

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**11<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Q1 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

To ask the Director of Services who is receiving the revenue from the advertising panels placed on the derelict site at the corner of South Circular Road and Dolphins Barn street.

**Reply**

The hoarding on which the advertising panels are located was not erected by DCC and the Council has no information as to who, if anyone, is receiving income from them.

The Planning Enforcement Section has been requested to investigate the fact that the panels were erected without planning permission.

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**Q2 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**

To ask the Director of Services to give estimated costs of providing a segregated cycle lane along the Coombe/Dean Street.

**Reply**

In order to provide a robust cost estimate for providing a segregated cycle lane along the Coombe/Dean Street some initial investigative work will be required to determine what is feasible. A reply will be forwarded directly to the Councillor before the end of 2019.

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**Q3 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Director of Services to comment on when pay and display has been installed on a street, what is the procedure to appeal the installation? How long before residents can ask for it to be rescinded or can this be done?

**Reply**

When a pay and display scheme has been installed on a street there is a timeframe of 2 years before another ballot may be held to vote to either retain or rescind the scheme.

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**Q4 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to open St. Catherine's Park (off Thomas Street/Court) earlier in the morning, or to consider a keyholder scheme to do so?

**Reply**

Parks will trial leaving St. Catherine's Park open to the public over the weekends in the springtime when the evenings are longer and there are more tourists visiting the site.

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**Q5 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed Heuston to Chapelizod Greenway, including its current design and funding status.

**Reply**

The main project of the Heuston to Chapelizod scheme is on hold. As such no funding has been allocated from the NTA for 2019 for the main scheme.

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**Q6 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

To ask the Director of Services to establish whether the Council is the owner of the vacant land at (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

Dublin City Council holds the subject land under a 200 year lease from 9<sup>th</sup> June 1870. It was acquired at the nominal cost of €1 in 2009 on the instructions of the Kilmainham Inchicore Area Office.

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**Q7 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

To ask the Director of Services to establish whether the Council is the owner of the green space at (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

The plot of ground in question is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. It is not registered with the PRAI so it is not possible to say who the owner is.

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**Q8 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Director of Services why 2 family sized apartments have been void for over 6 months without any work commencing in a very high demand complex (*details supplied*). I've been raising this for some time but works have still not commenced

**Reply**

There are currently two vacant units in (*details supplied*). Task Orders have been prepared for these units and considerable works are required. The properties have now been assigned to a contractor.

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**Q9 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Director of Services if the Historians in Residence Scheme is to continue in Dublin South Central?

**Reply**

Provision has been made in the 2020 budget for the continuation of the scheme.

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**Q10 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Director of Services to report on how many Community Development Officers are there in the SWIC? Could she list how many there were for the past 5 years.

**Reply**

Below are details of staff in Community Section in South West Inner City for the past 5 years:-

Year	No. of Community Development Staff in the South West Inner City
2019	3
2018	2
2017	3
2016	2
2015	3

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**Q11 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Director of Services what progress has been made to date on the DCC owned site at (*details supplied*). I've raised this a few times but the site still remains an eyesore.

**Reply**

The Public Domain Officer has raised the issue again with Parks and a commitment has been given to trim all the overgrowth by the end of next week and maintain the space going forward.

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**Q12 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Director of Services to report on (*details supplied*) as the unit is not fit for purpose. The conditions have been reported numerous times. Can this tenant be placed on the essential maintenance transfer list?

**Reply**

Work has already taken place in this property. A new boiler was installed earlier this year and the front door was sealed for the tenant late last year. There are three jobs requested by the tenant at the moment and the jobs have been allocated and will be dealt with immediately. We will instruct the depot to call to the property and investigate anything else that may be outstanding

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**Q13 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Director of Services what are the future plans for our building at (*details supplied*). Can this building be considered for community space including the Solas project?

**Reply**

A number of requests for the use of the premises in (*details supplied*) have been received since it became vacant earlier this year. A significant factor in the decision not to permit the continued occupation by the most recent lessee was the condition of the building and it is for the same reason that it is not possible to make it available to any other group.

