

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th April 2017

Q1 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager if he can provide a comprehensive update in relation to DCC work on Kilmainham Mill with a view to taking ownership of the Mill for a community heritage space.

Reply

As there is a degree of commercial sensitivity on this issue I will not be able to provide a comprehensive update. I can say that with the intervention of Minister Catherine Byrne and through her request the support of the Minister for Finance we have been able to make direct contact with the holders of the loan. We are currently clarifying with Development the real value of the Mill on the market in its current state, and without planning permission for its conversion into residential apartments. Any participation by City Council in bidding for the Mill is dependent on Development and Senior Management and would relate to cost/benefit considerations and a solid commercial case for purchase, restoration and development.

The Mill is a protected structure but is not currently listed on the “at risk” register. The sitting tenant in the Mill is an issue in any purchase offer that would be made by anyone. The site that the Mill sits on is a National Monument and in this regard we will be raising it’s future with relevant Government Ministers.

It is our opinion that the Mill if it were developed as a mixed use commercial venture would create an invaluable tourist and business hub in the Kilmainham quarter augmenting existing attractions. In this regard the Mill would need to recognise and celebrate the industrial heritage, while generating income from rental to crafts, food and artistic cultural enterprises that would attract visitors and locals. The costs of refurbishing the Mill and putting it to use would be considerable. One possibility would be a public –private partnership which would be clear about it’s obligations to deliver community benefit and facilitate community presence and involvement while at the same time securing a business plan that would generate income to maintain and operate the Mill.

Contact: Peter Finnegan, Area Manager, South Central Area

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Q2 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager if he can confirm a date when a down stairs toilet will be supplied to (*details supplied*) as this lady is seriously ill and needs this done as soon as possible.

Reply

An application for a downstairs bathroom extension has been approved for this tenant under our Scheme for Persons with Disabilities. This application has been issued for initial site assessment No timeframe can be given for when works will commence but it is estimated to be the fourth quarter of 2017.

Contact: Frank D’Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

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Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q3 **Councillor Ray McHugh**
To ask the Area Manager when will (*details supplied*) be available for allocation.

Reply

The unit is expected to be available for letting on 24/4/2017.

Contact: *Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer, Housing Allocations*

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Q4 **Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q5 **Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**
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Q7 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**
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To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q16 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh
To ask the Area Manager to consider (*details supplied*).

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q17 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh
To ask the Area Manager what the protocol is regarding waste management provider's responsibility to clean up after they collect bags? Residents in the Dublin 8 area are frustrated that any spillage or mess created during removal is not cleaned up, and can lie for days or they request DCC to clean it or go out and clean it themselves.

Reply
Private waste contractors are responsible and expected to clean up and remove any waste that spills during the emptying of their customer's bins or collection of their refuse bags and they could be subject to fines if they fail to do so. In order to issue fines however we would have to be able to associate refuse on the street with a specific waste collection company and prove that this same waste ended up on the street because of improper collection by that company and not as a result of improper presentation by the householder. It is the householder who remains responsible for their waste until it is actually collected by a company and if waste on the street is there as a result of overflowing bags or torn open bags by animals then

they are the people who would be subject to a littering fine rather than a collection company.

The cost of policing waste companies during their street collections to determine if litter on the street is there as a direct result of poor collection practices or failure to clean up afterwards would be prohibitive. All collection companies are aware of their responsibilities in this area and we do have litter wardens who patrol the areas to ensure that householders are presenting waste in a proper manner.

In reality however it is extremely difficult if not impossible to associate litter on the street with a particular collection company or individual householder and regrettably it then falls back on the City Council to ensure that the street is properly cleaned according to an established schedule.

Contact: John Tuohy, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Division.

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Q18 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q19 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q20 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the request of ramps on Gurteen Road, Ballyfermot that I requested a few months back? Depending on what the status of this request is, can I request that some signs be erected to ask motorist to slow down? It would be good to have something installed before any incidents happen to any children while playing.

