

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th June 2018

Q1 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager If the tree outside (*details supplied*) can be removed. This is not a step to be taken lightly, but the tree is totally unsuitable for this area and three different utilities are going through its branches. The residents there during storm Ophelia were worried during the extreme wind for their safety. I would appreciate a response on this matter.

Reply

This tree has been removed.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager what was the outcome of the investigation carried out on the Iveagh Markets and whether the Council have made any decision as to future steps to be taken in relation to the markets?

Reply

The consultants engaged by the City Council have carried out a dilapidation survey of the main market building and the 2 adjoining buildings will be inspected shortly. When the results of the survey are made available to the Council, it will then be in a position to take advice on an appropriate course of action.

Contact: Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development

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Email: Helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if DCC would consider installing CCTV at the following locations (*details supplied*).

Reply

CCTV has been installed in Dublin City Council flat complexes but, as the vast majority of the houses in the locations outlined by the Councillor are privately owned, additional security measures including CCTV are an operational matter for the Gardaí and any requests should be directed accordingly.

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

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Q4 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the rent for (*details supplied*) can be looked at (*details supplied*) ex partner was on the rent, but he left her some time ago. They lived together from December to March of last year, a figure of only 4 months, but DCC had him down for longer and a result she is in arrears. I would appreciate if this could be looked at and her arrears re-calculated.

Reply

(*Details supplied*) ex-partner was added to the rent account from 09/01/17 and he continued to claim Social Welfare from her address until 15/02/18. He was approved to reside at another Dublin City Council tenancy and added to that account from 12/02/18 on approval from the Finglas Area Office. He was removed from (*details supplied*) account at the same time. He should not have been claiming from the tenant's address if he was not residing there. Before he was added to the account, (*details supplied*) did not inform the Rents Section that her partner was not residing nor did she cancel the application for permission to reside. Dublin City Council Rent Assessment Section acted in accordance with the information that was to hand when assessing (*details supplied*) rent.

Contact: Ann O'Donovan, Administrative Officer, Housing Rents

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Q5 **Councillor Paul Hand**

To ask the Area Manager if (*details supplied*) could be cleaned. Local residents have informed me that there is illegal dumping there. I would appreciate if it could be monitored more closely by Parks and if the grass cutting schedule for that park can be divulged to me as well.

Reply

This park is litter picked and cut on a weekly basis. Staff will monitor the area more closely as illegal dumping is an occasional problem. Incidents of dumping can be reported directly to this office, so that it can be dealt with as soon as possible.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

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Q6 **Councillor Paul Hand**

To ask the Area Manager if the tree outside (*details supplied*) can be removed as a matter of urgency. I don't like to see trees removed, but this tree has had a car crash in to it, severely uprooting it and it is at a 30 degree angle. If there is an extreme weather event like a storm, the tree will take out the power supply for half of Walkinstown.

Reply

This tree has now been removed.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

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Q7 **Councillor Paul Hand**

To ask the Area Manager if the windows of (*details supplied*) can be replaced. The tenant showed me the windows in his home have come to the end of their effectiveness. The back door is no longer flush to the frame, the bathroom window is in bad shape, as are other windows in his home. I would appreciate if a report on this could be issued to me in replying to this query.

Reply

These repair requests has been noted and the windows and doors will be inspected. Remedial repairs may be carried out in the interim prior to a full replacement of same.

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

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Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the housing maintenance case for (*details supplied*) can be examined and rectified. They reported the following issues to me:

- The overflow tank in the attic is not working properly
- The electrics in the kitchen are not working
- The bath/shower is leaking into the kitchen, this needs to be addressed as soon as possible

Reply

All repairs have been carried out at this address.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for disability car space at (*details supplied*).

Reply

The criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay outside a private residence have being forwarded to the resident concerned of (*details supplied*).

In summary, the criteria require that the applicant has a disabled parking permit, that there is no off-street parking at the residence and that the driver of the vehicle is a full-time resident at the address. Where there is no car at the address, a copy of the applicant’s primary medical certificate will also be requested if the road is deemed to be high demand.

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

Tel: 222 2528

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the possibility of erecting “Welcome to (*details supplied*)” at the corners of the field on (*details supplied*), or create something in these corners for the community.

Reply

There has been a number of recent requests for 'welcome to' signs to be installed on stand alone roads. All roads and streets in the South Central Area have identifying name plates and any additional signage is considered unnecessary. There are moreover hundreds of roads in the South Central Area and the likely escalating costs of such installations would be prohibitive.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
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Q11 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the following can be examined. There is an overgrown tree in (*details supplied*), which is interfering with neighbouring properties. The resident there has been in hospital recently and if Housing could check up on the resident and assist him in having the tree removed or pruned back, neighbouring properties would be grateful.

