# DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE <u>17<sup>th</sup> April 2019</u>

# Q1 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of (*details supplied*). The residents were visited by DCC surveyors some time ago, who recommended new windows and the dampness needs to be addressed.

# <u>Reply</u>

Most of the windows in (*details supplied*) are double glazed. They are also mostly in good condition. The kitchen and living room windows will be repaired as required. A specialist contractor (Damp Doctor or equivalent) will investigate the mould issues and provide recommendations on how to deal with same.

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

# Q2 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the tree outside (*details supplied*) be cut down and removed, or trimmed back. It is creating a very dark area for the residents when it has full leaves.

# **Reply**

This tree was inspected and found to be in good condition and would therefore not be considered suitable for removal. Some of the lower branches can be removed to increase light levels and this work will be undertaken in 2019.

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

# Q3 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the weeds/grass be removed from outside *(details supplied).* 

# <u>Reply</u>

The weed spray programme is carried out by a contractor on behalf of Road Maintenance during the summer months. Should any residents require any equipment to clean up the public domain area outside their homes, the Public Domain Officer would be happy to assist.

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

# Q4 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for repair of the footpath outside *(details supplied)*. Two senior citizens have fallen at this spot.

# <u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath and logged two defects to our works list for repair at these locations.

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

# Q5 Councillor Ray McHugh

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

### <u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance confirms that this defect has been previously logged and we expect to have a crew available to attend to *(details supplied)* in the coming weeks.

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

### Q6 <u>Councillor Ray McHugh</u>

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a replacement door at (details supplied).

### <u>Reply</u>

Housing Maintenance has no prior request to have the door replaced in this dwelling. A request has now been logged and an inspection of the door will be scheduled for within the next 2 weeks.

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

# Q7 <u>Councillor Ray McHugh</u>

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the cut back of bushes behind *(details supplied)*. This is an area of drug dealing and the bushes has a makeshift cover.

# <u>Reply</u>

Cutting back of the shrubbery will be scheduled after the bird nesting season in September. In the meantime, local staff will clean up the area.

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

# Q8 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the moving of a lamp post about 3 feet. This would allow the resident at *(details supplied)* the full use of her drive in.

# **Reply**

Public Lighting Services will generally only move a public lighting column for a resident if they are getting a driveway installed or an existing driveway extended, or for a builder/developer if the column is in the way of the new permanent access point to their site, and only on production of their planning permission reference number and payment of the required fee.

If a resident wishes to have a public lighting column relocated, they must contact Public Lighting Services directly in writing with their request stating why they want the column relocated. They will then be provided with an application form that must be completed and returned to Public Lighting Services with the required documentation listed on the form. When we have received these from the resident, we will examine the pole in question and will contact the resident to notify them of the cost associated with moving the pole and if it is possible to move it. The required works will then be scheduled following receipt of payment for the works.

Contact: Sean Mc Donnell, Graduate Engineer, Public Lighting Tel: 222 4683 Email: sean.mcdonnell@dublincity.ie

# Q9 <u>Councillor Hazel de Nortúin</u>

As a matter of urgency, can the stairs in Claddagh Court be painted with the "antislip" paint that they had been promised going on two years now be completed? As a matter of Health and Safety this should be a priority.

# <u>Reply</u>

I can confirm that all the stairs have been painted in the Claddagh Court complex with anti-slip paint. The foreman is in the process of arranging a visit by an engineer to see if any further improvements can be made to alleviate the problem regarding water logging. Any work recommended by the engineer will be carried out.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot Area Manager Tel: 2224667 Email: kay.noonan cork@dublincity.ie

### Q10 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of (*details supplied*). This property is causing problems to residents as the tenants will not get rid of waste and is piling it up in front and back gardens. Rodents have been also seen in the garden.

#### <u>Reply</u>

Public Domain is working with the Litter Management Office to address this issue. The property owners have been identified and every effort is being made to contact them to ensure that the property is cleaned up. In the interim, Environmental Health have been informed and the property was inspected. The Public Domain Officer has called to the property several times, as there was no response a letter was posted in the letterbox. The situation will be closely monitored until the matter is resolved.

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

# Q11 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange an inspection of the overflowing sewers on (*details supplied*). I am informed that this is a regular problem and residents feel it will create a health problem and bring rodents.

# <u>Reply</u>

The public sewers at this location were inspected on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and found to be unobstructed and flowing freely. Consequently, the blockage or breakdown is located on the private combined drain, which is the responsibility of the premises/houses served by that drain. Legally, this responsibility extends out into the public road up to the point where the drain connects to the public sewer. However, recognising the difficulty and expense involved in repairing a private drain in the public road, Irish Water has given an undertaking to take responsibility for same (irrespective of legal ownership). The responsibility for

establishing that the breakdown/obstruction is out in the public realm in these cases however, remains with the drain owners. Due to resource constraints, this service is provided directly by Irish Water and is not carried out by DCC Drainage Section under the SLA Agreement.

Contact: Dominic Moloney, Executive Engineer, Drainage Department Tel:

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# Q12 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Area Manager can I request that the choke car be sent to clear the drain at (details supplied), that's been leaking sewage from the shore onto the road for two weeks now. Can I have a history of the un-blockages of that shore? Is it baby wipes, grease or a defect in the line? Is the house belonging to a council tenant? How many houses are on that line and what are the numbers.

# <u>Reply</u>

*(Details supplied)* is a City Council dwelling. Chokes were cleared October 2015, May 2016, April 2017, January 2018, January 2019 and the most recent was 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, by Housing Maintenance Choke Car. It is currently clear. A fault in the drain has been identified which has been referred for repair.

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

As Irish Water (formerly DCC) is responsible only for the public sewers, they dont possess record maps of private drains and the houses they serve. While some details may be found on original development drawings (if these can be found), these houses were built c. 1950 and predate the planning acts. In any event the situation on the ground is often different from the architect's original plans. Accordingly, the layout of the drains and number of houses served is usually established by survey on the ground if/when required. Typically, combined drains do not serve more than eight dwellings.

Contact: Dominic Molony, Executive Engineer, Drainage Services Tel: 222 4270 Email: <u>dominic.molony@dublincity.ie</u>

# Q13 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the discretionary fund for Dromard Field. Has the work been started yet?

