

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th November 2019

Q1 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services to request the Law Agent to provide a copy of all correspondence between Dublin City Council and the current owner of the provisionally disposed of site at the corner of Dolphins Barn and SCR since the disposal was passed by the City Council. To further ask the Law Agent for a breakdown of correspondence with outside Senior Council and the advice they provided on the matter.

Reply

There is an active file in the Law Department and the solicitor allocated to the file is in correspondence with the solicitors for the party. The documents requested are legally privileged as litigation is contemplated and so cannot be released.

Contact: Yvonne Kelly, A/Law Agent, Law Department

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Email: yvonne.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the public lighting at (*details supplied* 1). The lighting is quite poor on this stretch of road. There is an increase in footfall on the street/area due to the volume of student/tourist/hotels in the area. There has also been an increase in anti-social behaviour with cars being damaged, gardens being used as public toilets, clients from the local student/tourist accommodation on (*details supplied* 2) being extremely loud and at times fighting as they return to their accommodation.

Reply

The lighting levels on (*details supplied*) are considered to be to an acceptable standard on the roadway and footpaths and there are no plans to install additional lighting here. However, a couple of the lamps in the lights are due for replacement and we will arrange for these to be relamped in the coming weeks.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.

Tel: 222 4539.

Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to report on the CCTV within our complex (*details supplied*). Is there CCTV there? Does it work? How old is it? What standard is it? Is it of good quality? Is there a plan to upgrade it? Has it been used in any Garda/Estate management issues and, if so, was it used for prosecutions? I ask as residents have noticed an increase in open drug dealing on the stairwells (especially on Saturdays, anti-social behaviour by gangs of young people sitting on the stair wells. This is happening outside the community flat that hosts the after schools club. Residents did report to Gardaí but it has not improved.

Reply

There are 14 CCTV cameras spread evenly in the (*details supplied*). There are all working and are all generally considered to be of good quality. CCTV cameras were first installed in these blocks several years ago and various upgrades have taken

place in the meantime. Upgrades will continue into the future as new technologies come available & subject to budgetary provisions.

Dublin City Council uses the cameras continuously as an aid to estate management. An Garda Síochána use them as well in their investigations into serious crime. Information on number of prosecutions as a result would be held by An Garda Síochána and is not available to Dublin City Council at this time.

Contact: Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, South Central Area

Tel: 222 7322

Email: Tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to consider the request of residents to have the lighting at (*details supplied*) improved/ upgraded and to report on the cleansing rota for the complex. Residents have commented that the stairwells are much dirtier since the new anti-slip paint was put on the stairs as rubbish/dirt seems to stick to it.

Reply

The lighting in the stairwells in the above complex were upgraded in November 2018.

The stairs in (*details supplied*) are swept daily, hosed and mopped weekly by the caretaker on site. The caretaker records this work on his Weekly Report Sheet. The stairs are also power-washed in the complex when required to remove any dirt that is difficult to remove. The Team Leader for the area has arranged for the stairs to be power-washed this week.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services regarding (*details supplied*). When is it being demolished? How long will it take to demolish it? What is the time frame to rebuild a centre from the community here?

Reply

The demolition of the building is imminent and will be carried out in accordance with Construction and Demolition Good practise. Dublin City Council will advise all tenants of the demolition date and the time it will take for this work is to be completed. Going forward, Dublin City Council is to explore changes to the open spaces in (*details supplied*) with the community in (*details supplied*). This will give the community their say in the future development of the open spaces in (*details supplied*) to include new amenities, enhanced play facilities and precinct improvements.

Contact: Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, South Central Area

Tel: 222 7322

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Q6 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services why it was necessary to fell the 3 mature sycamore trees at (*details supplied*). Was there any consultation, notice given to local residents of this decision? Please see attached photos.

Reply

The trees were cut down because on inspection they were rotting and dead. We are getting four brand new trees planted. This was done as part of the precinct improvement of Dolphin House.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran, Project Estate Officer, South Central Area

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Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update to closing lane way at the back of the Ballyfermot shops opposite Tesco.

Reply

Dublin City Council erected gates either end of this laneway some 9/10 years ago and from the outset made it clear that the opening and closing was a matter for the shopkeepers' representatives a number of times over the years without a satisfactory proposal from the shopkeepers and agreement on how this may work.

The issues were revisited again in 2014 when a number of meetings took place. A number of shop owners signed up to say they agreed in principle with the proposal to close the laneway between certain hours. However, the following issues remain outstanding:

1. Signage: Provision and content of same.
2. Information campaign to inform the public.
3. Agreed contact name and number: Who is (are) the contact(s) should a person or vehicle get locked in the laneway.
4. Procedure to ensure the laneway is empty prior to locking gates.
5. Procedures in the event of a person or vehicle being locked in the laneway following closure,
6. Response times (guaranteed) to calls for assistance.
7. Response should Gardai require access in the event of disturbance.
8. Liability in the event a person/vehicle has a claim when the laneway is closed(NB: One of the shop owners said he has had legal advice that shop owners may have legal liability in the event of an accident/incident when laneway is closed-major concern for shop owners-shop owners asked to seek further clarification from their legal advisors.

It is not proposed to have further meetings on this issue without the above matters being fully addressed by the shop owners.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Local Area Manager

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Email: kay.noonan_cork@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update and timeframe on the establishment of the LAP Implementation Group.

Reply

Following the adoption and coming into effect of the Park West – Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan, the Area Manager is in the process of setting up an implementation group.

Contact: Fiona Cooper, Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Development Department
 Tel: 222 3628
 Email: Fiona.cooper@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to outline, in tabular form, how much was spent this year during Halloween on the removal of bonfire material and how much was spent on Halloween activities.

Reply

Public Domain - Total Halloween Bonfire removal Campaign €27,436

| Halloween 2018 | Costs |
|--|----------------|
| Truck Hire & Labour | €21,830 ex vat |
| Drone Surveillance | €3,050.40 |
| Leaflets | €2,555.95 |
| Protective Fencing | €2,000.00* |
| Thornton's Disposal of Bonfire Materials | €10,988.12* |
| Overtime | €11,653.71* |
| Ballyfermot Halloween Festival | € 5,000.00 |
| Total | €56,023.47 |

*Overtime cost – Area Funds €10,599.90
 *Disposal - (Tipping charges) - Waste Management Funds €10,988.12
 * Protective Fencing € 2,000.00

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

€30,000 was spent in the Ballyfermot /Drimnagh Area on the programme of community events, which included:

Ballyfermot

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Markievicz Park | Pumpkin Party |
| California Hills | Zombie Run |
| Candle Centre | Halloween Spooktacular |
| Ballyfermot Library | Magic Show |
| Cherry Orchard | Not so Scary Disco |
| Cherry Orchard | Haunted House |
| Cherry Orchard | Fireworks |

Drimnagh

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Our Lady's Hall | Carnival Show |
| St. John Bosco | Halloween Spooky Night |

Contact: Miriam Flynn, Community Development Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office
 Tel: 222 4664
 Email: miriam.flynn@dublincity.ie

Halloween Events SWIC

| Event | Amount for activities | |
|---|--|------------|
| SCARE D8 – The Liberties Haunt Dublin City Council | Discretionary funds €10,000 Area Office contributions €25,000 In kind - flyers, printing, distribution of same | 31/10/2019 |
| Howl at Halloween – Old Style Games & Fun St Andrew's Community Centre, | Community Grants funding €300 | 31/10/19 |
| BTOP | Community Grants funding €300 | 31/10/19 |
| Dolphin Park/ Dolphin House | €1,000.00 | 31/10/19 |

Contact: Mary Noonan, Community Development Officer, South Central Area
Tel: 222 5104
Email: mary.noonan@dublincity.ie

Q10 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the complaint, *(details supplied)*.
This issue remains unresolved. An update would be very useful.

