



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 20 JULY 2020

1 Election of Chairperson

Cllr. Catherine Stocker Proposed Cllr. Donna Cooney. Seconded by Cllr. Terence Flanagan.

2 Election of Vice Chairperson

Cllr. Donna Cooney proposed Cllr. Deirdre Heney Cllr Rachael Batten seconded.

3 Minutes of the North Central Area Committee meeting held on 15th June 2020.

Order: Agreed.

4 Questions to the Area Manager

Order: Noted.

5 Area Matters

a Discretionary

Order: NCA to come back with additional ideas to use reallocated funds. Full list of projects to be circulated to Committee.

b Nomination to select Councillors representation on Oversight forum.

Order: Chair and Vicechair to act as representative on oversight forum until final Committee are agreed at September meeting.

c City Farm St. Anne's Park - Difficulties with encroachment and unlawful behaviour

Order: The Manager to discuss possibility of securing additional funding for security/fencing with Les Moore.

d Covid Mobility - Vernon Ave

Order: Report not agreed. Further consultation to be held with Businesses and Residents and comeback to Area Committee in October. Manager to email NCAC with update on bollards.

e Richmond Road

Order: Survey to be completed, final report back to September meeting.

Naming of square – Elaine Mulvenny to suggest three names with guidance of Heritage Officer. Elaine Mulvenny to email Councillors steps involved naming the square.

f **Belcamp Lane / Newtown Court**

Order: The Manager to report to the NCA with actions from Deputy Chief Executive recent engagement with Newtown Court.

g **Proposed disposal of five apartments in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.**

Order: Agreed refer to City Council.

h **Housing Supply Report**

Order: Derek Farrell to provide update on Millwood Court

i **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report**

Order: Report progress on boxing programme for 5 – 8 year olds.

Manager to contact Sports Officer regarding excessive booklet circulation.

More cycling resources required send information packs to schools.

6 **Roads and Streets Matters**

a **Minutes of TAG Meeting held on 30 th June, 2020**

Order: Cllr. D O'Farrell requested an update on Griffith Court- outstanding over a year. Full TAG report to be included on future agendas.

7 **Items for following meeting**

Clontarf Flood Defence Wall

Update on Wooden Bridge

Fairview CYMC

Oversight Forum North Bull Island

Edenmore Pitch and Putt

Richmond Road

a **Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

That this Area Committee requests that DCC explores every legal avenue to recover the lease formerly held by CYMC which was assigned a number of years ago without seeking the consent of the Council and is now held in the personal names of former Trustees of CYMC. Furthermore, we reiterate that the terms of the lease must continue to be upheld by Dublin City Council i.e. sporting and recreational community purposes only and for no other purpose whatsoever.

Reply:

Although the lease held by CYMC contains a covenant requiring the Council's consent to assignment, this consent cannot be unreasonably withheld and the failure by the lessee to obtain this consent would not be grounds for forfeiture of the lease. The City Council's Law Agent is in correspondence with Solicitors acting for the current lessees in relation to regularising the Deed of Assignment.

The current lessees have acknowledged the user clause and continue to adhere to it and to the other terms and conditions contained in the lease.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer

Tel: 222 3055
Email: oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie

Order: Motion Agreed and seconded by Cllr. O'Muire. Oliver Hickey to be invited to next meeting.

b Motion in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

That this committee agree that litter bins should be located at suitable locations in Stardust Memorial Park.

Reply:

The bins in the Stardust Memorial Park were removed due to constant abuse; dumping and setting them on fire. As part of the current improvement works it is intended to reintroduce a couple of bins later in the summer when the park has settled down a little more and visitors have had a chance to adapt to new access arrangements. If the previous abuse continues the bins will be removed again.

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Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Motion Agreed.

c Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

The North Central Area Committee requests that at the beginning of each grass cutting season all contractors and all direct labour are provided with a hands-on, practical, walk through training in DCC standards and expectations with regard to green area preparation and litter management; grass cutting standards; boundary and verge treatments and post cutting etiquette.

Reply:

The performance standards in relations to grass, litter and arisings; the reporting mechanisms and dispute resolution process are clearly laid out in the legal contract documentation. DCCs contracts manager will meet with the representatives of each contractor at the beginning of the contract period.