Reply

The tree in the front garden of this dwelling has been inspected. It is not overgrown or dangerous and it does not interfere with neighbouring gardens. It does not need to be pruned or removed. No works will be carried out to this tree.

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

Q12 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the grass can be cut at (*details supplied*) along the wall. The grass has overgrown and the contractors have not cut this in a long time.

Reply

The contractors were notified about the oversight at this location. The grass has now been cut.

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

Q13 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the ramps sign recently erected at (*details supplied 1*) (for cars exiting the laneway between (*details supplied 2*)) can be removed or re-positioned? This pole has inadvertently caused a parking nuisance for the houses there. It is also on the wrong side for drivers to view the pole (it is on the passenger side for cars exiting the laneway). If DCC are not going to remove the pole, can it be re-positioned so that it can be on the driver's side as they are exiting the laneway?

Reply

The Traffic Officer will inspect (*details supplied 1 and details supplied 2*) to ascertain if there is a requirement of the sign poles to be removed / repositioned.

Contact: Michael O'Brien, Traffic Officer, Traffic Management & Control
Tel: 222 2773
Email: Michael.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the following housing maintenance issue can be examined. If the windows and doors can be replaced in (*details supplied*). They have not been replaced since the tenants moved in and are at the end of their lifespan. I would appreciate if a full report and response could be issued to me on this.

Reply

This repair request has been noted and the windows and doors will be inspected. Remedial repairs may be carried out in the interim prior to a full replacement of same.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to identify who owns the empty site on (*details supplied*) and will Dublin City Council please contact the owners to ensure they keep the site clean and upkeep the site to a proper standard?

Reply

The ownership of the site is still the subject of investigation. Every effort will be made to contact the new owner(s) and advise them of their responsibilities under the Litter Act.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area

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Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to install pedestrian lights at the junction of (*details supplied₁*), this is to facilitate residents at (*details supplied₂*) crossing the road.

Reply

The Area Engineer has confirmed at June, 2018 that requests for pedestrian crossings at the above locations are still listed with Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

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

Tel: 222 2528

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to install yellow lines outside (*details supplied₁*) to facilitate (*details supplied₂*) residents crossing the road. It is currently proving impossible to cross the road as cars park along the road outside (*details supplied₃*).

Reply

A request for double yellow lines at the above location is already listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. 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

Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to ask the Housing Department to clarify if Voluntary Housing Bodies rent increases are bound by government legislation.

Reply

Rent reviews for Approved Housing Bodies are carried out in reference to the Consumer Price Rental Index and are not restricted by government legislation relating to rent pressure zones.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Community Services

Tel: 222 6114

Email: dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to outline when developing the (*details supplied₁*), how and when will DCC engage with the (*details supplied₂*) in the development of a multi-purpose community facility.

Reply

This site has been identified as a potential Rapid Scheme Development and forms part of Rapid Bundle 1 which is included in the next phase of proposed Rapid scheme developments. Outline proposals for the site are under review and being developed by the City Architects Department. This review will be finalised during 2018 and a Part 8 planning approval process will commence at that stage. During this process, full consultation of any proposed development will be undertaken with the local community and relevant stakeholders and which will include (*details supplied₂*) in this area.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services

Tel: 222 6114

Email: Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

A meeting was held on 12th June with the Chapelizod Steering Group at which the Deputy Chief Executive Officer outlined Dublin City Council's proposals for the (*details supplied₁*). He stated that (*details supplied₂*) would be accommodated in a multi-purpose building which would be integrated into the design and a financial contribution would be made by the (*details supplied₂*). A small representative group from the larger steering group has been nominated to work with DCC architects to design the development in preparation for Part 8 submission in the Autumn.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office

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Email: kay.noonan_cork@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on discussions with DCC's Library Dept relating to the development of the (*details supplied*).

Reply

The Housing and Community Services Department acquired the (*details supplied*) site for social housing. An initial in-house multi-disciplinary feasibility study is being prepared. Upon its completion a meeting will be arranged with members to review.

Contact: Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services

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Email: darach.oconnor@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager, can DCC confirm that they have acquired the (*details supplied*) for housing and outline a timeframe for the development of housing on this site?

Reply

Housing Development has recently acquired this site and is currently undertaking a review of its potential use for future Housing development.

Contact: John Ryan, Administrative Officer, Regeneration

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Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed extension of the (*details supplied*).

Reply

We would hope that the advertisement to seek suitable contractors to carry out the proposed build would be publicly released in next 6-8 weeks.