Reply

This matter is being dealt with in house.

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

Q11 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to use skips again in early 2020, to take easy post-Christmas waste. The use of skips during Halloween was very successful and welcomed by residents.

Reply

In 2020, having reviewed the effects of the provision of a skips in the lead up to Halloween 2019, consideration will be given to providing skips throughout the area as and when they are needed to support environmental improvements.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Local Area Manager
Tel: 2224667
Email: kay.noonan_cork@dublincity.ie

Q12 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services will the Rapid Build houses in Drimnagh be reverting back to Dublin City Council ownership at some stage in the future?

Reply

The 29 homes in Knocknarea Court are managed by Sophia Housing on behalf of Dublin City Council. There is a 6-year Service Level Agreement in place which commenced in December 2017.

Although Sophia Housing manage the homes, they remain in the ownership of Dublin City Council and any vacancies are allocated to those applicants on our housing waiting lists.

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

Email: Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed developments of the former OLV site, Ballyfermot and the Lar Redmond site on Keeper Road.

Reply

OLV Site, Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot:

The Capital Appraisal for a scheme of 6 older persons units has been sent to the DHPLG for funding approval under Stage 1 of the Capital Works Management Framework.

Lar Redmond Site, Keeper Road:

A Capital Appraisal for submission to the DHPLG is currently being prepared for 9 units of accommodation for older persons at this location. Respond are also in discussions with a developer with a view to building additional social housing units at a site adjacent to this location.

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

Email: Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when will the work at Benmadigan Road pitch be completed? The work to remove grass from the footpath around the pitch started but has yet to be completed.

Reply

Funding is being sought to complete these works this year.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update and timeframe on the Labre Park redevelopment plan.

Reply

The Redevelopment of Labre Park is still at the Pre Part VIII stage. The Traveller Accommodation Unit is finalising all outstanding planning issues with DCC Sections and Departments in relation to the build and its impact on the various local services such and Roads & Traffic, Parks & Landscape, Main Drainage, Flood Risk etc. A revised Stage 2 Application has been sent to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for approval. It is expected that a positive reply will issue soon.

We hope to have this all completed shortly with the full Part VIII application submitted before the end of December.

Contact: Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer, Traveller Accommodation Unit
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Email: pat.teehan@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Director of Services to commence a tree planting programme along Herberton Road. This will have the effect of minimizing both the traffic noise and vehicle emissions along this busy road.

Reply

The footpaths along this section of road, with the exception of a short stretch at the canal end, are very narrow, which make them incompatible with tree planting. The wider section of footpath at the canal end already has large trees within the curtilage of buildings located there.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department
Tel: 222 3144
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to write to Irish Water to ask them about the ongoing works to repair the damage to the canal bank at Suir Road and to find out what was the problem identified, what are the works that are being carried out and a timeframe for their completion. Residents there report terrible smells as a result of the works and are anxious to know when the works will be completed.

Reply

As per previous correspondence from the Chief Executive, questions dealing with water supply, water quality and wastewater should not now be submitted for responses to the City Council or Area Committees. They should be referred directly to Irish Water. The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @IrishWater
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

If you need to raise any issue concerning water supply etc., please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Contact: Ronan O'Rourke, Executive Manager, Water Services
Tel: 222 4336

Q18 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for a breakdown of the voids reported to us at the last SCAC meeting in the South West Inner City to include tenure type, number of

bedrooms, timeframe for when refurbishment will be completed and they can go to offer.

Reply

The following are the available properties which are currently vacant in the South Central Area. All of these are currently being refurbished under the Term Maintenance Framework or by Direct Labour:

| Property | No. Beds | Total |
|-----------------|--|-------|
| House | 1 bed: 6 2 bed: 25 3 bed: 19 4 bed: 2 | 52 |
| Apartment | 0 bed: 6 1 bed: 23 2 bed: 35 | 64 |
| Senior Citizens | 0 bed: 11 1 bed: 17 2 bed: 2 3 bed: 1 | 31 |
| Total | | 147 |

The properties will be finished in the following time frames:

Framework Refurbishments:

0 to 2 months: 44

2 to 4 months: 69

Direct Labour Refurbishments:

0 to 4 months: 34

To date in 2019, 296 properties have been refurbished and re-let in the South Central Area including 111 houses, 136 apartments and 49 senior citizens' units.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether an applicant for local authority housing is allowed to have any financial savings that will not be included in an evaluation of income and if so, what is the upper limit to those savings?

Reply

When an applicant applies for social housing they are not required to disclose any financial savings they have.

However, if an applicant has received monies from the sale of a previous property or have been the beneficiary of a sale of a family property or inheritance, Dublin City Council will assess each application on a case by case basis.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
Tel: 222 2061
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to clarify whether an individual can live with his parents and also make an application for local authority housing? A resident has asked me to clarify as they were told as they lived with their parents (local authority tenants) they could not make an application in their own right even though they fall under the required income threshold.

Reply

An applicant for Social Housing to Dublin City Council must fulfil the relevant criteria.

If a bedroom is available for the applicant within their parents' home in which they reside they would not be eligible.

The Council must be satisfied that it is reasonable for any person wishing to leave the family home to seek to obtain social housing support to secure alternative accommodation based on issues of overcrowding, risk or any Special Housing Needs, which must be supported in writing by a third party - namely a Social Worker / Counsellor with whom you have an established relationship, or a Garda, in support of why they can no longer remain at the address.

I would advise the individual in question to call into Housing Allocations and meet with a Housing Advisor who are available (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm) to discuss their options.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
Tel: 222 2061
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Public Domain unit to clear the leaves along the SCR between junction SCR / Brookfield Rd and SCR/Suir Road. Residents report a hazard along the footpaths due to a large amount of fallen leaves and recent rainy weather.

Reply

Waste Management Services are currently operating our leaves removal programme and this will continue until all the leaves have fallen. As leaves removal is a labour intensive and time consuming task, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Also some residential associations get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves in their area. The South Circular Road is currently being cleared of leaves and we will ensure that the section of this road outlined above will be included as often as possible during the course of this leaves removal programme.

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

Q22 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the car parking which has begun on the Rialto Bridge/SCR. It appears people are taking advantage of the lack of road markings and may not be aware of the rules of the road in relation to parking on bridges. Cars parked here are creating delays for traffic and a hazard.

Reply

The Dublin Street Parking Services have been requested to monitor this location for illegal parking and to take enforcement action if necessary.

Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement

Tel: 222 3847

Email: hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services how many complaints have been received in the past 5 months for waste illegally dumped at Rialto Cottages/Rialto Court.

Reply

There were sixteen CRM requests raised regarding Illegal Dumping in Rialto Cottages/Rialto Court between 21st June and 4th November.

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

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to request our Housing Department to repair the plumbing at the home of our tenant at (*details supplied*). Our tenant reports works were carried out under her sink to address a leak in the adjacent unit and her plumbing has not worked properly since.

Reply

This call has now been logged with the local area maintenance depot. It had previously not been reported to us, We will now ensure that a staff member from the depot call out to the property to investigate.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether she has had any communication with the OPW in relation to the parking issues at the War Memorial Gardens. I have made several attempts since June last to make contact with the Chief Park Superintendent, to no avail.

Reply

We have had no communication with the OPW in relation to the parking issues at the War Memorial Gardens. We will contact the OPW and inform the councillor when we receive a reply.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Director of Services, South City

Tel: 222 5112, Email: mary.taylor@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to ask our Housing department why a commitment to cutting down a tree at our property at *(details supplied)* has not been undertaken. The residents living in the property to the rear have requested this for a number of years especially at the start of winter as they fear a strong storm could cause damage to the tree and risk it falling on their home.

Reply

The maintaining, pruning and removing of trees in a garden is the tenants own responsibility. This is referred to in Dublin City Councils Housing & Community Services, Tenant Handbook.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our planners for an overview of how one would go about initiating the process for the development of an Environment Improvement Plan.

