

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask our Area Housing Manager for a full report on number 103 Lismore Road, whether and when the building was purchased by DCC and if it is owned by DCC when it is expected that refurbishment works will take place.

The acquisition transaction was closed 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (i.e. legal title was acquired on that date). Housing Maintenance received the keys on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Reply**

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 by mid May.

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

*Tel: 222 3517*

*Email frankg.darcy@dublincity.*

**Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask our Housing Maintenance section to repair (*details supplied*)

**Reply**

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

**Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Area Manager to have the relevant Department prune the trees at our Mary Aikenhead flat complex and also to remove one of the trees that residents believe has died and are concerned presents a risk as it may collapse.

**Reply**

Pruning of the trees that run parallel to the Luas track on James Street work can only be done from inside the perimeter fence so as to avoid coming into contact with overhead cables. One of the trees on this side of the complex may have to be removed as it is showing signs of decay. A private contractor will be engaged to carry out this work and an appropriate traffic management plan will need to be put in place to ensure the safety of other road users and pedestrians.

Trees blocking light in blocks E and F can be safely removed by our Mobile Unit over the next few weeks.

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

*Phone: 222 3517*

*Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie*

**Q4**     **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Area Manager when will the disability ramp at Crumlin village Garda station be completed?

**Reply**

The area outside the Garda Station in Crumlin Village falls within the remit of the Office of Public Works. Although I understand that the OPW plans to provide universal access at the entrance to the building I am not aware of the timeframe for these works. As this is a Garda matter, please contact the Garda Station, Crumlin Village Tel: 666 6200

*Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area Office  
Tel: 222 5245  
Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie*

**Q5**     **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of (*details supplied*). This flat has very bad dampness and is causing health problems.

**Reply**

This dwelling has been inspected for dampness by the Area Maintenance Foreman. There was no evidence of dampness, however there was condensation. The tenant was advised on dealing with this issue.

*Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section  
Tel: 222 3517  
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie*

**Q6**     **Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

To ask the Area Manager to ask the Parks Department to remove the tree outside (*details supplied*) which is borderline about to topple over and also the roots are lifting the pavement in front of the houses. Residents are concerned they are going under the house and about to cause a lot of damage. The neighbours in (*details supplied*) are supportive of this. To further ask that the curbstone here is fixed as it is coming away from the pavement around the tree, as a result of the roots expanding.

**Reply**

This is primarily a matter for the Parks Department. When the tree has been removed the Parks Department must contact Road Maintenance to repair any defect caused by this action to the surrounding footway and carriageway.

*Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance  
Tel: 222 8812  
Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie*

**Q7**     **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an extension or arrange a transfer to a 3 bedroom house (*details supplied*.) This lady was promised an extension many years ago as she is living in a 2 bedroom house with 4 sons, One who is a 19 year old now with Special needs.

**Reply**

This tenant applied for an extension on ground of overcrowding. Over the past number of years we have not been in a position to provide extensions on grounds of overcrowding. Due to the demand for extensions and adaptations for those with an urgent medical need, our funding and resources were directed at such cases.

The current waiting list for those applicants on the waiting list for extensions due to overcrowding is currently being examined to ascertain the number of applications that still qualify for inclusion on the list. It is expected that review will be completed in the coming weeks.

An application has been made on overcrowding grounds by this tenant however, it is estimated that there are approximately over 100 other cases ahead of this tenant on our waiting list and to uphold fairness, those cases, if funding is available, will be dealt with first.

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

*Tel: 222 3517*

*Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie*

**Q8 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager with regard to abandoned cars in the (*details supplied*) what can residents do to ensure that they are removed? They do have reg plates on them.

**Reply**

Details of the vehicles should be submitted to Dublin City Council, either by phone - 01 2222222 or e-mail [customerservices@dublincity.ie](mailto:customerservices@dublincity.ie) and all cases will be investigated. Any cars deemed to be abandoned will be removed.

