

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th September 2019

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to ascertain whether the land to the rear of (*details supplied*) belongs to the Council and if so, to organise for the overgrown trees on that land be cut back.

Reply

The land as outlined to the rear of (*details supplied*) does belong to the City Council. The Area Office have contacted the Parks Department regarding this issue. The trees were cut back a few years ago and an assessment will now be carried out within the next two weeks to determine if there is now a requirement to remove some of the trees on the basis of their size, age and the spread of the branches.

The results of the assessment and the action required will then be carried out as expediently as possible.

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Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to ask our Drainage Section to inspect the drains at (*details supplied*). The tenant living there is a HAP tenant who reports flooding and overflowing of the sewerage into the back yard through the manhole. She has contacted the landlord who states it is the responsibility of the local authority.

Reply

DCC Drainage staff attended this location and carried out various works/investigations. These have established that the problems being experienced at (*details supplied*) are not caused by the public sewer (which is operating normally). Nor was any problem found on the private drain out in the public road (where Irish Water operates a discretionary repair scheme at its cost). The investigations concluded that the private drain to which (*details supplied*) is connected is broken or blocked within a neighbouring private property. However, due to access issues the precise location/property where the problem exists could not be determined despite repeated efforts. Drainage crews also attempted to clear the drain from No 67 but were unsuccessful.

Legally, the properties connected to a private drain upstream of a breakdown or blockage are jointly and equally responsible for clearing and/or repairing that drain (see s.43 (4) of the Water Services Act 2007). It is not the legal responsibility of the local authority nor of Irish Water, and the Landlord of (*details supplied*) is incorrect in that assertion.

Unfortunately, those other premises connected to this drain may be unaware that the problem exists or, if aware, are ignorant of their (equal) maintenance responsibility or are not motivated to act as they are not personally affected. DCC Drainage has written to all properties likely to be connected to this drain advising them of their joint responsibility and seeking assistance in identifying the location of the problem and in resolving it.

Additional powers to investigate and address this problem may be available to the Water Services Authority under the Water Services Act 2007. Since January 2014 that authority is now Irish Water - not Dublin City Council. A request for guidance in this case has been sought from Irish Water and a response is awaited. This guidance will be acted on when received (if within DCC's remit) and can be forwarded upon receipt.

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Q3 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Gully Section to have a look at the drains at the end of Lansdowne Valley, off Davitt Road? I'm not sure if the drains are on the usual Gully list but they're in serious need of attention.

Reply

Please be advised that members of the Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned 12 of the 12 gullies on Davitt Road on 27th August 2019.

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Q4 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Parks Section to look at the trees at the end of Lansdowne Valley, off Davitt Road. They haven't been maintained for some years now and the effect is a rise in anti-social behaviour due to the concealment caused by over grown trees.

Reply

These trees will be addressed in the coming pruning season, Autumn/Winter 19/20.

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Q5 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask Director of Services for an update on the following developments: -

- 1) the former Our Lady of Victories site, Sarsfield Rd.,
- 2) Drimnagh's Lar Redmond site and
- 3) the former Scoil Éanna site.

Reply

- 1) The former Our Lady of Victories Site – Sarsfield Road and
- 2) Lar Redmond Site – Keeper Road, Drimnagh.

Respond Housing Association has completed a Feasibility Study and Review Report for each of the above schemes. As Respond are currently at pre-planning application stage, the Housing Department has asked for a Development Agreement to be prepared which will set out the programme for delivery of both these schemes which will accommodate older persons. The Development Agreement will include a "long stop" date for delivery. As these developments are construction projects, a Stage 1 Capital Assistance Scheme Application under the DHPLG's Capital Works Management Framework will be

submitted by Respond on conclusion of their pre-planning discussions. The Capital Works Management Framework approval process for AHBs has a 75 week timeline from date of stage 1 application.

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3) The former Scoil Eanna site:

The Housing and Community Services Department have assembled a number of sites adjoining the former Scoil Éanna site for the purposes of developing public housing. Following consultation with the local elected members, a proportion of the site has now been reserved for a public library. The Council's City Architects are currently developing plans for both the library and the housing. A presentation will presently be made to the local area committee.

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Q6 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the affordable housing in Cherry Orchard, including how many and a time frame for the work?

