

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th September 2017

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to request that our Public Domains Unit to clean the 40 steps that lead from James St/Mount Brown to lower Kilmainham/Bow Bridge. Residents have reported excessive litter in this location.

Reply

Waste Management Services had this location cleaned on the 26th July 2017. We will ensure that this location is cleaned on a more regular basis in the future.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to request the relevant Department to remove the weeds along Kilmainham Lane and Bow Lane.

Reply

The 2nd spray for weeds is currently been carried out in all areas of the South Central Area. Depending on the weed type, die back usually occurs approximately three weeks after spraying. When all weeds are dead Waste Services Division will arrange for the dead vegetation to be removed by the local waste management depot.

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

Tel: 222 5108

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to request whether Eugene Street and surrounds could be included in our list of areas targeted for investigation of illegal dumping.

Reply

Eugene Street will be included in our list of Areas for investigation of illegal dumping in the future.

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

Tel: 222 5108

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager, is there any reason why the active Dublin City Council CCTV cameras in Chapelizod can be simultaneously monitored in Ballyfermot Garda Station. This would improve resident's safety and allow the Guards monitor the area on an ongoing basis.

Reply

We have not received a request for access to the DCC cameras from An Garda Síochana. In order to facilitate viewing of the cameras from the Garda station a

feasibility study would have to be carried out on the equipment and funding would have to be made available.

*Contact: Karen Hosie, Senior Executive ITS Officer, Environment & Transportation
Tel: 222 5488
Email: Karen.hosie@dublincity.ie*

Q5 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the urgent repair to the kerb outside 1 Dromard Road, Drimnagh. This damage has created a hole and residents have complained that rodents are coming from it.

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected this location and a repair has been added to our works list. We will carry out a repair in the coming weeks.

*Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance
Tel: 2228812
Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie*

Q6 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to examine the possibility of installing CCTV at the senior citizens complex at Rockmeade Court, Crumlin Village.

Reply

No funding is currently available for the provision of CCTV in this complex. CCTV is generally provided to address anti-social behaviour within complexes or areas, and Rockmeade Court does not suffer from such problems. While the provision of CCTV may provide reassurance to elderly residents, given the proximity of the complex to Crumlin Garda Station and the availability of the installed pull chord alarm system to contact emergency services, it is difficult to see any benefit to installing CCTV in this complex.

*Contact: Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5512
Email: chris.butler@dublincity.ie*

Q7 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to install 'Children at play' signs along Raphoe Road in Crumlin. This road is used as a through way for traffic and there are many children who play along the street.

Reply

A request for 'Children Crossing' signs on Raphoe Road has been added to the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report ('Children at Play' signs are no longer provided). The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

*Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
Tel: 222 2528
Email: traffic@dublincity.ie*

Q8 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to repair the footpath at (*details supplied*) which is in a bad state of repair.

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath outside (*details supplied*) and note that the existing granite kerbs have settled over the years and need to be re-laid. This along with a similar defect outside no.1 and tree trip at no. 3 has been added to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance

Tel: 2228812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to repair the footpath on (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q10 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to arrange an urgent meeting of TAG to discuss specific traffic issues in relation to two areas of Dublin 8 which are experiencing significant development. The meeting would include Area Councillors, Area Office and Traffic Engineers along with residents with a view to expediting and simplifying the permit parking plebiscite for individual roads in the Rialto, Kilmainham area and the Tenters area.

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 them to address their concerns.

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 (ideally at least 25% of residents).

Conscious of the developments in the area, the Parking Enforcement Section is advising that where an application for a scheme on a particular street in the area is received, adjoining streets be informed to allow them the opportunity to apply at the same time, rather than suffer the issues that arise from displacement of parking when a new scheme is introduced. Parking Enforcement will fast-track all such applications subject to the statutory consultation time restraints.

Contact: Christopher Carroll, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement

Tel: 222 2501

Email: christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the clearing of weeds from the footpaths and green area at (*details supplied*).