Contact: Dave O Donovan, Cherry Orchard Project Manager

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Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on a house for (*details supplied*₁) looking to (*details supplied*₂)

Reply

Dublin City Council is very aware of (*details supplied*₁) specific housing needs and they are currently being addressed under the 2014-2018 Traveller Accommodation Programme.

The move to (*details supplied*₂) will take place once the property has been refurbished and extended to meet the families specific accommodation needs.

It should be noted that under Health & Safety regulations, the Traveller Accommodation Unit is currently offsite in (*details supplied*₂) to an assault on a staff member.

Contact: Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer, Traveller Accommodation Unit

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Email: pat.teehan@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to agree to carry out the following works on (*details supplied*). Prune trees, repair foot paths, replace kerbing, repair potholes on roads.

Reply

Repairs to the footpaths and temporary repairs to carriageways are ongoing. We are in the process of securing additional funding to hopefully include a portion of the (*details supplied*) in this year's resurfacing works. Temporary repairs will continue until this materialises.

Contact: Carl Ryan- Operations & South Central Area Engineer
Tel: 222 8812
E-mail: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

The 50 street trees along (*details supplied*) are located on a large grass verge quite a distance away from houses. Under these circumstances the trees are left to grow naturally so pruning is not a priority. Some pruning has been carried out previously at the junction with other roads and at pedestrian crossings for safety reasons. If there is a particular tree or branches causing problems then the details can be forwarded to this office for investigation.

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

Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager request that Dublin City Council consider the purchase of (*details supplied 1*), a fine 3 bedroom house from the owners for financial consideration and allocation of an older persons unit at (*details supplied 2*) to (*details supplied 3*)?

Reply

The Financial Contribution Scheme was introduced by Dublin City Council some years ago in recognition of the fact that there are older persons who find their existing accommodation too large for their needs and who wish to be considered for housing in Older Persons' accommodation. Admission to the Financial Contribution Scheme will be offered to a home owner if Dublin City Council wishes to purchase a home owner's property, and is dependent on having on having available vacancies in older persons' accommodation.

The Financial Contribution Scheme is for home owners aged over 60 years old and the applicants (*details supplied*) are both too young for the Scheme and are therefore not eligible.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations
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Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that I be given an update on the housing application of (*details supplied 1*). This lady has two children and she is living at the above for the past 5 years and is on the Dublin City Council housing list since 2009. She was awarded an overall priority due to her sons medical condition, (*details supplied 2*). (*Details supplied 3*). I am asking that this family be given a break and consideration for housing in the Ballyfermot Area.

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) is on the Dublin City Council's transfer waiting list in Band 1 with a Welfare Priority for two bedroom accommodation with the following position.

- Position 17 for two bedroom accommodation in Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore).

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an

offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. It is open to the applicant to add an additional 2 areas of choice to the application and the applicant should contact Housing Welfare in this matter.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations

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Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council please have a look at the ongoing non adherence of traffic signals outside the front of the *(details supplied)*. The whole area is now a traffic wasteland and failure of drivers to obey simple traffic signals is making a bad situation worse.

Reply

If cars are breaking traffic signals outside *(details supplied)* they should be reported to An Garda Siochana as this would be an enforcement issue. This area will also be brought to the attention of An Garda Siochana at the next TAG meeting where they will be asked to monitor driving behaviour.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Traffic Management and Control

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Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council please give me a full explanation on the lack of cleansing at *(details supplied)*. Over the past few weeks it appears no cleansing is taking place I have witnessed waste on the roads and footpaths for days / weeks on end. Is there enough resources to get the job done and is there any on going enforcement available to tackle the litter issue?

Reply

Waste Management Services can confirm that the *(details supplied)* areas have been cleaned on a weekly basis over the past few weeks and this weekly cleaning of these areas will continue. Shop fronts in these areas are cleaned on a daily basis and dumped rubbish is removed when necessary. We will monitor the cleaning of the above areas to see if improvements can be made. We are satisfied that there are enough resources to keep these areas as clean as possible and our litter wardens will continue to include these areas as part of their regular patrol.

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

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Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that that Dublin City Council report on the following *(details supplied)*. The property owner has indicated he was going to sell this house and this would leave the family homeless. *(Details supplied)* was told that the builder was trying to sell the house to DCC. If that is the case can the couple stay here as they have made roots here? Their child goes to the local school etc.

