



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 9 JULY 2018**

- 1 **Election of chairperson**  
**Order: Cllr. Ruairí McGinley was nominated as chairperson by Cllr. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. Andrews. Cllr. McGinley elected as Chairperson. Cllr. Paddy McCartan thanked the committee members and staff of the South East Area for their help and support during his time as chairperson. The committee expressed their thanks to Cllr. McCartan for his work as chairperson over the last three years.**
- 2 **Election of vice-chairperson**  
**Order: Cllr. Anne Feeney was nominated as vice-chairperson by Cllr. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. Binchy. Cllr. Feeney elected as vice-chairperson.**
- 3 **Presentation on Fitzwilliam Cycle Route**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 4 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 11th June 2018**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. **Minutes of Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**  
**Order: Noted. It was agreed that:**  
**Members to send any queries on meeting TAG items to Area Manager**  
**South East Area Office to arrange meeting with councillors and Assistant Chief Executive, Environment and Transportation**
- 6 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
  - i. **Report on proposed Part 8 works at Eamon Ceannt Depot, information only.**  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. **Report re notification of intention to commence Part 8 for Sean Moore Park Playground.**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 7 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**

- i. Report on proposed disposal of land at Chatham Court, Chatham Street, Clarendon Row, Dublin 2 to Hines European Core Fund (HECF) One Clarendon Row 2 S.A.R.L.

**Order: Agreed to recommend to city council.**

- ii. Addition of 9 - 12 Dawson Street & Dawson Lane, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**

## 8 **South East Area Matters**

- i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.

**Order: Noted.**

## 9 **Motions**

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

At the May meeting we agreed to invite National Transport Authority (NTA) to discuss the need for more peak time buses for Terenure, Kimmage, Rathmines and Rathgar. Assuming that NTA will come along it is agreed that we discuss this motion in their presence requesting that the numbers 140, 14 and 15 buses be returned to St. Stephen's Green.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

### **Motion 2 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

This committee calls on the manager to find a solution to the rat running of vehicles cutting through Pigeon House Road in Ringsend.

The traffic has become intolerable for residents who constantly have their own vehicle exits blocked with congested traffic. (See photo attached)

**Order: Moved by Cllr. Dermot Lacey. Report to councillor.**

### **Motion 3 from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan taken with Motion 17**

Recognizing the emergence (without any real planning consultation process) of the rugby grounds at Donnybrook (Energia Park) as a concert venue this committee requests a report from the Planning and other relevant officials of Dublin City Council on what protocols and controls can be introduced to reduce the noise and disruption impacts on the local community and to limit the amount of concerts to a reasonable and agreed total.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

### **Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Parks Department provides a report to the September meeting on the possibility of implementing proposal made by Stratford College for Herzog Park.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

### **Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Traffic Department looks at ways of slowing down traffic in Church Drive, Mount Argus. There are a number of blind corners in this estate which has high child occupancy. There is a lot of commuter parking and particularly bike

deliveries. Residents are very concerned for the safety of these children who come out between these parked cars.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the footpaths in Wesley Road be repaired. A considerable part of them are badly broken up and this is very dangerous for elderly people who live on the road.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the council looks at creating extra car parking space which is badly needed in the Harold's Cross area by opening up the piece of land that was earmarked for a road way this is in Greenmount Avenue and on the side of Lime Kiln Lane.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillors Paddy McCartan and Dermot Lacey**

That this area committee supports the undertaking given to the Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association (STTCA) by Dublin City Council (DCC) on the village audit carried out on the 28th of March 2018. There were 70 items on the list, 50 of which the STTCA are undertaking themselves and that this area committee urges the expeditious implementation of this audit.

- 1) DCC to supply rolls of stick-on reflective tape for top of black footpath bollards. STTCA then to fix on.
- 2) Repair deep kerbside pothole at public lighting column outside Nutgrove House, Gilford Road.
- 3) Remove ivy growth on top of telecom pole on pathway outside 70 Gilford Road.
- 4) Install new bike rack between Brownes Restaurant -> Bennetts.
- 5) Install new bike racks between MACE -> Boulder Media near Telephone Box – alongside existing ones.
- 6) Install 1 new bike rack at side of Dunne Crescenzi Restaurant.
- 7) Install 2 new bike racks outside entrance of 74 Gilford Road (on corner area) where bollard was removed.
- 8) Install **'No Bicycles'** or "Bicycles will be Removed" signs around 'The Green' railings (which are currently being repainted and repaired at great cost).
- 9) Paint rusty Public Lighting poles on Gilford Road near village.
- 10) Remove and replace sunken manhole cover between Cafe JAVA and O'Briens - Sandymount Village.
- 11) Remove / replace / relocate damaged 'Loading Bay' pole between MACE and Boulder Media and fit new sign.
- 12) Fill-in open space with cement around wooden telecoms pole outside /

near front door of MACE (always full of weeds).

- 13) Repair area of broken kerb at bus stop outside INDIE Restaurant.
- 14) Repair broken pathway at side of TESCO on Marine Drive.
- 15) Repaint several large Public Lighting Columns on Seafort Avenue.
- 16) Email send to Traffic Dept highlighting the need to repaint kerbs at traffic islands Tritonville / Newbridge junctions.
- 17) Repair area of broken kerb on Herbert Road near corner of Tritonville Road (left hand side pathway).
- 18) Repair area of broken kerb on Herbert Road near corner of Tritonville Road (right hand side pathway).
- 19) Paint old heritage style rusty public lighting poles in Farney Park.
- 20) Supply and install new Enable Ireland Garden Centre & DART signs on current Public Lighting Column at junction of Sandymount Ave and Gilford Road.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests a detailed reply to the issues listed in the email submitted and circulated with this motion relating to a premises on Irishtown Road.

I was wondering if I could ask for your help with a problem I've been experiencing in Irishtown for quite a while now.

I live with my family on Irishtown Road, near the Irishtown House pub.

The space outside this pub is currently designated green space, according to Dublin City Council, and historically has always been green space.

There is a public right of way over the space.

The man who took over running Irishtown House pub about 4 years ago has little by little taken this public space over as his own and is now running a beer garden, with outside speakers playing loud music.

This land does not belong to him and he has not applied for or received planning permission for a beer garden for this space. (Again, this was confirmed to me by Dublin City Council.)

Every year for the past three years, the owner of the pub has added a couple more picnic tables so that he is now treating the entire area outside the pub as a beer garden for him to hold large public gatherings. (I've attached a photo of the space covered in people at the pub's recent "summer festival" - taken from a bedroom window in our house)

He has installed outside speakers that blare music out at high volume, even during weekday afternoons. (My husband and I both work from home and the

noise is so bad that we cannot leave our windows open during the day, even when the weather is hot like today, as the noise would be too much to take.)