Reply

Funding approval under the "Service Sites Fund – Calls for Proposals" was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on 12th December 2018, to provide enabling infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes on City Council's lands at Cherry Orchard.

The City Council sought expressions of interest to develop affordable housing on the site at Cherry Orchard. A number of applications have been received and the Council is organising a workshop in September to address queries with a view to moving to the next stage of procurement. The potential delivery for the site in Cherry Orchard is 215 units.

The City Council awaits associated regulations and guidelines from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the development of the site.

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Q7 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the Part VIII plan for development of the Springvale site, Chapelizod.

Reply

The Part 8 planning application was lodged on 17 July, 2019 and submissions or observations can be made up until 29th August.

Accordingly, subject to approval of the Part 8 by the Planning Department, it is proposed that this Part 8 proposal is notified to the South Central Area Committee in September and submitted to the October City Council meeting for their approval.

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Q8 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when will the trees on Kylemore Road be pruned, it was agreed at the July meeting to prune the low hanging branches within 2 weeks. To date this has not happened.

Reply

This work will be carried out in the next couple of weeks.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department*
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Q9 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to draft a plan for weeding areas that are hardest hit with the recent growth of weeds.

Reply

In the absence of a weed spraying programme this year, Waste Management Services incorporate weed removal in our cleaning schedules, including weekends, as best we can. Particular attention is paid to the areas hardest hit with the growth of weeds. Manual removal of weeds is a time consuming task and it takes time to get around to all the different locations.

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Q10 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to agree to allow the residents of (*details supplied*) take into ownership the laneway in between their homes.

Reply

Dublin City Council is agreeable in principle to the disposal of former laneways and surplus plots of ground to the owners of adjoining residential properties.

In order to commence the process in this case the applicants should make a written application to the Executive Manager, Planning & Property Development Department, Floor 3, Block 4, Civic Offices.

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Q11 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to remove, as agreed, the tree at (*details supplied*).

Reply

This tree was growing in a back garden, which housing have removed.

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Q12 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services will DCC proceed, as agreed, to provide car parking outside (*details supplied*) on the green space and will DCC provide playground as part of the new housing development in Elmdale?

Reply

Dublin City Council intend to proceed as agreed to provide car parking at the end of the Elmdale Park cul-de-sac. The detail design is being finalised. Works will commence once the contractor has agreed their design with the Council.

Dublin City Council are in the process of engaging a consultant Landscape Architect to prepare proposals for the landscaping of the open spaces in the new housing development at Cherry Orchard Green/Elmdale Park. On appointment the Landscape Architects will be asked to explore the incorporation of appropriate play areas within the landscaping.

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Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to ensure Elmdale Park is regularly cleaned and to give the councillor details of a time frame for street cleaning at Elmdale?

Reply

Waste Management Services had Elmdale Park and the rest of Elmdale cleaned on the 22nd August 2019. Waste Management Services have residential areas like Elmdale inspected on a weekly basis and cleaned when necessary to do so. There is no specific cleaning schedule for these residential streets because there are different cleaning requirements in different areas which cannot be met by applying a standard citywide cleaning schedule. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of the Elmdale area to see if it requires some extra attention.

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Q14 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of resurfacing the roads surface at the junction where Brookfield Road meets South Circular Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8.

Reply

Road Maintenance has been monitoring the road condition at this location and has been carrying out temporary repairs over the course of this year. The road surface is degrading due to the large volume of HGV's coming from the development of the National Children's Hospital. Road Maintenance are in ongoing discussions with the contractors BAM in relation to this matter.

At the end of this month, August, BAM Contractors will relocate their temporary site access closer to the junction with the SCR and will undertake further more substantial temporary repairs. BAM Contractors have made a commitment to carry out a full permanent repair at this location when the bulk excavation works have been completed and the large number of site vehicles has reduced.

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Q15 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of resurfacing the roads and footpaths on Somerville Avenue, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

Reply

Over the past year Road Maintenance has visited this location and carried out repairs to the carriageway and footpath along with the reconstruction of all the speed ramps and installation of new nameplates. At present the road is in a reasonable condition and currently will not be considered in our 2020 resurfacing program for a full permanent reconstruction.

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Q16 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of installing a cycle lane on Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8.

Reply

The possibility of installing a cycle lane on Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore will be investigated and a report issued directly to the Councillor in due course.