Reply

If the property owner wishes to sell this property to DCC we will forward the request to acquisitions with a view to purchasing the property. If the property is suitable to the

requirements of the household and subject to all the usual checks the tenants would be allowed to remain.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

The City Council are in the process of purchasing (*details supplied*) with the tenants remaining in the property.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services

Tel: 222 6114

Email: Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that all potholes along (*details supplied*) be properly addressed as a matter of urgency. The area is like something out of Germany after the 2nd World War and needs addressing as a matter of urgency. Residents cannot understand why it's being left so bad for so long. If it's to be repaired best practice states holes are cut back and properly filled / dressed.

Reply

Road Maintenance has and is carrying out temporary repairs to potholes on (*details supplied*) on an ongoing basis. As you are aware I had previously stated that due to an upcoming planned improvement scheme for (*details supplied*) by the Area Office, no resurfacing works had been planned for 2018. However, since the poor weather and damage resulting to the road surfaces Road Maintenance requested additional funding for resurfacing in 2018.

Some additional funding has been approved for this department and I am pleased to comment that (*details supplied*) will be one of the roads that we will be able to resurface. In the meantime temporary repairs to existing and new potholes will be ongoing.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager has Dublin City Council given up on the greening of our estates. All too often I see the old tree pits being concreted over and the area loses the potential for another tree. The vision to plant a tree gives an area heart and soul. We must ensure for future generations they see not just concrete but a streetscape softened by the growth of trees.

Reply

Dublin City Council endeavours to protect, maintain and develop our city tree cover wherever possible. Unfortunately trees sometimes need to be removed for a variety of reasons. In most cases these trees are eventually replaced, however if there are services nearby a tree will not be replanted in the exact location and alternative locations are investigated. Occasionally a resident will also express a wish that a new tree is not replanted directly outside their own premises. Individual cases can be investigated if details are passed on to this office.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435, Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager in relation to Carmans Hall and the recent Orders of the Assistant Chief Executives on the change of use for a two year period:-

- (i) What is the position in relation to ownership of Carmans Hall into the future? What is the leasehold interest held by Dublin City Council? Is there an option to extend the lease or purchase the property outright? Has a decision been made on Dublin City Council's future interest/ownership of the property?
- (ii) What is to happen at the end of the two year period and has the local authority considered the future use of the property? Has the local authority considered renovating the property at the end of the two year period as a community centre? Has the local authority taken any steps in this regard?
- (iii) At the end of the two year period is it permissible for the local authority to extend the change of use for a further period if the current homeless crisis persists?

Reply

- (i) The premises at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Centre, Carman's Hall, Dublin 8 is under lease to Dublin City Council for a period of 5 years, with a break clause in favour of the Lessor, at the end of year 3. As a result of legal proceedings and for the purposes of clarification, the change of use of the premises was confirmed for a period of two years with effect from 20th April 2018. There is no provision within the lease to purchase the property outright. No decision has been made in relation to Dublin City Council's future interest / ownership of the property.
- (ii) The premises are currently being used to provide emergency accommodation for people experiencing homelessness in the Dublin Region, which is expected to continue into the future. No further decisions have been made in relation to the premises, which is the property of the Diocese of Dublin.
- (iii) Dublin City Council will keep the future use of the premises under review, dependent on continuing current homeless crisis.

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, Dublin Region Homeless Executive

Tel: 222 5296

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- (iii) The change of use is limited to two years, unless the Chief Manager considers that the continued use of the building as a hostel is necessary for dealing with a housing emergency calling for immediate action.

Contact: Mary Conway, Deputy City Planning Officer

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Q33 Councillor Michael Mullooly

What locations are designated (within the South Central Area and beyond) for parking of construction vehicles and other vehicles for persons working on the construction of the National Children's Hospital? Please set out the number and type of vehicles that can be parked at each location.

Reply

Dublin City Council does not designate parking for use in the manner indicated and no parking on the public road has been set aside for construction vehicles or any other vehicles associated with the construction of the National Children's Hospital.

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

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Q34 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin

Can the Area Manager confirm what is the process when a building is found in breach of fire safety? What is the role of the fire officer for the City within this?

Reply

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (FIRE AUTHORITIES and BUILDING CONTROL AUTHORITIES)

The process depends on the nature of the breach and the Fire Authority has a number of powers depending on the individual circumstances. Statutory powers of inspection, enforcement and prosecution may be used in response to complaints made in relation to the safety of buildings.

The principal piece of legislation is the Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003.

The general approach of the fire authority is to identify the owner of a premises and, depending on the particular situation, to engage with them using one of the powers available to achieve the desired result of enhancing fire safety. This will usually involve negotiations with professional advisers for the person having control.

Different powers are used in different situations, depending on the seriousness of the perceived threat to life safety. However, primary responsibility for fire safety rests with the persons having control of buildings/ premises, as outlined below, and not with fire services

Section 18(2) of the Fire Service Act places a responsibility on the owner / occupier of a building:

It shall be the duty of every person having control over premises to which this section applies to –

- take all reasonable measures to guard against the outbreak of fire on such premises,*
- provide reasonable fire safety measures for such premises and prepare and provide appropriate fire safety procedures for ensuring the safety of persons on such premises,*
- ensure that the fire safety measures and procedures referred to in paragraph (b) are applied at all times, and*
- ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of persons on the premises in the event of an outbreak of fire whether such outbreak has occurred or not*

Fire authorities have a range of powers available to use in an enforcement role if they are not satisfied about fire safety in a particular building and these include

- giving advice (orally or in writing) in relation to fire safety to the owner or occupier of any premises,
- giving warnings (orally or in writing) in relation to fire safety to the owner or occupier of any premises,
- seeking to have an assessment of fire safety carried out for the premises,
- serving a Fire Safety Notice requiring certain fire safety enhancement works to be carried out or that the use of the premises is limited or ceases altogether,
- serving closure notices directly on the person having control over any premises where there are significant concerns for life safety,
- seeking High Court orders for the immediate closure of premises.

Dublin Fire Brigade carry out an extensive range of inspections both management and technical under the Fire Services Act 1981 and 2003 and other legislation. These inspections arise from complaints received from the public, referrals from Dublin Fire Brigade operational crews, during performance inspections of places of public assembly, court licensing, dangerous substances, etc. In addition operational crews carry out pre incident inspections of premises. The primary role of inspection is to identify any fire safety deficiencies and engage with the owner/occupies to remedy these. Dublin Fire Brigade does not per se issue approvals for buildings other than approvals for fire safety certificate applications under the Building Control system. Fire safety audits on buildings are carried out by Fire Safety Consultants, Chartered Engineers or Registered Architects.

Application of the Fire Services Acts by Fire Authorities excludes premises that are a dwelling house occupied as a single dwelling. This in effect means fire authorities have no powers of inspection in respect of these dwellings.

Building Control Authorities are required to certify that the design of many buildings complies with the requirement of Part B (Fire Safety) of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations. This work is carried out by Dublin Fire Brigade on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities. Contrary to common public perception, the Building Control Authority is not responsible for compliance with Building Regulations. The Building Control Act clearly places responsibility for compliance on the owner, designer and builder of the building concerned. Moreover, Section 6(4)(a) of the Building Control Act 1990 clearly specifies that where a commencement notice is submitted to a building control authority; the building control authority is not under any duty to any person to ensure that the building or works to which the notice relates will comply with the requirements of the Building Regulations or be free from any defect.

Building Control Authorities do however have a responsibility for the enforcement of the Building Regulations and under the Act have strong powers to:

- scrutinise proposals and inspect works in progress;
- serve enforcement notices for non-compliance;
- institute proceedings for breaches of regulatory requirements;
- seek High Court injunctions if non-compliance poses considerable and serious danger to the public.

Summary proceedings for serious non-compliance can only be brought by Building Control Authorities within 5 years of the completion of the building concerned.

Other

The Housing (Standards for Rented Houses Regulations) 2017 came into force on the 1st July 2017. They replace the previous 2008 & 2009 regulations.

The Housing (Standards for Rented Houses Regulations) 2017, as amended, apply to all rented properties. Matters covered by these regulations include, Structural

Condition, Sanitary Facilities, Heating Facilities, Food Preparation & Storage & Laundry, Ventilation, Lighting, **Fire Safety**, Refuse Facilities, Gas, Oil & Electricity and Tenant Information. The regulations do not apply to owner occupied properties. These regulations are enforced by the Environmental Health Section, Housing & Community Services.

Contact: Patrick Fleming, Chief Fire Officer
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Email: pat.fleming@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin

Can the Area Manager confirm if the house at (*details supplied*) has had their water shortage corrected? This tenant was promised a new water mains for the last 2 years to no avail.

Reply

Housing Maintenance are aware of this situation at (*details supplied*). As the tenant has had the drive way and garden privately cobble-locked, they will have to make arrangements to remove same before DCC can carry to investigative works and to make good the water supply.

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

Q36 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what update is there re the planning application for the site at (*details supplied*). Dublin City Council withdrew their disposal for this site.

Reply

The disposal of lands on the (*details supplied*) to the ESB was completed at the start of May. This land now houses a new sub-station which will serve the (*details supplied*). The ESB are currently installing their equipment and the sub-station should be in operation shortly.

Contact: Stefan Lowe, Senior Executive Architect, City Architect's
Tel: 222 3575
Email: stefan.lowe@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager when the last or if any surface condition survey was carried out in (*details supplied*). Residents have complained to me about the poor and unsafe condition of some of the road and footpath surfaces.

