

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he could report on the issues regarding Palmerston Park outlined in the email submitted with this question (details supplied).

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Castlewood Terrace:

As you are probably aware, Castlewood Terrace is connected to the main parking and delivery entrance into the Swan Centre. While the development of this centre has commercially benefited the area, the road surface on Castlewood Terrace has been significantly damaged due to increased traffic and HGVs. It was extremely disappointing that the surface on Castlewood Park was recently resurfaced but Castlewood Terrace wasn't. While new markings were placed on Castlewood Terrace, the surface remains damaged;

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he could write to the management of the Swan Centre regarding the following:

The exit of the Swan Centre carpark should contain a Yield sign as cars drive out regularly and assume that one is driving into the centre. People may not be aware that this is a residential terrace. Can the Council ask the management of the Swan Centre to appoint a liaison person for residents on the terrace? Other issues such as staff smoking outside and cigarette butts is an ongoing problem.

To ask the Manager if he could respond to the following issues:

Overgrown weeds, illegal dumping and dog faeces are ongoing issues on Castlewood Terrace. Other areas in Dublin 6 and in close proximity benefit from DCC flower boxes, illegal dumping warning signs and signs about cleaning up after one's canine. Can I ask that the above are made available to Castlewood Terrace?

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**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for action to be taken before this question is reached on the following submitted with this Question.

**Q.6 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager arrange to have the serious ceiling leak above the bay window of the kitchen details supplied\* repaired as a matter of urgency?

**Q.7 Councillor Tara Deacy**

In September I raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads. It was highlighted at the time that this would be monitored and if it were to persist further action would be taken. Locals have sent me photos on number of occasions and the issue has indeed persisted and in fact gotten worse. Can we now look at the installation of planters as was discussed as soon as possible so we can avoid a serious accident in the near future?

**Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for a positive response to the request as submitted below for the resurfacing of Lansdowne Road, bearing in mind the significant development levies paid.

"We have been trying to have Lansdowne Road resurfaced, as parts of it are in need of urgent repair and are very uneven.

We have asked the City Council's Roads department but they have said they haven't been allocated a budget.

They recently completed an excellent resurfacing job on Shelbourne Road.

I understand the financial contribution for Lansdowne Place is in excess of €2m."

**Q.9 Councillor Claire O'Connor**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the leaves to be swept on both the footpaths and the road surface (including car parking spaces) of Elmwood Avenue (Lower and Upper), Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

**Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will have the bottom half of Herbert Park Road and all of Wellington Road examined for potholes and for subsequent repair.

**Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager have the trees pruned in the back garden and the surrounding area of \*details supplied? This property was listed in the works to be done at the close of summer and an undertaking was given to prune the very large tree at the back of this house this autumn.

**Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager have the public lighting fixed at Stephen Street Upper just beside Ship Street? There is a building site here and the public lighting system has been out for sometime.

**Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager have a full appraisal of the cobblestones in the Temple Bar area that would lead to the initiation of full repair works within the entire area? Many of the cobbles and footpaths are dislodged and broken and in a very dangerous state of disrepair.

**Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager have all the locks removed from the Ha'penny Bridge? Also would it be possible to put up a sign asking people not to put locks on the bridge because of the damage it is causing.

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a report with regards what contact took place, if any, with the residents of New Street Gardens with regards the extent of the hoarding and the building of accommodation by the McVerry Trust in partnership with Dublin City Council on the Clonbrassil Street site? Many residents here are dismayed with the lack of any contact or liaison with regards the impact that this development and the massive hoarding and site works will have on this small community here.

**Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager please have a complete and utter deep clean on a regular basis for Leinster Square, Rathmines? Many residents in this square have contacted me with regards the amount of litter and dirt that is now accumulating in and around the square on a regular basis. Indeed, many of the residents have now taken to cleaning this square because of the amount of neglect. They are now seeking a full schedule of cleaning works on a regular basis for their area.

**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager as a matter of urgency have the trees on Redmond's Hill pruned immediately? This area has a clutter of trees many of which are overgrown and are impacting on the buses that are passing. Further, this is a main bus stop with many many hundreds of people getting on and off buses. The trees darken the area and there are far too many at this location. It is also impacting on the light of many homes in the flats on Digges Street. This grass verge here is now being used for a bus shelter. Most recently it was infested with rats because of the general lack of upkeep.

This area needs to be planted with flowers etc. It is a great opportunity at Redmond's Hill for vibrant greenery of different varieties.

**Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager direct the furniture license unit to do a sweep of Camden Street Wexford Street area? Many public houses and eateries here are extending their tables and chairs further and further onto the footpath particularly in the evening times. It is almost impossible for a person to get by at certain points.

There are still many using illegal sandwich boards etc.

Also, can the manager look at curtailing the amount of motor bikes that are on the footpath at the beginning of Wexford Street. These bikes are for sale and they are from a shop. This area is almost impassable at times and for visually impaired and wheelchair users it is almost impossible for them to get through without obstruction.

Also, can the manager supply me with any contractual agreement of license permit that the motor bike shop in question has that allows them place so many commercial bikes for sale on our footpath.

**Q.19 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if there could be additional cleaning carried out in the South Lotts area, in particular along the roads adjoining Barrow Street. The litter build up in the area has become substantial.

**Q.20 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if a sign for cycling direction that was installed on the corner of Harcourt Terrace and Charlemont could be moved. The already very thin gap for cyclists is now very difficult for cyclists to navigate.

**Q.21 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if the Litter Warden could increase patrols along City Quay; there is a high level of litter along the area as a result of people smoking and drinking from coffee cups in the area.

**Q.22 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager if there is cleaning planned along the Grand Canal to address the build-up of leaves in the past few weeks.

**Q.23 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can I get an update from the Manager about the proposed car park spaces adjacent to Lourdes Celtic Football Club (Crumlin), as were discussed under supported motions at the previous local area committee?

**Q.24 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager state when the remaining painting will be carried out in Bishop Street flats?

**Q.25 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager arrange to have the bins in Bishop Street Flats made more secure, similar to Mercer House in order to prevent illegal dumping by non-residents?

**Q.26 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager state how many cars have been clamped in the last 6 months in Bishop Street?

**Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Will Bishop Street be having losing a caretaker?

**Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager arrange to have the leak at details supplied\* repaired as a matter of urgency as her bedroom and bathroom are flooded every time it rains from water overflowing from the down pipe.

**Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the manager state how many homeless hostels are in Dublin 4 and how many homeless beds are in these hostels?

**Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews**

In light of the recent burglary in the large block in Mercer House can the Manager arrange to install electric gates at the entrances so residents will have more safety in their homes?

**Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager give to residents in Pembroke Road, Irishtown, Dublin 4 and Bayview a list of those who voted for a vote to be carried out on these roads for disc parking and can the engineer explain the logic of the double yellow lines (DYLs) all along the Bayview Terrace if you can't put DYLs outside vehicular entrances? It would mean a stop start of DYLs along this part of the road and there is no need for disc parking at Bayview given there isn't enough room for disc parking bays between the vehicular entrances?

**Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he could please provide details of Thornton's decision to cease domestic waste collection service in the South East Inner City, can he please outline what alternative are available for residents affected by this decision?

**Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask The Area Manager can he please provide details of the meeting that took place regarding George Reynolds House on October 3rd this year, what were the key issues raised and what plans are in place to address these issues. Can the Manager please provide a timeline for these works?

**Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he is aware of the removal of bike stands from Duke Street, whether he is aware that bikes were still attached to the bike stands when they were removed, can he outline why this happened, who is responsible for this, whether any action is being taken to address the problem, what is being done to retrieve those bikes and when will the bike stands be replaced.

**Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what happened to bollards along the Lombard Street East contra flow cycle lane, will these bollards be reinstated in order to protect the safety of the cyclists, and if so when will this take place?

**Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a detailed breakdown of the 2019 discretionary funding, outlining how much has been spent to date, what the fund has been spent on and how much is currently remains in the fund?

**Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager could he please request that the cleansing staff stop to dumping collected leaves on the Grand Canal Cycle route as it is dangerous for cyclists.

**Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what is the purpose of the yellow bollard / orca wand that has been placed at the junction of the Grand Canal Cycle Route and Harcourt Terrace, and could the manage consider replacing this with an alternative way to direct cyclists as this is causing an obstruction to cyclists on what is a very narrow passageway?

**Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews**

In the context of the response below I understand that algae is a part of the biodiversity but can the Manager confirm that this huge quantity of algae is an unusually large amount this year and the increased volume is as a result of the ongoing release of waste water into Dublin Bay by Irish Water?

**"Q.25 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline why there is dark brown seaweed on Sandymount Strand for over two months bearing in mind it has a very strong unpleasant odour and outline why it is allowed sit there preventing many from the public afraid to use the strand. Can you please arrange to have it removed?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Bay has a considerable quantity of vegetation growing on its sea bed. This particular dark brown seaweed material is currently both floating in the sea water and

washing up onto our beaches during high tides and elsewhere along the coastline. This material is a naturally occurring seaweed or macro algae called Ectocarpus. There is no foul or sewage effluent on the beaches but it is actually this Ectocarpus at various stages of decay.

Ectocarpus siliculosus is considered to be a naturally occurring nuisance species. Typically growing on the seabed from early springtime until the end of its lifecycle in the autumn when it dies out. At this time of year the seaweed is decaying and becoming uprooted from the sea bed and washing ashore at various locations along Dublin bay.

When ectocarpus begins to physically degrade, it can produce a malodour (not dissimilar to sewage), as experienced by the complainant, in this instance. Also its colour dissipates from a healthy green colour to light then dark brown as it continues to decay in the water or beaches or marsh, (visually not dissimilar to sewage either). Furthermore, when the weed washes ashore onto the beach, then the seaweed dries out and may be incorrectly identified as caked sewage. This is a natural process within Dublin bay's rich bio-diversity and for various environmental and legal reasons may not be removed from its environment.

With regard to allaying the public's fears, DCC recently distributed an information bulletin to all Elected Representatives outlining what ectocarpus is so as assist with disseminating information to the public should they enquire.

Furthermore, the Drainage Department has erected the same ectocarpus 'Information Bulletin' at all of DCC's notice boards located adjacent to designated beaches along our coastline. This includes both Sandymount and Merrion Strands.

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**Q.40 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange as a matter of urgency for a thorough clean-up of autumn leaves from pavements, roads, kerbs and gutters in the following areas in particular, where there are many trees and a difficulty for many residents to deal with the scale of the problem. In addition the heavy rain has made the leaves slippery and treacherous for pedestrians.

- Eaton Square and adjoining roads
- Terenure Road East, Rathgar Road, Frankfort Ave, Garville Avenue, Kenilworth Square and all adjoining roads
- Palmerston Park, Cowper Road, Cowper Downs and adjoining roads
- Larkfield roads including Larkfield Park, Mount Tallant and all adjoining roads

And all other areas in the LEA where there a large number of trees overhanging onto pavements.

**Q.41 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to review the traffic plan for construction traffic at Marianella Building site, [75 Orwell Road, Dublin](#) 6. There are large numbers of construction vehicles delivering material to this site. Cars are parked on both sides of the road from very early morning, leading to traffic congestion for long periods of the day as well as

potentially dangerous situations at certain times of day for students from local schools.

**Q.42 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for repair work to be carried out on Louis Lane, Off Leinster Road. There is a large slab of slightly raised concrete on the surface of the ground on this lane that has been a bit loose for some time and dangerous but now is much looser and can actually be tipped to a small degree. With heavy rainfall, it often can't be seen and so is more hazardous. A large number of children and parents pass through this lane going to and from school.

**Q.43 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to address the issue of illegal parking taking place on Orwell Road at Rathgar Village. There are multiple cars parked on the footpath and double yellow lines leaving the footpath unpassable for buggys or wheelchairs. This is a very busy road without cars blocking pedestrians and traffic. Could bollards be placed on the pavement as is the case around the corner outside the AIB on Terenure Road East?

**Q.44 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the clean-up of the pavement around Bushy Park. The perimeter bushes and overhang of trees extend over the footpath and there now is a build-up of wet leaves on what remains of the path, presenting a real danger of slipping for the many users of the park.

**Q.45 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for a deep clean of kerbsides and footpaths on Ravensdale, Poddle Park, Captain's Road and adjoining roads.