Reply

I wish to inform you that the roads and footpaths in the South Central area have been sprayed as scheduled by our contractor in the last 2 weeks and that the weeds should die back in the next 10 to 14 days.

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

Tel: 222 5245

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

A major upgrade of the footpaths on the open space at (*details supplied*) was carried out during the summer. Weeds and broken areas were removed and replaced with a new path network.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

Can the Area Manager ask TAG to begin the process of balloting residents in St James's Terrace, Dolphins Barn, Dublin 8 for pay and display parking.

Reply

The request to introduce a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on St. James's Terrace, Dolphins Barn, has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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

Tel: 222 2528

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Maintenance section to conduct a full review of the plumbing, central heating and immersion system in the home of (*details supplied*), and to provide this Councillor with a report of same. The tenant reports ongoing issues with the central heating and the immersion.

Reply

Housing Maintenance have called to this dwelling and phoned the tenant on a number of occasions to arrange an inspection. No contact could be made. Contact details have been left for the tenant. An inspection will be arranged when contact is made.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the relevant department to outline the criteria that are used to determine whether a licence for outdoor events will be granted at the Tivoli Theatre on Francis Street and a list of all such licences granted for Francis Street (including dates and duration of event) for 2016 and 2017 to date.

Reply

The Events Section process applications for outdoor events which take place on the public domain with a audience of less than 5,000 people. As the Tivoli Theatre is on private property the Events Section would have no involvement with granting approvals for events taking place there. No outdoor event applications were received for events taking place on Francis Street itself. Events on private property have to comply with all relevant legislation and regulations, Planning, Fire Safety etc.

Contact: Martina Halpin, A/Senior Staff Officer, Events Office
Tel: 222 3372
Email: martina.halpin@dublincity.ie

Dublin Pride 2017 was the only instance in which an outdoor event licence was granted for an event in the Tivoli Theatre car park during 2016 & 2017.

Any events within the building itself do not require an outdoor event licence approval. Also any events under 5000 people in attendance do not require an event licence.

Event: Dublin Pride 2017
Reference: OEL 09/2017
Date: Saturday 24th June 2017,
Time: 4pm – 11pm

Contact: John Downey, Administrative Officer, Planning Registry
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh
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 (*details supplied*).

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

Q17 Councillor Ray McHugh
To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the cleaning of (*details supplied*), I had several complaints from residents regarding black bags on the road.

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

Q18 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q19 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh
To ask the Area Manager what the issue or complication is regarding the erection of a small plaque at (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q20 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager when will the rapid build units in Drimnagh be allocated and if local Cllr's could get a break down of the allocations i.e. Which list were they allocated to.

Reply

Selections and nomination of applicants have been completed. Sophia Housing Association, who will manage the complex for DCC, are now in the process of meeting nominees and DCC are completing Estate Management checks on these nominees. No nominees have viewed the dwellings as of yet as the complex is not completed and there is a possibility that some nominees will decline offers. It is expected that the complex will be completed by late September or early October.

While the allocations cannot be fully finalised until nominees have viewed and accepted the dwellings, it is expected that 15 applicants from the homeless list and 14 applicants from the housing/transfer lists will be housed in the complex.

Contact: Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office

Tel: 222 5512

Email: chris.butler@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the erecting of 30 km speed signs on *(details supplied)*.

Reply

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

Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q26 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**
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 (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q28 **Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**
To ask the Area Manager to ask the relevant department have a look at the street light outside 7 Curlew Road that has been out of use for some time. Is there any plans for the use of this in the future or can it be removed? This is a request of frustrated neighbours on that street.

Reply

We require confirmation of the pole number in question to investigate further. A night check will be carried out on the street lighting on Curlew Road to ensure that all lighting is currently in working order.

