

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th July 2018

Q 1 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the cleaning of the drain pipes and the moss from the porch of *(details supplied)*.

Reply

These works have now been completed.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q 2 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to supply this Councillor with any relevant information on *(details supplied)* if any new planning applications or any new developments are in the pipeline.

Reply

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

Q3 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for repair to the footpath at *(details supplied)*. This foot path is in a dangerous state and needs urgent repair.

Reply

The defect at *(details supplied)* has been made safe with a temporary repair and added to Road Maintenance Services list of permanent repairs to be carried out.

Contact: Martin Jordan, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.

Tel: 222 2568

Email: martin.jordan@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for repair to the footpath at *(details supplied)*.

Reply

The defect at *(details supplied)* has been added to Road Maintenance Services list of repairs to be carried out. The works will be carried out in the near future.

Contact: Martin Jordan, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.

Tel: 222 2568

Email: martin.jordan@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Ray McHugh

To request that when there is further allocation of Smart bins that Crumlin Pearse Park / Stannaway / Brickfield and Eamonn Ceannt Park be considered. Or that cast iron bins be placed in these parks.

Reply

It is not planned to add more bins within our parks as the existing bins and the daily litter picking regime by staff is sufficient to keep the parks tidy. A list of areas outside park entrances have been forwarded to The Waste Management

Department to consider the feasibility of installing new smart bins at these locations.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why it is taking so long to ascertain who is responsible for this surface. Residents and reps have been sent from pillar to post on this with both Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council stating it is not their responsibility. I would appreciate it if someone could please take charge of this. FOOTPATH ENQUIRY [11059838](#).

Reply

The houses numbered No.15 to 26 in Royston Estate are not in the charge of Dublin City Council.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if consideration could be given to surveying Chamber Street re pay and display parking and to consider some traffic calming measures for the street also. Some residents have suggested making it a cul-de-sac (at the top end at the park), or parking on one side only.

Reply

The criteria for the introduction of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme require the initial submission of supporting evidence from 25% of the households of the road. The full criteria will be forwarded to the Councillor.

There are three speed ramps on Chamber Street. The request to consider further traffic calming measures will be 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

Q8 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a clean up of (*details supplied*) to include the cul-de-sac.

Reply

The area has been swept and cleaned by waste management and will continue to be monitored by the Public Domain Officer.

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

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange an inspection of (*details supplied*). The shower in this house is not heating the water and this lady has to go to her son's house to take a shower.

Reply

A new shower was installed in this property recently and it is in perfect working order.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what plans are there for the old community Centre at Oliver Bond House flats? There is a high demand for such a facility in the complex and it's unacceptable to see it sit there empty. Residents have also stated that the building is infested with rats which have caused problems for some of the blocks.

Reply

Robert Emmet CDP carried out a consultation on behalf of DCC with all the tenants in Oliver Bond House Complex to ask do they want to keep the centre or have it demolished. The overwhelming decision by the tenants was to have it demolished. As soon as funding becomes available DCC will have it demolished and look at improving the space around the football pitch. In relation to vermin, the City Council have taken precautionary measures.

Contact: Tony Smithers, A/Regional Officer, Saint Teresa's Gardens/Herberton Liberties Area.

Tel: 222 7322

Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what streets in Rialto were surveyed for Pay and Display? What the results were?

Reply

This matter is being examined and a reply will issue to the Councillor in due course.

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

Tel: 222 2501

Email: Christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what progress has been made on my request to have an environmental/community impact study done on the large volume of student accommodation being built in the Liberties and surrounding area.

Reply

The Planning and Property Development Department is in the process of seeking tenders for the procurement of consultants to carry out a study of the social, economic and land use implications of Purpose Built Student Accommodation. It is envisaged that this study will be carried out over 3 months. The findings of the study will be presented to the Area Committees/SPC/City Council and will inform a review of the Development Plan Policy.