Reply

Road Maintenance recently surveyed (*details supplied*) and has added all defects to our works list. A temporary repair will be programmed for these locations. At present there is no resurfacing planned for (*details supplied*), some resurfacing works were carried out last year at (*details supplied*) and the road will be considered for the 2019 resurfacing contract.

Contact: Carl Ryan- Operations & South Central Area Engineer
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Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what progress has been made on the plans to deliver a sports hub in the Donore Area.

Reply

A Joint Report of the Assistant Chief Executive of Housing and Community and the Assistant Chief Executive of Planning and Property Development on submissions received from the public consultation for the Development Framework for St. Teresa's Gardens and Environs (June 2017) was prepared in response to the public consultation undertaken in relation to a Draft Development Framework Plan for St Teresa's Gardens and Environs.

A multi-departmental team from Dublin City Council (DCC) prepared a Draft Framework for the 9.33 hectare site with frontages to Donore Ave and South Circular Road. The site includes 6ha of DCC lands (inclusive of St Teresa's Gardens) and lands controlled by receivers acting on the behalf NAMA, consisting of the Player Wills lands (2.78ha) and part of the Bailey Gibson lands (0.55ha).

The City Council, having regard to the submissions received on the Draft Framework and the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendations, by resolution noted the Development Framework, subject to recommended amendments.

The document had been prepared in response to the requirements of the City Development Plan (CDP) 2016-2022 for Strategic Development and Regeneration Area (SDRA) 12 - St. Teresa's Gardens and Environs. Section 15.1.1.15 of the CDP sets out seven Guiding Principles for the development of the SDRA 12 that seek to:

- Develop an integrated network of streets and open spaces to ensure physical, social and economic integration with surrounding sites.
- Promote a vibrant mixed-use urban quarter with complementary strategies across adjoining sites in terms of urban design, inter-connections and land-use, including a 80m x 130m playing pitch.
- Provide a well supervised and landscaped new public park with a diverse range of sporting and recreational facilities.
- Make provision for one or two landmark buildings (up to 50m in height), with 20% of the site be used as open space, recreation and sporting facilities.
- Create strategic links through the site between Donore Avenue, Cork Streets and South Circular Road so as to open up the lands and connect adjacent neighbourhoods.
- Establish a 'community hub' that provides a range of community facilities accessible to the wider neighbourhood.
- Enable the expansion of St Catherine's National School.

The framework has also been prepared in response to concerns raised by the Department of Housing, Community and Local Government on the Proposed Amendments in relation to the impacts of a large playing pitch on the capacity of the lands to deliver housing. In this respect, it was the intention of the Framework to show how elements can be delivered in an integrated manner to provide much needed housing and open space and to assist in securing funding.

Since June 2017 the following has taken place:

- Four of the six remaining blocks of apartments with St Teresa's Gardens have been demolished

- Capital enabling works programme is substantially complete by DCC's contractor and is now awaiting Irish Water to expedite the water element of this programme.
- Specifications by City Architects and an internal multi-disciplinary working for an interim 100m x 64m playing pitch have been initiated for construction on the site of the four demolished apartments.
- Feasibility and scoping being drafted by City Architects and a multi-disciplinary working group for the municipal sports campus and how this relates to the existing community centre
- The tender for 54 new housing units and associated area of open space, approved under Part 8 is substantially completed and will shortly issue. (This includes the 4 additional units)
- A Part 8 process is due for completion on the 12 June 2018 for the additional 4 units
The next steps in relation to the municipal multi-sports campus will be:
- Procuring, engaging and briefing of consultant landscape architects to oversee the design and build of the pitch
- Consultation with relevant stakeholders on the municipal sporting campus.
- An interim pitch of 100m x 64m will be delivered. The pitch will be sufficient to cater for senior rugby and football matches. It is also large enough to cater for juvenile (i.e. under 17s) GAA matches.
- A larger pitch of 130m x 80m, capable of hosting adult GAA (in addition to senior rugby and football) matches will be delivered following the construction of the 54 new units approved under Part 8 and demolition of the remaining two apartments blocks.

The Housing Regeneration Team intend to submit and present a full updated report to the elected members during September 2018.

Contact: *Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services*
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Q39 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if mobile cctv could be used in the Dublin South Central area to address the serious illegal dumping. This unit could be moved from area to area where needed.

Reply

CCTV cameras are installed at bottle and clothes banks at the following sites.

