Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee Meeting 12th June 2017

Q.1 <u>Councillor Ruairí McGinley</u>

To ask the manager to have the safety issues in attached addressed *details supplied.

Q.2 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the manager if she will take the action as requested in the email submitted with this question in relation to possible safety interventions at the Townsend Street to Dowlings Court laneway.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to respond to suggestions for improvements in Mount Argus Park with a Park Improvement Plan - see below:

Painting of the railings around and within Mount Argus Park.

The park has become very neglected in recent years and anti-social behaviour has increased significantly. Currently there are only two diagonal routes across the site. An additional public pedestrian access point permitting access from Lower Kimmage Road at the left hand side of Mount Argus Church entrance, would encourage significantly more general public use, thereby increase passive surveillance and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The park needs a complete overhaul, overgrowth and bushes / trees tamed and dumping ground cleared. It requires new street furniture, new and improved lighting, new dog waste and general bins, new river bank hard surfaces and new footpath treatment, river clearing.

Q.4 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how much money the DUBLINE project has given to Dublin City Council (DCC) Parks Department for the refurbishment of the Peace Park? This report to include all correspondence between DCC and the Dubline in relation to this project.

Q.5 <u>Councillor Mannix Flynn</u>

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the Smurfit Dublin City Council (DCC) Parks Department Diaspora Memorial project at Merrion Square Park? Can the manager inform me in writing whether this proposal will be proceeding to build? This report to include all correspondence between DCC Parks Department and Smurfit Famine foundation.

Q.6 <u>Councillor Mannix Flynn</u>

Can the manager initiate the process of extinguishing the public right of way on Cuffe Lane? This laneway is mainly residential, apartments and houses over the years they have become a constant site for serious anti social behaviour and crime. The residents' cars here are constantly vandalised and broken into, constant drug dealing in the lane. Every week there is an attempted break-in in the houses. It is also being used as a public lavatory. Now every single resident here wishes for a gate to be placed to give them some protection against on growing lawlessness.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address a rat infestation along the Dodder at the Milltown Car-park Bring Centre? It has been recently reported to myself that this Bring Centre and its underground containers are attracting large quantities of rats. I visited the site myself recently and witnessed many rodents at this location.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a programme of signage for the Milltown area? This is a unique part of Dublin with an ancient and proud history. Indeed, it would be ideal to afford it village status and bring it into line with the likes of Ranelagh, Rathgar, Sandymount, Rathmines etc. At a recent meeting of the community committee and residents, the issue was raised around the lack of identity and signage.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the effectiveness of the new Public Domain Officers and policy with regards removing unlawful sandwich boards and unlawful street furniture within the South East Area? This report to contain how many items have been removed, how many visits to premises, how many fines (if any) have been issued and hours of operations and works. Does the unit work at night-time? Also can we have a direct contact for this unit as it now becoming an impossibility to walk down certain streets as an able bodied person for many with disability it is completely impossible to get down most of our streets?

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager have immediate works done to fix the footpaths on:

Duke Street, outside the Duke Lounge which is completely smashed and is historical pavement

The pavement outside of Fanagan's Undertakers in Aungier Street, where an elderly woman fell and badly injured herself on a loose paving stone.

Also, the pavement outside of the Ivy Bar at Cork hill has a loose slab.

Can you also include a full update of what works have taken place to remedy broken and dangerous pavements within the South East Area and what locations.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issues regarding a very dangerous gas boiler at *details supplied. This boiler is in great need of upgrading and at present cannot be used. I've spoken with the tenant at this address and they are in fear of their life that this depilated and unfit apparatus will cause catastrophe. It is the only remaining gas boiler that has not been updated and replaced in this entire block. I have further details if necessary.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have double yellow lines repainted at the rear of Stephen's Lane, Upper Mount Street near the old Dobbins Restaurant? Businesses here are inundated with cars parking at fire exits and other entrances and exits from their premises. This is causing great inconvenience as on occasion people are unable to leave their building as the exit is blocked. I will supply direct information and photographs in relation to this matter.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards Dublintown / BID company placing of planters on the footpaths throughout the South East Area? The one in George's Street outside the arcade is causing huge inconvenience to pedestrians as it is too large and taking up a substantial area of the footpath. Most of these massive planters are not in keeping with best practice in the public domain and are causing unnecessary clutter. Further, they seem to be just simply used to advertise the BID / Dublintown. Can the manager include in the report the full application processes whereby these planters were allowed on the streets and the full assessment of locations? Many of the businesses in these streets are concerned that such arrangements were made without their informed consent. Was there any health and safety audit done in relation to the placement of these planters? Who maintains them and when?

Q.14 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate and repair the leak from a stop-cock outside 21 South Circular Road, Portobello.

Q.15 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate the state of the road surface at the following location *details supplied and to ensure that the surface is repaired and all pot-holes properly fixed.

Q.16 <u>Councillor Kieran Binchy</u>

To ask the manager to address the following issue with illegal parking and cars idling, whether directly through clamping, or through the Gardaí, or through liaison with the identified school and hotel premises.

Q.17 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the flood protection works on the Liffey Campshires. In addition, now that the works are almost complete, can the manager organise for the building and storage site at Sir John Rogerson's Quay to be scaled back and tidied to open up much of that quay again pending the completion of the final stage of works.

Q.18 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate the continued problem of speeding on Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4. While the new digital speed signs are helping address the issue, vans and trucks in particular are speeding up once they pass the first one, and then slamming on their brakes as they approach the roundabout half-way along the Beach Road, Strand Road stretch. Can supplementary traffic calming measures be introduced to address this?

Q.19 <u>Councillor Ruairí McGinley</u>

To ask manager can a "No HGV" sign can be placed at Rathmines end of Mountpleasant Avenue.

Q.20 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to install bollards on Greenlea Grove from junction with Greenlea Road to No. 3 Greenlea Grove to avoid mini-coaches parking on road.

Q.21 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for a number of bicycle parking racks to be located at the entrances to Herbert Park - particularly at the Home Villas end.

Q.22 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for the trees on Emor Street to be pruned.

Q.23 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager when the ballot of residents of Hollybank Avenue, Ranelagh will take place to enable an extension of the disc parking times.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the issue of flood protection measures on Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge. What is the plan for the section between Ballsbridge and Zardoz Court with reference to conservation issues of the wall, and when will this be resolved?

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to ascertain from Dublin Bus a date for the installation of a bus shelter and Real Time Information at Glenmalure Square, Milltown Road inbound. The relevant buses are 44 and 61 and residents have been requesting this for the last two years.

Q.26 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to address residents' concerns about excessive speed on Sandymount Road between 8 and 9.30am on weekday mornings for vehicles both entering and exiting the village. Can the manager ask the Gardaí to monitor the road, particularly in light of the recent extension of the 30km/h speed limit to the Sandymount area?

Q.27 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

At the rear of Sandford Road, Ranelagh there is a pedestrian laneway that is shared by residents of Cherryfield Avenue and Hollybank Avenue. There is a tree in the garden of a house in Cherryfield that is overhanging the laneway at a very dangerous angle. Is there a mechanism that Dublin City Council (DCC) can write to or call the property owner to highlight the dangerous nature of this tree, or can DCC take their own remedial action?

Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have a cul-de-sac sign erected at the first turn left on entering St Alban's Park Sandymount. As there is no sign to indicate this there is a flow of cars entering the road in error ending up trying to turn in a very restricted area, thus damaging the recently installed pavements.

Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the following issue on Waterloo Road, Dublin 4. At the Upper Baggot Street end there are two parking meters and at the Leeson Street end there is a similar meter, but for the whole length of the road in between, there is no parking meter. Many people take a risk and pay for the consequences parking in the midpoint of the road (Note; Waterloo Road is the second most clamped road in Dublin).

Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give an update on the derelict house at 7 Chapel Avenue, Irishtown which has become even more of a health and safety issue with pigeons and other vermin congregating.

Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the leak coming out of the stop cock at 21 South Circular Road repaired as it has been discharging water for the last 4 / 5 weeks?

Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the leak and damage done in *details supplied* repaired and made good following the leak in the shower which is in the bedroom?

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager give an update on the application by *details supplied for a disabled parking space outside this house and state why was this refused bearing in mind that other homes like this are granted permission for similar parking spaces in and around the area?

Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager remove the tree outside number 89 and 91 Beech Hill Avenue? The 'new' footpath has lifted and the boundary wall has cracked as a result of the root system. This is causing a danger to both the elderly, of whom there are many, and the young. I also request that you repair or replace the damaged boundary wall.

Q.35 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can double yellow lines be placed behind building number 17 Upper Mount Street?

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state who is responsible for water quality in the Grand Canal Docks and who tests the quality and what measures are taken to improve water quality?

Q.37 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state if the restaurant at *details supplied is complying with environmental health regulations, bearing in mind the close proximity to residential area and can they confirm that the air conditioning unit complies with regulations?

Q.38 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a sign with "Welcome to Ringsend" installed at entrance to Ringsend, similar to the nice black and gold signs many of the urban villages have e.g. Sandymount and Donnybrook?

Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews

When will the cameras be put in place so they are able to pick up dumping outside of boundary wall at the recycling centre in Ringsend?

Q.40 <u>Councillor Chris Andrews</u>

Can the manager arrange to have a hand cart sent up to Lombard Street East and have the channels swept as the bigger machines can't access this because of parking, particularly outside the birth certificate offices?

Q.41 Councillor Chris Andrews

As part of the Longboat Quay development on Horsefair Road, there are 16 spaces and as part of the agreement made with the fire upgrade works, residents were strongly encouraged into giving nine of these to the receiver... However, the remaining seven were residents - (300 apartment owners). It was agreed residents would keep these as visitors' parking spots. Last week residents got an email from the management company offering residents to apply to go into a raffle to rent one of these at a cost of €100 per month. Is it not the case that residents own them, so why should the management company rent them to residents and furthermore why are there loads of vacant spots under Longboat Quay that residents could use but the management company won't allow it?

Q.42 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager for an update on the Longfield's development, outlining when the completion date is due and when it will be open for business?

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager, who is responsible for the water quality in Grand Canal Basin, who is responsible for public health and safety in the area, if she is aware of recent cases of Weil's disease in people partaking in water sports in the basin, who should they be reported to and what is being done to address this issue?

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager why Dublin City Council is not taking part in the Kidsmarathon (<u>www.kidsmarathonfoundation.org</u>) this year, whether Dublin City Council might consider taking part in this great initiative again next year.

Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what can be done to assist *details supplied with regards to used needles being regularly found on the premises, and to outline what emergency accommodation options are available in the neighbourhood to assist people sleeping rough on the premises.

Q.46 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager if she can please provide a full list of the lands owned by Dublin City Council on the Poolbeg Peninsula?

Q.47 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager for an update on the walkway that is being built along the Dodder outside the Smurfit building, can she confirm the agreed width of this walkway, whether the developer has been compliant with the agreed width, and if she is confident that this walkway will also be able accommodate both a walkway and a cycle way as are outlined in the plans for the Dodder Greenway.

Q.48 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager for an update on the proposal to place the Poolbeg Chimneys on the Record of Protected Structures.

Q.49 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager can she please provide an update on the plans to reconfigure the cycle way on Grand Canal Square, when can we expect to see these plans, and whether the plans will go out for public consultation?

Q.50 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the area manager for an update on the issues regarding Longboat Quay and whether Dublin City Council is close to a satisfactory agreement with the residents who purchased their homes through the affordable housing scheme.

Q.51 Councillor Ruairi Mc Ginley

To ask the manager to install a number of ramps in Greenlea Grove to ensure that traffic exiting rugby club is travelling at a safe speed have regard to the high number of pedestrians using various routes to access Lakelands on this road.

Q52 <u>Councillor Ruairi Mc Ginley</u>

To ask the manager to give a date for footpath renewal on Terenure Road West.

Q.53 Councillor Ruairi Mc Ginley

To ask the manager to reinstate parking spaces which were removed in Gulistan Terrace to cater for waste management vehicles. The space is no longer needed for these vehicles and local residents report a major scarcity of parking for residents which would be alleviated by the reinstatement of parking spaces.

Q.54 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to consider *details supplied 1 for a transfer to *details supplied 2, so that she can be closer to her 80 year mother Vera whom she is caring for. Please see doctor's letter attached. I have spoken with both ladies and strongly believe everything should be done to accommodate these ladies, for both their mental, physical health and safety.