Contact: Dale Donnelly, Graduate Engineer, Public Lighting

Tel: 222 4682

Email: dale.donnelly@dublincity.ie

Q29 **Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**
To ask the Area Manager for an update on the feasibility study that was to be carried out on the educational lands on lower Ballyfermot. If there's nothing done at present, when can we expect to see some progress?

Reply

We will progress this within the next month.

Contact: Peter Finnegan, Executive Manager, South Central Area

Tel: 222 2159

Email: peterj.finnegan@dublincity.ie

Q30 **Councillor Ray McHugh**
To ask the Area Manager to arrange an inspection of (*details supplied*). While this is not a council property, the tenants are causing fear and anxiety to the neighbours, some of which are elderly, with anti social behaviour. Can management identify the owners and request them to address the problem?

Reply

(*Details supplied*) is a private residence but is not listed on the most up to date public register of the Rental Tenancies Board. Dublin City Council has no jurisdiction over private dwellings or tenants, under current Housing Legislation, and therefore cannot inspect or take any action against private residents or landlords. If neighbours are experiencing anti-social behaviour they should contact An Garda Síochána to raise their concerns.

Contact: Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office

Tel: 222 5512

Email: chris.butler@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

Reply

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

Q32 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

Reply

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Q33 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

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Q34 Councillor Greg Kelly

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

Q35 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

Reply

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

Q36 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

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

Q37 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

Reply

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

Q38 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)

Reply

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

Q39 Councillor Paul Hand

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

Reply

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

Q40 Councillor Paul Hand

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

Reply

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

Q41 Councillor Paul Hand

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

Reply

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

Q42 Councillor Paul Hand

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

Reply

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

Q43 Councillor Paul Hand

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

Reply

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

Q44 Councillor Paul Hand

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

Reply

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

Q45 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if a Part V agreement has been initiated regarding planning reference 2850/17 and if not could this be initiated as a matter of urgency.

Reply

Planning Permission has yet to be granted for planning reference 2850/17. Once granted, the City Council will enter into negotiations with the developer regarding the Part V requirement at Clancy Quay Phase 3, Clancy Quay (the former Clancy Barracks), South Circular Road, Islandbridge, Dublin 8.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department

Tel: 2226114

Email: dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q46 Councillor Paul Hand

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

Reply

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

Q47 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager whether he is aware of a HSE unit that deals with pest/vermin control in the Dublin 8 area and if so whether they could provide the councillor with the relevant contact details.

Reply

The HSE operate a Pest Control Unit on both the Southside and Northside of the City. The Southside Unit is contactable by Fax No: 076 6955095. Private residents/owners are responsible for dealing with rats and employing a private pest control company to deal with the issue.

Housing Maintenance have an agreement with the HSE that their Pest Control Units will deal with rats (only), in City Council Dwellings. The procedure is when a tenant reports the presence of rats in their dwelling this request is dealt with by Housing Maintenance where it is logged and faxed to Pest Control who will take the necessary steps to deal with the issue on our behalf. This procedure is for City Council dwellings only and in relation to rats only. Dealing with mice, ants, wasps etc is the responsibility of the tenant in the case of City Council dwellings.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q48 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our Housing Maintenance Manager to revisit the question of raising the height of the fence adjacent to the home of our tenant (*details supplied*). It is evident from marks on the surrounding brickwork that a much higher fence or gate was once in situ and the tenant reports easy access to the rear of the building and is attracting anti social behaviour.

Reply

This issue has been examined by Housing Maintenance. The wall/railings and gate surrounding this dwelling is of standard height therefore there are no plans to increase the height of this boundary.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q49 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager which playgrounds in Dublin 8 are currently listed for maintenance/repair under the discretionary funds 2017.

Reply

Upgrades to the following playgrounds are scheduled to take place as part of the 2017 Discretionary Fund:

- Brickfield Park, Drimnagh
- Poole Street
- Marrowbone Lane Flats

It is expected that works will be carried out in the final quarter of this year.

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

Tel: 222 5245

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

All the playgrounds in Dublin 8 are inspected regularly and maintenance is carried out as required.

