

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
13th December 2017

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask Area Manager what are the regulations for allocating people to housing through our transfer list in relation to people who have a history of drug dealing. Are people being allocated Garda vetted if estate management checks reveal a track record of drug dealing? Is everyone in the housing unit vetted? How do we vet future tenants coming from the private rental sector?

Reply

As per our Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, every housing application or a permission to reside on an existing account is vetted by An Garda Síochana. If an application is returned with information associated with anti-social behaviour, as defined in the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1997, as amended and within the last two years, then the application can be deferred under s.14 of the said act. The applicant has right of appeal and there is a system in place to deal with such an application. All named persons on the housing application are vetted. We vet all housing applications irrespective of whether they are from private or public sector.

Contact: Michael Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Anti-Social behaviour Unit.

Tel: 222 2604

Email: Michael.clarke@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask Area Manager for a report on: the current number of families who are being accommodated in the new Family Hub on Clonard Road, Crumlin, the demographic make up of these families and the date they will be accommodated in the Clonard Road facility.

Reply

There will be 25 families accommodated in Clonard Road when it opens. The opening date is not confirmed; however it is envisaged to open in the coming weeks. The families will consist of no more than 3 people (2 adults plus one child or one adult plus 2 children) per room.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, DHRE

Tel: 222 5296

Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask Area Manager how many empty units there are in the Tyrone Place local authority flat complex in Inchicore.

Reply

There are currently 11 vacant units in Tyrone Place. Of these, 10 are being refurbished and will become available for letting by mid Jan 18. A refurbishment task order will be issued for the remaining unit and it will be refurbished in early 2018.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask Area Manager what are his intentions for the employment of caretaking staff currently working in our local authority flat complexes.

Reply

The importance of the role of caretakers in Flat and Senior Citizen complexes is acknowledged. There is no proposal to privatise this service.

A review of the caretaker service generally was commissioned to look at the delivery of the service to City Council flat complexes, traveller specific accommodation and senior citizen schemes in light of on-going financial challenges. The review recommended certain changes in the current delivery of the service intended to achieve greater efficiencies and value for money. While the review also raised the possibility of certain specialised service elements being contracted out it recommended that the bulk of the service should remain in-house.

The proposal under the Public Service (Haddington Road/ Croke Park) Agreement regarding the Restructuring of the Caretakers Service will be presented to the Unions this month and an informal dialogue has already commenced regarding implementation of the proposals.

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

Q5 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to place planters in Herberton Park, Rialto, Dublin 8, as a small public realm improvement.

Reply

Planters are only placed in village centres and in highly visible areas around the city. Under these circumstances the addition of planters at this location would not be deemed feasible.

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

Q6 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to ask the TAG to measure the road on Herberton Park with a view to conducting a Pay and Display plebiscite on the road.

Reply

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section has confirmed that the criteria for the consideration of requests for Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes require that written supporting evidence in favour of parking controls, be received from 25% of households before the request is referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination. The full criteria is being forwarded to the Councillor.

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

Q7 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to ask the TAG for an update on Pay and Display for New Ireland Road.

Reply

The criteria for the consideration of requests for Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes require that written supporting evidence in favour of parking controls be received from 25% of households before the request is referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination. The full criteria were forwarded to the Councillor on behalf of residents of New Ireland Road on 4th November, 2016. In response to Question 32 to the City Council meeting of 6th February, 2017, a copy of the November, 2016, correspondence was forwarded to the Councillor. The criteria were sent directly also to a resident in November, 2016. To date, the initial 25% supporting evidence in favour of the introduction of a Parking Scheme has not been received from residents of New Ireland Road.

*Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group,
Tel: 222 2528*

Email: stephen.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to ask the TAG for an update on illegal parking and double yellow lines at Reuben Walk where people are parking on the road outside of the parking bays.

Reply

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 28th November, 2017, recommended double yellow lines on the carriageway on the outside of the plant boxes located on Reuben Street between Herberton Street and Herberton Walk (apart from the plant box on the corner with Reuben Walk as it is already illegal to park on a corner). The double yellow lines will be implemented following completion of the statutory consultation process with the Gardaí. There are no plant boxes on Reuben Walk.

*Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group,
Tel: 222 2528*

Email: stephen.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if consideration could be given to expending the green space at *(details supplied)* and installing some park gym equipment.

Reply

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

Q10 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if there can be a site identified in the Liberties area that would be suitable for a *(details supplied)*. Funding for the provision will be made via the discretionary fund as promised last year.

Reply

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

Q11 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a clean up of the laneway at the back of *(details supplied)*.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 21st November 2017.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to supply this Councillor with update to all developments at *(details supplied)*.

Reply

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

Q13 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager, to arrange for an inspection of *(details supplied)*. There is continuous dampness which the tenant says is causing health problems.

Reply

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

Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q19 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

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

Q21 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on double yellow lines to be installed at the planters which divide up the parking bays along Reuben Walk. This was recently the site of a crash due to people parking beside the planters, blocking the road.

