concrete shelves be placed low down along these river walls at various heights (as the river is tidal) to provide a refuge at this fast flowing part of the river; also God forbid, if someone fell in at this stretch of river, they too would have something to cling to, rather than the sheer drop as can be seen for this photo. I'm suggesting this now while the contractors are on site, it will be much more expensive to do this at a later stage.

Q.11 Councillor Mary Freehill

That the South East Area Office set as a priority, funding in next year's budget for maintenance and repair of the cycleway from Kimmage to Aungier Street. As an immediate priority, that the pot holes in Harold's Cross and Aungier Street, as per photographs provided, be put on the current high priority list. They are dangerous and should be repaired before a cyclist is injured.

Q.12 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the Manager for a positive response to the email regarding Heskin Court submitted with this Question.

Q.13 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to explain the delay in opening the padel courts in Bushy Park.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to prioritise the resurfacing Orwell Road between Rathgar Village and Zion Road. This surface, particularly the area on the west side of the road outside Stratford College, is particularly dangerous as cyclists can join traffic at speed after the yield sign and then have to suddenly swerve to avoid last pot holes. It is only a matter of time until this is the cause of a serious accident.

Q.15 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the manager if she will have the issues referred to in the email (details supplied) re parking on Mespil Road responded to and if she will agree with me that the people involved should have their payment refunded and that the signage should be made clearer.

Q.16 <u>Councillor Patrick Costello</u>

To ask the manager to resurface Orwell Road leading out to Zion Road; there are significant potholes here and the road has been in a poor state for many years. These potholes are a danger to cyclists and will cause a serious accident if not addressed.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a new street nameplate installed on Boyne Street at its junction with Erne Street Upper. Currently the lettering is totally obliterated.

Q.18 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to have solar compact bins installed at the following locations:

- a) Where Sean Moore Park meets Sandymount Strand.
- b) Along the causeway to the Irishtown Nature Park up to and including the beginning of the Great South Wall.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue from a resident at Beach Avenue, Sandymount: A laneway at the back of the houses (situated between Star of the Sea Church and the back gardens of a number of houses on Beach Avenue) is being used to dump / store all manner of wood, furniture and general building materials which is an eyesore. Dublin City Council (DCC) has advised that this laneway is private and not in their charge. Is there any mechanism available whereby this laneway can be taken into charge by DCC or an order made to cease current activities?

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the issue of displacement of the pavement edging by a tree on Nutley Ave opposite to the entrance to St. Michael's School. The photos enclosed indicate a potentially dangerous situation (photos attached).

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on Mespil Road, off Baggot Street Upper. Currently signage for motorists parking on Mespil Road outside Beshoff Brothers chip shop is unclear, giving rise to many vehicles being clamped. As shown in the attached photo, the "clearway start" sign is side-on, so you don't see it as you approach, unlike the "clearway end" sign, which is face-on. For some motorists this gives the impression you can park unmetered after 4pm. Could this issue of signage be dealt with to clear up any confusion (see sign photo attached)?

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the following roads and pavements in Sandymount inspected and to give an assessment of repairs that will be carried out over the next year:

- a) Durham Road
- b) St. John's Road
- c) Newgrove Avenue
- d) Gilford Road
- e) Gilford Avenue

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have installed two new gullies at the bottom of Ailesbury Road (on the Spanish Embassy side) before Merlyn Park, to prevent flooding, and to install a non-return valve in the sewer at Merlyn Park.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with issues raised by residents on Ailesbury Road, as they affect the traffic flow at the Merrion Road and Ailesbury Road junction (at the DART end).

The lights from Ailesbury Road (DART side) only show green for 10 seconds. The lights on Merrion Road show green for 120 seconds. Traffic coming up Ailesbury Road from the DART side cannot get through the lights at 3 - 4 attempts. Buses turning left towards the Merrion Road to Blackrock are usually blocked by somebody not giving way to traffic. When the traffic goes left on the Blackrock Road, the next set of lights on the pedestrian crossing opposite Tesco needs to extend its green light for another 12 seconds. Suggestions from residents are as follows:

> Increase the green light from Ailesbury Road from 10 seconds to 24.

- Widen the lane from Ailesbury Road onto the Blackrock Road by about three feet so that traffic and buses can get through more easily.
- > Have a left arrow placed on the road indicating a left turn only at this point.
- Adjust the red light by another 10 12 seconds at the pedestrian crossing, leaving it on red.
- > Increase the filter light (going towards St. Vincent's Hospital) by 10 seconds.

Q.25 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to reinstate the right hand turning lane at the Sundrive Road / Kimmage Road junction (coming from Sundrive Road). Following resurfacing, the road markings disappeared, with cars now from the two lanes sometimes going straight with the danger of near collisions.

Q.26 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider putting a filter light for turning right onto Kenilworth Square North at the Harold's Cross Road junction. At morning rush hour, only one or two cars can make the right hand turn, before the lights turn red again and this is causing a tailback on Harold's Cross Road.