Q.55 <u>Councillor Sonya Stapleton</u>

To ask the manager to have graffiti painted over on Mercer Street Upper flats, block facing onto the South Area Youth Services (SAYS) Club on Cuffe Street.

Q.56 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager for a list of housing / flat complex painting jobs that have been done in the past three years and with a list of outstanding jobs to be completed in the South East Area.

Q.57 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager when it is expected that the new library on Kevin Street will be completed?

Q.58 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager for a list of purpose built homes for elderly people in the South East Area.

Q.59 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager when the footpath renewal on Terenure Road West will commence?

Q.60 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if she can give a likely start date for the works on Morehampton Road junction with Herbert Park and Marlborough Road?

Q.61 <u>Councillor Patrick Costello</u>

To ask the manager for an update on repairs to the footpaths on Mountain View Road, which I have previously requested.

Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager for an update in relation to the Harold's Cross greyhound site and any communication with the department of education and if there are any issues arising that councillors should be aware of.

Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to assess the installation of playground off Orwell road in the grassy area at the back entrance of High School near the kiosk shop.

Q.64 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager following the recent changes in Sandymount if she can give an indication of when the rest of the 30km zones in Dublin south east will be in place.

Q.65 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to consider parking and traffic safety issues for Lavarna Grove and Parkmore Drive (Terenure) at the junction with Terenure Road West. In relation to Parkmore, consideration should be given to extending the double yellow lines from the junction for safer turning from Terenure Road West. In the case of Lavarna Grove, consideration should be given to putting double yellow parking lines on one side of the road from the junction with Terenure Road West up to the first house, as the road is narrow.

Q.66 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to consider changing the 'clear way' hours in locations (i.e. Urban Villages - Harold's Cross, Terenure) where small shops / traders are dependent on delivery vans being able to park for a short period to load / unload. Appropriate 'clearway' times for different sides of the road on the main routes into town, to facilitate inbound and outbound traffic and also small businesses.

Q.67 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to plant new trees in the lane behind Maxwell Road. Trees were felled recently in this lane by Dublin City Council and residents would like them replaced.

Q.68 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to advise when will the pavements in Terenure Village and on Terenure Road West be repaired / replaced?

Q.69 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to advise when will the pedestrian crossing be finished in Rathgar Village (between 108 Pub and Deli). Considerable construction work has been completed in implementing this as part of the Rathgar Village Plan, but it hasn't been finished.

Q.70 Councillor Mary Freehill

The motion below was tabled at December 2016 meeting and reply states that Kevin O'Sullivan met residents. Please see attached letter from residents and it is clear that many of these issues have not been addressed. As I asked in my December motion would the local area office meet this residents association to discuss their problems in the next few weeks?

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Clareville Road, Shanid Road and Adrian Avenue have recently formed a residents' group. Recently on a walk about with them the following issues were raised.

- 1. Graffiti needs to be cleared from corner of Clareville Road and Kenilworth Park. The graffiti is mainly on utility services boxes. Also the name plates at either end of Clareville Road are badly disfigured and would benefit from repainting.
- 2. The state of Clareville Road and Adrian Avenue roads are very unsafe. The area that is tarred is uneven and the concrete part because it has subsided in parts has very dangerous lips measuring a few inches. This is extremely

dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians crossing. There is a slight bend on Clareville Road beside Shanid Road which causes vehicles to move to other side of the road at that point, this need to be examined by Traffic Engineers. Traffic moves very fast outside rush hours, to slow it down a "children sign" might help at the school. It is agreed that Clareville Road which is a very busy artery and Adrian Avenue be listed for resurfacing in 2017.