*Contact: Patricia O'Toole, Abandoned Vehicles Officer, Waste Management Services*

*Tel: 222 4896*

*Email: patricia.otoole@dublincity.ie*

**Q9 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the following lane (*details supplied*) for ownership and if local residents can take it in charge.

**Reply**

The laneway at (*details supplied*) is 'not in charge' by Dublin City Council. It is a private lane and we have no record of who the owner is.

*Contact: Ronnie Hamilton, Senior Executive Technician, Road Maintenance Services*

*Tel: 222 2546*

*Email: ronnie.hamilton@dublincity.ie*

**Q10 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to take action on the serious level of anti social behaviour and rough sleeping now taking place at (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

The serious level of anti social behaviour at (*details supplied*) is a matter for An Garda Síochana. The details of this question will be listed on the agenda for the May South Central J.P.C. meetings.

*Contact: Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area*

*Tel: 222 5108*

*Email: [bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie](mailto:bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie)*

**Q11 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager is he aware of the further increase in all day parking in the areas around St. James' Hospital since the enabling works commenced on the new Children's Hospital. Residents are extremely frustrated and concerned as the parking at times is dangerous and makes it difficult to exit/enter their streets. What can be done to address this?

**Reply**

It is Dublin City Council's understanding that the Mobility Manager in St. James's Hospital has held various meetings with the residents of the area advising them of the issues relating to parking and the procedures regarding seeking residential parking schemes and further meetings and information sessions were arranged following the appointment of a contractor for the enabling works. Members of the Mobility Management Plan steering group continue to meet with Residents at public meetings to work closely with these to address their concerns.

Provided vehicles are parked legally, e.g. not on double yellow lines, within 5 metres of junctions or blocking driveway access there is no action that can be taken with regard to parking.

Dublin City Council can proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme and subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme. This may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from the residents of the roads concerned.

In the meantime Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, have been instructed to monitor the area and to take enforcement action where necessary for offences such as those indicated above.

*Contact: Chris Carroll, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement*

*Tel: 222 2501*

*Email: [Christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie](mailto:Christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie)*

**Q12 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a tree to be inspected and pruned at a location (*details supplied*) as it is blocking light into adjacent apartments.

**Reply**

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

**Q13 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager, to ask that the leak in the bathroom at (*details supplied*) be repaired as soon as possible. The tenant moved in and agreed to carry out works herself which she did, but unfortunately the bathroom now has a leak which needs to be addressed but council refuse to do this, as the tenant installed the bathroom suite

herself. There are 2 special needs children in this dwelling (house was allocated on priority due to their condition).

**Reply**

The Area maintenance Officer reports that this dwelling was not allocated on the agreement that the tenant install a new bathroom suite herself as allocations are not made on those conditions. Unfortunately where tenants install bathroom suites/kitchens or other fittings the responsibility for maintaining and repairing same lies with the tenant. Housing maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility.

Any works carried out should be by qualified person.

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

*Phone: 222 3517*

*Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie*

**Q14 Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to confirm if (*details supplied*) is a DCC property and if so can we arrange for it to be secured as it is being used, I am told, for youths in the area to gather around.

**Reply**

This address is a private property. Any reports of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Gardaí.

*Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area*

*Tel: 222 5245*

*Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie*

**Q15 Councillor Paul Hand**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q16 Councillor Paul Hand**

To ask the Area Manager how much did the event Culture Date with Dublin 8 cost and are there plans to continue with this event and expand it in to other areas?

**Reply**

Culture Date with Dublin 8 is a new neighbourhood initiative which took place for the first time on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2017. The project aimed to celebrate Dublin 8's rich cultural and historical heritage while encouraging people who live and work in the area to explore what is on their doorstep. The weekend saw a series of special events and activities taking place amongst leading institutions in the Kilmainham and Inchicore area such as Richmond Barracks, Goldenbridge Cemetery, Kilmainham Gaol, the Irish National War Memorial Gardens, The Magazine Fort in the Phoenix Park, and IMMA - Irish Museum of Modern Art.