Reply

Local Environmental Improvement Plans (LEIP) are prepared to provide growth and direction for areas where large scale development is not anticipated. The Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 (the Development Plan) contains a priority list of LEIP. The following LEIPs are located in the South Central Committee Area:

- Bluebell
- Inchicore/St Michael's/Kilmainham.
- Driminagh.
- Walkinstown.

The requirement to prepare any additional LEIP other than those contained in the Development Plan would have to be endorsed by all elected members of the Area Committee and assessed in the context of the availability and capacity of existing resources.

Contact: Brian Keaney, Senior Planner, Planning Department

Tel: 222 7933

Email: brian.keaney@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to open the 5-a-side pitch on the Player Wills site, Dublin 8 to the pupils of St. Catherine's National School, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8.

Reply

Dublin City Councils, 5-a-side pitch is located on the grounds, at the rear of St. Teresa's Gardens complex. The pitch is for use by all in the locality and the pupils of St. Catherine's National School are more than welcome to use the facility. Bookings can be made through the community centre on Donore Ave, Dublin 8. Ph: 01-2227862.

Contact: Gillian Corcoran, Project Estate Officer, South Central Area.
Tel: 222 5190
Email: gillian.corcoran@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to open St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 8 from 7am to allow greater access to this amenity.

Reply

Parks plan on trialling leaving St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 8, open to facilitate visitors to the area. The residents will be informed before this happens.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department
Tel: 222 3144
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to install more public lighting on Haroldville Avenue.

Reply

The lighting on Haroldville Avenue is mounted on ESB Network poles and is installed in a single sided arrangement. This is a standard arrangement for the installation of lighting on a road of this type which provides sufficient lighting for both pedestrians and road users.

The lighting on Haroldville Avenue is to an acceptable standard on the roadway and footpaths and there are no plans to install any additional lighting here.

However, some of the existing lights are due for re-lamping and we will arrange for these lights to be relamped in the coming weeks.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services
Tel: 222 4539
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to install double yellow lines on the West side of the South Circular Road, Dublin 8, between New Ireland Road and Mount Shannon Road.

Reply

Double Yellow Lines have been recommended for installation from New Ireland Road to Mountshannon Road on the west side of the carriageway and outside Brookfield Court apartment complex on the east. It is anticipated that this will be approved at the 26th November, 2019 TAG Meeting and will then be approved by Members at the December Area Committee Meeting. Assuming this is approved by Councillors at this time, you will receive an official reply. A Managers Order will then be issued and signed off and the works will be scheduled for installation. The actual installation is at the discretion of the Traffic Officer and has informed me that it should ordinarily be installed within 30 working days dependent on weather conditions but may take slightly longer over the Christmas / Operation Freeflow period.

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

Q32 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to prune the trees on Bunting Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

Reply

Parks have been carrying out ongoing tree care works on this road over the last few years, and have programmed more works for this season. If there are particular requests from residents we can include where deemed necessary.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department
Tel: 222 3144
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to improve public lighting around Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

Reply

We will examine the lighting on the roads surrounding Markievicz Park, and any improvements considered necessary to the lighting on these roads, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future lighting upgrade project subject to available finances.

With regards to Markievicz Park itself, it is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to provide lighting in parks or green open spaces. The provision of lighting in such places is a matter for the Parks department.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.
Tel: 222 4539
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to install dog waste bins in and around Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

Reply

There is already a dog waste bin in Markievicz Park, as well as other bins which can be used for dog waste. It is parks opinion that there are sufficient bin numbers at this time in Markievicz Park.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department
Tel: 222 3144
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to prune the trees on Hughes Road North, East and South, Walkinstown, Dublin 12

Reply

There are a mixture of trees on the above roads which are of varying species and sizes. Some have small canopies. If there are specific requests Parks can evaluate if the tree requires pruning.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to prune the trees on the section of South Circular Road from the junction with Bulfin Road to the junction with Brookfield Road, Dublin 8.

Reply

The trees above have all been pruned in the past few years and are not considered to require pruning at this time.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to clear the shores on South Circular Road from Leonards Corner to the junction with Donore Avenue, Dublin 8

Reply

20 of the 23 gullies on South Circular Road from Leonards Corner to the junction with Donore Avenue were cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew on Sunday 17th November 2019. Some of these gullies need high pressure jetting and this will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Contact: Roy O'Donnell, Gully Manager, Surface Water Maintenance

Tel: 222 2452

Email: roy.odonnell@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to prune the trees in Glenaulin, Glenaulin Drive and Park, Chapelizod, Dublin 20.

Reply

Parks have carried out removals of problematic trees at this location and planted replacement Birch trees over the last couple of years. If there are specific requests from residents then we can look at them on a case by case basis.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the possibility of assisting Ballyfermot Youth Service with limited disability access to its premises at 41 Decies Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. The building, which is leased from Dublin City Council, is extensively used by the Youths & Community of Lower Ballyfermot.

Reply

Contact has been made with Ballyfermot Youth Service who have agreed to request their Architect to assess the premises and bring forward proposals for consideration which comply with the relevant regulations in reference to both the access itself and the public footpath.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Local Area Manager

Tel: 2224667

Email: kay.noonan_cork@dublincity.ie

The Ballyfermot Youth service holds the premises at 41 Decies Road under a twenty five year lease at a commercial rent of €23,000 per annum abated to €200 provided that the premises is used for community and non-commercial youth services. Under the terms of the lease the Youth Service is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the building.

Dublin City Council would be supportive of any proposal to make the building disability accessible but as the Youth Service benefits from a considerable ongoing abatement of rent the cost of any works should be borne by the lessee.

The prior written consent of the Property Management will be required to any proposed works.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer, Planning & Property Development

Tel: 222 3055

Email: oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Parks / Recreational Service facilitate an onsite meeting between De La Salle GAA Club, Ballyfermot, and myself to look at the usage of the former Drumfinn Celtic Site at Drumfinn Road / Californian Hills Park Ballyfermot Dublin 10.

Reply

This meeting has been attended by Parks staff. The proposals will be discussed further with the community and funding will be sought from 2020 estimates.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services explain is there anything we can do for residents who just happen to live beside very difficult families who create mayhem on a daily basis to our communities? It doesn't matter if these people are DCC tenant's or Private. Can anything be done or do the many have to suffer for the actions of the few?

Reply

As per Dublin City Councils Anti-social Behaviour Strategy "which is currently under review", we will investigate all complaints, they should be directed to the relevant local area housing office. DCC do not have powers to deal with private residence, complaints of that nature should be directed to the Gardaí.

Contact: Michael Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Anti-Social Policy Unit

Tel: 222 2604 / 086 8150429, Email: Michael.clarke@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please try and resolve the following at (*details supplied*). There is an unacceptable accumulation of waste in the rear garden of (*details supplied*) from a HAP tenant. Can this be addressed? The neighbours are horrified that this carry on of never presenting a bin for waste collection is allowed go on and on and with Christmas around the corner they want action.

Reply

Public Domain requested Waste Enforcement to investigate the complaint. It was subsequently discovered that the property is in the ownership of Dublin City Council. The Officer communicated to the tenant that the situation was very serious and the Tenant arranged for disposal of some of the waste. Public Domain is pursuing this case under the Waste Management (Storage Presentation & Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye Laws 2018.

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

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

The Estate Management Section has been trying to make contact with the tenant to no avail. However, we will persist and upon making contact we will inform the tenant that they are in breach of their tenancy and if the situation is not resolved the relevant action will be taken.

Contact: John Paul McCabe, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office

Tel: 222 4649

Email: johnpaul.mccabe@dublincity.ie

Q43 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that I be given an update on the housing application of (*details supplied*). They are on our Housing list for the last few years and is in urgent need of accommodation. Can I ask he be considered for Annamore House, Kylemore, Claddagh Court or Fr Lemass Court, Dublin 10. He seems to never move on the list despite many others being housed over those years.