# <u>Reply</u>

Some preliminary work has occurred on the open space including the removal of some damaged trees and the planting of 20 new trees. Work on resurfacing some of the damaged footpaths will occur during the summer and tree pruning is planned for the latter part of the year.

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

# Q14 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why the attached letters were issued to all residents in (*details supplied*). This has caused huge concern and anxiety. Surely these were sent in error? What is the protocol for the issues of such threatening letters? I would expect that only those who actually were unable to prove their legal provider should have been issued with one? Why did DCC officials not knock on the doors as is procedure and inquire as to who their provider is and then follow up? Or drop a letter informing people that DCC will be in the area and informing them of the procedure? When DCC where informed of this why was no apology issued? Have DCC arranged to go door to door explaining what happened and why it is being done?

# **Reply**

A waste enforcement programme commenced on the February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 on a phased basis in various street locations in (*details supplied*) to address the increasing volume of illegal dumping. A door to door campaign was decided upon as a similar campaign was carried out in the North Side of the City with much success. A survey was conducted with the assistance of Litter Wardens. Householders were requested to complete a "survey form" at the door, detailing the waste disposal arrangements for their household in order to determine compliance with the Bye Laws for the *Storage Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste.* A very small number of residents contacted the Public Domain Section and it was their view that it was a very strongly worded letter. As a result, the letter was recalled and amended to reflect the concerns raised by householders. It should be noted that the only way to determine householder compliance is to conduct a general survey.

The amended letter has been received very well by residents as it refers specifically to sections 8b and 8h of the Bye Laws which clearly sets out the responsibility of the waste holder and the powers of the authorised officer. The Litter Wardens called door to door and explained to residents the nature of the survey and what information was required. Many people were very supportive of the initiative. Anyone unavailable to complete the survey at the door had the opportunity to contact the Public Domain officer by phone, email or post with details of their waste collection arrangements or if they had any questions or concerns. To date over 1,200 residents have been surveyed. A second round of letters has been delivered to householders where we have received no response to the first letter. When the results have been collated a report will issue on the findings.

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

# Q15 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why the requests by residents at (*details supplied*) to have the stagnant pooling water pumped out? This has been a problem for years and normally DCC get it pumped out ASAP. This has not been the case this time. The smell is unbearable and tenants are now not able to open their windows, which is necessary given the problems with condensation. Can a protocol be agreed as to how this will be addressed as soon as it happens?

# <u>Reply</u>

This work was completed last week. If the issue re-occurs, it will be dealt with once Housing Maintenance is notified.

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

# Q16 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to report on the (details supplied).

# **Reply**

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

# Q17 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to report on whether Dublin City Council issue such signs as (*details supplied*) and if not why not?

# <u>Reply</u>

Dublin City Council use the Traffic Signs Manual 2010 when installing new signage. This manual is published by the Department of Transport and currently does not have a sign to say (*details supplied*).

Contact: Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, South Central Area Tel: 222 6393 Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

# Q18 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to report on the following (*details supplied*).

# **Reply**

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

# Q19 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what action is being taken to address the illegal dumping in (*details supplied 1*). This complex is quite a large complex and the bins fill up very quickly. Tenants inform me that non tenants are coming in the early hours of the morning and dumping their rubbish in the complex bins. It's been reported to DCC but they state that nothing seems to have been done to stop it. Block (*details supplied 2*) in particular the same person seems to come a few times a week in a van and dumps his rubbish. Can the CCTV be viewed please, to see if this has been captured?

# <u>Reply</u>

Dublin City Council has not received any complaints from the residents in this complex regarding any illegal dumping into the bins. Our CC-TV is fully operational. If the tenants have specific times and dates DCC will look over the footage to investigate further and gather the evidence against the person or persons allegedly involved in illegal dumping within the complex. Dublin City Council takes all complaints very serious and will always investigate and take action when necessary.

Contact: Tony Smithers. Area Housing Manager Tel: 222 7322 Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

# Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council considers some financial exemptions to the commercial rates for registered charities who operate charity shops across the City of Dublin. In many instances these shops offer a lifeline to many struggling families and offer re-use of a whole host of articles, which in previous times would be sent to land-fill etc.

# <u>Reply</u>

Commercial rates are based on the valuation of the relevant property determined by the Valuation Office, which is an independent statutory body. Dublin City Council has no function in the determinations of valuations or exemptions.

Contact: Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting Tel: 222 3206 Email: fintan.moran@dublincity.ie

# Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can Dublin City Council please indicate the ratio of car parking places required in private developments such as the recently approved housing development on the Old Lucan Road, near the end of Chapelizod Hill. Is there a minimum requirement of car spaces? Can the planning authority operate a flexible approach to same?

### **Reply**

Dublin City Council has maximum accessibility based standards with regard to car parking unlike most local authorities who have minimum standards. This means that DCC permits a maximum number of car parking spaces based on use, floor area and location with more restrictive car parking standards in more accessible areas. There are three car parking zones identified in the development plan with zone 1 being city centre, zone 2 inner suburbs and zone 3, the outer lying DCC areas.

Table 16.1 in the development plan sets out the ratio of car parking spaces per each type of development. With regard to residential development, it is generally considered desirable to provide one car parking space off street per unit. This is for car storage rather than car usage purposes and it avoids overspill on the surrounding streets. However, the recent apartment guidelines push for reduced or no car parking in accessible areas, which it is argued by some developers, includes the least accessible areas in DCC. In this regard, DCC must be flexible with regard to residential parking.

DCC assesses developments and their car parking provision on a case by case basis having regard to development plan policies, location and the receiving environment. DCC also has regard to census information regarding car ownership and car usage for the area within which the site is located. In this way an appropriate level of car parking is assessed for the site. If reduced car parking is proposed, this must be supplemented with shared mobility options such as car clubs and bike sharing schemes and a long term car parking management strategy for the development. Substantial cycle parking is required as part of any development and this is an important design consideration at pre-application stage.

Contact: Edel Kelly, Senior Transportation Office, Transportation Planning Division Tel: 2222132 Email: edel.kelly@dublincity.ie

# Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that a review of homeless emergency services for those living in homeless services from day to day be initiated to include showering facilities, toilets etc. I would ask that the current practice of homeless persons using emergency services having to leave early in the morning before returning in the evening be addressed without delay. It is a sad fact many of those who find themselves in a vulnerable situation have nowhere to go sitting on the boardwalk, shopping centres etc.

#### **Reply**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has in place a system of inspections and review that applies to both Private Emergency Accommodation (under lease or contract) and Emergency Accommodation managed by NGO's.

All service providers are required to ensure that buildings should be suitable for their stated purpose and comply with relevant and applicable housing standard legislation, fire safety regulations and health and safety legislation. All DRHE Section 10 funded services have showering and toilet facilities.

The DRHE has been working to reconfigure one-night only services to 24 hour accommodation, this process is ongoing and a number of services were reconfigured in 2018. The vast majority of our placements are into Supported Temporary Accommodation (24 hour) or Private Emergency Accommodation (24 hour) and are managed by the Dublin Local Authorities and the Central Placement Service.

For people whose eligibility for social housing supply is uncertain or people who have a crisis need for accommodation, one night only accommodation is provided via the Homeless FREEPHONE, which operates from 2pm to 2am.

Our Community Development Officer, Mary Lynch, has been in contact with Councillor Jackson and has arranged to meet with him to address his concerns.

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

### Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please give me an update on the proposed pedestrian footbridge currently being considered by the OPW from the Memorial Park, Islandbridge, Dublin 8, to the north bank of the River Liffey. I am aware Sir Edwin Lutyens who designed these gardens had envisaged such a bridge.

#### **Reply**

This is not a Dublin City Council project. We will write to the OPW for an update and inform the councillor of the reply.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area Tel: 222 5108 Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

#### Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council Traffic Department please address the serious problem of traffic congestion along Ballyfermot Road at the junction with the Lidl Supermarket, opposite the Ballyfermot Primary Health Centre. It is hard to believe that when one car / vehicle wants to turn into the industrial estate all the traffic along Ballyfermot Road, exiting Ballyfermot, comes to a standstill. This is a huge pinch point for all road users and plays havoc with public transport timetables.

# <u>Reply</u>

The Engineer will look into this issue again with the view of introducing a "no Right Turn" ban forcing the traffic down to the next junction. The Engineer will get back to you with their findings in due course

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer Tel: 222 6393 Email: <u>niall.oneill@dublincity.ie</u>

# Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can Dublin City Council consider some financial incentive to community groups, sports centres to provide public accessible toilets / showers around our city and suburbs. It is hard to believe if you are homeless you cannot clean yourself properly. Alice Leahy from Trust has lobbied for these basis services for years and despite promises we still have not delivered, if each area had some provision it would provide an essential minimum level of local services.

### **Reply**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) funds a number of day services for homeless persons across the Dublin region. Merchant Quay Ireland and the Capuchin Day Centre have shower and toilet facilities which are accessible to all persons. All our Section 10 funded, emergency accommodation have showering facilities.

Dublin's Housing First Intake team, which is funded by the DRHE, works with our Central Placement Service and the HSE funded Safety Net service to provide outreach services, street level healthcare and accommodation options to people rough sleeping in the Dublin region. Our Community Development Officer, Mary Lynch, has been in contact with Councillor Jackson and has arranged to meet with him to address his concerns.

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

#### Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

As part of the Bus Connects proposals, areas like Chapelizod are proposed to be bypassed with high quality frequent services in and out of town. Whilst this is badly needed we must ensure areas like Chapelizod retain a reasonable level of services through the community. Areas like Chapelizod suffer from the full bus syndrome i.e. when buses arrive from the west of the city they are already full.

#### **Reply**

The BusConnects proposal published in July 2018, by the National Transport Authority, aims to overhaul the existing bus system in Dublin by:

Redesigning the bus network to provide a more efficient network, connecting more places and carrying more passengers;

Introducing Bus Rapid Transit on a number of routes;

Improving bus priority infrastructure including provision of 220km of bus lanes; Improving payment systems;

Improving livery and bus stops.

BusConnects will result in changes to bus services across the city but it is expected that it will vastly improve the bus system in the Greater Dublin Area. For Chapelizod, specifically, it is intended to provide a bus service to and from the village at intervals of 30 minutes, 15 minutes at peak times. All other buses on this route will use the

Chapelizod Bypass which is expected to improve the journey time and will have improved frequency. A new bus stop will be located on the Chapelizod Bypass at the bridge over Chapelizod Hill Road to enable further access to the bus service. With the increased frequency at peak times, this may have the effect of addressing an overcrowded service. This bus corridor is included in Phase 2 for which the public consultation for Phase 2 Core Bus Corridors is ongoing and further to requests, the closing date has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot Area Manager Tel: 2224667 Email: kay.noonan\_cork@dublincity.ie

### Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council please give me an update of the anticipated full usage of the Ard Scoil Eanna site on the Crumlin Road, Drimnagh to include the recently acquired Massey's Funeral Home, density of housing proposed, library etc. This site offers many possibilities to address serious infrastructural deficits in the Drimnagh Area.

### Reply

The Housing and Community Services Department have submitted a feasibility report and costings for stage1 approval for funding from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government for this site. The site will include a new public library. A feasibility is being drawn up at present for same.

The site will also consist of 57 housing apartments. Once the Housing and Community Services Department receives stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, a full presentation will be made on the project to the area committee.

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# Q28 <u>Councillor Vincent Jackson</u>

Can the Area Manager please give me an indication of what supports are available for retro fitting of housing, including insulation, windows, heating, stair lifts, appliances etc. in housing in Dublin for both privately owned and Dublin City Council owned properties, to include amounts of funding available, requirements etc.

# <u>Reply</u>

Housing Maintenance does not provide financial supports to tenants of City Council owned properties for retro fitting, insulation, heating, windows or adaptations.

DCC, Housing Maintenance provide heating systems (gas central heating) in City Council owned dwellings for tenants. If a tenant has a breakdown or any maintenance issue with their heating, Housing Maintenance will arrange an inspection and any necessary repairs. Tenants pay €4 per week boiler maintenance and service charge.

In relation to windows, Housing Maintenance will attend a City Council owned dwelling to repair where required and if necessary assess/list for replacement. Applications from tenants in relation to repairs or replacement of heating or windows is made by contacting Housing Maintenance at 2222222, or 2222191 or through their local area office.

Appliances such as white goods are not provided by DCC, Housing Maintenance.

There is no specific budget allocation for replacement of heating systems, windows repairs etc in DCC tenancy dwellings. This work is funded by DCC, Housing Maintenance and carried out where the need for same is assessed and deemed necessary.

Under our Accessibility/ Mobility Programme Housing Maintenance provide the following for City Council tenants:

- Extensions
- Showers
- Ramps
- Stairlifts
- Ceiling Track Hoist
- Deaf Alarm Systems
- Automatic Door entry systems

The HM Adaptations & Overcrowding Budget for 2019 is €2m.

Housing Maintenance have commenced Phase 2 of our energy efficiency fabric upgrade programme for DCC tenancies. This programme is being rolled out on a citywide basis with all areas included. It operates on the basis of roads or groups of houses in any one area being selected for works. Dwellings are not selected on a one off/individual basis. Tenants are contacted prior to works commencing in their area. Works carried out under this programme are external insulation, attic insulation and window and door replacement if required.

Funding for Phase 2 of the energy efficiency fabric upgrade programme has yet to be announced by the department. Dublin City Council has been proactively following up with the department directly on same as the upgrade programme is of great benefit to our tenants. The first funding request was in response to Circular 19-2017 which was issued by the department on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2017. Dublin City Council commenced phase 2 of the programme in March 2018 in lieu of confirmation of funding from the department and proceeded to upgrade 366 properties in 2018. The most recent circular received from the department to this regard was issued on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 (ref: Circular Housing 08/2019) where funding requests for phase 2 of the programme were requested from all Local Authorities. Dublin City Council responded to this request. Based on a target of upgrading 400 properties in 2019, we project an estimated expenditure of circa €6.5 Million.

# Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section Tel: 222 3517

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Dublin City Council administers three Housing Grants schemes on behalf of the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government. The Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme, the Mobility Aids Grants Scheme and the Housing Aid for Older People Grants Scheme.

Under the terms of the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability the maximum grant available is €30,000 as determined by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. This grant provides for bathroom

conversions, downstairs toilets and downstairs extensions where the applicant needs to live downstairs.

The Mobility Aid Grant is designed to assist people with mobility issues and provides funding towards stairlifts, ramps and hoists. The maximum funding available under this scheme is €6000.

The Housing Aid for Older People Grant is designed to help older people living in poor housing conditions to make necessary repairs. This can include boilers, central heating where none exists, and re-wiring where the current wiring is deemed to be unsafe. The maximum grant available is €8000.

A grant for window replacement can only be given if the windows are in extremely poor condition and the applicant is in such financial difficulty that they cannot access the funding required to do the work without the support of a grant.

Insulation is not provided for under the above schemes but is administered by the SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland)

Application forms are available on http://www.dublincity.ie/housing-and-community-iown-my-home-section/

Contact: Teresa Conlon, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services *Tel:* 222 5138

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#### Q29 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

Can the Area Manager please check with Irish Rail and our Roads Engineering Division if it will be possible to enhance the Killeen Road Bridge at Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, to allow for a public footpath at this dangerous location. A few years ago the bridge was to be replaced as part of the Kildare Route Project but this never progressed.

#### Reply

The Engineer will contact Irish Rail to find out who is in ownership of this bridge and to see if any upgrading is planned for it. The Engineer will refer back to the councillor with the findings in due course.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Engineer, Environment & Transportation Tel: 222 6393 Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

#### Q30 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Roads Maintenance Section to replace the footpath along Sundrive Road from the shops at the Ferns Road junction all along to the junction with the Lower Kimmage Road. There are many trip hazards along this stretch of pathway, which is used by many people, a number of whom have disabilities including sight problems as well as wheelchair users.

#### Reply

I can inform you that at present there are no plans to carry out footpath upgrade works under our 2019 footpath minor works contract along this stretch of footpath. This section of pavement will be surveyed and defects logged to our works list for repair or will be considered for our 2020 footpath minor works program depending on findings and funding.

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

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# Q31 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to arrange for the promised window replacement at *(details supplied)* be carried out without further delay.

# <u>Reply</u>

The windows in this dwelling were assessed and deemed in need of replacement. The estimated timeframe for replacement is end June 2019.

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

# Q32 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to provide a timescale for the completion of the house construction on Rafters Lane by WALK. These works have caused a lot of disruption to our tenants in the Older Persons complex in Lissadel Court where noise, dust and the temporary fencing is an issue. Can the Area Manager also confirm that once completed that the residents of Lissadel Court will have access to a secure fob operated pedestrian gate allowing residents access through the Walk development as a short cut to the Crumlin Road.

# <u>Reply</u>

WALK have confirmed that the current expected completion date for the project is the beginning of August, 2019. I can confirm that the residents of Lissadel Court will be provided with fobs for the pedestrian gate on Rafters Lane, when the new housing development is completed. It should be noted that this gate will not be accessible to general members of the public and is strictly for use by residents of Lissadel Court and the new complex.

Contact: Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office Tel: 222 5512 Email: chris.butler@dublincity.ie

# Q33 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to confirm that the three-tiered flower stands will be located in Crumlin Village once again this summer and that they will be in place prior to the judging of the Tidy Village competition.

# **Reply**

The three tiered planters will be on display again this year in Crumlin Village. The placement of the planters is overseen by Parks Dept. over the bank holiday weekend in June. The Planters should be in place this year May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

# Q34 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Parks Section to look at the feasibility of providing play equipment for young children and toddlers in our playground in Kylemore Avenue, Ballyfermot. There are a lot of young children in the surrounding area and their parents complain of lack of suitable play equipment.

#### <u>Reply</u>

Parks and Landscape Services intend to improve the play features in Kylemore Park in 2019. It is proposed to have some consultation with local residents over the next few weeks regarding possible improvements.

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

### Q35 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to 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**

There are currently 158 properties bring refurbished in the South Central Area. The breakdown of these units are as follows:

#### Houses

2 Bed	32
3 Bed	23
4 Bed	1
Total	56

#### Apartments

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2 Bed	42
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Total	69

### **Senior Citizens**

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The properties have been vacant for the following timeframes:

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0-3 months	80
3-6 months	46
6-9 months	13
9+ months	19
Total	158

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

### Q36 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to report on the following (*details supplied*).

# <u>Reply</u>

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

### Q37 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why the old cinema site in Rialto SCR is not in the dereliction sites register.

### **Reply**

The site 355-361 South Circular Road, Dublin 8 (former old cinema in Rialto) was recently sold and the new owners have been written to by the Derelict Sites Section regarding their refurbishment / redevelopment proposals. The absence of a satisfactory response will result in an escalation of formal action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The matter is being kept under review and the Councillor will be kept informed of any developments.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Building Control Division Tel: 222 3941 Email: nial.dully@dublincity.ie

#### Q38 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager for a list of voids in Dublin South Central and their bedroom size and length of time void.

#### **Reply**

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A list of the properties has been sent to councillor Ní Dhalaigh by post.

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

# Q39 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that this work *(details supplied)* is carried out as soon as possible.

# <u>Reply</u>

This application has been assessed and the property has been surveyed. The applicant will be contacted shortly in relation to a decision.

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

# Q40 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that this work, as agreed over 12 months ago, *(details supplied)* is carried out as soon as possible.

# <u>Reply</u>

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

# Q41 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to outline in tabular form a break down on the 'discretionary fund' since 2014, please detail quantities and to whom the money was allocated to?

# **Reply**

Attached is a comprehensive report outlining a list of agreed Discretionary Funded Projects for years 2014 to 2018 which have been completed or are nearing completion. The Discretionary Budget Allocation for the years 2014 and 2015 was €216,000 for both years with an extra allocation of €80,000 for 2015. The project costs for these years were supplemented through the area revenue budget and other Departments resulting in an extra spend of €48,750 for 2014 and €193,651 for 2015. In 2016 the members agreed the budget allocation should be divided between the two wards, (which continues to this day), although that year Public Domain was treated separately with a budget of €100,000. In subsequent years specific Public Domain projects were listed in the discretionary allocation for both wards: -

Year	Budget	Crumlin/Kimmage	Ballyfermot/	Public	Total agreed
	Allocation		Drimnagh	Domain	By Members
2016	€917,642	€397,000	€426,500	€100,000	€923,500
2017	€1,000,000	€500,500	€506,000	0	€1,006,500
2018	€1,264,237	€636,000	€642,500	0	€1,278,500

While it is not always possible to complete every project by the end of each year any unspent money is rolled over to the next year where it is drawn down to meet the cost of the project/projects as they reach completion in the new year. Because of the nature of some of the projects this has been the pattern to date. There are 16 outstanding projects from 2018 which are due for completion this year. There is one outstanding Projects from the 2017 Discretionary Fund which require progressing or reallocation.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Area Manager, South Central Area Tel: 222 5112 Email: <u>brian.lyons@dublincity.ie</u>

# South Central Area Discretionary Fund 2014-€216,000

Project	Project Cost
Landscaping and installations of planters at Naas Road/Canal Bridge Site	10,039
Kerbing at Croftwood and installation of fence at Blackditch Road	17,132
Provision of lighting of City Walls at Cook Street	25,000
Provision of Play Ground at Basin Street	38,273
Dolphin's Barn Streetscape	20,000
Work on the footpath at Walkinstown Green	17,013
Public Domain Improvement Work at Inchicore, Dolphin's Barn, Rialto & Crumlin Rd	30,691
Illegal Dumping/Black Spots/Bye Law Enforcement	88,091
Halloween	18,511
	€264,750

Project	Project Cost
Improvements at Drumfinn Park	37,450
Improvements at Spiddal Park	46,195
Provision of seating at Le Fanu Park	1,605
Installations of water connection to Bridgefoot Street Allotments	1,000
Liberty Investments Forum	13,000
Kilmainham Mill Feasibility Study	10,000
Thomas Street Greening Scheme	26,727
St Luke's Graveyard – Archaeological Dig	4,666
Improvements works at open space at Spiddal Road	6,242
Provision of communal bin and reserve parking at Old Mill Court	4,000
Improvement of the green area at Basin Street	6,000
Cherry Orchard traffic calming/kerbing and resurfacing of the all-weather	10.000
	16,926
Crumlin Village Enhancement Scheme	10,418
Footpaths at Inchicore Village/Vincent Street	20,000
Cannon Troy House	21,105
Improvements to the main access routes to the city	69,205
Gum removal and high temperature cleaning	53,685
Subsidisation of graffiti removal	30,769
Provision of three tier planters (45 in total)	56,177
Provision of extra plant and labouring crews at Halloween	18,700
Cleaning/repainting traffic islands/signage/lamp standards	11,184
Provision of supplies to Community Groups	7,500
Dog Fouling initiative	11,068
Special Cleaning	6,030
	€489,652

# SCA DISCRETIONARY FUND 2016 PROJECTS – €823,500

# BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH/WALKINSTOWN

Project Title	Amount Spent
Community Centre Convent Lawns (Naoinra)	€50,000
Quad Bike/Scrambler	€10,000
Liffey Gaels GAA – refurbishment	€30,000
Provision of seating in Drumfin/Spiddal Park	€2,000
St. John's Ambulance – contribution to Cycle Response Unit	€5,000
Islandbridge Court Football/Basketball pitch	€25,000
Bunting Park – removal of boundary hedge and installation of railings	€22,195.89
Ballyfermot Sports Complex – funding part time manager, improvements	€40,000
Cherry Orchard Equine Centre – horse welfare project	€17,000
Heritage Signs – Drimnagh/ Walkinstown/Ballyfermot/Chapelizod	€17,536.62
Labre Park Environmental Project	€2,000
Ballyfermot Saturday Night Soccer	€7,500
Provision of CCTV Cherry Orchard	€47,000
Cherry Orchard Playground and pitch resurfacing	€30,000
Cherry Orchard FC Pitch	€2,000
Elevator – Our Lady's Hall, Mourne Road	€40,000
Slievebloom Park/Long Mile Road – railings at steps	€1,424.43
Cherry Orchard Family Resource	€50,000
Public Lights - Drumfinn Park (upgrade plus 2 new columns), Claddagh Green (upgrade plus 1 new column), Decies Road Shops upgrade	€18,884.60
Family Base, the Base, Blackditch Road – contribution to purchase of bus	€5,000
Total – Ballyfermot/Drimnagh	€422,542

# **CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE**

Project Title	Amount Spent
Part fund Cashel Avenue/Captains Avenue	€100,000
Extended hours for Crumlin Swimming Pool	€35,000
Playground Stannaway Park	€50,000
Seating for Pearse Park, Brickfield Park, Stannaway Park	€9,000
Seagull Flats playground upgrade	€5,000
Linear Park, Dolphin's Barn	€36,648.66
Part fund Design/development for Bridgefoot Street Park	€30,000
Oliver Bond House – upgrade playground/CCTV	€56,437.53
Part fund astro pitch James CBS	€75,000
Provision of bicycle parking facilities from Leonard's Corner to Sally's Bridge	€3,000
Total – Crumlin/SWIC	€400,086
Gross Total	€822,628