Reply

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 28th November, 2017, recommended double yellow lines on the carriageway on the outside of the plant boxes located on Reuben Street between Herberton Street and Herberton Walk (apart from the plant box on the corner with Reuben Walk, as it is already illegal to park on a corner). The double yellow lines will be implemented following completion of the statutory consultation process with the Gardaí. There are no plant boxes on Reuben Walk.

*Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group,
Tel: 222 2528*

Email: stephen.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

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

Reply

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

Q23 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager for an update re the Traffic Management Study I requested through my Area Motion No 511 on the Liberties Area.

Reply

As previously advised regarding introduction of parking controls, 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. Any request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions

which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

There is no legal basis for the Council to restrict parking on a public road to 'Residents Only' and should a Residential Parking Scheme be introduced on any of the roads concerned it will be both Pay and Display and Permit Parking.

Contact: Christopher Carroll, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement
Tel: 222 2501
Email: Christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q25 Councillor Paul Hand
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q26 Councillor Paul Hand
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q27 Councillor Paul Hand
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q28 Councillor Paul Hand
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q29 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q30 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh
To ask the Area Manager why the derelict houses next to (*details supplied*) has been allowed to sit derelict for so long in an area of high demand for housing.

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

Q31 Councillor Paul Hand

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 Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to update this councillor on (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q35 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

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

Reply

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

Q36 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

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

Reply

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

Q37 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to investigate traffic safety at (*details supplied*) with a view to improving pedestrian and motorists safety. There is nowhere safe to park if you are going into the shop which means motorists are parking all over the place.

Reply

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

Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please ensure that the shores outside the BOC Gas facility along Camac Park is cleared as a matter of urgency. Residents along the Camac Park area tell me the area regularly floods and feel the area needs more City Council attention to deter fly tipping of waste etc.

Reply

There are an estimated 55,000 gullies within Dublin City Council area which are cleaned on a continual basis by the Surface Water and Flood Management Unit. It typically takes 12-18 months to complete one full cycle of cleaning the 55,000 gullies in the city.

The gullies on Camac Park are routinely cleaned every 12-18 months and they were last inspected and cleaned on 21/11/2017.

Contact: Sharon McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment and Transportation

Tel: 222 3774

Email: sharon.mcmahon@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that Dublin City Council consider the erection of a metal grill along the stream from lands beside Labre Park which flows under the Grand Canal towards Bluebell. The stream constantly has large amounts of debris washing towards Bluebell. Neighbours have had serious flooding issues with the amounts of waste in the stream. A large grill would prevent the waste washing down and allow easy access at the grill to remove same.

Reply

There are in place a number of screens at this location. At one location there are concrete bollards in place of a screen due to previous theft. These screens are regularly cleaned by DCC Drainage Division. I'll arranged to have them checked.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Executive Engineer, Drainage Division

Tel: 2222702

Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please give me guidance on the following (*details supplied*)?

Reply

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

Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to look at cleaning up and repairing some of the damaged areas in the Kylemore Park / Pocket Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Residents say the area needs some works to keep it up to a good standard.

Reply

Parks and Landscape Services replaced panels on the multi-use games area at Kylemore Park, following vandalism earlier in the year. A section of the playing surface was also damaged, and work on repairing it will be completed before the end of this month. The original climbing unit was removed during the summer, as this also sustained damage. It is intended to replace this unit with a more robust piece of play equipment in 2018.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager if I can have an update on the following (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q43 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q44 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q45 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q46 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**
Can the Area Manager please ensure that when redevelopment of the Springvale Site on the Old Lucan Road, Chapelizod, takes place that pivotal to this development will be the long awaited Scouts Den for Chapelizod? This Scouts Den can and should be a focal point of Community Development in the Chapelizod area. The Scouts for years fundraised for this project which never happened; hence there is an urgency to the above request.

Reply

We are happy to meet this Scout Troop group to discuss City Councils plan for the development of the Springvale site and how the aspirations of the group can be facilitated within this development.

Contact: Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community

Tel: 222 2010

E-mail: brendan.kenny@dublincity.ie

Q47 **Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**
To ask the Area Manager for an update on the lands adjacent to Labre Park and the Canal and the lands of the old community centre at the top of Labre Park. The Area Manager has previously said that there were expressions of interest on this land and same would be brought before the members. The only expressions of interest I am aware of has been from residents of Labre Park to which the SCAC and the Housing SPC have fully supported proposals for the development of the land to the back of Labre as a horse initiative to support the advancement of the redevelopment of Labre Park. A motion on this is to be discussed at full council. However, following last week's Labre Parks resident meeting (24/11/17) with Cluid and DCC residents have received information from Cluid that DCC have future development plans for the lands and for the old community centre in Labre.

- What are the plans if any for this land and how far along are they?
- Why are DCC Making additional entrances onto this site via the western end of Labre Park?
- Does DCC have plans for what is currently the land of the old community centre in Labre Park and if so what are these plans?
- What consultation has been held with residents?