Recently, he installed two large TV screens in the front windows of the pub so that he can encourage daytime drinking while watching sport outside.

The pub is in the middle of a heavily populated residential area and the row of houses we belong to has a number of young families, including babies, who sleep in bedrooms right by the pub.

The level of noise, public drunkenness and general disregard for our right to a bit of peace is very hard to be okay with. It gets so bad some days that I think we will have to sell our house and move somewhere else.

I don't begrudge the pub. We knew there was one there when buying the house but we did not think they would take over the outside space that they do not own and cause so much noise pollution.

I do feel really taken aback by the fact that the owner is being allowed to run his beer garden on public space, with no licence and with no regard for noise levels or public drunkenness and their implications to local families.

I would appreciate you letting me know what can be done about this. The very least I would expect is that this 'beer garden' is shut down until such time as a licence is sought.

We have had to apply for planning permission for our own home. The Merry Cobbler pub further down the road was recently denied a licence to have a few chairs put outside. Yet, Irishtown House pub seems to be able to do whatever it likes with no permission!

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Sonya Stapleton.**

This committee calls on the manager to find a solution to the rat running of vehicles cutting through Pigeon House Road in Ringsend. The traffic has become intolerable for residents who constantly have their own vehicle exits blocked with congested traffic.

**Order: Moved by Cllr. Dermot Lacey. Report to councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to address as a matter of urgency the following issues in Portobello along the canal:

1. Urination - there is a huge problem with public urination by crowds gathering along the canal in good weather, in particular on peoples' homes and local businesses. Regular street washing is urgently required in the area due to this.
2. Litter & waste - to provide closed bins so that food waste left behind does not attract further vermin in the area.
3. The use of barbecues along the canal.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to introduce traffic calming measures in Lad Lane. The lane is being used for rat running, with cars frequently driving at high speed through the lane and is causing a safety risk for

residents.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee calls on the area manager to write to the new Garda Commissioner to request more Gardaí for the South East Area.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) to organise a one day seminar on the great social and health value and rollout of the 'Men's Shed' initiative. DCC is beginning to involve itself through its vacant land bank to facilitate the building, making and running of the 'Men's Shed initiative. The Men's Shed has been a great success story throughout the country resulting in positive attitude and wellbeing as well as assistance to local communities and businesses. A recent meeting in Beech Hill Community Centre was testament to this and now is the appropriate time to organise a one day information seminar to highlight this crucial initiative.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this area committee calls on Dublin City Council (DCC) management to have the City Hall reopened on Sundays. Thousands of tourists and citizens wish to visit this unique building. Sunday is the busiest day for tourists in the city. The City Hall was closed during the downturn in the economy and the cutbacks in DCC. The City Hall is now back making profit from its many activities such as civil marriage ceremonies and corporate receptions and promotions.

There should just one day set aside, Sunday, for sole public and visitor use without any interference from private bookings or receptions etc. It also gives us councillors an opportunity to use the facility on this potential quiet day.

**Order: Refer to Protocol Committee.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Patrick Costello**

That this area committee calls on the manager to deal with the issue of pedestrian safety at Tesco, Rathmines, and to agree to undertake the following steps:

- To resurface the footpath so there is better distinction between the car park road and the footpath.
- To write to the management of Tesco requesting clearly signage in their car park that cars exiting are crossing a footpath where they need to be aware of pedestrians and where pedestrians have right of way.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Patrick Costello taken with Motion 3**

That the manager provides a comprehensive report on the recent concerts in Donnybrook stadium and the noise control in place. Constituents from a wide area have been complaining about the noise of one event, while others generated no complaints. A full review would be a positive step to prevent the noise intrusion caused should there be any future events.

**Order: Report to councillor.**

**Correction**

Question 46 to the May meeting of the South East Area Committee regarding an outside broadcasting truck on Camden Street referred incorrectly to 98FM. 98FM does not have an outside broadcast unit and has not had one since July 2017.

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**Ruairí McGinley**

**Chairperson**

**Monday 9 July 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Ruairí McGinley (Chairperson)  
Chris Andrews  
Patrick Costello  
Paddy McCartan  
Mary Freehill

**Members:**

Claire O'Connor  
Kieran Binchy  
Anne Feeney  
Frank Kennedy

**Members:**

Claire Byrne  
Sonya Stapleton  
Mannix Flynn  
Dermot Lacey

**Officers**

Brian Hanney  
Brian Kavanagh  
Fiona O'Brien  
Paraic Fallon  
Adrienne Houghton

Declan Hayden  
Rose Kenny  
Jennifer Wall  
Paul McCann  
Chris Manzira

Leah Johnston  
Brian Kirk  
Michael Noonan  
Perry Chitombo

**Non-Members**

Joe Seymour, Aecom

Philip Lee, Aecom

**Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to follow up on previous representations regarding homeless people at (details supplied).

**Reply:**

Dublin's Housing First Intake team, which is funded by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), works with our Central Placement Service and the Health Services Executive (HSE)-funded Safety Net Service to provide outreach services, street level healthcare and accommodation options to people rough sleeping in the Dublin region. Our Outreach Team has been targeting the Rathmines area over the past 6 - 8 weeks, as that is when the rough sleeper reports were first received. Although reports are coming indicating a number of rough sleepers, the Housing First team has only been able to identify two people (male and female, a couple).

They have established contact with the two individuals who wished to engage with them so far. They agreed to take beds on five different occasions, but they never showed up. We have also tried to engage them with our Aungier Street location, as it is closer to get to and it was thought that would encourage them into emergency accommodation. The intake team offered beds. However, sometimes people don't wish to take up the offer of a bed.

The Housing First team is monitoring the rough sleeping situation in the Rathmines area and the wider Dublin Southside area in general. The team is continuing to target this area and will be there every evening this week again to monitor and seek to engage with any person sleeping rough in the area.

We have a facility for the public to report rough sleeping. If you see anyone sleeping rough in the Dublin Region please report it to: [www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper](http://www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper)

**Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to set out planned footpath improvement works in Rutland Grove, Dublin 12.

**Reply:**

Rutland Grove is not on our 2018 Footpath Reconstruction Programme. These footpaths will be logged in our Asset Management System for local repair works to be carried out.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if it is correct that a business operating in Dartmouth Square Park attracts up to 150-250 people per week at a cost of €5 per head, yet the council only receives a rent of €25 for the period for use of the park. If she will arrange for the rental fee to more accurately reflect that usage and indeed any rates that should in fairness be applied to the property given the commercial nature of its use.

**Reply:**

A licence has issued by the Parks Department to facilitate ten yoga sessions in the park. As the individual does not have exclusive use of the park and the nature of the occupancy is transient it is unlikely that this occupancy would satisfy the requirements for rateable occupancy.



The yoga in Dartmouth Square was permitted on an understanding that up to 25 people were attending. Obviously the standard permit for such activities is not appropriate in this instance and we have met with the operator to put an alternative arrangement in place.

Dublin City Council is supportive of activities in parks which promote healthy lifestyle and well-being. However, there should be a control on the numbers attending to ensure that there is no disruption to local residents.

**Q.4 Councillor Chris Andrews**

To ask the manager to examine the possibility of laying double yellow lines at the corners of the Priory Road Green? This area experiences a lot of congestion and poses a serious danger to pedestrians as a result of vehicles parking on the corners.

**Reply:**

There are requests listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for double yellow lines on the corners of Priory Road Green. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.5 Councillor Mary Freehill**

To ask the manager that the footpaths in Wesley Road, Rathgar be placed on the list for urgent conservation work. The state of the footpaths is particularly bad outside no. 24, but the whole road needs to be done.

**Reply:**

These footpaths will be logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out.

**Q.6 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Pearse House:

Flood lights in complex not working.

Lights on balconies and stairwells - most not working, some come on intermittent, not ones on timers.

Blocks D and F - in complete darkness.

Blocks A and B - top floors not working at all.

Arches K and S - no lights at all.

Will the manager consider an over haul of the fittings, as the bulbs are being changed but stop working in a couple of days?

**Reply:**

- a) **Flood lights.** A number of the flood lights were repaired on 4/7/2018. There is an access issue here and the remaining lights will be repaired when access to these lights has been arranged in conjunction with the area office
- b) **Balcony lighting:** Following an inspection all necessary repairs have been carried out and all lights are in full working order.
- c) **Blocks D & F:** Following an inspection on 8.6.18 all necessary repairs have been carried out and all light are in full working order. An follow up inspection on 27.6.18 revealed that all lights are still fully operational
- d) **Blocks A & B:** Following an inspection on 27.6.18 all lights were found to be in working order
- e) **Arches K & S:** Following an inspection on 8.6.18 all necessary repairs have been carried out and all light are in full working order. An follow up inspection on 27.6.18 revealed that all lights are still fully operational

- f) **Fittings overhaul:** Electrical inspections are carried out regularly in Pearse House and our Electrical Services Division has advised that the fittings here do not require an overhaul.

**Q.7 Councillor Chris Andrews**

On bin days for the new apartment complex / new Spar shop and businesses in the area, bins are taken up and put into the parking bays on Hanover Street late at night under the windows of the flats, then they are left in position till the collection arrives the following day. Taking up valuable parking spaces.

**Reply:**

The South East Area litter warden has visited the businesses in the Hanover Street area and informed them of their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act with regard to the correct presentation times for bins. The litter warden will monitor this area closely to ensure that all businesses are complying with the regulations.

**Q.8 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Re Pearse House:

Bin store areas - no lights in these areas as the flood lights are not working. Fly tipping from people outside the complex.

**Reply:**

A number of the flood lights in Pearse House were repaired on 4/7/2018. There is an access issue here and the remaining lights will be repaired when access to these lights has been arranged in conjunction with the area office

Any incidences of fly-tipping should be reported to the Project Estate Officer at tel. 222 2056 who will investigate.

**Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Re Pearse House:

Car park area - surface at blocks K and S is all cracked and broken.

**Reply:**

The cobble lock area in Blocks K and S has been repaired.

**Q.10 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Re Pearse House:

Entrance area at C and B block, looking to increase the height of the speed ramps.

**Reply:**

The speed ramps in Pearse House are installed as per a standard specification so it not deemed appropriate to increase the height of same.

**Q.11 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Road marking / and parking bays on Hanover Street need to be re-painted and maintained.

**Reply:**

The Traffic Department has carried out the renewal of the vast majority of various markings at the location in recent days.

However, there are some minor gaps that we could not complete due to access issues (*vehicles parked on the area for renewal*).

We will monitor access to these locations over the coming weeks in order to complete the works.

I can confirm that the Traffic Department expects all markings will be renewed within the next 30 working days of the scheduled South East Area Committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**Q.12 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Coach parking on Hanover Street looking to be moved to Erne Street side of the flats.

**Reply:**

The coach parking on Hanover Street East can be relocated to the Erne Street Lower side of the flats.

**Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Pearse House:

Large flower pot sections - 2 number. Looking for these to be removed and the play ground to be extended and improved in this area.

**Reply:**

We are currently indentifying a number of improvements for the Pearse House complex and it is anticipated that some works maybe carried out subject to the availability of funding.

**Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Pearse House:

Illegal parking in the complex by people with no permits and clampers not doing anything about it, which leaves no parking spaces for residents with permits.

**Reply:**

The Housing Section will follow up with the Parking Enforcement Company for Pearse House.

**Q.15 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager say how many vacant units are there in Cambridge Court, Beggars Bush, Shelbourne Park, Powerscourt and Verschoyle senior citizens complexes and how many are available to let in each?

**Reply:**

The following update can be provided in relation to this question:

**Cambridge Court**

There are currently no vacant units at this property. Two units have been re-allocated there in 2018 following refurbishment.

**Beggar's Bush**

There are five units vacant at this location. Four of these became vacant since April 2018. A further unit has been refurbished and is now available for re-allocation. Two units have been re-allocated at Beggar's Bush in 2018.

**Shelbourne Park**

There are currently no vacant units at this property. Two units have been re-allocated there in 2018 following refurbishment.

### **Powerscourt**

There are currently no vacant units at this property. Two units have been re-allocated there in 2018 following refurbishment.

### **Verschoyle Court**

There are 38 units vacant at this location. Refurbishment has been completed on 35 of these and these are now being re-allocated. Works are continuing on a further three. One unit was re-allocated at this property in 2018.

#### **Q.16 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if she will have the tree at the junction of Clonskeagh Road / Vergemount and Vergemount Park examined and possibly removed. It is causing an obstruction and lifting the footpaths.

#### **Reply:**

The tree in question is a *Betula utilis 'Jacquemontii'* which appears to be in good condition based on a recent ground level assessment. Therefore considering the condition and quality of the tree it is not proposed to have it removed as requested.

However, I will arrange for some lower branches to be removed and the crown pruned after the bird nest season.

This footpath will be logged in our Asset Management System for repair.