These institutions offered local communities and visitors a chance to take a deeper look at what they have to offer and the stories they have to uncover. The weekend highlights included bespoke tours of Kilmainham Gaol, guided tours and family activities in IMMA, a new exhibition launch at Richmond Barracks and the re-opening of Goldenbridge Cemetery, which has been closed for almost 150 years. There was

walking guided tours throughout the weekend by Pat Liddy who showcased the stunning architecture around the neighbourhood, bringing its history to life.

All events were free to the public over the weekend but some required ticket booking. We advised visitors to book tickets early to avoid disappointment as they were allocated on a first come, first served basis. There was something for all age groups and interests over the weekend, and we hoped that this project connected people to their heritage, while inspiring them with pride in their local area.

This event was an initiative driven by Dublin City Council South Central Area Office, Fáilte Ireland, The Office of Public Works, Glasnevin Trust, IMMA - Irish Museum of Modern Art, and Richmond Barracks. The City Council is contributing a sum of €4,000 towards the event. No decision has yet been taken to hold or expand this event in 2018. Any future decision to proceed with this event will be dependent on the support and involvement of the major Dublin 8 cultural institutions.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area

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Email: [bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie](mailto:bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie)

**Q17 Councillor Paul Hand**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q18 Councillor Paul Hand**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q19 Councillor Paul Hand**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q20 Councillor Paul Hand**

To ask the Area Manager for the contact details for all staff in the Crumlin Area Office and additionally I request that the Manager gives me and all Councillors assurance that the office will remain open to the public on an ongoing basis.

**Reply**

The contact details for staff in Crumlin are as follows:

Main office /administration: 222 5500

Housing Manager: 222 5512

The Office fulfils a number of functions. The Housing Management function and sheltered housing function, and the associated welfare service are provided from the office as a base. The Community Development function uses the meeting and office facilities. The Public Counter supported by the administration function deals with the Public attending the office.

It is not within my power to give any assurance that the public counter will remain open to the public on an ongoing basis. Decisions on the allocation of resources and staff are made periodically in the light of service provision needs and resource/staff availability. In respect of the Public Counter as long as there is identified and viable need and demand, and staff to service this, the public counter will not close. We will assess and monitor the public usage of this office periodically.

In line, however, with my consistent position the necessity to staff and provide “on the ground” services in Public Realm and in Community Development will remain my primary resource focus. It is more productive to have staff out engaging citizens, community and issues, than in an office waiting on callers. Furthermore it should be noted that the workload of administrative staff relates to internal administration as well as to the administration of service requests or interaction with the public. It is my intention to rationalise the internal administration workload rather than spread it over the three offices. In this respect we can help secure the staffing in Crumlin by ensuring a fair and rational distribution of this type of workload.

*Contact: Peter Finnegan, Area Manager, South Central Area  
Tel: 222 2159  
Email: peterj.finnegan@dublincity.ie*

**Q21 Councillor Paul Hand**

To ask the Area Manager is there an update on repairing the damage to the CCTV installation on Cherry Orchard Avenue and who will fund this work taking place.

**Reply**

On 17<sup>th</sup> April a stolen articulated truck damaged the CCTV pole in Cherry Orchard causing the cameras to lose their functionality. The pole was removed for health and safety reasons and the damaged cameras retrieved for assessment. A quote has been received for the reinstatement of the pole with substantial ground works and the replacement of the cameras. A second quote is awaited after which it will be decided how best to proceed with the installation of the CCTV pole with additional security to safeguard the site.

*Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Office  
Tel: 222 4667  
Email: kay.noonan\_cork@dublincity.ie*

**Q22 Councillor Paul Hand**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q23 Councillor Greg Kelly**

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

**Reply**

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

**Q24 Councillor Greg Kelly**

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

**Reply**

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

- Q25** **Councillor Greg Kelly**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)
- Reply**  
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q26** **Councillor Greg Kelly**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)
- Reply**  
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q27** **Councillor Greg Kelly**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)
- Reply**  
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q28** **Councillor Greg Kelly**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)
- Reply**  
A report was sent directly to the Councillor.
- Q29** **Councillor Greg Kelly**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)
- Reply**  
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q30** **Councillor Greg Kelly**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)
- Reply**  
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q31** **Councillor Greg Kelly**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)
- Reply**  
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q32** **Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).
- Reply**  
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q33** **Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).
- Reply**  
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.
- Q34** **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q35 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q36 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q37 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q38 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q39 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q40 Councillor Michael Mullooly**

To ask the Area Manager to identify (i) the derelict sites and (ii) vacant sites within the South Central Area which are considered or have been identified as suitable for housing development and what steps if any have been taken and / or what steps are proposed to compulsorily acquire these sites.

**Reply**

**Acquisition of Derelict Sites**

The Council has recently acquired the four derelict properties listed at (a) and (b) in its efforts to eradicate dereliction in the City. The properties will be used for social housing purposes.

The Housing and Community Services Department are arranging for the undertaking of all necessary remedial works to bring the properties back to active use. The acquisition of derelict sites will be ongoing.

**(a) Compulsory Acquisition**

The following derelict sites were acquired compulsorily under the derelict sites legislation. They vested in the Council on 1<sup>st</sup> March under the control of the Housing & Community Services Dept.

Downpatrick Road 188, D12.  
 Reuben Avenue, 32, D.8.  
 St. Anthony's Road, 3, Dublin 8.

(b) Acquisition by Agreement

Cashel Avenue, 18, Crumlin, Dublin 12 was acquired by agreement by the Housing & Community Services Dept.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Derelict Sites,

Tel: 222 3941

Email: nial.dully@dublincity.ie

**(ii) Vacant Sites**

At present there are 9 sites within the South Central Area on the Vacant Site Register, which are considered suitable for residential purposes (see table below). Work on the Vacant Site Register is ongoing and more sites will be added as information is finalised.

VS Ref.	Site Location	Folio No.	Owner	Address	Valuation
VS-0014	Corner of St. Johns Road West and Military Road	Unregistered	The Office of Public Works	Head Office, Property Management Section, Jonathan Swift Street, Trim, Co. Meath	€12 million
VS-0022	Military Road	Unregistered	The Office of Public Works	Head Office, Property Management Section, Jonathan Swift Street, Trim, Co. Meath	€5.25 million
VS-0030	St. James's Court Industrial Park	Unregistered	Bord Oispideal Naomh Sheamus (St. James Hospital)	C/O Mr. Niall McElwee Director of Capital Projects St. James Hospital Dublin 8	€400,000
VS-0031	Corner of Newport Street and Pim Street, including 19 Newport Street	Unregistered	Mr. John Carroll & Ms. Helen Prior	27 Knocknacree Park Dalkey, Co. Dublin	€300,000
VS-0033	Site to rear of 71-73	Unregistered	Ms. Kathleen	C/O Mr. John Keville 96	€1 million

	Cork Street and 33-41 Emerald Square		Keville	Errigal Road, Dublin 12	
VS-0036	Rear of Dolphin Barn Street – Cork Street	Unregistered	Majick Hour Limited	Hill Vellacott, Chamber of Commerce House, No. 22 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 7BA	€2.8 million
VS-0039	Former Bailey Gibson site and 40 Rehoboth Place, bounded by 324 South Circular Road, Rehoboth Place, Rehoboth Avenue and the Coombe Maternity Hospital	DN185031F	Players Square Limited	C/O Grant Thornton 24-26 City Quay, Dublin 2	€12 million
VS-0080	Site bounded by 62 Pimlico, 5 St. Margaret's Avenue and 8 St. John's Avenue	9053	Karl Construction (Ireland) Limited	ASM, First Floor, Block 1, Quayside Business Park, Mill Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€625,000
VS-0093	Site adjacent to 127 South Circular Road	Unregistered	Mr. Cornelius O'Shea & Ms. Catherine Russell O'Shea	8 Knocklyon Heights Dublin 16	€1.85 million

The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 does not give Planning Authorities power to acquire sites which have been identified as being vacant. However, the Vacant Site levy will be charged on these properties in 2019 in respect of 2018.