Q.27 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider prioritising some of the new proposed seating at Ranelagh Triangle for the elderly and those with disabilities.

Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to carry out a comprehensive and regular clean-up of graffiti across the area, but in particular to address the increasing levels of graffiti in the Harold's Cross area between the village and the bridge (lamp posts, junction boxes, bus stops, etc.)

Q.29 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to provide a schedule of maintenance works planned for Q2 and Q3 in the South East Area, particularly in relation to the following:

- Pavement repairs and replacements
- Street cleaning
- Graffiti removal

Q.30 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to provide the local councillors with an update in relation to the issues recently raised by LOKRA and the Mount Argus and Church Park residents - see email attached (details supplied).

Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to provide designated marked parking spaces for the residents of the terrace of houses on Sundrive Road which adjoins Eamonn Ceannt Park. Currently there is a very wide pavement in front of the houses which is used for parking by residents, but also by shoppers to the nearby shops. Also, to consider lengthening the double yellow lines on the road in front of the pavement parking, to ensure residents have easy (with greater visibility) access onto Sundrive Road.

Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager indicate if they will research the idea of having "Buzz Shelters" across the city which allows for the development of bee friendly shelters in sites that

were effectively dead, such as the one being pioneered by Donnybrook Tidy Towns in the heart of Donnybrook village?

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the implementation of previous proposals to have CCTV aimed at the outside of the Bring Centre in Ringsend be fast tracked as the dumping is continuing and if anything is getting worse which may be because of the change in opening hours

Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the front garden wall of *details supplied repaired after it was knocked down before Christmas by joy-riders and still has not been repaired?

Q.35 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager contact <u>http://www.dollyskiphire.ie/contactus.php</u> and ask them not to leave his skip loader and full skips in Rutland Grove while they collect skips in other areas of Dublin?

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager clarify who decided to put disc parking on Mount Drummond Square even though they were not balloted on the square and why it was decided to do so and also is it the case that just four houses on Mount Drummond Avenue were balloted on Mount Drummond Avenue if they wanted disc parking on a segment of Mount Drummond Avenue and is this an exception and if so, why is this the case?

Q.37 Councillor Chris Andrews

When will Heskin Court have a liaison officer again in place?

Q.38 Councillor Chris Andrews

Who is responsible for management of Heskin Court external grounds - Is it Dublin City Council and if not who is responsible?

Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the wall plastered in *details supplied as it was damaged from flooding in the flat overhead?

Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager address the issues contained in the attached email (details supplied)?

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the repair work to the staircase guesthouse on Aungier Street? This report to include all conservation assessments of the damage, and all actions to date with regards the 'making right' of this building. Further, that the report also includes all correspondence regarding this matter that took place between Peter McVerry Trust, Dublin City Council, and the Staircase Guesthouse.

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report on how many community organisations and others are in the South East Area, Whitefriar Street, Aungier Street, Digges Street Area are in receipt of Dublin City Council funding or financial supports? Also, what property if any, for community purposes to be licensed out in the area?

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue an update on the Kevin Street library?

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a traffic study that would see the proposed bus route for Parliament Street use Wine Tavern Street as an alternative?

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards to how much money has been spent to date over the years repairing the Ha'penny Bridge from damage caused by lovelocks? Also can the manager have removed any remaining locks that are on the bridge and do this on a weekly basis rather than waiting for the locks to build up and create a health and safety hazard and damage to the bridge?

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate the process for the placing of a plaque at the gates of Dublin Castle to commemorate the death of the RIC policeman who was shot at this spot Easter week 1916 - Constable James O'Brien, born in Kilfergus, Co Limerick, in 1868, had 21 years' service at the time?

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue an update regarding the licensing letting for the tea rooms in St. Patricks Park? These tea rooms have been idle for quite some time and it is not acceptable having spent thousands of euros refurbishing them that they would be left to no use.

Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report and update with regards the Dublin City Council South East Area Committee motion to support the Whitefriar Street community crèche. This crèche was in danger of closing leaving children and families with no alternative amenity. Dublin City Council agreed to enter talks to find ways to sustain the continuation of this service.

Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the situation at George Bernard Shaw's house at Synge Street?

Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full breakdown of rents that are applied to tenants of Dublin City Council who are housed by approved housing bodies? Particularly rent criteria and examples that are charged by the Iveagh Trust. Many tenants here are confused about rent increases and extra charges on their weekly rent bill. This is an area that needs clarity for many.

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager arrange to have the flats on Ross Road and Nicholas Street and New Bride Street audited for fire safety by calling to residents who have raised concerns and were told previously by Dublin City Council that someone would call to check fire safety?

Q.52 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the South East Area Manager to investigate allegations that number 40 Music Hall, Cow's Lane, Dublin 8 is being rented out on an overnight basis in contravention of the residential use of the premises, including investigating the availability of the

premises on <u>www.airbnb.com</u> and other sites, and to initiate planning enforcement proceedings, and to make a statement on the matter.