Contact: John O'Hara, City Planning Officer, Planning & Development Department

Tel: 222 3813

Email: john.ohara@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to give details on the following: The tenant of (*details supplied*) has been trying for some time now to get double glazing windows put in but DCC are refusing. There are quite a few tenants who have installed double glazing themselves and any refurbished unit automatically gets them installed. Could the Area Manager please let me know how many of our units in this complex do not have double glazed windows?

Reply

We are currently carrying out a survey on gas boilers in the (*details supplied*) and will make arrangements to capture data in relation to the number of units with and without double glazing in this complex in conjunction with this. We will forward this information when it becomes available.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager if DCC could consider inspecting all the boilers in Oliver Bond complex with a view to installing new more efficient ones.

Reply

Dublin City Council is currently carrying out a survey of the existing boilers in Oliver Bond complex to establish the number of boilers that require upgrading.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager, to arrange for a cleanup of the laneway at The Star Bingo into Pearse Park. I am informed it was cleared on the 15th of June, I passed through it yesterday and it needs urgent clearing.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned again on the 5th July 2018.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the painting of the wall at (*details supplied*). The club informed me they have not got the finances to paint this and the last time it was painted was by DCC. Would it be possible to arrange Beta Project or DCC to look at having this wall painted? This I believe would help improve the area for the community.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer has agreed to fund the painting of the wall as it has some graffiti on it. This will be carried out over the next week.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to provide this councillor with a full list of all Council owned properties (other than Housing) in the Dublin South Central area, both used and unused.

Reply

A list of DCC owned properties in this area will be provided to the Councillor.

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

Q18 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager whether the Council owns the site of the Ardee House on the corner of Ardee Street and Chamber Street, Dublin 8?

Reply

It would appear from Council records that Dublin City Council is registered as freehold owner of this property. However, it is the subject of a lease which was granted for a term of 999 years from 1st March 1877.

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

Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager if he could please arrange to have the overgrown footpath beside the Chapelizod by-pass next to Californian Hills Park on the Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot cut. The bushes, brambles and trees are overgrown out onto the road resulting in people having to walk on the Kylemore Road to avoid same. I recently saw a lady in a wheelchair with a career trying to negotiate a way down.

Reply

This area will be cut back within the next couple of weeks.

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

Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager if he could look at the possibility of buying the De La Salle School Complex on the Ballyfermot Road before the School closes finally next year after over 60 years of educational service to generations of Children from Ballyfermot and surrounding areas. The site which is extensive in size offers DCC the potential of mixed use, housing and urban regeneration in Ballyfermot. DCC should look at the possibility of retaining one wing of the school for the development of education through the medium of the Irish Language.

Reply

The Housing and Community Services department is interested in acquiring sites for residential development. The City Council's Valuation Section will continue to represent the Housing and Community Services' best interests in relation to this site.

Contact: Darach O Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services
Tel: 222 8906
Email: darach.oconnor@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please give me a report on the rights of tenants in relation to the following: - from time to time I have complaints from residents in relation to parking in front of their property by neighbours. This can result in the Gardai being called and people falling out. Can I be given a determination on the rights of both in this instance, the legality of signs "no parking here" when the tenant doesn't even have a car. I can understand if I have a drive in to my home I do not want people parking in front on my home but the footpath facing my home is public hence should all not be able to park here?

Reply

This matter is being examined and a reply will issue to the Councillor in due course

Contact: Chris Carroll, Administrative officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement
Tel: 2222501
Email: Christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that the barriers outside Mary Queen of Angels School, Gurteen Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, which was hit by a car / truck in the past few months be repaired / replaced before the new School year commenced at the end of August 2018.

Reply

The barrier referred to in the question will be inspected in the near future and the necessary replacement / repairs will be carried out.