The interior layout of the building was greatly altered by the most recent lessee and the work carried out was deemed by DCC Architects Division to be substandard. Also there is currently no Fire Certificate for the premises.

It would not be possible to make the premises suitable for occupation without significant outlay and to incur such cost on a building which will ultimately be demolished would not be appropriate.

The Council considers this property suitable for redevelopment and is considering its options in this regard.

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**Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to arrange to have the broken shore cover outside the main entrance to St. Matthews Church, Blackditch Drive, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, repaired as a matter of urgency. A serious accident is waiting to happen here.

**Reply**

We can't find any broken/damaged shore/gully but we did find broken reinstatement at a utility installation which we have referred on to Road Maintenance to make safe and repair (see attached photos).

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**Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that consideration be given to the extension of the Dublin Bikes Scheme towards Chapelizod, Ballyfermot and Bluebell. The Areas are suffering with chronic levels of motor traffic. The opportunity to cycle in and out of town would be a major step forward. Can Dublin City Council try and secure a sponsor to promote this concept?

**Reply**

Any further growth of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme in the city is dependent on the identification of additional sustainable funding for capital and operational costs. This work is ongoing and is in addition to measures to finance the existing bike scheme in its current format. A further factor that must be considered is the impact of 'dockless' bike hire schemes on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of station extension towards Chapelizod, Ballyfermot and Bluebell. The scheme has one exclusive sponsor (Just Eat) in order to maximise the revenue achievable. This sponsorship offsets a proportion of current annual operational costs but would not have sufficient quantum to enable a further station extension.

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**Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council look again at my previous request (in September 2019) for a major environment innovative in the Camac Park Area of Dublin 12 to look at road resurfacing, environmental improvements, cleansing, traffic enforcement, waste management etc.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services continue to have Camac Park cleaned on a fortnightly basis. We do all we can to keep this area as clean as possible.

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

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Dublin Street Parking Services have been asked to monitor this location and to take enforcement action where necessary.

Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement  
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Road Maintenance visited Camac Park last year and organised temporary repairs to be carried out in the carriageway. At present, no storm water line exists in this development and upon examining an estimate from water services is coming in above €60K to install this line. Road Maintenance are of the opinion that it makes no sense to resurface a road that will have to be dug up to install drainage and gullies. This really should be a matter for the Area Office to drive, i.e. secure funding and arrange design and construction for this development.

The shrubbery is growing from the neighbouring Industrial estate. I will request the Road Maintenance Area Inspector to try and contact the management company to instruct them to cut back their foliage.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services  
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We will endeavour to organise an inter-departmental meeting to discuss the issues early in the New Year.

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**Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that the last section of the Ballyfermot Road which was not resurfaced, between St. Matthews and Cherry Orchard Hospital, be done within the next few months and that changes in the lights outside Lidl on Ballyfermot Road be addressed as a matter of urgency.

**Reply**

The traffic signals outside Lidl on Ballyfermot Road, are operated and monitored via our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System. The Intelligent Transportation Systems section have reviewed the operation of the signals in SCATS at this junction and they appear to be working as specified. However, we would be happy to investigate further should Cllr. Jackson like to provide us with further detail or specific issues regarding this junction that have been brought to his attention.

Contact: Liam O'Brien, Executive ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.  
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Road Maintenance are currently awaiting the announcement of our allotted budget for proposed resurfacing works in 2020. The final section of the Ballyfermot Road, mentioned above, will be included in our choice. The works are weather dependant and will be carried out as soon as possible after the tendering process is complete.

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**Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that serious consideration be given for the full installation of traffic lights at Cleggan Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, existing onto Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10. It is next to impossible to turn right from an estate of over 1,300 houses travelling towards Palmerstown / Clondalkin. This issue in any other area would have been addressed years ago.

**Reply**

This junction would not be suitable for the installation of traffic lights being so close to the signalised pedestrian crossing approx. 20m away on Ballyfermot Road. This crossing when red along with the yellow box will help vehicles join the traffic on Ballyfermot Road.