# SCA DISCRETIONARY FUND 2017 PROJECTS -€1m

# BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH

Project Title	Amo	ount Spent
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Village Wash		
programme	€	25,000.00
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Shopping Precinct		
Wash Programme	€	15,000.00
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Pavement Proofing	€	5,000.00
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Three Tier Planters	€	14,999.03
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Dog Fouling	€	5,000.00
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Dumping	€	20,000.00
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements – Halloween	€	5,000.00
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Utility Community		-,
Box Art	€	6,000.00
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Cherry Orchard		
Tree Planting	€	11,321.64
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Bluebell	6	40 004 77
Environmental Improvements Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Chapelizod	€	10,921.77
Environmental Improvements	€	4,527.25
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Kilmainham &		1,027.20
Inchicore EIS	€	24,890.55
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Inchicore Shopfront		
Improvement Scheme	€	21,242.67
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Cherry Orchard It's	6	00,400,40
Ours Programme Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Slievebloom Park -	€	30,409.16
Road Environmental Improvements	€	5,731.75
Public Domain & Environmental Improvements - Installation of		0,701.70
railings at Bunting Park	€	39,883.95
Infrastructure and Buildings - The Bungalow Improvements	€	12,000.00
Infrastructure and Buildings - Bosco Youth Centre	€	30,000.00
Infrastructure and Buildings - Ballyfermot Sports Centre/Gurteen	_	
Youth Centre	€	40,020.00
Infrastructure and Buildings - Teanga Beo Baile	€	10,000.00
Infrastructure and Buildings - St. Vincent St. West Lighting Upgrade	€	7,715.03
Infrastructure and Buildings - Provision of Radio/Music Centre at	€	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Bluebell Community Centre	500.	00
Infrastructure and Buildings - Lifestart Project (Windows and Doors)	€	7,000.00
Infrastructure and Buildings - Labre Park (Portacabin)	€	10,000.00
Infrastructure and Buildings - Orchard Centre, special dance floor	€	2,500.00
Policy Initiatives - Land use Study on Institutional lands in Lower		
Ballyfermot		
Ballyfermot Resource Centre (replace guttering & repair to drains)	€	33,000.00
Ballyfermot Star (research into social enterprise cafe)	€	15,000.00
Boxing/Youth Bus	€	12,500.00
Candle Community Trust, Lynch's Lane, off Ballyfermot Road	€	25,000.00
Familbase (studio and music equipment)	€	15,000.00
Sports Engagement Initiative	€	17,000.00
Total – Ballyfermot/Drimnagh	€	482,162.80

# SCA DISCRETIONARY FUND 2017 PROJECTS -€1m

# CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE

Project Title	Am	ount Spent
Public Domain – Dog Fouling and Bins	€	20,000.00
Public Domain – Utility Community Box Art	€	10,000.00
Public Domain – Environmental Security St. Audeons School	€	5,000.00
Public Domain – Illegal Dumping and Kilmainham Lane Green		
Space	€	11,323.00
Public Domain – Dolphins Barn Public Realm Improvement Plan	€	33,548.25
Public Domain – Ceannt Fort Centenary	€	2,646.96
Park & Environmental Upgrades – D. 12 park Benches	€	11,094.60
Park & Environmental Upgrades – Memorial Garden Dolphins	_	
Barn Fire Station	€	9,647.50
Park & Environmental Upgrades – Rialto Mens Shed	€	22,000.00
Park & Environmental Upgrades – Hurling Wall Pearse Park	€	20,000.00
Park & Environmental Upgrades – Upgrade Playground Brickfield Park	€	50,000.00
Park & Environmental Upgrades – Painting and Upgrade Galtymore Park	€	14,982.00
Park & Environmental Upgrades – Upgrade Playgrounds Liberties	€	26,370.77
Park & Environmental Upgrades – Upgrade to Open Space at Bangor/Clonmacnoise/Lismore/Durrow	€	29,941.34
Park & Environmental Upgrades – Lissadel Court Kitchen Upgrade	€	22,968.65
Basin Street and extended area CCTV Upgrade	€	44,826.82
Policy Initiatives – Integrated Plan to address Economic Development in Dublin 8 and Housing/Homeless Challenge Policy Initiatives - Tackling the Underlying Causes of Crime and Anti-social Behaviour in SWIC and Cherry Orchard	€ **	10,000.00
Maintenance of Services – Crumlin Swimming Pool	€	35,000.00
CCTV at '4 roads'	€	3,189.35
Crumlin Childcare Centre	*	
Village signage	€	8,301.33
Village Wash programme	€	10,019.01
Crumlin Swimming Pool Marketing & Promotion	€	5,000.00
Total – Crumlin/SWIC	€	405,859.58

# SCA DISCRETIONARY FUND 2018 PROJECTS - €1.264m BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH

Project Title	Amount Spent	Project Title	Amount Spent
The Orchard Community Centre Reception & Kitchen Upgrade The Orchard Community Centre Courtyard Upgrade	€15,800.34	Ballyfermot/Drimnagh/Inchicore/Kilmainham/Chapelizod Public Domain to include Urban Village and Shopping Precinct Wash programme, Planters, Dog Fouling, Halloween Clean –ups Pavement Proofing, Utility Community Box Art, Illegal Dumping	€100,575.31
		Upgrade of Park Californian Hills	
			€26,589.20
Love Cherry Orchard' Fund	€9,619.06	CCTV Longmeadows P&P Course	€8,460.29
Public Spaces Improvements Cherry Orchard	€4,750.00	Christmas Lighting Schemes: Ballyfermot & Inchicore Villages	€27,036.7
Halloween Festival Cherry Orchard	€8,001.00	Improvements Ballyfermot Sports Complex	€12,882.87
Additional Tree Planting (Community Project) Cherry Orchard	€2,318.98	Upgrade of front elevation of premises Ballyfermot Youth Services	€20,001.00
Replace Bollards with Planters Croftwood Gardens	€9,991.59	Local Tidy Towns (Ballyfermot) Community clean-ups	€5,000.00
Entrance Upgrade (Community Project) Barneville Park	€12,110.35	Cherry Orchard Equine Centre Horse Welfare Programme	€10,000.00
Upgrade/Improvement Works Civic Centre Park	€7,295.79	Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard Feasibility Study for Weekend market	€5,000.00
Upgrade CCTV Fr. Lemass/Riverview/Rossaveal Courts	€11,355.69	Ballyfermot Community Festival 70 year celebration	€20,000.00
Shopfront Improvement Scheme: 20K Ballyfermot, 5K Inchicore	€26,089.00		
Environmental Improvement Scheme - Phase 2 Inchicore	*	Family Resources Centre, Tyrone Place Programme of Events	€6,000.00
Provision of 2 Heritage/Interpretive Panels	*	Ballyfermot United Upgrade Changing Rooms	€6,000.00
Additional Tree Planting & Public Space Upgrade	€22,688.65	Community Centre, Walkinstown Avenue Upgrade Works	*
Develop Historical Walking Trail Graveyards, Kilmainham & Inchicore	*	Memorial Garden Bluebell	€8,024.38
Tidy Town enhancements Chapelizod	€5,000.00	Resurfacing of Bridge Chapelizod	€4,114.38

