

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
15th April 2020

Q1 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to consider installing Speedbumps on Carman's Hall, the Liberties, Dublin 8.

Reply

A speed survey was carried out on this road during a 24hr period on the 8th January 2018. The results that came back did not warrant the installation of ramps as the 85th percentile was only 33km/h in a 30km zone. As it's been over two years since the survey the Engineer will need to carry out an updated survey. The Engineer will report back with their findings in due course

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation

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Q2 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Will the Director of Services accept our thanks and please congratulate Dublin City Council staff, all those agencies and community groups who have worked in partnership to coordinate a community response to the COVID-19 crisis. It has clearly shown how effective local government is in coordinating and delivering an inter-agency response in our communities.

Reply

The Councillor's gratitude and sentiments will be passed onto staff and all relevant community groups and agencies working with Dublin City Council during this very difficult time.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City

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Q3 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Can the Director of Services contact Gardaí requesting that they respond to the high level of anti-social behaviour in Bluebell?

Reply

The Estate Management Section has remained in constant contact with Gardaí at Kilmainham Garda Station about anti-social behaviour in Bluebell and will continue to do so. Between us we have targeted specific tenancies where such behaviour is happening and have taken a joint approach in tackling the issues and this has seen fruitful outcomes.

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

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Q4 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Can the Director of Services confirm if the City Council will continue refurbishing voids during the current COVID-19 crisis?

Reply

Provision of social housing stock for homeless is an essential service and work is continuing on all void properties at present. This includes properties currently under refurbishment and the continued issuing of new Task Orders to refurbish vacant properties.

Permits to allow Framework Contractors continue working were issued on 30th March 2020 and expire on 14th April. These will be renewed as necessary. We are communicating with our contractors on any issues they face, such as difficulties with supplies and obstacles with sub contracted services.

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

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Q5 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Will the Director of Services take on board resident's concerns and allow limited access to the allotments in Bluebell?

Reply

All allotment holders within the South Central area were notified of their immediate closure and that continues to be the position until further notice. No exceptions can be made.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Director of Services South City

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Q6 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services why the drainage/sewerage issues continue at (*details supplied*). The drains overflow and seep sewerage regularly. The choke cart calls out but there needs to be an investigation as to the cause of the problem. It was mentioned some years ago that the wrong size drains were used

Reply

Housing Maintenance have no reports of issues with the drains here. We can arrange to carry out a full inspection. However, we will need a more accurate address and contact details in order to do this work.

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Q7 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services if the wall/pillars at (*details supplied*) can be fixed. They are dangerous and the resident is worried that they might collapse.

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of these pillars and if deemed in need of repair all necessary works will be carried out.

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

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Q8 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to investigate why there is continuous problems with the drains at (*details supplied*).

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange to carry out a full inspection of the drains at this property, and all necessary works will be carried out.

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Q9 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services if this elderly tenant could have new windows installed (*details supplied*).

Reply

Housing Maintenance will arrange for an inspection of the windows at this property and if deemed in need of replacement/repair all necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: Frank d’Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

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Q10 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to allow a separated father to go on our housing list even though he will in the future receive 25% of the sale of the family home. At present he doesn’t have money and urgently needs accommodation. He has a daughter who is disabled and he

Reply

An applicant when applying for Social Housing must declare the following –

- a) If they currently own a property
- b) If they currently have a financial interest in a property

Upon the application being submitted, the application will be reviewed and assessed by a Housing Advisor. In some cases Dublin City Council acknowledge that whilst an applicant may have a current interest in a property, they may also at the time of application have a housing need. In such cases Dublin City Council may offer some assistance in the form of HAP, providing the HAP criteria is met at the time, only until such a time that the applicant’s property ownership/interest is resolved.

It would be advised for the applicant to contact the Housing Allocations office to discuss their application with a Housing Advisor. Phone lines are open from 9 am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Our offices are currently closed due to Covid-19, however, should they reopen in the near future the applicant can call to the office to discuss their application, in this instance Housing Advisors are available Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm.

With regard to the applicant’s daughter, if the applicant has shared custody of his daughter he will need to submit supporting documentation with his application in respect of this.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

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Q11 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to commend DCC staff for their role in keeping people safe during COVID-19 especially to those members of our communities who are vulnerable. Maith sibh.

Reply

The Councillor's gratitude and sentiments will be passed onto staff in the South Central Area and also staff working in other areas of the Council.

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