Contact: Ciaran McGoldrick, A/Senior Staff Officer, Environment & Transportation Department
Tel: 222 6182
Email: ciarar.mcgoldrick@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please have a look at the following: - (*Details supplied 1*) was recently onto me in relation to ongoing problems she is having with a neighbour who bought an adjoining house last year. The neighbour is storing waste in the rear garden collected from DCC properties etc. in large skips, cleaning container vehicles in the front of the property on (*details supplied 2*) at the slip way all resulting in the reduction in her quality of life. (*details supplied 1*) has lived here for over 60 years. Her late husband was born here almost 100 years ago. Her only son who lives with her, has terminal cancer needing rest, which is now next to impossible with the noise and flies from the skips, machinery etc. Has this resident a commercial licence to operate a business at this location? (*Details supplied 1*) is a beautiful woman who doesn't want any trouble. She just wants to get on with life. She regularly gets Thorntons to sweep the area clean but with trucks etc parking there it can be impossible to get theses trucks in to sweep. I think double yellow lines outside the houses here would help the situation in the longer term.

Reply

A Waste Enforcement officer carried out their initial visit to investigate this matter. The officer was unable to gain access to the adjoining house on the visit of the 5th

July 2018. Waste Enforcement will investigate this matter over the coming days and will provide an update accordingly of our findings and any possible actions taken.

Contact: *Padraic Lalor, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Enforcement*
Tel: 222 4344
Email: padraic.lalor@dublincity.ie

The request for double yellow lines at (*Details supplied 1*), 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

The Public Domain Officer called out to (*Details supplied 1*) and spoke to her regarding the issues you have raised on her behalf. I told her I would come back to her with a progress report as soon as I could. In the interest of protecting her anonymity I have refrained from making an inspection of (*details supplied*) until I have more information on the operation. To this end I have requested Planning Enforcement, to investigate the operation of a company from a residential property. Waste Enforcement is also checking the permit necessary for waste removal and storage on the property. The query regarding placement of Double Yellow Lines outside the dwellings has been sent to Traffic for a site survey.

Contact: *Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area*
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request the Parks Dept to please have all the weeds and vegetation cut back / thinned out in the large raised area of the tri-angle on Drumfinn Ave., Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. I recently organised a clean-up on the Road and will have another before the end of July this support would be very welcome.

Reply

Parks and Landscape Services will organise the strimming of weeds at this location this week.

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

Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the housing situation of (*details supplied*) who are living in the Maldron Hotel, Newlands Cross, for the past 18 months. The couple have told me it is becoming impossible to live here much longer; the stress of living in a confined location is destroying his relationship with both his partner and children. I am well aware there is a housing crisis; however, there are many houses in the Ballyfermot area under construction / repair. Can this family be considered for one of these units?

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) is on Band 1 of the Housing list for two bedroom accommodation with the following positions:

- 31 for Area J (Ballyfermot/Bluebell)
- 33 for Area K (Crumlin/Walkinstown)

Under the adopted Scheme of Lettings allocations are made 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.

I can confirm that the household is eligible for the "Household Assistance Payment" (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist you in accessing the private rental market. This means that the household is eligible to be considered for one months advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council.

Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on placefinders@dublincity.ie or 222 6955

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Dublin Region Homeless Executive
Tel: 222 5296
Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please give me information on the following: - from time to time people contact me in relation to very large trees planted in adjoining gardens many years ago. However, with the passage of time these trees are now very large and are shadowing adjoining houses with growth, leaves etc. Who is responsible for their maintenance / removal and have neighbours any rights in these situations?

Reply

Issues with trees or other vegetation growing on the boundary of private property is a matter between the two landowners in question. Park and Landscape Services would advise individuals to talk to their neighbour to try and solve issues amicably. A landowner may cut off branches which overhang their property; however they may not cut down the tree or enter on to the land of the tree owner without permission. The rights and responsibilities of tree ownership can be complex. A short and useful guide on *Trees and the Law* can be found on The Tree Council of Ireland's website- <https://treecouncil.ie/tree-advice/trees-law/>