**Q.46 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to review the traffic light signalling and traffic flows (or lack of) from Kimmage Cross Road to Terenure village. The back-up of traffic due to the sequencing of lights at the busy junction on Terenure Place is a major issue at all times of day and every day of the week including Sundays. At present cars from Terenure Road West, only get to move onto Terenure Place every second change of lights. In addition, this back-up situation (with little option for traffic to turn off TRW to get to the village or TRN from this main road) is contributing to the case by Bus Connects to diminish the bus service (15A and 17) for the significant catchment area of Terenure Road West.

**Q.47 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager how many fines have been issued and collected for dog-fouling in the Kimmage-Rathmines, Pembroke and South East Inner City Local Electoral Areas.

**Q.48 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to install some bike stands outside the row of shops (including the bicycle shop) beside the Garda Station on St. Agnes Road, Crumlin.

**Q.49 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager about the housing position of \*details supplied.

**Q.50 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

The principal of St Louis' School, Rathmines states that their sports facilities are limited, and that funding the outdoor works on sports ground is beyond their fundraising capabilities. As they have funded a lot of repair already. They applied to the Dept. of

Education for funding. They also hire out the Swan Leisure centre for various sporting activities at considerable cost to the school. They were not successful in their application for funding to repair the sports ground. They seek support from Dublin City Council on appeal to the Minister or funding. Is this possible?



**Q.51 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

In what regard is the Transport SPC engaged with Bus Connects on the alteration of bus routes through Dublin South and South West? There are many queries on saving existing bus routes, including St. Louis High School, the only all-Girls' Post-Primary Voluntary Sector School in Dublin 6. There is a diverse student population, with students travelling from many Dublin suburbs and coming from a wide range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. This is one of the many strengths as a school community. The proposed changes will affect, in particular, the following bus routes: 15A, 15B, 18 and 83 and combined, will impact on approximately 40-50% of the school population.

Resident groups and schools do not want these bus routes changed. What will City Council do to retain these bus routes for the City Council community?

**Q.52 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager further to passage of the amended Report No. 320/2019 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 if he can confirm by reference to each of the following codes, B0302, B03036, B0402 and B0406 the total euro amount that shall be allocated to the South East Area for the improvement and maintenance of cycle infrastructure.

**Q.53 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager if the second area to be assessed for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme after Eblana / Island Villas, which is taking place in November 2019, will be Marlborough Road / Belmont Avenue on account of the continued and ongoing threat of a serious accident occurring on Belmont Avenue which has a busy national school located on its road.

**Q.54 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager further to passage of the amended Report No. 320/2019 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 if he can confirm in euro amounts the total amount of the area office Discretionary Fund that shall be allocated to the South East Area.

**Q.55 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager further to passage of the amended Report No. 320/2019 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 if he can confirm whether funding is available for works to light / enhance the main entrance archway at Ranelagh Gardens referred to in the report of the Director of Services dated 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

**Q.56 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager further to passage of the amended Report No. 320/2019 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 if he can confirm whether funding is available for proposed improvement for pedestrian crossing at Morehampton Road, Donnybrook referred to by the engineer at the last South East Area meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

**Q.57 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager further to the passage of Motion 15 (re height strategy) on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 if he can confirm which South East Area meeting is it proposed for this to occur and if suggested invitees can be supplied to your office in addition to Dublin City Council officials from the relevant division.

**Q.58 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager further to the passage of Motion 16 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 (re Scully's Field) if he can confirm which South East Area meeting is it proposed for this to occur and if suggested invitees can be supplied to your office in addition to Dublin City Council officials from the relevant division.

**Q.59 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager, further to question 67 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, given that cars are already dividing into two lanes at the junction between Ashfield Road and Ranelagh Road during busy periods, if he can advise is there any remedy to regulate this occurrence in a more efficient manner notwithstanding the distances.

**Q.60 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the South East Area Manager further to question 85 of the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 to the Chief Executive if representations could be made to see that Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road are included in the 2020 Annual Resurfacing Programme given the state of disrepair as a result of the construction trucks driving on the road to build the Devlin hotel and where local residents had been promised that the sizeable developmental levy contributions from that hotel would assist in ensuring these roads would be resurfaced following the completion of that construction.