Contact: Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development  
Tel: 222 3348

Email: [helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie](mailto:helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie)

**Q41 Councillor Michael Mullooly**

To ask the Area Manager if the owner of the vacant site at (*details supplied*) where there has been extensive rubbish dumping has been identified and if it proposed to take enforcement proceedings against the owner and / or persons who are dumping there.

**Reply**

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

**Q42 Councillor Michael Mullooly**

To ask the Area Manager to investigate if the vacant site at Rafters Lane Dublin 12 is the cause of or contributing to the outflow of sewage/effluent in neighbouring properties both on Rafters Lane and in the vicinity.

**Reply**

The private outfall manhole for No's 1-6 Rafters Lane is located in the vacant site. This is blocked and is causing the sewage problem. It is the responsibility of the householder to have this cleaned, surveyed and if necessary repaired.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Engineer, Drainage Division

Tel: 222 2702

Email: [colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie](mailto:colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie)

**Q43 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to please look into the following (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

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

**Q44 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to please look at the housing case of (*details supplied*)?

**Reply**

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

**Q45 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to please look into the following (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

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

**Q46 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager that consideration be given to the following (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

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

**Q47 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager that the tree stump outside number 16 Cloiginn Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, be removed as a matter of urgency. I was assured a few months ago it would be removed, however it is still awaiting removal.

**Reply**

This work is listed for completion by the Roads Maintenance Dept. Parks Service will supply whatever assistance is required.

*Contact: Sean Redmond, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
Ph: 222 3436  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)*

**Q48 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager that the broken footpath kerb facing 108 Le Fanu Road Ballyfermot be removed and the footpath re-instated. The current situation is an accident waiting to happen.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance has inspected the footway opposite 108 Le Fanu Road and note that a section of kerb has broken away due to tree growth. These two pieces of concrete will be removed the next time we have a crew in the area. This defect has been added to our works list for repair.

*Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance  
Tel: 222 8812  
Email: [carl.ryan@dublincity.ie](mailto:carl.ryan@dublincity.ie)*

**Q49 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to look upon the possibility of providing some sort of community building / centre in the Jamestown Area of Inchicore to help promote Youth Work / Community work in this large area who have no facilities to allow people come together.

**Reply**

It is planned that the redeveloped Jamestown Court which will be managed by ALONE will contain community space/rooms which will be made available for the local community.

*Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area  
Tel: 222 5245  
Email: [brian.lyons@dublincity.ie](mailto:brian.lyons@dublincity.ie)*

**Q50 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to look at the issues which arise for single homeless persons living in hostels, sheltered accommodation etc. across Dublin. I am aware of people waiting years without any offers ever being made available. With the new procedure of not allowing elected councillors see what people were allocated on what points is making our role as elected councillors impossible to do our job.

**Reply**

Allocations are made to applicants with homeless priority in order of the time on the list and conditions of the scheme of letting priorities. Owing to the availability of Dublin City Council social rental stock it can take a considerable period before applicants are reached in terms of an offer of accommodation.

Legal advice is that, under the provisions of the data protection legislation, a data processor is not permitted to disclose personal information about an individual if

he/she could be identified from that information. Therefore, it is not possible to release detailed information regarding the allocations done by Dublin City Council.