- Are these plans in conflict with the motion passed by this council that no additional waste management facilities would be permitted/developed within the DSCA?

Reply

1. The lands adjacent to Labre Park are the subject of Motion 11 which is to be discussed at a full Council meeting in the near future. As such, it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage.
2. With regard to the entrances to the land, it is appropriate that alternative access be developed for this land given the proposed two stage transfer of lands to Cluid Housing Association for the redevelopment of Labre Park.
3. The land currently occupied by the old community centre is not part of the transfer of assets proposed for the redevelopment of Labre Park. Dublin City Council is currently assessing options for the future of the community centre.
4. No consultation has been entered into with the residents of Labre Park or those occupying adjacent lands/buildings as there are no formal plans for either of these sites at present. Any discussions can only take place when the above mentioned Motion 11 has been debated and a decision has been made.
5. I refer to point 1 above in that there is no conflict as Motion 11 is in discussion and therefore no comment can be made at this time.

Following an expression of interest earlier this year from a party interested in acquiring the site the Chief Valuer entered into negotiations with that party. However, it has not been possible for the Chief Valuer to reach agreement with the interested party on terms and conditions. Consequently, it has not been possible to bring a report on the potential disposal before the Area Committee.

Access to the development site is extremely limited due to its location between the canal, Kylemore Road and Labre Park and while consideration has been given to an option of providing access over the site of the former community centre no decision to do so has yet been made.

Contact: Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services
Tel: 222 2283
Email: pat.teehan@dublincity.ie

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer, Property Disposal
Tel: 222 3055
Email: oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q48 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q49 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

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

Q50 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q51 Councillor Paul Hand

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

Reply

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

Q52 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Extension Section to look at this special case *(details supplied)*?

Reply

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

Q53 Councillor Pat Dunne

Work on the reinstatement of the speed ramps on Bangor Road commenced earlier this month but some of them are still awaiting a tarmac finish. Can the Area Manager ask when can this work be completed?

Reply

I have spoken to our contractor who has confirmed that the final two speed ramps outside no's 28 and 60 Bangor Road should be completed next week depending on weather conditions.

Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance Division

Tel: 222 8812

E-mail: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q54 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager in relation to the proposed Balfe Road Emergency Accommodation was a Risk Assessment carried out in respect of locating this premises at this location? If a Risk Assessment was carried out, when was this carried out and is a report available? If not, why was a Risk Assessment not carried out?

Reply

The current high levels of presentations to homeless services, as well as the growing number of individuals being encountered sleeping rough on the streets, highlights the requirement for additional emergency beds for homeless adults to be put in place. In the context of the cold weather season, and the increased pressure that this places on emergency accommodation provision, there is a need to provide dedicated additional beds across homeless services to ensure that those who find themselves in vulnerable situations have access to emergency accommodation.

It is considered that acquiring and using the premises at Balfe Road, Dublin 12 did not require a Risk Assessment as defined under Section 19 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.

Furthermore the facility will be operated by a professional service provider, namely the Peter McVerry Trust who will have responsibility for onsite operation and day to day management of the service. There will be professional staff in situ with extensive training and experience in the delivery of services to persons who are homeless. A

quality wraparound service will be provided with specialist on-site and in-reach support services operated on a 24 / 7 basis.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, DRHE

Tel: 222 5296

Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie

Q55 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager in relation to the Balfe Road Emergency Accommodation was it based on an Order of the Chief Executive or another person, an authorised person? Was it based on the recommendation of a Senior Executive of Dublin City Council or some other authorised person and can I be provided with that Order and recommendation?

Reply

Order of the Assistant Chief Executive, Planning and Property Development, endorsed by the Chief Executive (S1862/2017 dated 10th November 2017), recommended that the provision of accommodation for persons experiencing homelessness using the premises at Balfe Road is an exempted development, as it is considered an emergency situation requiring immediate action.

The order also approved the conversion of the building at Balfe Road, to provide emergency homeless accommodation, as development that falls under Section 179(6)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, which states inter-alia that Section 179 shall not apply to development *which is necessary for dealing urgently with any situation which the manager considers is an emergency calling for immediate action*. Copy of the order will be provided to Cllr. Mullooly.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, DRHE

Tel: 222 5296

Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie

Q56 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager in relation to the Balfe Road Emergency Accommodation I understand the facility is to operate for a finite period, what is this period and where is that reflected in the Order and the recommendation? Can the Area Manager give some reassurance that it is not intended that this facility will not remain open beyond the period specified?

Reply

The property at Balfe Road, Dublin 12 is under lease agreement with the DRHE for a period of eighteen months. Order of the Executive Manager, D372, dated 7th November 2017, approved the acquisition of a works licence and a lease at Balfe Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12. The lease and the use of the property for Homeless Emergency Accommodation will be reviewed as the expiry date approaches.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, DRHE

Tel: 222 5296

Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie