

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st January 2019

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager (details supplied).”

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Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to laneway at (details supplied) and say if he is aware of anti-social behaviour taking place there and whether or not residents have, in the past, requested the blocking off of easy access of the laneway, i.e. bollards, and if residents now wish the City Council to consider same and say what procedure residents should follow in order to initiate same.”

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the Manager, in relation to the park dog warden patrol in St. Anne’s Park, say

- (a) if there has been an increase of late in the number of (i) patrols and (ii) wardens and/or a change in personnel in recent times as some park users say there is a more aggressive approach being adopted by the warden service in relation to dogs off lead and fines being threatened etc against dog owners with dogs off lead
- (b) if he can advise how many fines have been issued for dogs off lead in St. Anne’s for each of the last 5 years
- (c) in relation to wardens driving their van(s) in the park, if there are any set criteria wardens are obliged to follow in relation to driving up onto footpaths, the grass, through trees, bushes and around the playground area,
- (d) if wardens are required to be Garda vetted
- (e) how much the park dog warden service costs Dublin City Council

and if he can made a statement on the matter of dogs off leash in St. Anne’s Park and if there are any plans to extend the hours owners may allow their dogs off leash.”

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager, if in relation to the squirrel population in St. Anne’s Park,

- (a) there is an increase in the number of grey squirrels there this year and
- (b) in relation to the project to re-introduce the red squirrel into the Park some years ago, there are any further studies being done in relation to same and/or any future plans to pursue the reintroduction of this project.”

Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager, in relation to the condition of footpaths at location as per (details supplied), if he can say when necessary repairs will be carried out as residents complain that the condition of same are hazardous, particularly for infirm members of the community.”

Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager, in relation to Bull Island, if he can
(a) outline his future proposals in relation to dogs off lead;
(b) say if he intends to provide signage alerting people to the fact that the area is a Unesco Biosphere;
(c) say what plans there are to clear the area of plastic waste
(d) say in relation to the continuing decrease in the hare population on the island, what is being done to raise awareness around same and
(e) can he also give an-update on progress on the proposed interpretative centre and make a statement on the matter.”

Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to refer to comments from a constituent in relation to the cost of growing labour intensive annuals from seed for flower boxes in the city, and the purchase of thousands of tulip bulbs each year which only flower once due to our damp winters and say if more consideration could be given to the use of perennial plants and bulbs (that would be more cost effective).”

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to revisit the ongoing problem where rainwater gathers at location as per **(details supplied)**, causing a serious problem for pedestrians (and motorists) during very cold weather as it freezes over and say if he can finally resolve this issue as residents are at the end of their tether dealing with this issue year in year out.”

Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“In relation to the taking in charge of laneway as per **(details supplied)**, can the Manager please say if he will consider same and say what process residents fronting onto/backing onto same should follow in order to have same taken in charge

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the Manager, in relation to the two road side trees at location as per **(details supplied)**, say if he will examine same and assure residents that both are secure as residents feel that the trunks of both trees are unstable and could blow down in stormy weather.”

Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager for a comprehensive report on **(details supplied)**.”

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager for an update on the Clongriffin/Belmayne Local Area Plan.”

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager the following question **[details supplied]**.”

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Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

“Can the Area Manager do a comprehensive study in relation to the design and layout of a road (**details supplied**) given that it is very narrow which means that cyclists often use the footpaths? In addition, speed bumps were removed from this road following resurfacing works and have not been replaced. These speed bumps were ineffective anyway given their size and spacing. Can more effective speed bumps be considered for this road? Speeding traffic including trucks is a problem on this road. The ban on trucks on this road is being totally disregarded. Can effective signage be put in place indicating that trucks are prohibited from using this road?”

Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

“Can the Area Manager grant assistance for an extension to a private house be sanctioned to facilitate the residential requirements a young adult (**details supplied**) with a brain injury?”

Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

“Can the Area Manager have a tree outside (**details supplied**) substantially cut back or removed altogether given that wheelchair users and parents with large buggies can not negotiate the path at this location? It was previously stated by the Senior Executive Parks

Superintendent that this would be considered as part of the 2019 tree replacement programme.”

Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

“Can the Area Manager tell me when will new windows be provided in a house given that previous deadlines notified in this case have been missed?”

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

“Can the Area Manager tell me who owns a strip of land at the rear of **(details supplied)**. This is between the open green area and the wall of this house on **(details supplied)**.”

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Manager confirm the following. Why have the Wind Turbines not been working to full capacity in Fr. Collins Park over the last several months.”

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Manager confirm the following: The amount of electricity used by DCC Parks department from the Wind Turbines in Fr Collins Park and how much they use from the grid when the Turbines are not in use.”

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Manager confirm the following: Why do Trinity Donaghmede FC have to pay an Electricity Utility for their electricity within Fr Collins Park when the electricity is being generated by wind turbines?”

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Manager confirm the following: How much electricity has been generated year on year since 2009 when Fr Collins Park was reopened by the Wind Turbines and can he present the reply in tabular form?”

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Manager confirm the following: What benefit does Dublin City Council derive from sending surplus electricity to the national grid and if it is in funds can the manager provide in tabular form the annual amount since 2009 when the park was reopened.”

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Manager confirm the following **(details attached)**.”

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Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Manager confirm that he will arrange to carry out an audit of all footpaths at road junctions in the Beaumont Donaghmede Ward to ensure that all footpath dishings meet with current standards in particular for wheelchair/scooter/pram use.”

Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“Can the Manager confirm the following **(details attached)**.”

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Ciarán O'Moore

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Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

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Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Edel Moran

"To ask the Area Manager for an outline of future plans to tackle the growing scourge of illegal dumping in the North Central area."

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Paddy Bourke

"Can the Manager provide me with a report on the state of the footpaths road by road in the Estate and indicating where repair work needs to be done as a matter of urgency for health and safety reasons."

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Ciarán O'Moore

"On the 31st of December 2018, the Naniken river that runs through St Anne's Park was heavily polluted. The incident was investigated. Has the source of the pollution been found ? What action has been taken ? Can I have a full report on same please."

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Ciarán O'Moore

"In relation the Millennium Arboretum walk close to pitch 7 in St Anne's Park Raheny, within a small cluster of Oak trees, fires are lit, the trees are burnt and the trees are vandalised. Can any preventative measures be put in place to help prevent any further damage."

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

"Can the Area Manager arrange to have a shore repaired outside (**details supplied**)."

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

"Can the Area Manager tell when work will start on (**details supplied**)."

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

"Can the Area Manager tell me what plans are in place for the return of the junk collection."

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

"Can the Area Manager give me a update on the Oscar Traynor Lands."

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Seán Paul Mahon

"Can the Area Manager tell me when construction work start on (**details supplied**)."

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To Area Manager to respond to this request (**details supplied**)."

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to this query (**details supplied**)."

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to follow up on this housing maintenance issue (**details supplied**)."

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to detail the footpath cleaning rota for 2018 and the intended rota for 2019 for (**details supplied**) and to indicate if the footpaths in each of these area are cleaned by DCC staff or contractors."

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the inspection and replacement of the windows and doors at (**details supplied**)."

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the commencement of building of the Primary Care Centre on the Tonlegee Rd."

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to indicate the level of supervision of grass cutting in (**details supplied**), in particular the attention to detail with regard to the leaving of grass cuttings strewn across footpaths."

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to further review the pedestrian light settings at (**details supplied**) a previous request was made to have these lights sequenced so that when pressed on one side to the road that the green light would operate on that side rather than on the opposite side."

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to investigate this case (**details supplied**)."

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

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

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the Area Manager to report on the use of HGV metal containers along Clontarf Promenade please. There are a number of these containers along the promenade including at the bottom of Vernon Ave and opposite Clontarf Yacht Club. I'm aware that at one stage they were used to store sand but that doesn't seem to be the case anymore. The ones at the bottom of Vernon Ave have been open for quite some time and remain empty. If they are not being used productively I'm requesting that they be removed please."

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the Area Manager for a report on the area of Clontarf Promenade in and around the public car park at the bottom of Hollybrook Road please. This area is very unkempt and is a major eyesore for residents and thousands of visitors to the area. The report to include the following please;

- There are four clothes banks within a 500m radius of this car park including two inside this car park alone. I'm not aware of any other area in the locality with such a concentration. While the banks provide a valuable service they also unfortunately act as a dumping ground for cardboard boxes and rubbish bags etc. Residents have requested that at least one is removed from this car park and that the areas in and around the clothes banks are tidied regularly please.

- There was an overgrown shrubbery located at the city end of this public car park. This shrubbery was major dirt / rubbish gatherer as well as a hiding point for anti-social activity. I lobbied on behalf of residents for many years for the shrubbery to be removed and it eventually was. The removal did have a positive impact on the area and was commented upon locally. However soon after its removal the area was replanted and the same dirt / rubbish gathering scenario is recurring. I really do believe that this section should be relaid in grass .

- There are several extremely large potholes in the car park surface. These have been there for several months despite numerous requests from councillors that the surface be repaired. I believe that as much as anything this adds to the general untidy and unkempt environment I mentioned above not to mention the safety aspect. I would appreciate if these potholes can be repaired as a matter of urgency.

- The yellow bags also contribute to the area being so untidy. They are major dirt gathers and while I accept it's not easy to control the weeds among the bags I do feel DCC could be doing more to address the unkempt appearance of this area. I have requested under the discretionary fund that they be removed after the spring tides and replaced with new bags later in the year. This will enable the area to get a good tidy up for the summer ahead. "

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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Michael O'Brien

"To ask the Area Manager regarding my question Number 58 to the November 2018 monthly council meeting has Tristan Capital Partners or Twinlite responded to Dublin City Council's enquiries about the Part V obligation on that site."

Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Michael O'Brien

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

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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Michael O'Brien

"To ask the Area Manager if there are any Dublin City Council owned properties located in Fingal adjacent to North Central Area (e.g. Balgriffin, Kinsealy, Portmarnock, Malahide, Baldoyle, Bayside, Sutton or Howth)."

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Michael O'Brien

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

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Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Manager if there are local authority funds available to compensate tenants who have been forced to move out of their homes and into other council properties because of extraordinary circumstances for which the local authority is responsible."

Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To request from the Area Manager (details supplied)."

Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

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"Can the Manager deal with the following please (details supplied)."

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“In relation to St Anne’s Park can the Manager please provide:

1. An up-to-date report on the new City Farm to cover open day events before Christmas and any outstanding issues relating to getting the Farm operational
2. A list of changes/improvements for St Anne’s that are scheduled for implementation in 2019.”

Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

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Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Michael O’Brien

“To ask the Area Manager (details supplied).”

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O’Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to provide the following information (details supplied).”

Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager to provide a provisional timeline for the commencement and completion of the Oscar Traynor Road Land Initiative housing development.”

Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager for a report on the current condition of the rapid build homes in Belcamp, request all information relating to any structural issues discovered and information relating to the number of maintenance requests and/or complaints from tenants since the commencement of their tenancies.”

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Manager for final cost of constructing the 35 houses in Buttercup, Darndale.”

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Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to (details supplied).”