We have however recently increased the yellow box by 10m at the junction of Cleggan Road and Ballyfermot Road and have received positive reports of it working very well.

This junction will continue to be monitored

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**Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that proper and regular maintenance of Drumfinn Park open space Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, takes place to include cutting back of vegetation growing onto the public footpath, cleansing within the Park etc.

**Reply**

Parks will organise a tidy up of the vegetation in the coming weeks.

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**Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services that I be given a report on the following (*details supplied*). These tenants are awaiting the insulation wrap on their DCC owned home. They were told it would be done sometime this year. Can the Director of Services indicate if and when these works will be carried out?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council commenced Phase 2 of The Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Programme in March 2018. Phase Two of the programme entails the following upgrade measures; External Wall Insulation, 300mm Attic, Tanks and Pipes Insulation, Roof and Wall Ventilation, Draught Proofing, Lagging Jackets, Windows and Doors where required and Boiler replacements or Heat Pump installations where required. We estimate that it will cost in the region of €80-€100 Million at current market rates to complete Phase 2 of the programme and a number of years subject to the continuation of both Departmental and Internal Funding. We estimate we have 4,747 houses which would be categorised under Phase 2 of the programme. To date we have upgraded 757 under Phase 2 at a cost of in excess of €13 Million. Funding to date for Phase 2

of the programme from The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government totals €7.9 Million. We are in the process of mobilising to tender further works for the continuation of Phase 2 which we hope to conclude in Q1 of 2020.

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**Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure that the gullies along Kylemore Road and Ballyfermot Road facing (detail supplied) are cleared without delay. Over the past few weeks serious flooding has taken place at the 2 above locations as the water could not run off resulting in the water coming over the kerb on a couple of occasions, I think some gravel etc. could be in the surface water pipes since the re-surfacing of the road-way earlier in the year.

**Reply**

The investigation and repair of these gullies will be prioritised. However, excavation work on the Kylemore Road is currently prohibited in the run-up to Christmas so it will be early January, unfortunately, before any remedial works required can be carried out.

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**Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services has Dublin City Council finished the grass cutting work around Benmadigan Pitch, Drimnagh?

**Reply**

Parks will continue grass cutting as normal. However, the wet weather has resulted in particularly soft conditions making grass cutting very difficult. To mow the grass in soft conditions will cause more damage to the pitches and parkland.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department*

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**Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services is there any update or report from the working group established to tackle the causes and consequences of anti-social behaviour in Drimnagh?

**Reply**

A meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> December, in order to agree the tender proposal for research to identify gaps in youth service provision in Drimnagh, which will also include recommendations for actions to address identified gaps.

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**Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services has there been any progress or update on *(details supplied)*. The tenant has requested a fence in front of his ground floor apartment to keep his window safe from footballs etc.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance are not in a position to install fencing to the front of properties. Estate Management have been asked to investigate the matter and decide if any action needs to be taken

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**Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on *(details supplied)*. Will the house be repaired and reoccupied by the current tenant?

**Reply**

There was fire damage in this property. We are currently awaiting on a report from the fire assessor before making a decision on how best to proceed with this property.

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**Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on *(details supplied)* who has applied for priority. She is badly affected by a stroke and has been issued with a Notice to Quit for December 28<sup>th</sup>. Can the application for priority be speeded up so she might receive priority before her eviction date?

**Reply**

The applicant submitted an application for a medical priority on 21/08/2019, the application was unsuccessful and the applicant was notified on 10/10/2019.

Should the applicant wish to appeal this decision, she may do so by submitting new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision.

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**Q27 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services to have trees on both sides of Kylemore Road been pruned.

**Reply**

The suckers on the trees on both sides of Kylemore Road have been removed.

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**Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the application of *(details supplied)* who applied for extension on medical grounds. Has the Director of Services any update on this application?

**Reply**

There is no record of any application for an extension for this property. Our colleagues in the adaptations section will post an application form now to the tenant. If she has any queries staff in the section would be happy to talk her through the process.

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