Council Staff involved in grass cutting are provided with adequate training and supervision in this regard.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Motion Agreed. Cllr. Roe requested a breakdown areas covered by contractors and direct labour. Refer to Working Group

d Motion in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones, Councillor Catherine Stocker & Councillor Donna Cooney

That this Area Committee resolves to have a full report completed by Waste Management/Public Domain in relation to the following issue and provided to

Councillors in advance of the September Council Meeting:

- The laneway between Dunluce Road and Furry Park Road has become a dumping ground for green waste from gardens, resulting in a huge build up of these materials and vegetation that is completely overtaking the laneway to the extent that bollards which used to divide the laneway have become completely obliterated by the vegetation.
- As a result of this dumping, further dumping of large household items frequently takes place in the laneway.
- Previous questions on this subject to DCC have resulted in answers saying it is impossible to access the laneway with equipment that could be used to clear the embankment of vegetation that has developed here. However, it appears that the entrance to the laneway beside 25 Dunluce Road must be sufficiently wide to accommodate at least some sort of machinery that could be usefully used to clear this growth before it takes over the laneway completely. Vehicles frequently enter and exit the laneway in this way to access the back gardens of houses that back onto the lane and do work there.
- This report should examine all options for completely clearing this laneway of the significant vegetation that has developed here, including invasive species of weeds and large trees, which was never supposed to be present in a laneway that was frequently used by locals up until this issue developed.
- This report should further set out a plan and timeline for restoring this laneway to its intended condition and a management plan going forward from that to ensure the same situation does not develop again, via an early intervention system so that large machinery is never required again to clear any sort of green waste that is dumped here.

Reply:

The Litter Warden inspected the location and will continue to monitor the area on an ongoing basis. No dumping signs have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.

Contact: Dympna McCann, Senior Staff Officer – 2228868.
Email: Dympna.mccann@dublincity.ie

With the easing of Covid restrictions on our work practices we will be able to tackle the cleaning of the above mentioned laneway in the coming weeks. The laneway was inspected on the 15th July and it was found to have two skip bags dumped which will be removed. It was also noted that there is a skip in the laneway impeding the access for Dublin City Council Staff. It is aimed to clean this laneway in the coming weeks if there is adequate access and subject to the easing of staffing restrictions.

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

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Order: Manager to meet Councillors on site with Public Domain.

e

Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

That the manager give a report on what efforts he has made and what measures have been put in place to address the continuing litter (take-away packaging etc) and overflowing along the Clontarf sea front and promenade and if he will make a

full statement on the matter to include

- (a) efforts to have food providers/takeaways etc take responsibility for their own food packaging strewn along the promenade;
- (b) provide more frequency emptying bins, particularly on warm summer days and
- (c) to more frequently clear away glass litter and general debris from the bathing shelters.

Reply:

(a) The Litter Warden inspects this location on a regular basis and has found it to be good condition. However, he will deliver copies of the bye-laws to the businesses in question to remind them of their responsibilities.

Contact: Dympna McCann, Environmental Liaison Officer – 2228868.

Email: Dympna.mccann@dublincity.ie

(b) Waste Management Services do and will continue to empty the litter bins here more often over the summer months. In addition, we have eight extra blue barrel bins at this location over the summer months.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer – 2224240.

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

(c) The shelters on the prom are inspected and cleaned on a regular basis; as often as resources allow. Broken glass is dealt with as a matter of urgency when it is reported.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Director of Services
North City

Order: Report to Councillor.

f Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

That Dublin North Central Area Committee support the designation of the south side of North Bull wall as an EU bathing area. Designation to be achieved by 2023 and seconded by Cllr. Naoise O'Muire.

Reply:

Under European and Irish law, local authorities must identify official bathing areas in their area every year so that they can be monitored for safety, water quality and their level of use. This includes monitoring designated bathing waters to meet stringent microbiological water quality standards. To help with this process, Dublin City Council (DCC) asks the public to tell them if they think they should maintain existing designated bathing waters designations or give a new official bathing area designation to areas that are commonly used for swimming, but not identified at the moment. This is undertaken through a public consultation process.