Tidy Towns - High Tech Bins, Planting, Signage Drimnagh	CE 000.00	Community Development St. Patricks Athletic	645 000 00
	€5,000.00		€15,000.00
Landscape Improvements outside Park, Walkinstown Avenue		Provision of High Tec Bins Ballyfermot/Drimnagh	
	€10,000.00		€20,000.00
Landscape Improvements around Statue on Open Space		Dedication of Park to Crew of R116 (stone plus planting)	*
Walkinstown Avenue	€5,902.00	Oranmore Park, Ballyfermot	
Additional Park Benches Dublin 8 and 10		Provision of Scouts Hall Chapelizod	
	€11,992.50		€20,000.00
Footpath upgrade Carrow Road Open Space, Drimnagh	€6,520.58	Ballyfermot/Drimnagh/Inchicore/Kilmainham/Chapelizod	€100,575.31
		Public Domain programme, Planters, Dog Fouling, Halloween	
		Clean –ups Pavement Proofing, Utility Community Box Art,	
		Illegal Dumping	
		Upgrade of Park Californian Hills	
			€26,589.20
CCTV Benbulbin Road, Drimnagh		CCTV Longmeadows P&P Course	
	€5,612.58		€8,460.29
Support for Festivals in Cherry Orchard, Chapelizod, Kilmainham &		Christmas Lighting Schemes: Ballyfermot & Inchicore	
Walkinstown	€14,800.50	Villages	€27,036.78
		Total – Ballyfermot/Drimnagh	€509,532.82

# SCA DISCRETIONARY FUND 2018 PROJECTS

Project Title	Amou	Int Spent
Older Persons Complexes in Dublin 8 Provision of CCTV		€44,695.77
Other Locations In Dublin 8		€59,090.72
Provision of CCTV in Emmet Buildings, Timber Yard, Ash Grove, Robert Emmet		
Walk/Close, St. Audeons House, Mary Aikenhead House		
Pimlico Terrace, Dublin 8 - Precinct Improvements		€17,449.70
Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8 - Precinct Improvements & Landscaping and Lighting to		€33,482.50
Front		
Basin Street, Dublin 8 -Playground Improvements	*	
School Street/Thomas Court Bawn, D.8 - Playground Improvements		€10,585.17
Maryland - Grotto Upgrade - Tree Planting & Seating		€1,131.60
Blarney Park, Kimmage -Soft Landscaping at entrance to Allotments		€6,494.47
Crumlin/SWIC - Halloween Events		€10,000.00
The Liberties/Cork Street - Shopfront Improvement Scheme		€21,065.00
The Liberties - Flowering Planters		€4,380.74
St. Catherine's Park - Conservation Programme		€20,030.38
Bow Lane West, Dublin 8 - Replacement of 10 Lighting Columns		€13,797.75
Bridgefoot Street, Dublin 8 - Upgrade of 16 lighting Columns		€8,719.07
Bridgefoot Street, Dublin 8 - Upgrade & Tree Planting on Median	*	
Cromwell Quarters- Repair & Upgrade of 40 Steps and Lighting	*	
Cork Street Median - Tree Planting/Greening		€19,402.83
Haroldville/Reuben Street Area - Tree Planting/Greening		€7,763.50
Rialto - Improvement Works to men's Shed		€2,500.00
Galtymore Park - Painting & Footpath Repair (painting 12K)	*	
Clogher Road, Crumlin - Large Specimen Tree in Open Space		€5,675.00
Stannaway Park, Crumlin - New Outdoor Gym		€16,117.00
Dolphin's Barn - Shopfront Improvement Scheme		€14,225.00
Crumlin/SWIC - Public Domain to include Urban Village and Shopping Precinct		€100,000.00
Wash programme, Planters, Dog Fouling, Halloween Clean -ups		
Pavement Proofing, Utility Community Box Art, Illegal Dumping		
Crumlin Swimming Pool - Maintenance of Services		€35,000.00
Open Spaces, Crumlin- Upgrades of Greens at Derry Drive, Kells Road,		€15,890.00
Weaver Park- Mural at Skate Park		€4,381.00
Crumlin United - Set of Portable Goals		€3,000.00
Crumlin Swimming Pool - Exit for Vehicles	*	
SWIC - Play 'Bring Me Back Alive' to be performed	€	10,000.00
SWIC - Mental Health Warriors' - Pilot Scheme	€	1,500.00
Pearse Park - Hurling Wall	€	10,000.00
Ceannt Fort - Centenary Celebrations	*	
Total – Crumlin/SWIC	€	490,702.20
Gross Total	€	1,000,235.02

\* Project scheduled to take place in 2019
\*\* Project scheduled for completion in 2019

# Q42 <u>Councillor Daithí Doolan</u>

To ask the Area Manager to outline how many Dublin City Council homes in Dublin 10 and Dublin 12 qualify for insulation under Phase 2 of the Insulation Programme, how many have been insulated under Phase 2 and what is the plan to complete the remaining houses?

# <u>Reply</u>

The following is a list of completed houses in Dublin 10 and Dublin 12 respectively under Phase 2 of the Insulation programme:

Completed EWI Works			
DUBLIN 10 86			
DUBLIN 12	67		

The following is a breakdown of the remaining houses remaining in Dublin 10 and Dublin 12 respectively under phase 2 of the Insulation Programme:

House Remaining in Phase 2			
DUBLIN 10 604			
DUBLIN 12 860			

The remaining houses will be scheduled accordingly as per all areas and the timescale will be dependent on Departmental funding.