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

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please look at the direct employment of a Litter Warden / Traffic Warden for the Ballyfermot, Chapelizod / Inchicore Area. These three areas suffer extensively with traffic parking violations, littering etc. The deployment of staff to help address such issues would be self financing. I regret to say no one puts money into traffic parking meters when there is no enforcement by the authorities. The revenue fall in parking charges in Ballyfermot is an indication of what happens when there is no sanction from the authorities.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer works with Parking Enforcement to request DPS to patrol areas under the SCA remit. In the absence of a dedicated Traffic/Litter Warden

members of the public and concerned persons can report any incidents of illegal parking/dumping to southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie
All issues will be recorded on the CRM and escalated to the appropriate department for follow up.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie*

Traffic Wardens most recently operated under the auspices of An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council does not engage the services of Traffic Wardens and enforcement is by way of mobile patrol provided by Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) under contract with the Council. This ensures that a geographically wide enforcement service can be provided in the most cost effective manner.

While DSPS routine patrols primarily monitor clearways, bus lanes, cycletracks, etc on the primary routes in and out of the city during morning and evening commuting hours they do also monitor residential locations where illegal parking is a problem. If the Councillor wishes to provide details of the locations referred to these can be monitored and any enforcement action necessary taken.

It should be noted that more than 50% of all parking transactions are paid by cashless means, i.e. Parking Tag, once off payment through deduction to mobile phone bill or debit card and payment over the counter in Payzone retail outlets.

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

There are currently 16 litter wardens employed within the Waste Management Department of which 10 operate across the 5 areas. 5 are dedicated to the city centre area. These wardens are engaged in investigating litter and waste complaints and are available to target locations and work in cooperation with the Area Depts in any anti litter or enforcement initiative.

*Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Office, Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224237
Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie*

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager please look into the current state of the footpath access from the Liffey Gales footpath along the River Liffey towards the War Memorial Gardens at Islandbridge, This area is beautiful but the sinister actions of a few with anti-social behaviour, drinking, burning bins etc is seriously reducing the amenity quality for everyone from time to time cars are also burned here can we include funding to repair the footpaths, place some public lighting and try and position some CCTV here.

Reply

The addition of lighting in this park would not be deemed appropriate as it may encourage more misuse of the park at night time. The area at the pedestrian bridge does suffer from regular dumping and Park Services are liaising with The Waste Management Department with regard to the problem and to investigate if temporary cameras would be useful. Funding has been allocated to this park in 2018 for the repair of footpaths. The section of path from the bridge down to the river will be completed before the end of the year.

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

The footpath has been inspected by Public Domain and an agreement has been reached with Waste Management to facilitate a sweeper to sweep the walkway. As there is not lighting along the walkway it may not be possible to deploy CCTV at this location without introducing a power source. Successful Litter Act prosecutions are difficult to secure with pedestrian illegal dumping/littering.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager how much undeveloped council owned land is in the Dublin South Central area and of this what percentage has been included on the new vacant sites register. How much will this cost the council in fines?

Reply

12 City Council owned sites, in the South Central Area have been identified as meeting the Vacant Sites criteria as outlined in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015. 5 of these sites (42% - 5 out of 12) are currently on the Vacant Sites Register and the remaining 7 are currently being processed to finalise issues surrounding title and valuation. Upon receipt of this information it is anticipated that these 7 sites will enter the Vacant Sites Register. 2 of the 5 sites entered on the Vacant Sites Register stood on the register on 1st January 2018 and therefore will be levied in January 2019. These levies amount to €408,000.00 based on 3% of their market values.

Contact: Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development
Tel: 222 3488
Email: helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why the Council cannot come up with a better way of addressing the utility meters at this complex (*details supplied*). One of our residents nearly had her supply turned off as she could not give an accurate reading and only had estimates. Residents cannot gain access to the meters. I have raised this on numerous occasions but it has not been resolved.

Reply

ESB Networks have access to meters which are located in a meter room in this complex. The reading of electric meters is a function of ESB Networks, who guarantee to read meters up 6 times a year. Due to health and safety concerns residents are not permitted access to the meter rooms. Should tenants wish to have a meter reading please, please advised them to contact our Electric Services Division at 01-2224527.