Reply

There are already two ramps on the Gurteen Road. This stretch of road is approx 215m long and would meet the criteria for two ramps. Unfortunately any more ramps on the road would not be allowed. Regarding signs, at the entrance to the road there's a "school ahead" (W141) sign. DCC do not provide "Slow Down" signs in residential areas where the speed limit is 50kmh or lower as this would lead to proliferation of such signs throughout the city. The onus is on the motorist to drive with due care and at a speed appropriate for the prevailing conditions

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Roads & Traffic Dept

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Q21 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Area Manager when are the Bru Hostel and the Carmen Hall Hostel in Francis Street due to close? When are the new hostels due to open and how many beds will be available within these?

Reply

There are no plans to close the Supported Temporary Accommodation Facility located at Carman's Hall. Discussions are ongoing with the board of the Digital Hub to agree a date for the closure of Brú Aimsir. Work is ongoing to identify new locations to accommodate people experiencing homelessness, the number of beds that will be ultimately made available is not yet clear. A plan to open a facility with a 30 - 40 bed capacity at 21 Aungier St. will not now go ahead.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, Dublin Region Homeless Executive

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Email: drhemanagement@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask is the Area Manager aware of any complaints that have been made regarding the pipe which runs behind the houses of 35-53 Inchicore Road? In brief a pipe was installed crossing the Camac River about 10 years ago when the Metropolitan Apartments were built and the old stone bridge was destroyed. This pipe is presumably sewage and is decidedly not for crossing the river. At the time the council erected a rather paltry barrier to stop people accessing the pipe, presumably recognising that it was dangerous to have people using it to cross from the south to north side of the Camac. The barrier is inadequate and residents have complained of kids using the pipe to cross the river. Can this be reviewed to see if it can be made safer?

Reply

Dublin City Council Drainage is aware of this issue. We are currently designing an appropriate and safe barrier to prevent it being crossed.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Engineer, Drainage Division

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Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the Rapid Build project's on both Cherry Orchard sites? When are they to be completed? What's their current progress and any other information that can be made available.

Reply

Work is in progress on the construction of 24 houses on a site at Cherry Orchard Avenue. The houses will be completed in the 3rd quarter of 2017.

A tender for the design and build of 53 houses on lands known as the HSE lands is currently in progress and will be completed in May 2017. Construction work is expected to commence in quarter three 2017 and houses are expected to be completed in quarter two 2018.

Contact: Brian Byrne, Administrative Officer Housing Supply

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Q24 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the requested works on (*detail supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q25 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q26 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q27 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the footpaths at the following neighbourhood shopping districts can be repaired as a matter of urgency Old County Road Shops, Crumlin Road Shops (the section where Giovanni's chipper is). The paths there are in an atrocious state and need to be repaired as soon as possible.

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected the footway outside the private landing to the shopping area at Crumlin Road Shops. A section of footpath has been added to our works list to be fully reconstructed.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q29 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if he could forward on the following request to the City Architects Office and DCC's library service. Is it possible to construct a public library, with a similar square metre floor area that Ringsend Library has, on the roundabout that intersects Mourne Road and Sperrin Road? Due to the lack of public land in Drimnagh and the fact that Drimnagh is probably the only community in Ireland with a population over 10,000 people without a library, every possibility needs to be looked at.

Reply

The plan to provide a library service for the people of the Drimnagh and adjacent areas has long been identified as a key objective for Dublin City Public Libraries. Identifying an appropriate, available site has proven complicated. As part of the search, Libraries Management have considered a number of options in the area, however, a site that meets best practice criteria for the location of a public library has yet to be identified. These criteria include: being a focal/central point of broad-based community activity, accessibility by public transport, proximity to primary streets and transit routes and having a high level of traffic and pedestrian flow. The criteria are aimed at maximising potential usage of the library from as wide a geographic area as

possible and usage by the community at large, therefore presenting value for investment of public monies. Final location of the library also requires consideration of the likely impact on the existing libraries Walkinstown and Dolphin's Barn.

The site suggested is unlikely to satisfy our criteria: libraries management will continue to investigate sites in the area.