However elected members may request information in relation to individual applicants and their place on the allocations list in the relevant area with the consent of the applicant.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, Dublin Region Homeless Executive  
Tel: 222 5296  
Email: [drhemanagement@dublincity.ie](mailto:drhemanagement@dublincity.ie)

**Q51 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks Section to take action to stop the illegal practice of all types of motorbikes accessing Brickfield Park. The installation of a swing barrier or other similar device particularly at the Benbulbin Gate could be the solution to this problem.

**Reply**

This issue will be discussed with local residents at the next meeting of the "Friends of Brickfield Park".

Contact: Sean Redmond, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
Ph: 222 3436  
Email: [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q52 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager contact our Housing Maintenance Section and ask them to deal with the following issues in our tenant's house (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

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

**Q53 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section and or Parks Section to remove the over grown trees in our tenants house (*details supplied*). These trees are causing a blockage of sunlight for neighbours and our tenant does not have the resources to deal with the issue.

**Reply**

The responsibility for maintaining gardens, including trees lies with the tenant. Housing Maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility, therefore this tree will not be removed currently. The Area Office will make contact with the tenant.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section  
Tel: 222 3517  
Email: [frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie](mailto:frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie)

**Q54 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ensure that the annual tiered planters are placed in Crumlin Village in good time before the judging of the Tidiest Village Competition?

**Reply**

Five x 3 tiered planters have been ordered for Crumlin Village and are due to be delivered at the beginning of June. This is considered to be optimum time for the installation of planters in order to protect the flowers from any early morning frost.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5508

Email: [brian.lyons@dublincity.ie](mailto:brian.lyons@dublincity.ie)

**Q55 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager provide this councillor with a schedule of opening times for public swimming in Crumlin Swimming pool, including the proposed summer schedule.

**Reply**

Between September and June, Crumlin swimming pool is open to the public on Saturday's from 10am – 1.45pm and 3pm – 5.45pm.

During the months of July and August, the following timetable is proposed:

Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Public Swimming : 1pm – 5pm	Group Bookings : 6pm – 9pm
Wednesday	Public Swimming : 1pm – 5pm	Group Bookings : 6pm – 9pm
Thursday	Group Bookings : 9am – 1pm	Public Swimming : 2pm – 5pm
Friday	Group Bookings : 9am – 1pm	Public Swimming : 2pm – 5pm
Saturday	Public Swimming : 10am – 1.45pm	Public Swimming : 3pm – 5.45pm
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Please note, if we do not have a group booked in during the allocated group booking times, the pool then opens to the public.

If you have any further questions regarding the Swimming Pool, please contact Ger Carty at 01 222 7858.

Contact: Ger Carty, Senior Sports Development Officer

Tel: 222 7858

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**Q56 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager help resolve the issue of illegal and persistent dumping at the following location. It's an old laneway that runs from Dolphins Barn to James Walk between Reuben Street and Maryland. The dumping is a consequence of both locals dumping, but commercial also based on information received, and the sheer scale of the dumping on the site. Can the site be cleared of rubbish and prevention measures be introduced.

**Reply**

The area known as the "Back of the Pipes" refers to a substantial laneway that runs from Reuben Street\Dolphin's Barn at one end to St. James's Walk\Grand Canal Basin at the other. Various segments of the laneway have been closed over the years with the last remaining segment being closed in September 2001.

Sections of the laneway have had to be cleaned on a recurring basis and in particular in 2005 the Council's Housing Department carried out a major cleanout of the section of laneway which is the source of the current complaint at a cost of €50,000 approximately. The current dumping is substantial and photographs show that most of it would appear to be household refuse. Further the location of the dumping seems to indicate that this dumping has to be coming from the residences adjoining the laneway of Lourdes Road, Mallin Avenue and McCarthy's Terrace.

The scale of the dumping is such that it will require the use of a JCB to clear it and at the moment this is not feasible as there is no access for same. The Council's Property Management Section is working with the Area Office to try and resolve this issue and to try to come to a long term arrangement regarding the future of the laneway so that this issue does not arise again.

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