This year DCC undertook a public consultation process from 19th May to 22nd June (2020). During this period, 44 submissions were received for

the designation of the North Bull Wall as a bathing water. This compares to two submissions received in 2019 and one received in 2018.

Dublin City Council's Water Pollution Control Section commits to review the applications for designation of the North Bull Wall bathing as per the requests from members of the public. The assessment will follow previous procedures and will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's guidance document "A framework to assist Local Authorities in the assessment of submissions for the identification of new bathing waters" and the requirements set out in the Bathing Water Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 79 which transpose Directive 2006/8/EC). Other considerations taken into account in the assessment include the historic water quality data and local knowledge of complex pressures associated with the bathing water located at the mouth of the River Liffey.

The 2020 assessment of the North Bull Wall for Designation concluded that DCC cannot designate North Bull Wall as an EU identified bathing area in light of consistent issues with poor water quality. Instead, it was deemed appropriate to continue to categorise the North Bull Wall as an "other monitored water". We attach for noting the assessment of the North Bull Wall which was undertaken following public consultation in 2019. We are in the process of compiling the full report for 2020, and this will be made available to the Councillors in August. Please note that there must be 4 consecutive years of acceptable bathing water results for designation.

Dublin City Council manages six bathing waters in total, two of which are designated under the Bathing Water Regulations S.I. 79 of 2008 and four of which are categorised as "other monitored waters".

Dublin City Council's existing designated bathing waters are:

- Dollymount Strand, and;
- Sandymount Strand

Dublin City Council's four "other monitored waters" are:

- Merrion Strand;
- North Bull Wall;
- Shelly Banks, and;
- Half Moon.

DCC take samples at all six locations regardless of designation 20 times during the official bathing season and approximately fortnightly thereafter. Results of sampling are available on the National Bathing Water Website www.beaches.ie or on the DCC website www.dublincity.ie/bathingwater. Hardcopy results are also placed in the information cabinets at the entrances to each bathing water.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Services
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Order: Motion Amended to say designation to be achieved by 2023 and seconded by Cllr. Naoise O'Muirí.

g Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

That this area committee is given a full report of the recent vandalism to the Tree of Life sculpture and that CCTV is placed to protect this well loved work of art as

the councillor is not confident that this is a once of occurrence.

Reply:

Thankfully the majority of the damage was superficial and is cleaning off quite well.

CCTV at this location is not considered appropriate at this time as it would involve significant logistical issues and therefore cost. The situation will be monitored.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Report to Councillor

h **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

That a report is given on plans for school streets and safe cycling and walking routes to schools in the North Central area and any other COVID-19 measures around schools to facilitate safe physical distancing and cleaner air quality.

Reply:

The Covid Mobility Team are engaging with An Taisce Green-Schools programme who have disseminated a nationwide survey inviting schools to communicate any concerns they may have plus potential solutions in relation to pupils travelling to school when schools resume in September. Feedback from the survey is due to be circulated to local authorities next week and will be used to inform a '**Return to School**' mobility strategy. Green-Schools are also compiling a 'front of school ideas' pack for all schools.

School Streets BETA Project

The street outside a school entrance can often experience high levels of congestion when parents drop their children off to school by private motor vehicle. This can cause school gate congestion, illegal parking on pavements, parking on double yellow lines, rat-running traffic, overcrowding on pavements, poor visibility for parents and children, u-turning traffic, road safety risks and cars idling outside school gates harming young lungs.

As part of the 'Open Streets' series of BETA Projects, we'd like to explore the idea of School Streets – creating temporary pedestrian and bicycle, car-free, zones outside the school during school times, and a safe environment for children.

More can be read about #SchoolStreetsBETA on social media using that hashtag, and you can read more at <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/school-streets>.

(You can also read more about the Open Streets initiative at <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/open-streets> or see #OpenStreetsBETA on social media.)

Following a public call-out for potential trial locations, 19 suggestions have been received to date. We will pick a suitable trial location, using the specific criteria for this project which can be read at the above link. When/if primary schools reopen, we intend to carry out an initial BETA Project to learn more about the School Streets general concept.