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

Q31 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to report on (*details supplied*), his adaptation application on medical grounds. He is finding it extremely difficult to cope and has poor quality of life.

Reply

The adaptation application has been received and processed.
A stair-lift will be installed here within 2 weeks and it is hoped to have the shower installed by mid September.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Daithí Doolan

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

Reply

The responsibility for maintenance of gardens including pruning trees lies with the tenant. Housing Maintenance assist where there is danger or damage involved only. This tree will be inspected over the next few weeks, however no action will be taken by Housing Maintenance where there is no evidence of damage. Advice on the maintenance of same will be given to the resident.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to have the illegal dumping at (*details supplied*) removed.

Reply

Arrangements have been made for a Litter Warden to inspect the above site each morning and each evening and report to me.

It is also proposed to place a CCTV camera at this site. Due to the new regulations/procedures under GDPR, it will take a little longer to put the cameras in place.

The Public Domain Office will work with Waste Management to ensure the area is kept litter free. It is also proposed to work with the Crumlin / Walkinstown Forum on community clean-ups and other environmental initiatives (flyers Waste Advice Information Letters etc.) and The Forum is very proactive in the area as was demonstrated by the excellent Family Fun Day on the 24th June which was very well organised and attended.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Waste Management

Tel: 222 4243

Email: Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager will Dublin City Council introduce a programme of graffiti removal in Walkinstown area?

Reply

Public Domain operates a graffiti removal programme across the South Central Area. Requests for graffiti removal are logged on CRM and then assigned on a priority

basis. The most recent request for graffiti removal in the Walkinstown area are as follows : Bunting Park and Longmile Road, both have been treated. Requests can be emailed to: southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

The Public Domain Officer is currently surveying the Walkinstown /Drimnagh areas to identify graffiti and other public domain issues. Any graffiti identified will be treated with the exception of graffiti on unpainted surfaces to due water shortage/conservation across the Dublin City Council lands.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie*

Q35 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to contact Eir requesting that they clear up their site in Somerville Road, Walkinstown as it is causing serious inconvenience to local residents?

Reply

The Public Domain officer has written to Eir regarding the overgrown trees and shrubbery on the site at Somerville Ave. There is also some litter visible from the road. There is generally a very good working relationship with Eir in relation to their sites and utility boxes etc and a positive outcome is expected.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5117
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie*

Q36 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to request that the Parks Department outline their strategy to maintain the hedging around Bunting Park?

Reply

In 2017 a small section of hedgerow was removed from along the Somerville Road side of Bunting Park and replaced with a small wall and railing. This hedge was in particularly bad condition and was completely dead in some sections. The project was agreed and funded by the Councillor Discretionary Fund of 2017. Our Biodiversity Officer was aware of the project and was in agreement that the hedge was in very poor condition. To mitigate against the loss of vegetation, a line of new trees was planted along the boundary and climbers planted on the walls within the park.

There have been requests from some residents and Councillors to remove the hedge at the Bunting Road side of the park and to replace this with railings. Park Services have resisted this request. This section is over 350m long and was cut back hard about 3 years ago to allow the hedge to regenerate and it is now growing well. It is Parks Services intention to retain and conserve it as an important habitat for birds and wildlife in the park.

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

Q37 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to have street cleaning carried out at *(details supplied)*.

Reply

Waste Management Services had (*details supplied*) cleaned on the 5th July 2018.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to make a submission to WiFi4EU, which would allow the council to pilot a free WiFi hotspot initiative in Ballyfermot?

Reply

DCC has been proactive in applying for the WIFI hotspots and has put in multiple applications. Due to a system failure this competition was cancelled but will be re-launched in the Autumn of 2018. DCC will again register and apply when the next round is opened. The EU website is as follows: <http://www.wifi4eu.eu>
And the information given at present on the website is as follows:

Despite a huge success in terms of the number of applications, the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) of the European Commission has regretfully decided to cancel the first call for applications launched on 15 May. After thorough investigation, it has concluded that a technical error prevented applicants from applying on equal terms.