In the meantime the Drimnagh area will continue to be served by the mobile library service and by branch libraries in the adjacent areas of Dolphin's Barn and Walkinstown. Libraries will also explore provision of deposit collections in key community locations and the development of a cooperative outreach programme of story reading, homework support and educational and recreational activities in the area.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian, Dublin City Library & Archives

Tel: 674 4800

Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q31 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the projects provided for in the discretionary fund so far and how close they are to being implemented.

Reply

A report was presented at the March Area Committee meeting at which 45 projects were approved as part of the 2017 Discretionary Fund. It is unreasonable to expect significant progress in a short period of time. It is planned to update Councillors on a regular basis throughout the year in relation to the evolving status of the various projects.

Contact: Peter Finnegan, Area Manager, South Central Area

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Q32 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q33 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if he would be agreeable to dispose of a plot of land across (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council please put up / allow St Dominic's Secondary School, Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, a proper indication sign to give attention to this busy

School. The secondary school will be 60 years in Ballyfermot this year and President Michael Higgins will be calling out to the School in early May to officiate at an event to mark this wonderful achievement in education. Can I ask this work be carried before this historic event in the history of the School?

Reply

The Environment & Transportation Department, upon agreement, will erect finger Post signs for non commercial activities. In this case a fingerpost sign would not suit Saint Dominic's Secondary School's requirements and in general this Department would not be in a position to facilitate this request.

Notwithstanding the foregoing the Environment and Transportation Department will make resources available to erect a sign that is agreed between the Area Office's Public Domain and the school. The cost of the supply of the sign will not be met by this Department.

*Contact: Ciaran McGoldrick, Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic
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The South Central Area Public Domain Section will make contact with the Principal of St. Dominic's Secondary School as soon as possible after the Easter break in order to progress this. The cost of the sign will have to be borne by the School.

*Contact: Ger Toner, Acting Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
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Email: geraldine.toner@dublincity.ie*

In recognition of the 60th Anniversary and subject to the level of cost involved the Ballyfermot Area office will carry the cost of the sign.

*Contact: Peter Finnegan, Area Manager, South Central Area
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Email: peterj.finnegan@dublincity.ie*

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the shocking state of the footpaths at *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager who is responsible for *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Area Manager please look into offering a daily cleansing service to the people of the Colepark Area of Ballyfermot Area. It is an area which suffers greatly due to the close proximity of the main retail area of Ballyfermot. For years the area has suffered as a traffic rat race and dumping behind the shops without any real presence from Dublin City Council to address same. I am asking that we look at the

area and try and address the litter problem and see where additional trees can be planted etc.

Reply

Waste Management Services have the main retail area of Ballyfermot cleaned on a daily basis. Residential areas like the Colepark area are normally cleaned on a twelve week cycle. However as this area is quite near the main retail area of Ballyfermot, we have it cleaned once or twice a week depending on the level of litter present there. We also remove dumped rubbish from the lane behind the shops on a regular basis. There are no plans at this time to increase the frequency of cleaning in the Colepark area. We will certainly see if any improvements can be made within this existing cleaning schedule.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

The presence of underground and over ground services prohibits the planting of trees in most of this general area. Some existing trees are damaged and will be replaced during our next planting season (Winter 2017/18).

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

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Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Estate Agency dealing with the disposal of the Ladbrook's / old ESB Office on Ballyfermot Road be asked to tidy up the side and façade of the retail premises which is located on the busy run of shops on Ballyfermot. I am certain the poor maintenance of this premises would not be accepted in any other area. Can I clarify the rates due on these premises both the amount and if they are been paid.

Reply

Rates due on 45 Decies Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 are fully paid for 2017 and there are no arrears outstanding.

Contact: Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting, Finance Department

Tel: 222 3206

Email: fintan.moran@dublincity.ie

The Estate Agent has advised that this unit has now been leased and on completion of documentation the tenant will commence fit out works which will improve the appearance of the unit.

Contact: John Behan, Administrative Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office

Tel. 222 4671

Email: john.behan@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Traffic Department please give me an update on what measures they propose to reduce the speed along Gurteen Ave., Ballyfermot, in order to deter speeding and reduce the potential danger to children who play in the vicinity of this busy road which leads to 3 large schools and a Sports Complex. I would welcome an onsite meeting with residents to see at first-hand what residents feel is an accident waiting to happen.

Reply

A request for additional traffic calming measures on Gurteen Avenue is listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

The request for an on-site meeting has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer.

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

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Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council please bring forward a proper maintenance plan for the area fronting the Ballyfermot Leisure Centre, Blackditch Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Both the general footpaths, grassed area / car-park fronting this beautiful facility suffer from litter / glass on a daily basis. It creates a poor impression for a facility which cost up to €40 Million with over-runs.

Reply

The footpath on Blackditch Road, outside the leisure centre, is cleaned at least twice a week.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Every effort is made to keep the facility frontage litter free. Almost daily litter picking is done on the plaza area subject to available resources. However changing wind conditions can undo litter picking within minutes. In addition the anti social gatherings also contribute largely to this ongoing problem.

In conjunction with the above a targeted litter pick is done on weekends usually Sundays. The grass area and shrubbery are tended to fortnightly.

Contact: Martin McDonagh, Administrative Officer, Ballyfermot Leisure Centre

Tel: 222 3259

Email: martin.mcdonagh@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask Dublin City Council to look into the ongoing problem residents of Inchicore Road have with the addition of a pipe erected approx. 10 years ago crossing the River Camac between the back of their properties and the Metropolitan Apartments. The Pipe was put there when the old stone bridge was destroyed. Residents have had fences smashed on a number of occasions with youths crossing this pipe. There is a more sinister aspect to the dangers here if a child falls at high water they will be swept down the River with the potential loss of life. I have an extensive email from one of the residents which describes best what is happening there.

Reply

Dublin City Council Drainage is aware of this issue. We are currently designing an appropriate and safe barrier to prevent it being crossed.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Engineer, Drainage Division

Tel: 222 2702, Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q42 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q43 **Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

To ask the Area Manager to clarify if the small green space in front of houses 103 to 108 Rialto Cottages, Dublin 8 is in the ownership of Dublin City Council. If not can he inform me who is the owner of the land as its being used as an illegal dumping site, is very unkempt and the fence surrounding it is in a state of disrepair. To further ask that the following be removed from the site.

Reply

The plot of ground (*details supplied*) is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. The Council does not maintain records of property in private ownership and a search of the Land Registry database confirms that this property was never registered. It is not possible therefore to state who the owner is.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer, Property Disposal

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Q44 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Road Maintenance Section to replace the old crumbled red speed ramps at (*details supplied*) with tarmac ramps.

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected the ramp beside (*details supplied*) and has added this defect to our works list for a temporary repair.

A full reconstruction will be considered in our 2018 Ramps Reconstruction Contract.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q45 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Road Maintenance Section to replace the old crumbled red speed ramps at (*details supplied*) with tarmac ramps.

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected the ramps on (*details supplied*) and confirms that a full reinstatement will be carried out under our 2017 Ramps Reconstruction Contract. In the meantime a temporary repair has been added to our works list at these locations.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q46 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to explain why the promised pruning of the trees in our older persons complexes at *(details supplied)* has not yet happened. The reply to my question no. 44 at the November 2016 meeting clearly stated that this work would be completed over the winter months. Residents complain that they have to use electric lights during the summer as the trees when in blossom completely shade the daylight. Can this work be now done immediately?

Reply

The trees at *(details supplied)* were pruned in the past few months. The residents requested that the trees be topped. This is deemed bad practice.

According to the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), "topping is the indiscriminate cutting back of tree branches to stubs or lateral branches that are not large enough to assume the terminal role. Topping violates nationally accepted standards for proper pruning and seriously injures trees.

Six important facts about tree topping per ISA:

- Topping will not make trees safe-it actually creates hazardous tree situations.
- Topping destroys a tree's ability to produce food.
- Topping invites disease, insects, defects and rot.
- Topping is expensive and a waste of money.
- Topping creates increased maintenance needs.
- Topping makes trees ugly.

Contact: Frank D'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q47 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Allocation Section and Housing Welfare Section to explain why *(details supplied)* have never received an offer of accommodation in all the years that they have been on the waiting list.

Reply

The applicant *(details supplied)* is in the following positions:

Area J (3 bedroom = position 2, 4 Bedroom = position 2)

Area K (3 Bedroom = position 4, 4 Bedroom = position 3)

The list runs on a time on list basis. I cannot accurately indicate when an offer will be made. Please note, there are very few 4 bedroom houses in DCC stock.

Should the applicant wish to discuss their case, Housing Advisors are available in Housing Allocations, Wood Quay from 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

The Welfare Section has no role in the allocation of units of accommodation as this is the function of the Allocations and Transfers Section.

Contact: Anne Helferty, Chief Housing Welfare Officer, Welfare Section

Tel: 222 6308, E-mail: anne.helferty@dublincity.ie

Q48 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Development Section and Housing Maintenance Section to explain why a house acquired (*details supplied*) was left vacant for a long period of time before work commenced on refurbishment. In the reply can the date of purchase be stated.

Reply

The acquisition transaction was closed 26th January 2017 (i.e. legal title was acquired on that date). Keys were handed over to the Housing Development on 26th January 2017 and Housing Maintenance received same on 30th January 2017.

Upon receipt of keys, an inspection was carried out to ascertain what repairs were necessary to bring the unit up to let-able standards. Various checks were also authorised and carried out in the intermediate period e.g. plumbing, electrics, asbestos etc prior to a task order being issued to a contractor on 24.2.17. Refurbishment works are ongoing and this unit is expected to become available for letting 24.4.17

Contact: Frank D'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.

This transaction was closed 26th January 2017 (i.e. legal title was acquired on that date). Keys were handed over to the Housing Department on the 26th January 2017.

Contact: Mairead Cashman, Senior Solicitor, Law Department

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Email: Mairead.cashman@dublincity.ie

Q49 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Allocations Section to state clearly if there is a policy to allocate new house acquisitions to those on homeless priority. If this is so, why this was not agreed and has the needs of those close to the top of the other housing and transfer lists being considered? In addition are those families in emergency accommodation but not in private hotels and B&B's getting the same offers of allocation or are they been bypassed in favour of those in hotels?

Reply

Acquisitions in each area are currently allocated to Band 1 cases and/or other Bands if there are adequate casual vacancies in the area to meet the requirements of our commitments under the Scheme of Lettings Priorities 2013. The overall quotas for the year have not changed but homeless allocations will be prioritised in the early months to alleviate the very critical situation for homeless families and the risk of not having adequate supply of emergency accommodation available to homeless families. There is no deviation from the Scheme however, and allocations will be balanced between bands in line with existing practice.

All homeless allocations are made based on time of list and not based on the type of emergency accommodation the family is occupying.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Administrative Officer, Allocations & Transfers

Tel: 222 2062

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Q50 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to attend to the following matter (*details supplied*)?

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q51 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks, Roads and Public Domain Sections to work together to improve the laneway between Windmill Park and St. Agnes Road (Crumlin Village)? This busy pedestrian laneway is an eyesore and needs upgrading, graffiti needs to be removed and the fencing painted. In addition can the Parks Section replace the trees that were damaged on the green on Windmill Park.

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected the laneway running between Windmill Park and St. Agnes Road and note that the road surface is in a safe and reasonable condition. The removal of graffiti would be a matter for Waste Management Department. In relation to painting of the fence the Area Office may be able to assist you with this request.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

The 2017 graffiti removal budget for the South Central Area is €30,000 incl of vat. These monies are provided by Waste Services Division to each Dublin City Council administrative area, but this budget has been reduced from €150,000 to €30,000 over a number of years. As the tag graffiti is not of an offensive, racist or political nature I have referred this request to Waste Services Division for the over painting of these walls to remove this tag graffiti.

Contact: Geraldine Toner, Acting Public Domain Enforcement Officer

Tel: 222 3686

Email: geraldine.toner@dublincity.ie

The damaged trees along Windmill Park will be replaced during our next planting season (Winter 2017/18).

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q52 Councillor Pat Dunne

A number of residents in Rialto Court have once again contacted me in relation to illegal dumping (mattress, clothes black bags, beer cans etc). The problem is at the back of the complex at the high steps side. Residents state that this is a litter hotspot and have asked me to raise this ongoing issue with a view to increasing surveillance and removing rubbish in a timely fashion. I would be very much obliged if this matter could be given priority by the Public Domain Section.

Reply

The South Central Area has started its Enforcement Programme 2017 in relation to dog fouling and illegal dumping and the Public Domain team will be carrying out a door knock programme in this area over the coming weeks requesting information

under the 2013 Waste Bye – Laws (S 8B) in relation to the householders authorised waste provider. Any reports relating to illegal dumping are forwarded to the litter warden, who will be requested to remove and search any illegally dumped bags. Litter fines will be issued under the 1997 – 2003 Litter Pollution Act. If residents have details of the source of this material please contact Customers Services on 01 – 2221000, email_customerservices@dublincity.ie Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm) or Dublin City Councils Web Portal dublincity.ie

*Contact: Geraldine Toner, Acting Public Domain Enforcement Officer
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Q53 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to fully investigate and make good the issues at our tenants flat at (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q54 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask the Traffic Advisory Group to investigate the junction where Moeran Road meets onto Cromwellsfort Road. There is considerable waiting time for vehicles exiting onto to Cromwellsfort Road from Moeran Road. Could a yellow box junction be placed at this intersection to help alleviate this problem?

Reply

The request for a yellow box at the junction of Cromwellsfort Road and Moeran Road will be forwarded to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

*Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
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Q55 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager about a recurring problem in many roads and estates in the South Central Area, in that footpaths are being lifted and cracking caused by the roots of trees. While the trees and the location of the trees are appreciated by local residents, it seems that the trees which were planted some years ago were unsuitable and the roots are now causing a problem and a hazard. Has this problem been identified and a survey carried out to identify the roads and estates affected? Is there an overall plan or scheme to remove these trees and reinstate suitable trees and footpaths area by area?

Reply

Road Maintenance Services does not have the resources to survey all roads in the city to determine the severity of defects due to tree root movement. An agreement is in place between DCC's Parks and Road Maintenance Services that any identified defects will be prioritised based on its severity and the importance of the road. The defect will be repaired in due course depending on this priority.

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Trees can be a factor in the deterioration of the quality of footpaths in the city however in most cases the complete removal of the tree is not necessary and the footpath can be repaired around the tree. Some trees planted in the past, such as the ornamental flowering cherry, can be problematic as a street tree due to their shallow root system. There is a programme of removal and replacing these trees with a different species. Parks and Landscape Services work with the Roads Maintenance Services in relation to any problematic trees on a case by case basis.

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Q56 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager has Dublin City Council developed a Traffic Management Plan to deal with the increased and heavier traffic involved in the construction of the National Children's Hospital.

Reply

This matter has been referred to the Senior Executive Traffic Planner and a report will issue to the Councillor when this is completed.

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Q57 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager will the Parks Department of Dublin City Council close the gates of Eamonn Ceannt Park at a specific time each evening and open the gates at a specific time each morning depending on daylight hours? The reason being, that allowing the Park to remain open at night is, resulting in anti-social behaviour in the Park which spills onto Sundrive Road.

Reply

Full pedestrian access to Eamon Ceannt Park has been in place for many years now and is similar to arrangements in other parks in the area. It allows access by normal park users without restrictions and also allows full access for the Gardai if anti-social behaviour occurs. The Gardai attend The Friends of Eamonn Ceannt Park Meeting, which occurs regularly during the year. It allows members to highlight any issues relating to anti-social, so that resources can be focused on specific problems within the park.

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Q58 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to inspect (details supplied). There are reports of leaks coming down the ceiling and into the kitchen and plaster board is leaving the ceiling.

Reply

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the leak has been fixed. The re-plastering of the ceiling is scheduled for this week. A new side panel will also be fitted to the bath.

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Q59 **Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**

To ask the Area Manager if there have been complaints about the Health and Safety aspect of the Far East Take Away on the Ballyfermot Road. There have been reports of them operating from the lane way to the back of the building and causing problems for surrounding businesses. Is the lane way in the charge of DCC?

Reply

The laneway abutting 339 Ballyfermot Road (*Far East Take Away*) is not in charge of the City Council

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