- 3. Clareville Road is the main artery from Crumlin to Rathmines and is the route of No. 18 and 83 buses. The stop sign on Kenilworth Park turn causes very serious tail backs on this road especially from <u>8.00 am</u> to 10.00 am on weekdays with Kenilworth Park having priority when they have the least of the through traffic. This needs to be re-examined by the Traffic Department and also to take into account that these two buses are the only west east public transport route, due to hold up at this corner travel time is severely lengthened.
- 4. ESB and telegraph wires are hanging across the road and they are quite low. In the interest of safety, ESB and Eir need to be contacted to ask them to move them underground.
- 5. There is a lane running at the rear of 74 78 Clareville Road. Because of heavy traffic, residents have to park in their rear garages. There is no public lighting on this lane which makes it very dangerous at night. The residents installed lights over their garages but they have been stolen. Therefore, it is agreed that public lighting be installed on the lane and that the council comment on possibility of "Taking in Charge" of this lane as a whole.
- 6. Double yellow lines (DYL) were agreed sometime ago for Clareville Road and corner of Adrian Avenue, the DYL were only installed on Clareville and not around the corner in Adrian, the result is that vans regularly park right at the corner making it very difficult for residents to safely egress this road.
- 7. There are two large junior schools on Clareville Road, parents dropping off their children in the mornings cause major problems for residents, in many instances, the lane mentioned in No. 5 and several drive ways are blocked because parents park and block their way. It is agreed that Dublin City Council engages with the principals of both schools to get them to put it to parents to agree a protocol of consideration for local residents. Furthermore, that we engage with Green School organisers in this regard.
- 8. That the local area committee agrees to meet the residents' association in January to discuss progress on the above points.

Report:

The South East Area Public Domain Officer, Kevin O'Sullivan met with residents and walked through the estate, discussing these issues. The items have been noted and referred to all the relevant departments for replies, which will be forwarded to the councillor in due course.

Contact:

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Q.71 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate complaints about dangerous traffic, including trucks ignoring the lollipop lady and reversing dangerously when children are around, and unsupervised gas canisters near the site, and excessive noise during working hours, at the following building site *details supplied.

Q.72 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to clarify the ownership of the following lane, details supplied, to clarify what uses it is zoned for, and to clarify whether it can be used for private or public paid parking by its owners without an application for planning permission.

Q.73 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install yellow zig zag no parking lines in front of the gates (which will be school gates) at the Roslyn Park site, Beach Road Sandymount similar to those outside Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands, Gilford Road, to avoid a situation in which cars park right in front of the school gates and then children step onto or attempt to cross the road invisible to oncoming traffic.

Q.74 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install a pedestrian crossing on Leahy's Terrace at the location shown in the attached photographs. This is an essential addition to the traffic management in this area in circumstances where it would be the *only* point at which children coming from Sandymount Village to St. Matthew's National School and children coming from Ringsend / Irishtown / Bath Avenue to Star of the Sea National School would be able to cross safely from one side of Leahy's Terrace to the other.

Q.75 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to provide an update from the Derelict Sites Section in respect of the property at *details supplied in circumstances where Derelict Sites communicated to local residents on 5 May 2017 that *"Derelict Sites Section will carry out an inspection of the property and will revert to you following an assessment of its condition"*. This building is in dangerous and disgraceful condition:

- It is boarded up at the door;
- The front window is wide open;
- The railings are broken and the front garden is full of bags of rubbish;
- The chimney stack and part of the return to rear of No. 19 has collapsed into the rear garden, adjacent to the boundary wall with Synge Street school;
- The house continues to deteriorate and attract anti-social behaviour; and
- It is a fire hazard waiting to happen given that there is easy access.

(Please see photos attached)

Q.76 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager without further delay to arrange for the installation of a disabled parking bay for *details supplied outside her home at *details supplied in circumstances where she has made the necessary application and has confirmed to Dublin City Council, on request, that (a) her property does not have off-street parking and (b) she is a full-time resident at this address.

Q.77 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to install signs to inform motorists of the 30km speed limit on the roads subject to this restriction surrounding the South Circular Road (e.g. St. Alban's Road).

Q.78 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where the cycle lane on the N11 between Donnybrook and UCD, particularly the small stretch between RTÉ and UCD is in a disgraceful state and very dangerous, to ask the manager to ensure that it is repaved as a matter of urgency. Residents and road users have reported a number of falls due to pot holes and badly poured concrete on this stretch.

Q.79 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to paint the old green lampposts in Donnybrook Village in circumstances where they are in poor condition at present? Please see photo attached.

Q.80 <u>Councillor Frank Kennedy</u>

To ask the manager to repair, as a matter of urgency, the footpaths outside Margaretholme Sheltered Housing, Claremont Road, Dublin 4. The footpaths are in a dreadful state and the residents of Margaretholme are elderly, vulnerable and in many cases are of limited mobility.

Q.81 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager for an update on the status on the Housing List of *details supplied.