Contact: Shane Hawkshaw, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing and Community Services Tel: 222 7524 Email: shane.hawkshaw@dublincity.ie

# Q43 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager will he consider installing a concrete plinth around the green in Cherry Orchard Crescent to prevent those involved in illegal dumping accessing the green space, similar to Croftwood Gardens.

# <u>Reply</u>

While it is recognised that this is a significant issue with dumping at this location, installation of a plinth would be quite costly and might not have the desired effect. The Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office and Parks Department will examine the situation and see what measures can be put in place.

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

# Q44 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the illegal dumping on (details supplied) is part of a weekly clean-up rota as it is attracting further dumping and also it is being set on fire.

# <u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services clean and remove dumped rubbish from the road and footpaths in (details supplied) at least twice a week. Our Parks Division look after the dumped and burnt rubbish on the green area there.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services Tel: 222 4240 Email: <u>mick.boyle@dublincity.ie</u>

The green space on (details supplied) is cleaned each Monday morning.

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

# Q45 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager when are the Ballyfermot Road and Kylemore Road works expected to be competed.

### **Reply**

The resurfacing works are near completion on the Ballyfermot Road apart from the mastic asphalt surrounds and resetting of ironworks and road markings which will take a few weeks. The main contractor has relocated to Emmet Road and upon completion will begin works on the Kylemore Road. We expect to complete these works by June 2019, weather depending.

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

# Q46 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Will the Area Manager review security measures including lighting, fencing etc., at Kylemore Park after recent anti-social behaviour damaged the park?

# <u>Reply</u>

Park staff have met with local residents regarding the recent anti-social problems in the park. There has been an agreement to remove some bollards at the main entrance which acted as a seating area and a focal point for this behaviour. The surrounding hedge will also be reduced in height to increase visibility into the park. Park Services are also examining changing the lighting times on the kick-about area to see if this will help matters. The local Garda Superintendent was also contacted regarding the situation.

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

# Q47 <u>Councillor Tina MacVeigh</u>

To ask the Area Manager how many applications have been made for student accommodation, hotels and residential new builds in the Dublin 8 area in each of the past three years 2018, 2017, 2016 and how many bed spaces or rooms in each application and to include how many permissions applied for were granted in each category.

#### <u>Reply</u>

The answer to this query involves a considerable amount of research, which unfortunately will not be completed for the April Area Committee. We will endeavour to provide the information for the 3 categories of use over the last 3 years for the May meeting.

Contact: John O'Hara, City Planner, Planning & Development Department Tel: 222 3813 Email john.ohara@dublincity.ie

# Q48 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the status of the derelict site at the corner of St Luke's and Ardee Street.

# **Reply**

The owner intends to develop the site and has consulted with the Planning Department in relation to same. The matter is being kept under review and the absence of satisfactory progress will result in an escalation of formal action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The Councillor will be kept informed of any developments.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Building Control Division Tel: 222 3941 Email nial.dully@dublincity.ie

# Q49 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our Area Manager to inquire of the HSE of the status of their site at the corner of Cork Street and Donore Avenue and what is their intended use for this site which is a blight on the surrounding neighbourhood.

# **Reply**

A letter will be sent to HSE estates to enquire about future use of the site and the response will be forwarded to the Councillor.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Area Manager, South Central Area Tel: 222 5112 Email: mary.taylor@dulincity.ie

### Q50 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager whether any changes have been made to the design/plans for the modular housing planned at the two sites on Weaver Square/Chamber Street and if so to provide this Councillor with a copy of the revised plans and an itemised list of changes made.

# <u>Reply</u>

There have been no significant changes to the proposed layouts for these schemes as were previously presented to the Area Committee in December 2018.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Residential Services Tel: 222 6114

Email: <u>Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie</u>

#### Q51 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager how many families are currently accommodated in the family hub at Clonard Road, to include the time spent living there by each family.

# **Reply**

There are currently 20 families residing in the family hub on Clonard Road, 26 Adults and 35 children. The table below is a breakdown of each family size and the length of time spent living at the family hub.

Family	Adults	Children	Length of time in hub
1	1	2	16 months
2	2	1	6 months
3	1	1	5 months
4	2	2	16 months
5	1	2	15 months
6	1	2	13 months
7	1	2	3 weeks
8	1	2	13 months
9	1	2	Only arrived
10	1	2	10 months
11	1	1	15 months
12	1	1	2 months
13	2	4	15 months
14	2	2	3 months
15	1	2	2 months
16	2	1	1 month
17	2	3	13 months
18	1	1	6 months
19	1	1	16 months
20	1	1	12 months
	26	35	

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Director, DRHE Tel: 222 5296 Email: Eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie

# Q52 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our Area Manager why a commitment to cutting down a tree at our property at *(details supplied)* has not been undertaken.

# **Reply**

A request was received in 2016 to prune/cut down this tree. On assessment the tree was found to be healthy. Housing Maintenance does not cut down healthy trees. Housing Maintenance, Mobile Crew pruned the tree. No further work is scheduled on this tree.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

# Q53 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to make a statement on the removal of trees along the Grand Canal route, who is responsible for this removal and what steps are taken before a tree is removed.

# <u>Reply</u>

The trees directly along the Grand Canal are maintained by Waterways Ireland. Requests for information regarding tree work can be sent to info@waterwaysireland.org

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

# Q54 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Traffic Engineer to inspect Rialto Roundabout with a view to putting in place zebra crossing around the roundabout to ensure pedestrian safety at this key location.

# **Reply**

A request to inspect Rialto Roundabout has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Administration, Traffic Advisory Group Tel: 222 2523 Email: <u>traffic@dublincity.ie</u>

### Q55 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the Dolphins Barn Part 8 improvement plan.

# **Reply**

The Dolphins Barn Environment Improvement Scheme received Part VIII planning consent in late 2018. The scheme will now be submitted for capital funding in the forthcoming budgetary process. Once the funding is agreed, the project will go to detailed design, preparation of construction drawings and tender documentation and procurement. This process is likely to take at least a year. The construction of the proposed improvements will need to be coordinated and sequenced with any future works being undertaken by the National Transport Authority with the "Bus Connects" scheme.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area Tel: 222 5108 Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie