

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th April 2018

Q1 Councillor Ray McHugh

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

Reply

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

Q2 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if Planning could get back to me in relation to the following issue (*details supplied*).

Reply

The Councillors enquiry will be investigated by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area and the results of this investigation will be communicated in due course.

Q3 Councillor Paul Hand

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Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that as part of the proposals to upgrade the commercial / residential area of Ballyfermot from the Civic Centre to the Church of the Assumption Ballyfermot / Kylemore Road, that consideration be given to provide a small paved standing area to the front of the Tesco Car Park, along Ballyfermot Road, to encourage the animation of the public realm. This area could become a positive focal point for community arts etc. along the main street of Ballyfermot.

Reply

The proposals to upgrade the public realm and the attendant commercial/residential area from the Church to the Civic Centre are currently being re-evaluated in the light of the proposed initiative on the Bus Corridor from the NTA. Area Management remain committed however to improve what is effectively the village centre of Ballyfermot and will explore what works can be carried out on a phased and incremental basis without prejudice to the final decisions on the NTA plans. The Councillor's proposal in respect of a Plaza space that in the vicinity of the Tesco Car Park to allow for community arts and other events that could animate the public realm is worthy of detailed consideration, and could be one of the actions taken on a phased and incremental basis to improve this "village" space.

Contact: Peter Finnegan, Executive Manager, Housing & Community Services

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Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson

As Ballyfermot Celebrates its 70th Birthday that this Committee recommends to the City Council Naming Committee the official naming of the green open space next to Ballyfermot Civic Centre as Weldon Park in recognition to the outstanding Irish Musician Liam Weldon who lived in Ballyfermot until his early death. Dublin City

Council will be doing some small improvements in this Park with proceeds from the discretionary fund and this naming would enhance the focus on the Park.

Reply

Under the Policy for Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments, Memorials and Plaques (16.2), it states “*City parks, Fire Brigade stations, public libraries, civic offices and utility facilities will not be named after individuals or events. Names of parks, Fire Brigade stations and other infrastructure will reflect the locality or townland*”.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian

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Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please let me know the financial and people power maintenance resources that are available for the following parks in the South Central Area:- Markievicz, Lansdowne Valley Park, Brickfields Park and Eamonn Ceannt Park.

Reply

The Budgets for Parks Districts and other operational programmes of expenditure do not enable us to supply the information the Councillor is requesting on a park for park basis. Markievicz Park currently has 4 staff, Eamonn Ceannt Park has 7 and Brickfields Park also has 7. Lansdowne Valley is maintained remotely from Brickfield Park. It is important to note that staff also has responsibilities outside their main park i.e. small local parks, open spaces and street trees in their designated area.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask to Area Manager how often are the public litter bins emptied and how often are the streets in Drimnagh swept clean. In addition, what is the frequency of reports received from the public in relation to illegal dumping from the public on platforms such as fix my street, the 2222222 number and response times for such reports?

Reply

Litter bins are emptied a minimum of once daily in the Drimnagh area. Bins are emptied twice daily in busier areas including shopping locations for example. Main streets and thoroughfares are cleaned daily and other areas are cleaned on appropriate schedules including weekly, monthly etc. All areas are inspected regularly and where a need for additional cleaning is identified additional resources are allocated to ensuring cleaning is carried out.

In respect of the response time for service requests received via the customer services centre (including Fix My Street) a service level commitment has been given to achieve a target of attending to all illegal dumping and street cleaning requests within 24 hours.

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of requests received for the Drimnagh area or the response times for these requests. Requests are recorded on an administrative area basis.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Division
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Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager how much of the Drimnagh Area Integrated Plan 2009 has been Implemented and what outstanding items are still to be addressed and what is the follow up plan for Drimnagh and a timeline for implementation.

Reply

The Drimnagh Integrated Area Plan (IAP) was ratified at the February 2009 Area Committee meeting and is still relevant. The ratification of the Plan coincided with the economic downturn. This has resulted in a very low level of economic activity and development proposals since 2009. The IAP created guidelines for the redevelopment of key identified sites in Drimnagh including a large privately owned site at Davitt Road which has since been acquired by the HSE and will be used as a compound during the building of the National Children's Hospital. There is no timeframe for the implementation of proposals contained in the Plan.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
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Q18 Councillor Michael Mullooly

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

Reply

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

Q19 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager to set out in detail how much of the Drimnagh Area Integrated Plan 2009 for has been implemented and how much is yet to be implemented. What other statutory plan applies to Drimnagh.

Reply

The Drimnagh Integrated Area Plan (IAP) was ratified at the February 2009 Area Committee meeting and is still relevant. The ratification of the Plan coincided with the economic downturn. This has resulted in a very low level of economic activity and development proposals since 2009. The IAP created guidelines for the redevelopment of key identified sites in Drimnagh including a large privately owned site at Davitt Road which has since been acquired by the HSE and will be used as a compound during the building of the National Children's Hospital. It should be noted that, there is no timeframe for the implementation of proposals contained in the Plan. The Drimnagh IAP is the only current plan specific to Drimnagh.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
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Q20 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager what resources financial and manpower are applied to the repair, maintenance and waste management at Brickfield Park/Lansdowne Valley Park.

Reply

The budgets for Parks Districts and other operational programmes of expenditure do not enable us to supply the information the Councillor is requesting on a park for park basis. Brickfield Park currently has 7 staff members. Lansdowne Valley is maintained remotely from Brickfield Park. It is important to note that staff at Brickfields also have responsibilities outside the main parks i.e. maintenance of small local parks, open spaces and street trees in their designated area.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q21 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager the frequency of complaints of illegal dumping in the Drimnagh Area for the past three years. How many prosecutions have been taken for illegal dumping or littering in the area in that period?

Reply

Please find below details of complaints received fines issued and prosecutions initiated re Drimnagh Area for past three years with offence date beginning on 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.

Year	Complaints received
2015	111
2016	129
2017	181
Total	421

Year	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Fines Cancelled on Appeal	Fines returned by an Post	Prosecutions initiated	Summons returned by an Post	Convictions obtained
2015	9	8	0	0	1	1	0
2016	7	3	0	0	4	3	1
2017	23	11	8	3	1	1	0
Total	39	22	8	3	6	5	1

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.

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Q22 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks Section (details supplied)?

Reply

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

Q23 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Parks Section (*details supplied*)?

Reply

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

Q24 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide a list of current voids, with bedroom sizes, including acquisitions in Area's K and L showing if they are with the depot or contractors and the expected time for them to be completed and available for allocation.

Reply

There are currently 158 void properties in the South Central Area. These can be summarised as follows:

Property Type	No. Beds	No. Units Vacant
House	1	2
	2	38
	3	18
	Total	58
Apartment	No. Beds	No. Units Vacant
	0	4
	1	29
	2	48
	3	2
	Total	83
Senior Citizens	No. Beds	No. Units Vacant
	0	5
	1	12
	Total	17

The properties have been vacant for the following time frames:

Period Vacant	No. Properties
0 < 3 months	70
>3 months <6 months	47
>6 months <9 months	21
>9 months	20
Total	158

Of the properties listed above, Estimated Completion Dates have been returned by Contractors for 75 properties for dates between now and the middle of May. A further 5 are being refurbished by local Depots and another 77 are due back by late August, early September. Housing Maintenance managed the refurbishment of 260 properties in the South Central Area in 2017 and has completed 66 refurbishments to date in the Area in 2018.

A list of the properties will be supplied to the Councillor separately.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
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Q25 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section as to when our tenant (*details supplied*) can expect her back door to be replaced. The replacement of this door was promised some time ago.

Reply

This repair request has been logged and arrangements have been made to have the door inspected to ascertain whether it can be repaired or whether a replacement door is required.

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

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