Contact: Mark Jones, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3701

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q50 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q51 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**
To ask the Area Manager to update me on progress made on (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q52 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**
To ask the Area Manager what progress has been made on (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q53 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**
To ask the Area Manager what progress has been made on (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q54 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**
Can Dublin City Council management please ensure that in future all proposals for housing, community infrastructure is discussed with the elected members before it gets out into the community. I feel, as elected members, it leaves us in a very difficult situation when constituents contact us in relation to issues we are not aware of.

Reply

It is our practice to bring such proposals to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) in the first instance. In the situation referred to in this question the site was listed as several in the city that were earmarked for Social Housing (RAPID Build). The local community became aware of the proposal by watching the web-cast of the meeting on the internet.

Contact: Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive, Housing Department

Tel: 222 2010

E-mail: brendan.kenny@dublincity.ie

Q55 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager to request that the damaged footpath caused by the tree root outside No 27 Cloiginn Ave, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, be repaired before a serious accident occurs.

Reply

Road Maintenance has carried out an inspection of the footpath outside no.27 Cleggan Avenue, Ballyfermot and has logged this defect onto our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q56 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please give me a report on a recent Irish Water issue I was made aware of in Bluebell. I am told the policy of first fix only applies to persons who have a water meter installed. However, this leaves the possibility of massive water loss for the hundreds of thousands of homes who don't have water meters or the tens of thousands of houses who are not suitable for meters, such as twin fed houses in Ballyfermot, Finglas, Drimnagh, Crumlin etc. (*details supplied*)

Reply

As per previous correspondence from the Chief Executive, questions dealing with water supply, water quality and wastewater should not now be submitted for responses to the City Council or Area Committees. They should be referred directly to Irish Water. The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)

Web: www.water.ie

Twitter: @IrishWater

Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

If you need to raise any issue concerning water supply etc., please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Contact: Michael Dunne, Acting Asst. Staff Officer, Drainage Department

Tel: 222 2406

Email: michael.dunne@dublincity.ie

Q57 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please indicate to me when the tree stump will be removed from outside No 16 Cloiginn Road, Ballyfermot. It is awaiting removal for over 18 months.

Reply

Park Services can seek quotes from landscape contractors for the upkeep of the grounds here on behalf of the Community Centre if needed. The Centre can contact Parks directly on the number below.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q58 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager request an updated traffic flow survey on Ballyfermot Road upper from the Civic Centre up to Cherry Orchard Hospital. The volumes of traffic using this road is I feel reaching breaking point and the area needs an alternative to this jungle of traffic.

Reply

The area engineer has requested that a traffic survey be carried out on this road. The results of the survey will be sent on to the Councillor when the survey is completed.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Department
Tel: 2226393
Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q59 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please investigate the positioning of a small playground facility Bluebell Cottages / Millrose Estate, Bluebell? There are many children in this area and the addition of a small playground would enhance the area and allow children play safe.

Reply

The addition of a new playground in this area would not be deemed necessary as the location is approximately 700metres away from an existing playground in Bluebell Park, on La Touche Road. This playground was extensively upgraded last year and serves the greater community of Bluebell.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q60 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please ensure that a full report be provided on why Dublin City Council will not engage with reasonable costed CCTV monitoring of litter black-spots. All too often repeat offenders seem to get away with the practice as we are not able to detect those responsible.

Reply

Dublin City Council installs CCTV cameras at locations where vehicles are used in the commission of litter offences. These locations are generally at known litter black spots such as bottle/textile banks where users illegally deposit household waste or other materials. The vehicle registration number is used to trace the registered owner in order to issue litter fines. At present, CCTV cameras are located at nine (9) locations throughout the city, two (2) of which are in the South Central Area, at bottle/textile banks Tesco car park in Ballyfermot and bottle/textile banks on Sundrive Road.