The European Commission is committed to the fairness and reliability of the competition procedure.

A new call for applications will be launched in the Autumn of 2018 (exact date to be announced).

The Portal will resume its activities once all IT developments are complete.

If you have already registered your Municipality or your Wi-Fi installation company on this Portal, you will be informed by email of the re-opening of the Portal and of the launch date of the next call. You will not need to re-register.

Should you have any questions, please contact [Europe direct](#).

Contact: Aoife Hannan, Project Manager, Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Tel: 222 5187

Email: aoife.hannan@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Can the Area Manager clarify what plans Dublin City Council have for the site, (*details supplied*)?

Reply

Dublin City Council has requested an AHB to carry out a Feasibility Study to assess the development potential of this site for residential use. The AHB are currently carrying out revisions to their original Feasibility Study and would hope to be in a position to present their revised proposal to the Housing Department shortly.

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

Tel: 222 6114

Email: dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council actively pursue acquiring sites along Davitt Road with the view to building Council & affordable homes on the land.

Reply

Dublin City Council is actively seeking to expand its development land portfolio for the provision of Housing under the Rebuilding Ireland Initiative. The Council has and will continue to engage with owners of properties on Davitt Road to have vacant and or underutilised lands developed for the provision of housing.

Contact: John Ryan, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services

Tel: 2225367

Email: john.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for Double Yellow lines at (*details supplied*). Motorists exiting the Cul De Sac cannot see oncoming traffic because of Vans /Cars parking.

Reply

The request for double yellow lines 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

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Q42 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why it is taking so long to address the maintenance issues at (*details supplied*). They have not been able to even use their cooker because of the danger from the ceiling above.

Reply

Ballyfermot Housing Maintenance depot has investigated this matter. They engaged our Electrical Services department to inspect same and the electricians are in safe working order. While there is a damp patch on the kitchen ceiling, it is drying out and it does pose a threat of collapsing. We will keep in touch with the tenant and monitor the situation.

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Q43 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to have the laneway at (*details supplied*) cleaned and the mini skip dumped there to be removed.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 11th July 2018. Arrangements have been made to have the mini skip removed from there.

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Q44 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to have Double Yellow lines (*details supplied*). Staff from Crumlin Hospital are parking there, and an Ambulance had difficulty getting to a patient. Also Bin Trucks cannot get through.

Reply

The request for double yellow lines 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.

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Q45 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the City Biodiversity Manager to comment on the removal of the hedgerow at Bunting Park in Walkinstown, whether he is aware of this and what steps he will take to ensure preservation of the remaining hedgerow in the interest of the wildlife that nests in hedgerow and not in trees which have replaced the hedgerow that was removed.

Reply

In 2017 a small section of hedgerow was removed from along the Somerville Road side of Bunting Park and replaced with a small wall and railing. This hedge was in particularly bad condition and was completely dead in some sections. The project was agreed and funded by the Councillor Discretionary Fund of 2017. Our Biodiversity Officer was aware of the project and was in agreement that the hedge was in very poor condition. To mitigate against the loss of vegetation, a line of new trees was planted along the boundary and climbers planted on the walls within the park.

There have been requests from some residents and Councillors to remove the hedge at the Bunting Road side of the park and to replace this with railings. Park Services have resisted this request. This section is over 350m long and was cut back hard about 3 years ago to allow the hedge to regenerate and it is now growing well. It is Park Services intention to retain and conserve it as an important habitat for birds and wildlife in the park.

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Q46 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our planners to provide this Councillor with a report and map outlining plans for the installation of Dublin Bikes in Dublin 8 and 12 for the next two years.

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 areas of Dublin 8 or Dublin 12 at this time.