#### **Q.17 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Further to previous questions I have submitted can I ask the manager to have the properties at 2-8 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge examined in relation to dereliction and report on what measures can be taken to have them brought up to an acceptable standard and if they can be included on the derelict sites register.

(The "Sold" signs are still up, the gates are chained shut and the buildings are looking very poorly. To the left, number 2 Elgin Road is at least inhabited, though it too looks in poor condition. But worryingly, number 8, the right, is now empty and shut.)

#### **Reply:**

These sites will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the councillor will be replied to directly.

#### **Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a resident in Pearse Square.

Is there any way the neglect of Pearse Square can be raised with Dublin City Council. The park has not been in such poor condition since it was built. Ironically even at the depths of the recession the park still seen regular maintenance but in the last 6 months it has really fallen into disrepair. I believe it is under the control of the same park division who maintains Merrion Square which has seen huge investment in the last 6 months not sure if the little resource that previously did maintenance in the park has been redirected elsewhere. Considering this is the only park in the Pearse Street and Grand Canal Dock area it is really surprising that it has been allowed deteriorate like this. It really is a unique public space that serves the whole community. Unfortunately when public spaces like this are somewhat neglected then it can encourages anti-social behaviour which is best nipped in the bud. The

residents are out this Sunday 11am for a big clean up but there is only so much local residents can achieve.

**Reply:**

Parks Services met with the residents of Pearse Square during the summer of 2017 to discuss concerns and subsequently improvements were carried out including the pruning of the perimeter trees (London Plane) and pruning of all the shrubberies and weed control.

The park is managed and maintained by the staff from Merrion Square Park Depot. However, they also manage a number of parks and open spaces within the local area including Pearse Park, the Mansion House, housing complexes, public open space and street trees. Parks resources in the area are limited and the dedicated staff (4 in total) is under constant pressure to meet with the required standard that they themselves strive to achieve on a daily basis. However, every effort will be made to maintain Pearse Park to a high standard.

**Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue raised by a resident in Greenore Terrace:

To have the area around Greenore Terrace Dublin 2 cleaned. The area is not being maintained by Dublin City Council both from the point of view of street cleaning and grass and weeds growing from the paths particularly bad at the local authority housing apartments. In the past the council did a great job in maintaining the area but for some reason we seem to have fallen by the wayside.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had a comprehensive cleaning carried out on Greenore Terrace on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018. We will ensure that this location is kept as clean as possible.

**Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a local resident from Penrose Street Ringsend.

I am a Dublin city local resident, living on Penrose Street, Ringsend.

It is with dismay that I see litter strewn areas around Grand Canal Dock, Barrow Street and South Lotts Road, this despite the best efforts of the local residents committee.

This weekend there was a Tall Ships regatta in the south dock area, and a failure by the council to provision temporary bins on the approach roads, for example, the bin beside Charlotte Quay apartments (across from the Boland's Quay development) was over flowing on Saturday morning and remained the same for the entire long weekend. What kind of example does this demonstrate to tourists and visitors to the local area - is it not too much for the council to provide for temporary bins when activities take place at Grand Canal Dock or could the existing bins be emptied on a more regular basis over weekends?

In addition, the state of Barrow Street and local streets is dirty at best and filthy most of the time. Litter can be found all across Barrow Street, which then gets blown down the local residential side streets. Given the presence of Google's offices (and other tech friendly offices) on this street and the immediate area, could the council provide for more regular cleaning of these streets - it gives an awful impression to

locals, non-Irish workers and visitors - particularly when it is a basic council duty to keep the streets clean.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services provided temporary bins along both sides of the quays during the Tall Ships Regatta as this was where the viewing public were assembled. These bins were well used and serviced regularly. We will provide temporary bins when major events take place at Grand Canal Dock and we also will ensure that the existing bins are emptied more frequently during these events.

The problem with cleaning Barrow Street is the presence of parked cars there from early morning which hinders our cleaning efforts. We will arrange extra cleaning and monitor the cleaning of this area to ensure that it is cleaned to as high a standard as possible.

**Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue raised by a constituent

Further to my previous contact with you regarding littering on the Shelly Banks, nothing has changed. In fact the situation continues to deteriorate - as the attached photo from today shows.

I sincerely hope that this rubbish can be collected at the earliest opportunity; and that a more effective litter management system can be deployed in the form of more bins in what is a major local community and tourist amenity area.

**Reply:**

Parks Service will undertake to carry a cleanup of the beaches which come under the remit of the Irishtown Nature Reserve.

**Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue that I raised in January 2018. Residents have asked for some trees in green areas in Milltown to be pruned by Dublin City Council. Beside Ramleh Close. The height of the trees blocks light to the rear of the houses in Ramleh Park. The other area is Palmerston Grove. They frequently win awards for this area. It would be appreciated if the trees could be pruned.

Reply was that trees would be pruned in January 2018.

**Reply:**

The trees in Palmerston Grove are a mixture of *Sorbus aucuparia*, *Prunus* and *Malus* species, which add significantly to the biodiversity of the area. However the trees will benefit from pruning and the removal of thinning of the branches in the tree crown.

In addition there are two dead *Sorbus* sps. on the street which need to be removed. However, it is not proposed to replace these trees as they are impacting on the plant growth in a well maintained flower bed located beneath the trees.

It is proposed that this work will be undertaken after the bird nesting season later in the year.

The trees on the open space Ramleh Park are larger growing *Tilia* sps. and *Acer* sps. which are now close to the extensions in the rear gardens of adjacent house. These trees although considered to be in good condition, based on a ground level

assessment, would benefit from some pruning work. These trees will be added to our list of tree works undertaken by contract and on a priority basis subject to funding

**Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

To have the telephone kiosks removed on Sandymount Green. At this stage they serve no useful purpose; they are unsightly and constitute a blot on the environmental landscape of the village green. Currently they are festooned with garish advertising.

**Reply:**

EIR has responsibility for the provision and maintenance of pay phones throughout the country and they have a programme for removal of derelict or unnecessary pay phone kiosks. In accordance with the removal criteria set out in *Section 4.1 of Provision of Public Payphones Universal Service: Scope and Designation (ComReg 14/69) July 2014*, Dublin City Council may submit a request to EIR to remove payphone kiosks. The criterion for requesting Eir to remove a kiosk is usually evidence of anti-social behaviour. In relation to the kiosks on Sandymount Green, there is no current evidence of anti-social behaviour. However, the area office will monitor these units over the next few months.

Eir reports that they are in the middle of a full payphone review and are awaiting ComReg's Universal Service Obligation (USO) designation for payphones and will revert when the review is complete.

**Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

There is a property at 12 Pembroke Road Ballsbridge which is unoccupied and in a derelict condition continuing to deteriorate. Could this property be added to the Derelict Site Register and could I have an update on the property directly opposite number 9 Pembroke Road which is becoming dangerous with pigeons flying in and out a large back window.

**Reply:**

These sites will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the councillor will be replied to directly.

**Q.25 Councillor Mary Freehill**

To ask the manager to have the trees on Church of Ireland lands at Kildare Place / Training College at the Palmerston Court end be examined with a view to having a conservation order put on them.

**Reply:**

The Planning Department will examine this issue with the Parks and Landscapes Services Division to determine the quality and conditions of the trees on these lands.

The creation of a tree preservation order is an onerous process. Parks and Landscapes Service will examine the context of the councillor's request and report directly back to her.

**Q.26 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if Dublin City Council would be interested in acquiring the following \*details supplied:

**Reply:**

This row of properties is being monitored by the Derelict Sites section. The Housing Department is in consultation with the property owner in relation to a major redevelopment of the area including these properties at \*details supplied and an adjoining Dublin City Council flats complex.

**Q.27 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

To ask the manager why no work has been done on Dartmouth Square Park as was indicated for this year and to set the dates when work will be done.

**Reply:**

Parks Services has provision in the budget estimates of eight thousand euro to undertake park improvement works in Dartmouth Square Park this year.

The works will include clearance of low growing shrubs and growth at the base of trees to improve visibility into the park. Quotations are currently being sought to undertake this work.

Additional tree pruning and replacement trees / shrubs will be undertaken over the autumn / winter.

In addition to the landscaping works described above the South East Area Office will examine the condition of the railings, furniture and pathways in the park and arrange for repair / improvement works to be carried out as required.

**Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to ensure that the litter bin in the attached photo and all litter bins in the Portobello area are emptied with sufficient frequency to prevent instances of overflow such as that illustrated in the attached photo.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will ensure that all litter bins in the Portobello area are emptied on a regular basis.

**Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to remove all of the graffiti which has completely taken over the entrance area to Kingsland Park Avenue from the South Circular Road, including the walls on both sides.

**Reply:**

The responsibility for the removal of graffiti from private property rests with the owner / occupier. Offensive graffiti will be removed from private property by the city council.

The graffiti at this location has been inspected and the South East Area office had written to the owner / occupiers of the relevant properties notifying them of their responsibility and has requested that they make arrangements to have the graffiti removed as soon as possible. Graffiti on city council utility boxes at this location has been listed for removal. Graffiti on utility boxes belonging to other services providers has been listed to the relevant providers for removal by them.

**Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager, with regard to graffiti in the Portobello area generally, (i) to remove it on Lennox Place, the front of the red brick building of the old Portobello College and on Emor Street and (ii) develop a plan to prevent the proliferation of graffiti in Portobello.



**Reply:**

The responsibility for the removal of graffiti from private property rests with the owner / occupier. Offensive graffiti will be removed from private property by the city council.

The graffiti at this location has been inspected. Letters were issued to a number of property owners / occupiers notifying them of their responsibility and requesting that they make arrangements to have the graffiti removed as soon as possible.

Graffiti on city council utility boxes at this location has been listed for removal. Graffiti on utility boxes belonging to other services providers has been listed to the relevant providers for removal by them.

The Public Domain Team is in regular contact with An Garda Síochána in relation to incidents of graffiti in the area and has requested An Garda Síochána to monitor this location.

**Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager (i) to provide temporary bins around Grand Canal Dock, Barrow Street and South Lotts Road and (ii) to ensure that the existing bins are emptied more frequently when major events or activities take place at Grand Canal Dock.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will provide temporary bins in this area when major events take place at Grand Canal Dock and we also will ensure that the existing bins are emptied more frequently during these events.

**Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to provide for the more regular cleaning of Barrow Street, which is frequently filthy, and the adjacent residential streets, whose residents are the victims of litter from Barrow Street being blown down their streets?

**Reply:**

The problem with cleaning Barrow Street is the presence of parked cars there from early morning which hinders our cleaning efforts. We will monitor the cleaning of this area to ensure that it is cleaned to as high a standard as possible.

**Q.33 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to introduce traffic calming measures in Lad Lane to reduce speed of traffic in the lane as requested by the South Georgian Core Residents' Association in the attached correspondence (details supplied).

**Reply:**

Lad Lane is included in a 30km/h zone which came into effect in March, 2017. In view of this, the Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that it is not proposed to consider the installation of speed ramps on Lad Lane. The enforcement of the 30 km/h speed limit is a matter for the Gardaí.

There is a Pay and Display and Permit Parking scheme, located on the east side of Lad Lane, which helps to reduce traffic speed in the area.

The Traffic Advisory Group is in discussion with a planning permission submission to introduce a build-out on both sides of Lad Lane Upper where it joins with Cumberland Road. This will help reduce traffic speeds on Lad Lane Upper.

**Q.34 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In light of the increased number of concerts taking place in the Donnybrook / Ballsbridge area, in particular at Donnybrook Stadium / Energia Park and at the RDS, and the fact that many local residents have been discommoded by the noise levels, to ask the Manager:

- a) What controls are in place to ensure these performances do not disturb local residents?
- b) Are officials from Dublin City Council on site to ensure no excessive noise levels?
- c) What is the maximum permitted decibel level?; and
- d) Who monitors the decibel levels?

**Reply:**

- a) There are no legal mandatory limits on noise levels for outdoor events in Ireland. The UK Pop Code is adapted as the benchmark for such events by Dublin City Council. The UK Pop Code is used extensively by local authorities in Ireland and the UK as the industry standard for such events and sound engineers with touring music artists would be familiar with the measures required to comply with this code. Environmental Health Officers in the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit of Dublin City Council are authorised to serve Statutory Notices under S, 107 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 to prevent or limit noise at concert events. Notices are generally served on the promoter and on the occupier of the venue. These notices set out maximum levels permitted in the vicinity of concert venues. The Event Licence also obliges the event organisers to appoint an independent noise consultant to carry out monitoring and to issue a report to Dublin City Council. In practice Dublin City Council staff liaise with the noise consultant during the event, and if required the sound desk can be contacted to make adjustments to acoustic management of the event.
- b) Environmental Health Officers generally carry out onsite monitoring at concerts and communicate with the independent noise consultant, and if necessary with sound engineers at the mixing desk to notify of possible breaches and to ensure compliance with the noise levels.
- c) The Pop Code states a maximum LAeq limit of 75dBA(15mins.) shall not be exceeded at the environs of the venue and this level was set out in the Statutory Notice.
- d) As stated above, noise monitoring is carried by Environmental Health Officers and the independent noise consultant.

**Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

In light of the increased number of concerts taking place in the Donnybrook / Ballsbridge area, to ask the manager:

- (a) Why is there no consultation with local residents as in the case of events at Croke Park?; and
- (b) What consideration if any is being given to the fact that the number of such events, which inconvenience local residents, have been increasing in number annually on an ongoing basis in recent years?

**Reply:**

The application process associated with an Outdoor Event Licence Application is a consultation process in itself and allows any third party make an observation within a three week period of the lodgment of the application relating to the proposed events.

The proposed events are advertised in newspapers, on the Dublin City Council website and the planning pages. The applications are made available for inspection at the planning public counter for the relevant period for inspection. Any other consultation is a matter between the management of venues, the promoter and local residents.

Dublin City Council has a policy that no more than three licensed concerts in a row should be carried out at a given outdoor venue.

As part of the planning process for the events, litter / waste management plans are put in place to ensure the venue and surrounding areas are cleaned during and post concerts.

Traffic management plans are also agreed with the event organisers and the relevant statutory agencies.

All events bring benefits and a certain amount of disturbance to the areas they take place in. Dublin City Council when adjudicating upon applications for events has to balance up these issues and liaise with the other statutory bodies in maximising the safety of people attending the concerts while minimising disruption in the area.

**Q.36 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the manager to replace the public toilet at the Ballsbridge end of Anglesea Road.

**Reply:**

There are no current or future plans to install a replacement public toilet at this location. Temporary public toilets are provided in the Ballsbridge area for major events in the Aviva Stadium but there are no plans for permanent public toilets to be provided in the area.

**Q.37 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

Following concerns which have been raised by a resident living proximate to the Irishtown House public house, to ask the manager:

- (a) To confirm that the area outside this public house is designated as green space;
- (b) To confirm that there is public right of way over the space;
- (c) To clarify whether the usage of the space in the manner shown in the attached photograph, which appears to be a beer garden, has been licensed or permitted by the council;
- (d) To ask whether the use of loudspeakers outside the public house has been licensed or permitted by the council;
- (e) If the answer to (c) and / or (d) above is no, to ask the council to take the requisite action to prevent any such unlicensed or impermissible activity.

**Reply:**

An Enforcement file is being set up on this matter and a warning letter will issue to the owner of the pub under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) relating to the allegations contained in the Councillors question. A full investigation will be undertaken by the Planning Enforcement Section including site inspections. Appropriate enforcement action will then be taken if required.

Anti-social behaviour in public spaces should be reported to the local gardaí who may be contacted by post at: Chief Superintendent, Donnybrook Garda Station, 43 Donnybrook Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, D04 XC78, or by phone at tel.: 666 9200.

**Q.38 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager to install new kitchen countertop in \*details supplied; the lady had a flood in her flat which she has repaired herself however her countertop is warped with water and she cannot afford to replace.

**Reply:**

An inspection of the worktop at this property revealed that it is secure and was not been damaged by the recent flooding in the apartment. It does not need to be replaced, but requires minor maintenance works which will be carried out before the end of July.

**Q.39 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager for an update regarding the rat infestation at the back of O'Carroll Villas, Cuffe Street. Please provide dates when pest control put down traps / poison and their location and any other updates. Residents are contacting me daily about this issue and feel nothing is being done. One lady recently contacted me saying she saw three rats outside the door on Sunday night. If this issue is not being monitored correctly the infestation will just get worse.

**Reply:**

On foot of complaints received both from residents of O'Carroll Villas and the councillor, Housing Maintenance Pest Control were contacted and they called to the complex and laid rat bait on the following dates: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018. They will continue to call and monitor the problem every 4 to 6 weeks until the matter has been brought under control.

The Health Services Executive (HSE) Pest Control Section has also been contacted and they are treating the area as well.

Pest Control observed residents from the adjoining houses throwing scraps of food into the gardens of the complex to feed the pigeons. The Project Estate Officer has called to these residents to request them to stop and he will continue to monitor the problem.

**Q.40 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager to remove tree that appears to be rotting in Cathedral View.

**Reply:**

The tree at this location has been inspected. It is a healthy tree with no sign of decay and no damage to the bark. There is no necessity to remove this tree therefore this work will not be carried out.

Housing Maintenance Section will inspect the slabs laid surrounding the tree for required repairs.

**Q.41 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager to assess sacred heart statue in Cathedral View, Dublin 8 and to come up with a plan to clean / paint and make it look nice once again.

**Reply:**

The area housing manager will arrange to have the location of the statue accessed to see what works are required and make arrangements to have this work done.

**Q.42 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager if spot checks are taken in the evening to make sure builders are in compliance with building regulations and that they are keeping to the working times allocated by the council. I have had reports from residents that Rhatigans that are building the Maldron Hotel on New Street have been working until after twelve o'clock at night (photos details supplied).

**Reply:**

Spot checks are carried out on large scale building sites around the city by planning enforcement officers to ensure compliance with approved working hours associated with developments. We are dealing with the case outlined by the councillor and will ensure that the main contractor on site is reminded of his obligations regarding working hours.

**Q.43 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager when a plan will be implemented for the new playground in Mercer Street flats.

**Reply:**

Both the area office and Housing Maintenance Section met onsite to discuss the provision of a new play area at Mercer Street flats. Housing Maintenance is currently preparing a proposal in this regard after which a defined time line for the installation of the play area can be provided.

**Q.44 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the manager when O'Carroll Villas flats will be painted and also to indicate if the back balconies will be included in this paint job as they are in very bad condition.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council operates a planned painting programme for all our flat complexes. The head of our Painting Division confirms that O'Carroll Villas apartments are scheduled for painting in 2018 with work expected to commence in September.

**Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager what is the purpose of the new road markings at the junction of Kevin Street, Patrick Street and Dean Street (outside Fallows pub and the new hotel), why does the cycle lane from Kevin Street cease at the lights here and is not included in the new road markings, and are there any plans to extend the cycle lane here.

**Reply:**

The new road markings are part of the temporary traffic management arrangements to facilitate ongoing construction of a private development of the new hotel. There has been no significant change in the overall provision of cycle lanes along this corridor as a result of the new road markings. Prior to the commencement of construction of the development, the cycle lanes ceased at the Patrick Street / Dean Street signalised junction. There are no immediate plans to extend these cycle lanes onto Dean Street at the moment.

**Q.46 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager for an update on the installation of a 'Welcome to Portobello' sign at Portobello Harbour (see photo attached for suggestion).