Placing CCTV cameras at locations where individuals are illegally depositing waste is of no value as Dublin City Council cannot identify people and therefore not able to take any enforcement action under the Litter Pollution Acts.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Waste Management

Tel: 222 4509

Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q61 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can Dublin City Council please ensure that all telephone boxes are removed from our streets as they are in a deplorable state, filthy and in 99% of cases broken? As far as I can see very few if anyone now uses them. They seem to be left to rot and only used for advertisement purposes.

Reply

All the payphones on the streets in the Dublin City Council administrative area are owned by EIR. Therefore, Dublin City Council cannot instruct EIR to remove their payphone kiosks.

Over the last three years Dublin City Council (DCC) has actively engaged with EIR on the removal of redundant payphones. While recognising that EIR is the universal service provider of public payphones in the country, Dublin City Council deployed the ComReg criteria for permissible removals (*Section 4.1 of ComReg 1469 Provision of Public Payphones 2014*) to request EIR remove kiosks at 44 locations in the DCC administrative area.

EIR have removed one third of the payphones requested and their removal required persistent pressure from Dublin City Council and/or An Garda Síochána. Most of the unsightly kiosks are on EIR's list of kiosks for removal. Dublin City Council awaits notification from EIR on when removal will take place.

Contact: Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, IMU, Road Maintenance Services.

Tel: 222 2558

Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Q62 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask both our Parks and Street Lighting Sections to liaise together with a view to improving the street lighting on (*details supplied*). Residents complain about inadequate street lighting as a result of the distances between the lights and the presence of clusters of trees, some of these trees are blocking light.

Reply

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

Q63 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to replace the two front windows and front hall door in our tenant's house (*details supplied*). The existing old single glaze windows and door are draughty and this is causing difficulties as one of the children suffers from asthma.

Reply

This dwelling is privately owned therefore the responsibility for replacing the windows lies with the owner.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q64 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to carry out an inspection of our tenants house (*details supplied*) to assess the dampness problems in both the original house and the extension. Our tenants have been as proactive as they could be and have installed working vents in the rooms most affected, in particular the bedrooms, bathroom and the extension. Following the inspection can this house be put on a priority list for external insulation?

Reply

This dwelling has been inspected. There are adequate vents in the dwelling; however there is evidence of condensation. This is a solid built dwelling and will be included in our Phase 2 Insulation Programme. Funding for Phase 2 has not yet been allocated.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q65 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to either remove or prune a tree located behind the poly tunnel at the rear of our Senior Citizens complex at Clonmacnoise Grove. This tree is blocking light and communication signals to the rear of my constituent's house at (*details supplied*).

Reply

The tree at this location has been inspected. It is a mature tree, however, healthy and not hazardous. Pruning this tree is unlikely to increase signals to dwellings to the rear. There are currently no plans to prune back this tree.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q66 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Maintenance Section, to arrange for the immediate insulation of our tenant's flat. The commencement of this work was promised months ago, but has not happened yet.

Reply

Housing Maintenance Engineer inspected this dwelling and found it to be in need of remedial works. Arrangements were made for this work to be carried out. There is difficulty gaining access. We will continue to attempt to gain access.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q67 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Parks Section to provide a report relating to a incident in Brickfield Park on Saturday 2nd September at which an ambulance could not gain entrance to the park to attend to a person who then had to stretchered out of the park. What procedures are in place to allow ambulance emergency access to the park?

Reply

Parks staff on duty have the keys to the park barrier and there is also a key available in the dressing room complex. On this occasion the resident of the park

lodge attempted to open the barrier but his key did not work in the lock. He has subsequently had a replacement key made. All clubs have now been given keys if they did not hold one already. Although the barrier was eventually opened on the day in question the paramedics stretchered the individual out of the park to the ambulance.

*Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie*

Q68 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask both our Parks and Street Lighting Sections to liaise together with a view to improving the street lighting on *(details supplied)*. Residents complain about inadequate street lighting as a result of overgrown trees. Residents are also of the view that the new bulbs in the street lights are very weak and have actually reduced visibility.