Q.53 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager what is the status of Oakfield House, Oakfield Street, Portobello?

Q.54 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress of development on the land on New Street, Dublin 8 and whether this it is still proposed to provide older persons' accommodation on this site?

Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is the status of the public toilets building at the junction of Kevin Street and Patrick Street, who owns this building and if there are plans to renovate the building.

Q.56 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager for an update on progress to install a pedestrian crossing at the top of Nutley Lane and the junction of N11 as per my question submitted in May 2016.

Q.57 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager for an update on progress for a design campaign for the sand storage units on Sandymount Strand.

Q.58 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager if she can provide most up to date and full list of vacant sites in the South East Area.

Q.59 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager if she can review the parking signage outside Beshoff Brothers on Mespil Road. The freeway start sign is side on as side that makes it difficult to see when approaching, unlike the freeway end sign which is face on which means all you notice is the pay and display signage which gives the impression that you can park un-metered after 4pm. Can the manager also clarify whether this is grounds for a clamping refund?

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on a request to introduce traffic calming on Ovoca Road, Dublin 8.

Q.61 <u>Councillor Kieran Binchy</u>

To ask the manager to address the lack of clear markings of the clearway at the following point:

Q.62 <u>Councillor Kieran Binchy</u>

To ask the manager for an update regarding the traffic plan for Sandymount Green. Are there any current proposals regarding reducing speed of traffic, making it safer for pedestrians? Is the pedestrian crossing being installed?

Q.63 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to have the graffiti on the old swimming pool wall on Sandymount Strand cleaned off.

Q64 <u>Councillor Frank Kennedy</u>

The path outside and near 17 Bremen Grove is sinking. To ask the manager to repair this.

Q.65 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the yellow lines on Strand Road, from Merrion Hall to Sydney Parade - are these coming and when will they be completed?

Q.66 <u>Councillor Kieran Binchy</u>

To ask the manager to address the following issue in Pearse Square *details supplied:

Q.67 <u>Councillor Kieran Binchy</u>

To ask the manager to investigate and remedy the following issue *details supplied:

Q.68 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to provide a skip for local residents of City Quay along the row of houses encompassing 44 - 46 City Quay to get rid of their heavy rubbish? The council did this approximately two years ago and it is now required again as the residents do not have the same disposal facilities as at Pearse House.

Q.69 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In light of the very welcome development that Shellybanks Educate Together National School will be permanently located in due course at the former Roslyn Park site in Sandymount, to ask the manager in preparation for this move (hopefully complete in September 2018) to put in place all necessary traffic safety measures including increased safety signage, flashing lights, pedestrian crossings at the entrances to the site on both Beach Road and Newgrove Avenue and any other entrances.

Q.70 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Attractive village signs have recently been installed in, for example, Sandymount, Donnybrook and Ranelagh. As yet no signs have been installed for Ringsend and Irishtown. To ask the manager to install these signs as a matter of urgency and to provide a report on the plans in this respect, including intended locations. Having regard to differing views as to where is the border between Ringsend and Irishtown, one idea which has attracted some local support is signage as follows:

- Coming onto Ringsend Bridge into Ringsend "Ringsend and Irishtown"
- Outside St. Mathew's Church / opposite Irishtown Garda Station coming from Tritonville Road – "Irishtown and Ringsend"
- Coming off the Sean Moore Roundabout onto Sean Moore Road "Ringsend and Irishtown"

Q.71 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager with regard to Ringsend Park:

- 1. How many staff currently work in Ringsend Park?
- 2. How many staff worked there in 2007?
- 3. How many bins are in Ringsend Park?
- 4. How many bins were there in 2007?
- 5. Is it correct that at present the bins are only collected before 10am on Mondays and Fridays?
- 6. To increase the collection of bins as they are often bulging and overflowing?

7. To install dog waste bins in Ringsend Park such as those on Sandymount Strand promenade?

Q.72 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask Dublin City Council to visit and repair the structural damage to the house of *details supplied in circumstances where serious damage has been caused by truck vibrations.

Q.73 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Details supplied has been on the Dublin City Council Housing List but moved onto the Transfer List. Her circumstances are such that she is now transferring back to the Housing List. To ask that she returns to her former position on the Housing List and to ask for an update on her current situation.

Q.74 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Details supplied is a council tenant in a two bedroom apartment. She wants to downsize and has arthritis. She was 6th on the transfer list last year but is still 6th. To ask for an update on her current position and why she has not moved. Facilitating her transfer would make an extra room available to the council.

Q.75 <u>Councillor Frank Kennedy</u>

With regard to Bridge Street, Ringsend, to ask the manager:

- i. To repair the broken footpath outside John Clarke's and the Oarsman; and
- ii. To remove the old green lamppost near the bus stop, which has now been replaced by a newer lamppost.