**Reply:**

An appropriate location for the sign has now been identified and the 'Welcome to Portobello' sign will be ordered and erected. Installation should be in around one month's time.

**Q.47 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager to arrange a meeting with the Creighton Street residents as a matter of urgency to discuss the proposed public realm changes to the street. Many of the residents are not happy with what is being proposed and a meeting could help to address their concerns.

**Reply:**

The reinstatement works to Windmill Lane and Creighton Street are at an advanced stage and are being undertaken to the requirements of Dublin City Council. The works were agreed 18 months ago following the input of elected representatives and local residents.

A meeting was held with elected representatives in order to present the proposals in December 2016. Residents were subsequently circulated a copy of the proposals for their comments, also in December 2016. On foot of input by residents, the proposals were changed to minimise loss of car parking on Creighton Street and to remove proposals for trees on the west side of Creighton Street. In response to later submissions from residents, it was agreed that the works on Creighton Street will not include upgrading of the western footpath. Residents also requested the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Hanover Street East, which is being progressed.

**Q.48 Councillor Claire Byrne**

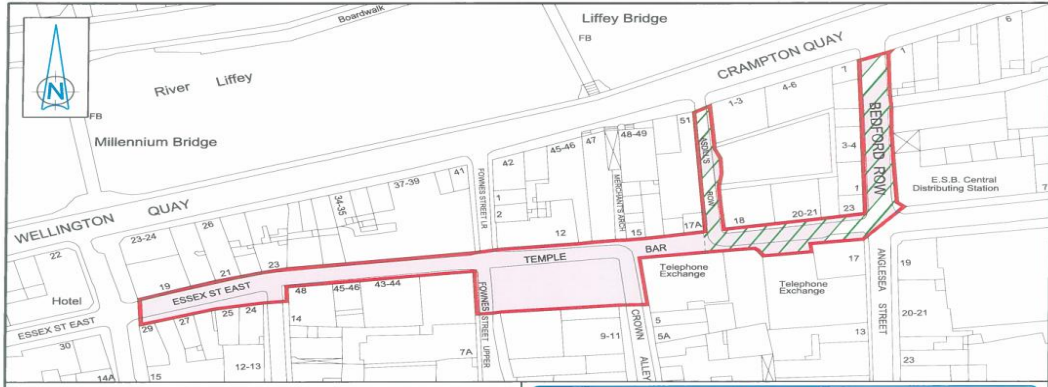
To ask the area manager can she please ensure that the Street Performance Bye-laws are enforced in Temple Bar, in particular in relation to amplification in the areas close to Crampton Court? The residents are enduring late night amplification frequently and have met with contempt and on one occasion assault when approaching some buskers trying to address the issue. This is unfair on the residents. Can the manager review the quiet zones within Temple Bar?

**Reply:**

There are four Assistant Inspectors in the Licensing Unit and part of their remit is the enforcement of the Street Performers Bye-Laws 2016. They work a seven day shift between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. Amplification is not permitted in Temple. A meeting was held last week with an Garda Síochána in Pearse Street. It was agreed that the Inspectors would work with the Gardaí in the Temple Bar area on a number of prearranged late night occasions in order to tackle any Street Performance issues.


The Prohibited Place around Crampton Buildings, where no busking is permitted, was established in 2016 as part of the Bye-Laws review. This, along with the placing of signs outside the Eir building opposite Crampton Buildings indicating the Prohibited Place has seen much improvement in noise levels and a considerable reduction in complaints for the area.

It is expected that the current Bye-Laws will be reviewed next year allowing for the possibility of the Prohibited Place being extended.



### Temple Bar Area Map for Street Performance Bye-Laws

Prohibited Place outside Crampton Buildings shown thus 

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**Q.49 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager what methods are used to assess noise levels at concerts at the RDS and Donnybrook / Ervia Stadium. Many local residents have complained that the noise levels at recent concerts in these venues were particularly high, and could be heard as far as Dublin 8. Can the manager confirm whether there have been any breaches of noise level agreements in the licences for events in these venues?

**Reply:**

Environmental Health Officers in the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit of Dublin City Council are authorised to serve Statutory Notices under Section 107 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 to prevent or limit noise at concert events. Notices are generally served on the promoter and on the occupier of the venue. These notices set out maximum levels permitted in the vicinity of concert venues during sound checks and at the main concert event.

At recent concert events at Donnybrook Stadium (Energia Park), Aviva Stadium and the RDS, Noise Monitoring was carried out by Environmental Health Officers from the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit and by an independent noise consultant as required by the Licence.

Environmental Health Officers carrying out onsite monitoring at concerts communicate with the independent noise consultant, and if necessary with sound engineers at the mixing desk to notify of possible breaches and to ensure compliance with the noise levels.

For Donnybrook events monitoring was carried out on Anglesea Road and at Bective Rangers Clubhouse adjacent to Eglinton Terrace, Donnybrook.

For RDS events monitoring was carried out on Herbert Park Lane, Ballsbridge.

For Aviva Stadium, monitoring was carried out on Havelock Square and Lansdowne Road.

These locations represent the nearest noise sensitive dwellings as recommended by the Pop Code.

Noise monitoring results showed that levels varied from 50.7 dBA (15mins.) throughout the afternoon and up to a maximum of 75 dBA (15 mins.) at the height of the concert events.

The Pop Code states a maximum LAeq limit of 75dBA(15mins.) shall not be exceeded at the environs of the venue. This level is also set out in the Statutory Notice.

The concert events at these venues were therefore in compliance with the Statutory Notice served under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992.

The independent noise consultant's report on the RDS events suggests that due to the exceptional meteorological conditions, downward refraction of sound may have resulted in noise being audible at great distances from the source.



**Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager for an update on the plans to redevelop the public toilets at the junction of Kevin Street and New Street.

**Reply:**

The council had previously considered publicly advertising for architectural and rental proposals from interested parties with a view to bringing the building back into use. Consideration is now being given to the feasibility of refurbishing the building in advance of making it available for letting.

**Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager why the water was turned off at Verschoyle Court and can please turn the water back on as a matter of urgency as the residents can no longer water their own plants and in this heat the plants are dying.

**Reply:**

There was a tap connected to one of the void units in Block 4 in Verschoyle Court. As part of the refurbishment works in the complex, the tap was removed from this unit. Two water butts have been connected to the downpipes in Blocks 4 & 5, which are adjacent to the garden. A request has also been submitted to the Housing Maintenance Section to connect a tap from the community centre.

**Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the area manager whether sandwich boards promoting businesses are permitted on public streets, if so what is the process by which such a permit can be applied for, and if they are not permitted can she please ensure that the sandwich boards at \*details supplied are removed.

**Reply:**

Advertising boards are not permitted. Notices of Offence under Section 71, Roads Act 1993 are issued to the owners of unlicensed items on the public footpath / roadway by inspectors from the Licensing Section, Environment & Transportation Department and this request has been forwarded to that department.

**Q.53 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager initiate the segregation of cyclists and pedestrians at the crossing point on Leeson Street Bridge which leads into Harcourt Terrace? This section of the canal is extremely busy at peak times and as the cyclists come across the canal bridge to go towards Portobello they mingle with the pedestrians on a very narrow stretch of the lock. There needs to be a clear demarcation line here in order to avoid congestion and the possibility of an accident.

**Reply:**

This request will be added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.54 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager ensure that all councillors in the area are informed at least a couple of weeks in advance where bicycle parking stands are to be installed? Can the area manager supply a present location map in relation to future installment of bicycle parking stands?

**Reply:**

Batch 8 of the On Street Cycle Parking Project was tendered on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of June, it is envisaged that Dublin City Council will be in a position to appoint a contractor in July 2018.

Dublin City Council does not currently have a programme for the works. The works are likely to take 3 months to complete, please see location map attached as requested.

**Q.55 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue an update of the planned works for the reinstatement of broken and damaged footpaths within the South East Area with particular emphasis on Wicklow Street, Suffolk Street and the city centre? Many of the paths here are so badly damaged that people are tripping and falling on a daily basis. It is not over a year since I reported Suffolk Street and nothing has happened. It's over 6 months since I reported Harcourt Street and despite being told it was going to be done immediately nothing has happened and pedestrians continue to slip and fall at these locations.

**Reply:**

All reported defects are logged in our Asset Management System for repairs to be carried out as soon as possible.

**Q.56 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour in Glovers Court? This report to include the effectiveness of the new CCTV camera's that were installed. The recent discovery of illegal drugs within the area and what plans estate management have to allay residents' fears with regards secure access to stairwells.

**Reply:**

There are no reports of ongoing anti social behaviour issues in Glovers Court. The reports of outside gangs congregating in the complex have all ceased. There has been only one incident in the complex reported involving anti social at a recent birthday party in the complex. This matter is currently being investigated by estate management.

The reports of anti social behaviour in this complex have reduced considerably to both Dublin City Council and the Gardaí since the installation of the CCTV in this complex.

The Gardaí are dealing with any discovery of illegal substances in the area.

There are currently no plans to install security doors at the entrances to the stairwells of this complex, but this is something that could be looked at in future.

**Q.57 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate the process for the reinstatement of the residents' community group and residents' committee at Smock Alley Apartments? At a number of recent meetings residents expressed desires for the formation of a residents committee / association. There are many issues within the area. There will be a new build within the area of residents' apartments. There will be new precinct improvements in the area and also there are the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour within the area. It is now time to form a residents' / tenants' committee.

**Reply:**

Our Community Team has already begun engaging with the Smock Alley Court residents regarding gardening and community activities. We hope to build on this over the coming months.

In addition the Housing and Public Domain Sections of the South East Area will continue to liaise with the residents regarding the Fishamble Street development and the precinct improvements on Exchange Street Lower.

**Q.58 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager assist with the ongoing issues that are negatively impacting on the residents of Creighton Street? This has been an ongoing issue for quite some time. I would ask that the manager issue a report that can be given to the residents with regards to what efforts Dublin City Council has made to alleviate the ongoing situation regarding development and building and the impact this has had on this small community.

**Reply:**

There are two current enforcement files relating to vents and a newspaper drop box at the Spar Shop at 1 - 4 Windmill Lane, 1 - 3 Hanover Street East and 19 - 20 Creighton Street, Dublin 2. An Enforcement Notice has been served requiring the removal of the vents and a Warning Letter has been served in respect of the alleged unauthorised drop box. We are continuing action on these two matters as appropriate. All matters relating to complaints made primarily by one resident in the area have been dealt with having regard to the enforcement provisions attached to the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

**Q.59 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager address the issues of dangerous parking by buses, coaches and other vehicles on a regular basis outside of City Hall at Castle Street? It is almost impossible on occasion to cross the road here without putting oneself in extreme danger. With the summer months now in full swing this area can be a traffic chaos for many hours during the day. This is a main entrance street and roadway that is busy with traffic. It is a main pedestrian area and tourist area and entrance to Dublin Castle and City Hall.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is aware of the above mentioned issues. We will monitor the area and contact the bus / coach operators that are found to be parking in the no parking area. If the issue persists we will need to notify the Gardaí and the National Transport Authority.

**Q.60 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards to what 'dishing' of footpaths has taken place in the South East Area for wheelchair users? Also, what initiatives has the city recently rolled out to promote wheelchair use, mobility and accessibility within our city? The city centre is almost impassable with the amount of tourists, walking tours, sandwich boards, street furniture and broken pavements, cars and vans parking on footpaths for wheelchair users and those with various disabilities. It is almost impossible for elderly and those with disabilities to get around the city. There is an absolute lack of awareness and a general disregard for the many among us senior citizens included who have difficulties with mobility.

**Reply:**

These matters will be investigated and the councillor will be replied to directly.

The information is not readily available. As part of our Annual Footpath Works Programme any footpath refurbished would include installing dishings at uncontrolled junction crossings. If Road Maintenance received specific requests from wheelchair users every effort is made to accommodate these.

**Q.61 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the area manager ensure that all private companies that are carrying out either road works or footpath works on behalf of Dublin City Council (DCC) or on behalf of private firms are properly signed as to who they are and that their permits for these public private works are onsite at all times for inspection by any member of the public?

And that all health and safety standards and conditions are adhered to like hazard warning lights and early warning lights and proper signage. Many constituents have phoned in and are particularly complaining with regards the attitude of the Rhatigan construction company and the Maldron Hotel group at Kevin Street. They are not the only offenders. The Maldron group along the canal at Portobello. I attach a number of photographs of road opening works on Cuffe Street recently which caused great concern to the local residents and road users.

**Reply:**

This matter will be investigated and a reply issued directly to the councillor in due course.

**Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to have the trees trimmed on Charlemont Mall, particular the parts that are now causing an obstruction along the canal cycle path.

**Reply:**

The trees on Charlemont Mall were pruned in 2016 and are currently in a satisfactory condition.

**Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the manager to provide details of gardening and maintenance work carried out in Dartmouth Square.

**Reply:**

The park is visited on a weekly schedule to undertake general park maintenance work which includes grass cutting / weed control and a general clean up.