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Q17 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of installing more public lighting on Robert Emmet Walk, Bridgefoot Street, Dublin 8.

Reply

We will examine the lighting on Robert Emmet Walk, Bridgefoot Street and any improvements considered necessary will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future public lighting project, subject to the necessary finances being available.

*Contact: Dale Donnelly, Assistant Engineer, Public Lighting
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Q18 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of installing more public lighting on Rosary Road, Maryland, Dublin 8.

Reply

There is no Public Lighting improvement programme intended for Rosary Road, Maryland at the moment. However, we will investigate the existing lighting, and any necessary improvements will be added to a list for inclusion in a future public lighting programme of improvements, subject to finances made available. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

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Q19 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of installing bollards at the West Terrace end of the laneway that runs behind Inchicore Terrace South, to provide pedestrians with a safe rear access to their homes, as this is currently a concern for residents.

Reply

Dublin City Council would not be in favour of restricting this laneway in its current form as at present it is a public laneway. It could interfere with access to garages and collection of dustbins. A request to extinguish the public laneway could be made through the local Area Office.

Please note that this area will be part of Phase 4 of the Special Speed Limits 30km zone from next year. (Enquiry No. 7011236 refers)

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Q20 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of replacing a crab apple tree, located outside 59 Dufferin Avenue, South Circular Road, Dublin 8, and replacing it with a more suitable tree.

Reply

The trees on Dufferin are being replaced on a phased basis. The tree outside No. 59 is due for removal with replacement planting in autumn/winter 2019/20.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

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Q21 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of pruning two overgrown trees outside 53 Dowland Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

Reply

Tree pruning at the above location is due to take place in Autumn/Winter 2019/20.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

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Q22 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if there are any plans to bring back the Financial Assistance Accommodation scheme, to help Old Age Pensioners to downsize, if they so wish.

Reply

The Financial Contribution Scheme currently in effect, was introduced by Dublin City Council in recognition of the fact that there are persons of 60 years and over living in the City, who find their existing dwellings too large for their needs and who wish to be considered for housing by Dublin City Council, as tenants, in Older Persons accommodation.

What is the Financial Contribution Scheme?

The Financial Contribution Scheme is a scheme in which Dublin City Council will purchase your property and in turn house you in an Older Persons Accommodation. The price Dublin City Council will pay for your property is dependent on the market value of your property and your age category at the time of purchase –

- ❖ If you are aged between 60 – 69 years old Dublin City Council will pay 60% of the market value of the property
- ❖ If you are aged 70 years and older Dublin City Council will pay 70% of the market value of the property

The following conditions apply to the Financial Contribution Scheme –

- ❖ Dublin City Council will only consider purchase of properties for homeowners who are eligible for Older Person's Accommodation
- ❖ The property must be located within the Dublin City Council Administrative area
- ❖ Dublin City Council cannot purchase any property with a value in excess of the price limit set out by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government for acquisitions
- ❖ The date of acceptance on the list is the effective date for selection of vacancies
- ❖ Homeowners who are housed must pay a housing rent to Dublin City Council in line with the Differential Rent Scheme.

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Q23 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if there are any plans to extend the catchment area of those who can apply for a parking permit for a certain street beyond the property cornering the street.

Reply

People can apply for a parking permit for a street other than the one they are living on when their property is a corner property along two streets or roads. Also, when there is not sufficient space to allow for parking on the road or street where a person is living, he/she can be offered a parking permit to cover an adjoining road/street very near where they live. This is subject to availability of space on the roads near the applicant. Each case is taken on an individual basis.

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Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to have the shores along Ballyfermot Road cleaned. Since resurfacing of Ballyfermot Road was completed, the shores are blocked with tar etc.

Reply

Works have started on Ballyfermot Road within the gully cleaning section and will be completed over the next 2/3 weeks. When works are completed we can give update if needed.

Contact: Roy O'Donnell, Inspector, Surface Water Management Unit

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Q25 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to list the parks in Dublin South Central including location and if they have the services of a park warden. How many park wardens are there in Dublin South Central? Can she list the number of park wardens we had in this area for the past 10 years.

Reply

The parks in Dublin South Central are as follows:

Cherry Orchard Park

Cherry Orchard Grove

Le Fanu Park, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot

Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot Road, Ballyfermot,

California Hills, Ballyfermot

Long Meadows Pitch and Putt, Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot,

Liffey Gaels, Sarsfield Rd.,

Liffey Valley Park, Chapelizod,

Walkinstown Park, Walkinstown Avenue,

Bunting Park, Walkinstown

Jim Mitchell Park, Ring Street

Grattan Crescent Park, Grattan Crescent

Bluebell Park, Bluebell

Turvey Park, Turvey Avenue, Inchicore

Oscar Square Park, Dublin 8

Lansdowne Valley Park, Naas Road, Dublin 12

Weaver Park, Cork Street, Dublin 8.

St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 8.

Parks have a system of park wardens for all main parks across the weekend. 10 park wardens work for 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday and visit the parks across South Central to pick litter, check playgrounds and assist with pitch lettings. Previously rangers were allocated for each park, but this system was replaced in the Work Force Plan to the one currently operating.

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Q26 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the possibility of installing a bike bunker or bicycle parking on St. Alban's Road, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

Reply

Due to the road constraints on St. Alban's Road any cycle parking infrastructure would have to be installed on the carriageway. St. Alban's Road operates with a Pay and Display and Residents' Permit Parking Scheme, therefore cycle parking would have to replace a car parking space.

St. Albans Road currently has 44 spaces and 55 permits issued to residents. There is no off-street parking available. In order to proceed evidence from the majority of the residents for this proposal would be required.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer, Sustainable Transport Unit

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Q27 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

At last month's Area Committee meeting I raised the issue of the lack of electric car charging points. Could the Director of Services please report on what work the Council has undertaken to increase the number of car charging points within the South Inner City Area. There is now a high demand in the area for electric charging points and thus will increase. Do planning applications now have to provide electric charging facilities?

Reply

Charging for EVs in Private Developments:

There is no standard in the current Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 for electric vehicle charging points. Notwithstanding, developers are encouraged on a site by site basis to future proof their car parking spaces for charging points and to provide charging points on either a proportion of spaces and/or at a centralised mobility hub within the site. There is a general acceptance amongst developers of the requirement to provide electric charging points for future residents of the schemes. The development plan review is due to get under way soon and as part of this process, it is intended to research and develop appropriate policies and standards for electric vehicles and their associated infrastructure.

Contact: Edel Kelly, Senior Transportation Officer, Transportation Planning

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The Environment and Transportation Department co-chairs with the SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) the Smart Docklands Energy Action Group. A project has commenced to roll out the Council's first on-street EV chargers on a trial basis in the Docklands area. It is anticipated that this will come on stream later this year and this trial will inform the Council's future policy regarding the roll out of EV chargers.

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Q28 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services what the delay is in the playground improvements at (*details supplied*). Money from the discretionary fund 2 years ago was allocated to this, but still no sign of it being delivered. Is the funding still there and can a time frame for delivery please be agreed?

Reply

Consideration was being given to converting the whole of the site encompassing (*details supplied*) playground, the Soccer Pitch and Basketball Court to a Pocket Park. It is hoped that in the fullness of time this project may be undertaken.

In the meantime, it has been decided to go ahead and spend the monies available on refurbishment work on (*details supplied*) playground. A contractor has been engaged and plans agreed. Currently playground equipment is on order, a process that takes a number of weeks. Installation and remedial works will commence immediately after Halloween and will take approximately two weeks to complete.

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Q29 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to replace/repair the shore heads at (*details supplied*). Dublin City Council came out last year to unblock the shores but smashed the shore heads. They have been left like that since but are in a dangerous condition, with people tripping over and into them. They are also getting blocked with rubbish.

Reply

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance have been carrying out immediate remedial works in relation to the shore covers outside (*details supplied*). They are also currently sourcing replacement covers which will be installed as soon as they are delivered.

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

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Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Director of Services look at the boundary wall of Longmeadow's Pitch & Pitt Club, Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, with a view to sorting out the serious problem of rendering falling from the wall, the old dashing is coming off in lumps and will cause an accident if not sorted out. In addition, can the entrance be looked at as cars exiting the pitch and putt have poor visibility with the layout of the entrance?

Reply

Parks can request the wall be checked by our engineering section and any works required be programmed as part of park improvements, 2020.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

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Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Director of Services request the Parks Department provide funding for the drainage works urgently needed at Longmeadows Pitch & Pitt course at Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, in the forthcoming estimates. Over the last few years, the facility has remained closed for months with drainage problems.

Reply

Parks have purchased new machinery (shockwave) which will address the drainage issues in Longmeadows.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department
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Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Director of Services look at the staff compliment available to Parks Department for ongoing maintenance in the Ballyfermot / Cherry Orchard area. Over the past few years I have witnessed a serious decline in the number of staff available and we now need to increase the resources available as the expectation of our communities has increased with the introduction of Property Tax etc.

Reply

Currently there are 34 outdoor staff working in the South Central Area, excluding the District Parks Officer. These resources are available to all parks and are allocated to a particular area as priorities require. Recent recruitment has resulted in two new general operatives joining the area. As retirements and staff leave, a request is put into HR to replace and retain our numbers however sanction must come from the Department which can cause a time lapse between losing staff and replacing staff.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department
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Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to report on the following: - I recently met a constituent from Cherry Orchard (*details supplied*), who lives at the house with her daughter. This family have no savings just a life insurance policy. The house is freezing all the time with a very poor heating system and glazing which has seen better days. (*Details supplied*) has told me she cannot keep heat in the house and got some attic insulation from a warm home initiative a few years ago. Is there any help available to help this family have a better quality of life?

Reply

Dublin City Council's Housing Aid for Older People grant scheme is designed to meet the needs of private homeowners where the applicant in the household is over 66 years of age living in extremely poor conditions. The types of work grant aided under the scheme include re-wiring, the provision of central heating (where none exists) and the replacement of a boiler when broken beyond repair.

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.

(*Details supplied*) can contact the Home Grants, Ph:2222195 to enquire about her proposed grant application and all relevant information regarding the grants scheme can be discussed with her in detail. On receipt of (*details supplied*) application it will be processed as normal subject to all usual grant assessment criteria.

Contact: Teresa Conlon, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services
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Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that the Ballyfermot Environmental Group be given some dog poo prevention signs for ongoing work in the area as the group are trying to help clean up certain Roads in the Community.

Reply

Signage relating to dog fouling and illegal dumping are put in place by maintenance staff in Waste Management Services on behalf of Dublin City Council. This avoids any Health & Safety or insurance issues. All requests for signage relating to dog fouling of illegal dumping should be forwarded to the undersigned.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Waste Management

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Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give me a full legal explanation on why there are now so many amusement arcades with slot machines around the City of Dublin. I thought we had a bye law for many years banning such machines in our administrative areas. Slot Machines destroy lives, they add nothing to our city or communities, adding to the level of gambling addiction which is spiralling out of control with all the premises available, including on-line gambling.

Reply

Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956 does not have effect in the administrative area of Dublin City Council unless there is in force a resolution under section 13 of the 1956 Act adopting PART III for the Council's administrative area.

On the 7th May 1956 the elected members of Dublin Corporation (the statutory predecessor of Dublin City Council) resolved pursuant to Section 13 to adopt Part III of the 1956 Act. Under section 13 of the 1956 Act Dublin Corporation had power to rescind such adoption and did so by resolution of the 27th January 1986. Accordingly, there is no resolution under section 13 of the said Act in force in respect of the whole or any part of the administrative area of Dublin City Council.

A resolution under section 13 of the said Act is a condition precedent to the jurisdiction of the District Court to grant a certificate pursuant to section 15 authorising the issue of a licence permitting gaming at any premises within the administrative area of Dublin City Council. As such, it is the Council's position that the District Court cannot grant new applications for gaming and lottery licences. However this proposition has been challenged in legal proceedings which are currently before the courts.

It is noted that a certificate for a gaming licence granted between 7th May 1956 and 27th January 1986 would not have been invalidated by the subsequent rescission of a council resolution under Section 13. DCC has no role in the oversight of existing gaming and lottery licences/permits. The Revenue Commissioners require all gaming machines to be licensed and pay an annual stamp duty per machine and this has raised legal issues where proceedings are currently ongoing before the courts and where a decision is not due until early next year.

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Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to provide CCTV in the vicinity of the bottle banks and clothing banks at the Model School, Grattan Crescent, Inchicore, Dublin 8. The last few months has seen a major escalation of dumping at this location.