Reply

The applicant is currently on the Older Persons Housing List with the following positions –

| Area | Bedsizes | Position |
|--------|----------|----------|
| Area J | 1 | 21 |

Dublin City Council are aware of the applicant's interest in River View Court, Chapelizod and have noted his interest on his file. The applicant's interest in Annamore House, Claddagh Court and Fr Lemass Court have also been noted on the applicant's file.

The applicant has maintained regular contact with Allocations and the following is noted with regard to the movement on the list –

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| Area | Bedsizes | Position |
|--------|----------|----------|
| Area J | 1 | 25 |

As the applicant is positioned at 21 on the Older Persons Housing List, it is unlikely he will be reached for an offer presently, however, should the applicant be reached for an offer when there is an available unit in the above mentioned properties, he may be considered for the tenancy.

The applicant also has a crossover application with South Dublin County Council.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q44 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that I be given a full report on the housing of (*details supplied*). Can serious consideration be given on welfare / medical grounds for this applicant? This applicant's young daughter cannot feed herself and is fed by tubes. In order to develop her full potential, she needs proper accommodation as the child needs space for medical appliances etc. What other information do DCC require to look at her housing request?

Reply

Dublin City Council have no record of having received an application for Social Housing in respect of the above named.

It would be advised for the above to call to Housing Allocations and meet with a Housing Advisor who are available (Monday to Friday 9.310am – 4pm) to discuss their options.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q45 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the boundary of the following be sorted out (*details supplied1*) as the property will shortly be allocated by the Housing Department. The neighbour at (*details supplied2*) has told me the fence was removed and never replaced. As he is elderly, he is anxious we fence up the rear garden in order to give himself some protection and security.

Reply

We will investigate this matter. The contractor has informed us that he has not removed fencing but we will ensure that someone from the local maintenance office calls to the property to investigate.

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

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q46 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the following be investigated as a matter of urgency (*details supplied*). I have recently met (*details supplied1*) in relation to very serious threats of intimidation from a neighbour who I believe is well known to Dublin City Council (*details supplied 2*). The horrific abuse of a serious racist nature is unacceptable, serious injury to the husband of (*details supplied1*), abuse toward their

children are unacceptable in a democratic society. I will be bringing this issue to the Assistant City Manager Housing & Community Services if we feel we cannot do anything to assist the victims here.

Reply

Dublin City Council have met with both parties involved in regards to previous complaints and action has been taken. This new complaint will be investigated fully beginning with *(details supplied1)* being invited in to discuss the complaint in accordance with our Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

Contact: John Paul McCabe, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office

Tel: 222 4649

Email: johnpaul.mccabe@dublincity.ie

Q47 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services could I have an up to date list of numbers awaiting housing on Area J, the family sizes of same, the numbers housed in the last year 2018 and length of time people on the current list are awaiting.

Reply

The attached figures set out the requested figures above –

| October 2019 Housing Waiting List Figures | |
|--|---------------|
| Band 1 Housing | Area J |
| Traveller Priority | 30 |
| Housing Medical Priority | 19 |
| Housing Medical Priority Older Person | 1 |
| Welfare Priority | 7 |
| Welfare Priority Older Person | 1 |
| Homeless Priority | 118 |
| Homeless Priority Older Person | 9 |
| Band 1 Grand Total | 185 |
| Band 2 Housing | Area J |
| Band 2 Housing List | 695 |
| Band 2 Housing List Older Person | 30 |
| Band 2 Grand Total | 725 |
| Band 3 Housing | Area J |
| Band 3 Housing List | 601 |
| Band 3 Housing List Older Person | 75 |
| Band 3 Grand Total | 676 |
| Grand Total | 1586 |

| October 2019 Transfer Waiting List Figures | |
|---|---------------|
| Band 1 Transfer List | Area J |
| Surrendering Larger Priority | 24 |
| Transfer HAP Band 1 | 283 |
| Transfer HAP Band 1 Older Person | 5 |
| Transfer Medical Priority | 8 |
| Transfer Medical Priority Older Person | 7 |
| Transfer Welfare Priority | 22 |
| Transfer Welfare Priority Older Person | 8 |
| Band 1 Transfer List Grand Total | 357 |
| Band 2 Transfer List | Area J |
| Band 2 Transfer List | 189 |
| Band 2 Transfer List Older Person | 24 |
| Band 2 Transfer List Grand Total | 213 |

| Band 3 Transfer List | Area J |
|---|---------------|
| Band 3 Transfer List | 591 |
| Band 3 Transfer List Older Person | 80 |
| Band 3 Transfer List Grand Total | 671 |

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|--------------------|-------------|
| Grand Total | 1241 |
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| October 2019 Combined Waiting List Figures | |
|---|---------------|
| Waiting List | Area J |
| Housing List Total | 1586 |
| Transfer List Total | 1241 |
| Combined Grand Total | 2827 |

| October 2019 Housing Waiting List Figures by Waiting Time | |
|--|---------------|
| Time on List | Area J |
| 0 to 1 year | 292 |
| 1 to 5 years | 594 |
| 5 to 10 years | 475 |
| Over 10 years | 225 |
| Grand Total | 1586 |

| October 2019 Transfer Waiting List Figures by Waiting Time | |
|---|---------------|
| Time on List | Area J |
| 0 to 1 year | 97 |
| 1 to 5 years | 462 |
| 5 to 10 years | 349 |
| Over 10 years | 333 |
| Grand Total | 1241 |

| October 2019 Cobined Waiting List Figures by Waiting Time | |
|--|---------------|
| Time on List | Area J |
| 0 to 1 year | 389 |
| 1 to 5 years | 1056 |
| 5 to 10 years | 824 |
| Over 10 years | 558 |
| Grand Total | 2827 |

| October 2019 Housing Waiting List Figures by Family Size | |
|--|--------|
| Family Size | Area J |
| Single | 801 |
| Single +1 | 337 |
| Single +2 | 149 |
| Single +3 | 42 |
| Single +4 | 10 |
| Single +5 | 1 |
| Single +6 | 3 |
| Single +7 | |
| Single +10 | |
| Singles Total | 1343 |
| Couple | 61 |
| Couple +1 | 46 |
| Couple +2 | 66 |
| Couple +3 | 50 |
| Couple +4 | 13 |
| Couple +5 | 4 |
| Couple +6 | 3 |
| Couple +7 | |
| Couple +8 | |
| Couple +9 | |
| Couple +10 | |
| Couples Total | 243 |

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|--------------------|-------------|
| Grand Total | 1586 |
|--------------------|-------------|

| Combined Lettings Housing & Transfer 2018 | Area J |
|--|--------|
| Housing List Total | 83 |
| Transfer List Total | 72 |
| Combined Total | 155 |

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

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Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q48 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can Dublin City Council please ensure that the area surrounding Kylemore College, Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, is given a clean-up of waste and weeds. All the busy sections of the road and footpaths here are in a bad state. I am aware of new policy of not spraying weeds, however some areas need positive attention otherwise the areas can become very run down in appearance.

Reply

Arrangements have been made to have extra cleaning, including weed removal, carried out at the above location.

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

Tel 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q49 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please give details of the various levels of activity from Dublin City Council's contracted Clamping Service to Ballyfermot in the last year. I firmly believe very little action from this company to deter all day parking has taken place. The loss of traffic wardens has resulted in no regulation of car-parking and very little enforcement of people paying for car parking on the street.

Reply

The Dublin Street Parking Services have been requested on 54 different instances to investigate reports of illegal parking on Ballyfermot Road between January and October 2019 and 9 vehicles have been clamped within this time period on Ballyfermot road.

Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement

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