Reply

The low pressure sodium (orange coloured) lighting previously installed on this road has been upgraded with LED (white) lighting. The lighting levels from the new LED installation have been examined and are considered to be to an acceptable standard on the roadway and footpaths.

Where trees are interfering with lights, we will request the Parks Department to prune the trees here.

*Contact: Dale Donnelly, Graduate Engineer, Public Lighting
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Q69 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to replace the old wall mounted gas boiler in tenant's house *(details supplied)*. This old boiler has insufficient output to heat the house and has poor emergency efficiency.

Reply

Arrangements are being made to inspect and assess the boiler in this dwelling within the next 2 weeks.

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

Q70 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to replace the front window and front hall door in our tenants house *(details supplied)*. The existing old single glaze windows and door are old and draughty

Reply

Numerous attempts have been made to contact the tenant of this dwelling both by phone and by calling to the dwelling; however no contact can be made. Contact details were left at the dwelling. If the tenant wishes to contact Housing Maintenance on 2222191 arrangements will be made to inspect the windows and door.

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

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Q71 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to report on why the promised upgrade of the playground in the Crumlin Road/Rutland Avenue Flats complex, has not been done. This was to be funded from the 2016 discretionary fund.

Reply

The surface of the playground in Crumlin Road/Rutland Avenue flats was upgraded in January 2017. This work was funded from the 2016 Discretionary Fund.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
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Q72 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to provide a list of current voids including acquisitions in Areas K and L, showing if they are with the depot or contactors, and the expected date for them becoming available for allocation.

Reply

There are currently 42 void units in Areas K & L as indicated below. Housing Maintenance has managed the refurbishment of 605 properties citywide in 2017. 177 of these are in the South Central Area.

No of Units	Address	Status	Due Date
1	DOLPHIN PARK	Direct Labour	End Sept 17
2	FATHER KITT COURT	Direct Labour	End Sept 17
2	ROCKMEADE COURT	Direct Labour	End Sept 17
1	SUMMER STREET SOUTH	Direct Labour	End Sept 17
1	ASHMOUNT COURT	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	BANGOR ROAD	Contractor	End Sept 17
4	BARNEVILLE PARK	Contractor	Mid Oct 17
1	BENMADIGAN ROAD	Contractor	End Sept 17
3	BRAITHWAITE STREET	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	DRUMFINN AVE	Contractor	End Oct 17
1	KEEPER ROAD	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	MEATH PLACE	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	MONASTERBOICE ROAD	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	PIMLICO TERRACE	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	RAFTERS ROAD	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	RUTLAND GROVE	Contractor	End Sept 17
2	SCHOOL STREET	Contractor	Mid Oct 17
1	SLIEVEMORE ROAD	Contractor	Mid Oct 17
1	THE WEAVERS, MEATH ST	Contractor	Mid Oct 17
1	THOMAS COURT	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	THOMAS COURT BAWN	Contractor	Mid Oct 17

1	WALKINSTOWN DRIVE	Contractor	End Sept 17
1	CLONMACNOISE GROVE	For Contractor	6/8 weeks after Task Order issued to Contractor
1	LISSADEL COURT	For Contractor	6/8 weeks after Task Order issued to Contractor
1	LISSADEL ROAD	For Contractor	6/8 weeks after Task Order issued to Contractor
1	MAXWELL STREET	For Contractor	6/8 weeks after Task Order issued to Contractor
1	MCCARTHYS TERRACE	For Contractor	6/8 weeks after Task Order issued to Contractor
1	COOLEY RD	Available for letting	On offer
3	MARY AIKENHEAD HOUSE	Available for letting	On offer
1	NEWMARKET SQUARE	Available for letting	On offer
1	ROBERT STREET	Available for letting	On offer
1	RUTLAND AVENUE	Available for letting	On offer

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