Reply

This site will be investigated for its suitability for CCTV. Please note under GDPR Regulations waste management must now carry out a Data Privacy Impact Assessment (DPIA) before installing any CCTV. The result of this will determine whether a temporary camera can be installed.

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Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please indicate what options are available to residents in the following situation: - I have had 2 residents contact me in relation to the fact that a neighbour is keeping equine in their front and back gardens resulting in filth and noise all of the time. Most of the neighbours are in the autumn years of life and are terrified to say or do anything. Can I have guidance on this matter?

Reply

If the property is a Dublin City Council house, we can arrange for our contractor to seize the horses. Also if the horses are let out into the public domain they can be seized. Our contractors can't access private property. If there is an indication that the horses are being mistreated the DSPCA should be contacted. An Garda Síochána may also be able to assist.

Contact: Patricia Colfer, Administrative Officer, Licensing Unit.

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Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request the Development Department to meet with residents in relation to small infill developments proposed for sites in areas such as Garryowen Road Depot and Our Lady of Victories site Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. There is a strong argument that we develop these sites for older person units with the objective of getting back some larger housing units from people who want to downsize. Ballyfermot has, like other areas, a chronic shortage of older persons units. These sites, whilst small, offer the potential to give us units which are located in the heart of the older communities where many older persons want to stay living.

Reply

Small Infill Sites

The Area Housing Manager is available to meet local residents to discuss their concerns and aspirations for small infill sites.

In general, the Housing and Community Services Department is favourably disposed to building more senior citizen accommodation on small infill sites.

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

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Our Lady of Victories Site, Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10

Respond Housing Association has completed a Feasibility Study & Review Report for the development of older persons accommodation at the above location. As Respond are currently at pre-planning application stage, the Housing Department has asked for a Development Agreement to be prepared which will set out the programme for delivery of this scheme. The Development Agreement will include a "long stop" date for delivery. As this is a construction project, a Stage 1 Capital Assistance Scheme Application under the DHPLG's Capital Works Management Framework will be submitted by Respond on conclusion of their pre-planning discussions. The Capital Works Management Framework approval process for AHBs has a 75 week timeline from date of stage 1 application.

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Q39 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the Grand Canal Cycle route.

Reply

The Grand Canal Greenway section from Blackhorse to Portobello is currently on hold awaiting the design of Harold's Cross Bridge to be resolved. The Bus Connects Project has advanced proposals for Harold's Cross Bridge which are currently out for Public Consultation. DCC is reviewing these proposals with a view to incorporating into the scheme. It is envisaged that the project may be in a position to resume in Q3 2020, following the NTA redesign of Harold's Cross Bridge.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer, Sustainable Transport Unit

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Q40 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services to ensure that the cycle lane from Dolphins Barn bridge to Tesco has remedial work carried out on it. The cycle lane is full of pot holes, has dangerous utility covers along the route.

Reply

I visited this location today and inspected the surface of the cycle lane and condition of the carriageway. I report that there are no potholes in the cycle track and the majority of the manholes are in the carriageway and level with the road surface. I did log a broken water valve cover and have forwarded to our Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU) to contact the relevant utility to repair. I noticed on the inbound carriageway, as you approach the South Circular Road, that there is some rutting starting to develop. I will put this section of carriageway forward for possible inclusion in our 2020 resurfacing works program depending on funding.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

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Q41 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services to revise the road markings along SCR/Kilmainham.

Reply

Dublin City Council's Traffic Officer will inspect the road marking at the location (Enquiry. No. 7011235 refers) and the Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

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Q42 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services for the status of the Architectural Conservation Area for Inchicore works.

Reply

There is no proposal to prepare an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) for the CIE railway estate and Inchicore Square or the CIE works in Inchicore.

The CIE Railway (housing) Estate is zoned "Objective Z2 – to protect and/or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas" in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. The amenities of the Z2 zone are protected by Policy CHC4 and Sections 11.1.5.4 – 11.1.5.5 of the Development Plan. This is considered adequate conservation protection at this time.

The historic boundary wall to the CIE Railway Estate, together with the former Dispensary, Reading Rooms and Dining Club, now Inchicore Sports and Social Club, are Protected Structures, Ref. Nos. 8744 and 8745. The boundary wall on the south side of 17-30 Inchicore Terrace South is also a Protected Structure, Ref. No. 3992.

Contact: Paraic Fallon, Senior Planner, Archaeology, Conservation & Heritage Section

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Q43 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services for updated legal advice and progress regarding the derelict Dolphins Barn site.

Reply

The matter is currently with Counsel for further legal advices in relation to the matter and to progress as expeditiously as possible.

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Q44 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services, with regard to funding for the delivery of parks and green spaces, what other forms of funding other than from DCC or Government budgets has the Council used or applied for?

Reply

Funding for Parks and green spaces comes primarily from DCC or Government budgets. Occasionally funding comes from other streams e.g. URDF, Dublin Port, private companies, but the amounts are generally small compared to the overall amount.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

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Q45 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services why it is taking so long to return the voids in (*details supplied*). This is a high demand complex. I have raised this delay a few times and they still are not ready for allocation.

Reply

Both of the vacant properties in (*details supplied*) were refurbished by Direct Labour. 52 (*details supplied*) is now available for re-letting. A new kitchen was required for 4 (*details supplied*). It is anticipated that this will be ready within two weeks.

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Q46 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to provide a dry or compost toilets in Bluebell allotments. When Bluebell Community Center is closed, gardeners don't have access to toilets.

Reply

The City Council has no plans to provide toilet facilities on this site.

Allotment holders can use the facilities at the nearby Bluebell Youth & Community Centre on Bluebell Road. The Centre is open all day Monday to Friday and until 3pm on Saturday.

Contact: Brian Lyons, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area

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Q47 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to provide a skip for the Bluebell allotments so gardeners can dispose of construction material and other stones. Some gardeners are able to use some of it but there are too many in the soil.

Reply

A skip will be provided on 19th September at the Bluebell allotments to enable allotment holders to dispose of the surplus stones and other waste material. The allotment holders will be notified of the dates the skip will be on site.

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Q48 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to provide a light for the shed at Bluebell Allotments. At present, they cannot open the large door as it was damaged by robbers. During winter, dark day or rainy days the shed can't be used without a light. A solution with solar system would be ideal.

Reply

The Area Office is investigating the possibility of providing suitable lighting in the storage shed at the allotment site in Bluebell. We will keep allotment holders up-to-date in relation to any developments.

As a result of the recent break in, it is important that the security of the building is maintained as far as possible and that any enhancements should not be a further target for anti-social/criminal behaviour.

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Q49 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services when will (details supplied) finally get her house insulated? If the Director of Services can give us a date. This is an elderly person and winter is coming. Being warm in her house could save her from falling ill and using A & E.

Reply

Dublin City Council's Housing Aid for Older People grant scheme is designed to meet the needs of private homeowners where the applicant in the household is over 66 years of age living in extremely poor conditions. The types of work grant aided under the scheme include re-wiring, the provision of central heating (where none exists) and the replacement of a boiler when broken beyond repair.

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.

(Details supplied) can contact the Home Grants, Ph:2222195 to enquire about her proposed grant application and all relevant information regarding the grants scheme can be discussed with her in detail. On receipt of (details supplied) application it will be processed as normal subject to all usual grant assessment criteria.

For private homeowners, various types of insulation grants can be applied for through Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. If your home was built and occupied before 2006 and you are in receipt of social welfare payments, you may be eligible for [free energy efficiency improvements](#). For further information, please contact 1850 927 000

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Q50 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services when will (details supplied) finally get the ramp she has been asking for the last 3 years. She needs assistance when taking the 79 bus. She has to call her daughter every time for assistance.

Reply

The Engineer will investigate this matter and report to the Councillor in due course.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, South City Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation

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Q51 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if the creche room in St. Michael's Community Centre is up and running as new flooring was put down after the room was tested for asbestos some months ago. If we could get an update on that please.

Reply

The HSE stipulated the number of children who could use the room; however, this number would not sustain a business. Presently the room is being used for small meetings with community groups.

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Q52 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services for a list of cycle lanes in South West Inner City ward which are not 24 hours and to detail their hours of operation.

Reply

The specific information that the Councillor has requested is not held on our database.

In order to obtain the information all cycle lanes in the area will have to be surveyed and the operational hours recorded. We will arrange to have these surveys completed and respond directly to the Councillor in due course.

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