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Q47 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Traffic Lights Section to investigate as to why the beeping signal (for persons with sight deficiency) is very loud? Residents living in close proximity to these pedestrian lights complain that the sound signal disturbs their sleep. Can the signal sound be toned down in a way that will continue to assist persons with sight difficulties but be less a nuisance to residents? (*details supplied*)

Reply

Our traffic signals maintenance contractor attended (*details supplied*) at 8am on 12/07/18 and found that the audible signal on one of the pedestrian crossing arms was very loud even though it was set to low at the time. Our contractor has repaired this fault and also verified that the audible signal is working as intended on the other pedestrian arm of the crossing. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you notice any further issues.

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Q48 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Road Maintenance Section why the speed ramp on Toungefield Road, Dublin 12, has not be reinstated with tarmac. All other old redbrick speed ramps in the surrounding area have been tarmacked. Why was this one left undone and when can it be done?

Reply

Road Maintenance recently carried out ramp repairs to Blarney Park as part of additional works at the end of our 2018 ramps reconstruction contract. Upon inspection the ramp surface outside no.11 Tonguefield road was considered to be in a reasonable condition. Each year Road Maintenance carry out this contract and the ramps are monitored and included for repair if need be.

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Q49 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager can our Housing Maintenance Section arrange to have the broken gas boiler in our tenant's house replaced (*details supplied*). Our tenant has had a litany of maintenance issues in this house since moving in. Most of the issues related to a badly built extension and lots of problems that followed from that. In the interest of good tenant relationship, I would ask that the boiler replacement request be positively responded to.

Reply

Dublin City Council services and maintains boilers in approximately 22,500 properties at a cost of €4 per week per household. Remaining properties have communal boilers. The tenant at this property does not contribute to the gas service charge enabling them to avail of this service. Please advise the tenant to contact our Heating Section at 222 3666 to make enquiries and to opt in to avail of this service. The tenant has been in residence here since 2000 and we have received only 3 repair requests for this property, all of which have been resolved.

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Q50 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to arrange for an investigating engineer to inspect our tenant's home (*details supplied*), with a view to relocating the downstairs bathroom. The bathroom is effectively in the corner of the kitchen area. The bathroom and toilet door opens directly into the kitchen. In addition to privacy issues this is totally unhygienic.

Reply

The current layout does not breach Building Regulations. (*Details supplied*) is a three bedroom property and its layout mirrors that of other houses in the area. The relocation of the bathroom would reduce this to a two bedroom unit. This is not necessary, especially in the current climate when demand for three bedroom houses is at a premium.

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Q51 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager provide a list of current voids, with bedroom sizes, including acquisitions in Area K, 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.

Reply

As indicated in the table below there are 143 properties from available housing stock currently being refurbished.

We currently have 35 properties waiting to be assigned to contractors, 82 properties now with contractors, 8 properties with direct labour and 19 properties ready to let. We expect all properties to be completed by the end of September 2018.

Type of Property	No. of Units	No. of Beds	No. of Units
House	40	2 Bed	16
		3 Bed	24
Apartment	66	0 Bed	6
		1 Bed	19
		2 Bed	41
Senior Citizens	37	0 Bed	15
		1 Bed	22
Total	143		143

To date in 2018, 137 properties have been refurbished in the South Central Area. A list of locations has been sent by post to the Councillor.

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Q52 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Sewage Drainage Section to investigate the cause of recurring blockages in the manhole of (*details supplied*)? Can the main drains be examined to see if they are contributing to this problem? The house holders who are elderly have paid private drain companies on a number of occasions but cannot afford to do so again. The householder reports that nappies, wipes and condoms have been found in the manhole. Can we assist these residents in dealing with this problem?

Reply

The public sewer at this location is functioning normally and is not contributing to the issue raised. The manhole referred to is a private manhole on a combined drain serving houses. The trap of this manhole is blocked and needs cleaning. However, sewage is still flowing to the public sewer via the trap's rodding eye. While responsibility for cleaning and maintaining this manhole rests with the householders served by the private drain, one of these may be a DCC Housing Tenant and consequently, the issue has been separately referred to that section for investigation.

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