- Tesco car park, Ballyfermot.
- Sundrive Road, Dublin 12.
- SuperValu car park, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

The cameras are installed at the above sites to capture footage of vehicles used in the commission of an offence. The registration number can be used to trace the details of the owner of the vehicle in order to take enforcement action.

If the Councillor is willing to provide details of locations where dumping is taking place, consideration will be given to installing CCTV cameras to capture footage of offences.

Contact: *Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.*
Tel: 222 4243
Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh

To ask the Area Manager to report on what organisations in the (*details supplied*) are in receipt of funding from DCC and the level of funding.

Reply

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

Q41 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to arrange a Welcome to (*details supplied*₁), sign to be put up in the (*details supplied*₂) area.

Reply

There has been a number of recent requests for 'welcome to' signs to be installed on stand alone roads. All roads and streets in the South Central Area have identifying name plates and any additional signage is considered unnecessary. There are moreover hundreds of roads in the South Central Area and the likely escalating costs of such installations would be prohibitive.

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

Tel: 222 5245

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to get Parks Department to cut back the bushes on the green in front of the shops in (*details supplied*).

Reply

This area will be cut back after the bird nesting season in the autumn.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q43 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager what is the housing position of (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q44 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager what the housing position of (*details supplied*).

Reply

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

Q45 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager if there is an income limit for anyone applying for HAP, and also what are the rates that people can get on HAP.

Reply

Applicants who wish to apply for HAP (housing Assistance Payment) must qualify for social housing support and their income must be in line with the Household Means Policy issued under Regulation 17 of the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, 2011.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Maximum rent limits for HAP are set for each local authority area as per HAP Regulations. The maximum rent limits for Dublin City Council's area are outlined below.

Local authority	1 adult in shared accommodation	Couple in shared accommodation	1 adult	Couple	Couple or 1 adult with 1 child	Couple or 1 adult with 2 children	Couple or 1 adult with 3 children
Dublin City Council	€430	€500	€660	€900	€1,250	€1,275	€1,300

The above rates also apply to HAP tenancies in Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin County Council areas.

Contact: Lorraine Brogan, Administrative Officer, HAP

Tel: 222 6176

Email: Lorraine.brogan@dublincity.ie

Q46 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange with our Parks Section to improve the entrance to (*details supplied*) by planting some summer flowers and thereafter planting suitable shrubbery and adequately maintaining same?

Reply

Parks and Landscape Services prioritise seasonal and perennial displays in village centres and areas of high visibility, rather than the entrances to individual housing estates. Staff can give advice to local residents on how to improve their locality if they wish to contact us - details below.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q47 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange with our Traffic Advisory Group to implement traffic calming measures including road ramps on (*details supplied*)? Residents on this road report cars constantly speeding and the safety of children at play is a major concern.

Reply

The request for traffic calming measures at the above location 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

Q48 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager arrange for an appropriate official to contact (*details supplied 1*) to ask them to cut back on a tree growing on their grounds which is overhanging adjacent to (*details supplied 2*)? The tree also overhangs onto the public space at the old blocked up entrance to the grounds on (*details supplied 3*).

Reply

I have contacted the Secretary to arrange a site visit. I will meet with him to discuss cutting back the shrubbery overhanging the boundary at (*details supplied*).

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q49 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to investigate a rat infestation problem in our tenant's house (*details supplied*)? The tenant reports the problem is in the extension and has been ongoing for years without appropriate action been taken.

Reply

This matter has been brought to the attention of the Pest Control Section of the H.S.E for their immediate attention.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q50 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to investigate a reported blocked sewer in our tenants backyard (*details supplied*).

Reply

Works on unblocking the drains at this property have been completed.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q51 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Public Domain and Litter Warden Sections to take action to try and prevent persistent illegal dumping in the laneway between (*details supplied*)? Given the long history of illegal dumping, a surveillance programme should be put in place with a view to catching those responsible, and taking legal action against them.

Reply

The area has been inspected and it would appear that the dumping is pedestrian in nature. Public Domain has submitted a request for CCTV at this location. Surveillance of the area may not provide enforcement evidence however it may deter would be passers by from creating litter at the location. There is already signage in place which is largely ignored. A street sweep of the area has also been requested.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Enforcement Officer

Tel: 222 5117 Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

A privacy impact assessment must be carried out under Data Protection legislation in order to ascertain whether a CCTV camera can be installed at the laneway between (*details supplied*).

Contact: *Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer.*

Tel: 222 4243

Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q52 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 date for them to be completed and available for allocation. Please ensure that this is a detailed list showing each property and not just a summary. A promised detail list for a similar question last month was never sent on to this councillor.

Reply

The following is a summary of current voids in the South Central Area:

Property Type	No. of Bedrooms	No. in Category	Total Vacancies in Category
House	2 Beds	30	49 units
	3 Beds	18	
	4 Beds	1	
Apartment	0 Beds	6	84 units
	1 Bed	37	
	2 Beds	39	
	3 Beds	2	
Senior Citizens'	0 Beds	7	27 Units
	1 Bed	20	
Total			160 Units

Of the properties listed above, 156 are being refurbished by contractors and four by Direct Labour.

52 properties are expected to be complete before early July and the remaining properties by dates before late September.

The Councillor was contacted by the Voids Unit who had sent the previous list to the Members' Room. At the Councillor's request the updated list has been sent to the Constituency office.

Contact: *Frank Darcy, Senior Executive Officer*

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q53 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Planning Enforcement Section to investigate the erection of extremely high hoarding at (*details supplied*)?

Reply

The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area will carry out an inspection at this site and will report back directly to the Councillor on the matter.

Contact: John Downey, A/Enforcement Manager, Planning Enforcement

Tel: 222 3465

Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q54 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to investigate and repair the following (*details supplied*)? There is a leak from the bath going down through the ceiling and the front garden railing is bent and broken and a danger to children playing.

Reply

Following an inspection at this property it was found that as the bathroom fittings have been fitted by the tenant, they are now responsible for their repairs and maintenance. Repairs to the garden railings has been noted and will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q55 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to begin the process of planning at Derry Park, Derry Drive and Derry Road. so as to deter from Halloween activities as was discussed at recent Area Committees and at the Discretionary Fund meetings.

Reply

€20,000 was allocated from the 2018 Discretionary Fund to upgrade the greens at Derry Drive and Kells Road. It is planned to spend this money in the main to provide additional tree planting at both locations. It is likely that the work will take place after Halloween which will reduce the risk of vandalism and coincide with the tree planting season.

Dublin City Council is keen to work in partnership with local groups to arrange community lead safe family friendly events/activities as an alternative to bonfires which over time has lead to anti-social behaviour. Events and activities have a greater chance of success when local community members are involved. The South Central Area Halloween Action Plan is already in motion. It is a collaborative approach with key stakeholders to tackle bonfire material hoarding and retrieval in the public domain and to encourage an activities programme.

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

Tel: 222 5245

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q56 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Planning Department to provide this Councillor with a map and schedule for the planned roll out of the Dublin Bike scheme in Dublin South Central.

Reply

Dublin City Council is currently in the process of extending the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme catchment to serve Grangegorman Campus and the surrounding local area. This expansion is facilitated by a €1.2 million sustainable transport grant from the National Transport Authority (NTA). The funding provided allows for the construction of 15 stations, the majority of which will service Grangegorman with additional capacity provided in other areas of the existing network.

On Wednesday, 30th May, 2018, Dublin City Council launched the first regulated Stationless Bike Hire Scheme in Dublin city. Two operators, Urbo and Bleeperbike have been granted licences to operate the low cost bike hire scheme which is planned to complement the existing Just Eat dublinbikes scheme. The Stationless Bike Hire Scheme will expand bike hire services to areas not yet served by Just Eat dublinbikes.

Any further growth of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme beyond the 2018 Grangegorman expansion will likely be dependent on the identification of additional sustainable funding for capital and operational costs; and pending a strategic review of the impact of stationless bike hire on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. It is the intention that this review will be completed in early 2019. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of Just Eat dublinbikes scheme expansion to the South Central Area at this time.

*Contact: Michael Rossiter, dublinbikes
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Q57 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Manager how many families have been allocated permanent local authority Housing from the Clonard Road family hub and how long each of these families spent in the hub.

Reply

Since the Clonard Road family hub opened in December 2017, no family has been allocated permanent local authority housing from the family hub. To date six families have moved to a HAP tenancy. No family has returned to homelessness and the hub is operating at full capacity and has accommodated twenty five families.

*Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, DHRE
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Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie*

Q58 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to set up a meeting, as a matter of urgency, between the Area office, Parks Department and the Bridgefoot Street growers.

Reply

Parks Service have been in contact with the councillor, and will continue to keep the councillor updated on the issue.

*Contact: Peter Leonard, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3805
Email: parks @dublincity.ie*

Q59 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to seek a detailed explanation from Waterways Ireland as to the plans for expansion of the cycleway between Portobello and Inchicore and to include a detailed explanation for any delays.

Reply

At the request of the National Transport Authority, the proposed Grand Canal Cycle Route from Blackhorse to Portobello is currently on hold to facilitate the carrying out of a feasibility study to review the options surrounding Harold Cross Bridge.

Contact: Chris Adamson, A/Executive Engineer

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