As usual under the 'BETA ethos' this trial will be clearly signposting seeking feedback, and it will be possible to follow the trial on social media, and the report at the end of the trial will be fully public.

Coilín O'Reilly

**Director of Services
North City**

Contact: Shane Waring, Coordinator, Dublin City Council BETA
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Contact: Antonia Martin, Communication & Promotion Officer,
Covid Mobility Team.
Email: covidmobility@dublincity.ie

Order: Report to Councillor.

i **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

That picnic benches and the option of a coffee dock is provided on the Clontarf promenade and Fairview Park creative measures to support local cafes, restaurants and business whilst maintaining physical distancing, with additional separation of waste bins etc. and public domain enhancement.

Reply:

Parks have not received any requests from local business for such a provision and it is not clear how it could be licenced or managed.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

The North Central Area Office are agreeable to working with any business who wishes to develop this concept and Dublin City Council's Parks Department. It will be difficult for a business to manage a public area associated with their business from a distance and this issue will need to be resolved before progression. The option for business to apply for use of space in the public domain, outside of Parks, remains through the COVID Mobility process.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Order: The interested Business owner to contact Manager for further discussion.

Cllr. Donna Cooney
Chairperson
Monday 20th July, 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Dearbháil Butler
Donna Cooney
Racheal Batten

Members:

Daryl Barron
Catherine Stocker
Deirdre Heney

Members:

Patricia Roe
Terence Flanagan
Jane Horgan-Jones

John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell

Micheal Mac Donncha
Larry O'Toole

Naoise O'Muirí
Alison Gilliland

Officers

Coilin O'Reilly
Elaine Mulvenny
Connell McGlynn
Fergus O'Carroll

Dara McLoughlin
Derek Farrell
Pat Teehan

Deirdre Murphy
Yvonne Kirwan
Eoin Corrigan

Apologies:

Tom Brabazon

Non-Members:

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Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the manager for a report on the number and status of vacant senior citizens' residential units in the north central area.

Reply:

There are currently 33 vacant Senior Citizens units in the North Central Area. 2 of these units are currently being renovated under the Framework Programme while the other 31 are being renovated under direct labour. The below table is a breakdown of each type of property that is vacant at this time.

0 Bed	25 Units
1 Bed	8 Units
2Bed	0 Units
Total	33 Units

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Director of Services
North City

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
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Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To request that the road ramps along Lorcan Park are repaired as presently they are so worn down to be completely ineffective as a traffic calming measure.

Indeed, an audit of the condition of the ramps in the wider Lorcan area should be conducted and all necessary repairs conducted.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has included the ramps at Lorcan Park in our annual works program for 2020. The works at this location are scheduled for completion in the coming 2-3 weeks.

Other ramps in the Lorcan Area will be inspected in the coming weeks and will be considered for inclusion in the 2021 resurfacing programme.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

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Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager (details supplied).”

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List, with an application date of 11/08/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	252

It is noted on the applicant's file that she has previously applied for a Welfare Priority in which she was unsuccessful in obtaining on 14/09/2009. It is further noted that she applied for a medical priority on two occasions, 27/01/2012 and 11/06/2019, which were both unsuccessful. If the applicant wishes to appeal the latest decision, please advise her to submit new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision.

Based on the applicant's current position for her area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing.

Dublin City Council allocate properties on a person's housing need, in accordance with the Scheme of Lettings a request for an extra bedroom on Exceptional Medical grounds may be considered and be assessed on a case by case basis by the Allocations Officer, who may seek recommendation from the appointed Medical Officer, having regard to the medical reports submitted.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant may also consider registering their interest in Homeswapper.ie and create an account with a view to liaising with other applicants seeking transfers. Should the applicants be successful in finding a match, and all criteria is satisfied, it may decrease their waiting time.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
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Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to give an update on **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

The site was closed for a time due to Covid-19 but work has resumed and is progressing well. Completion is expected Q2 2021, but this date may be subject to change when the full impact of Covid-19 on work practices are taken into account.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer
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Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to give an update on **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

The New Senior Citizen Complex in **(details supplied)** is due to go to part 8 planning in August 2020.

The demolition and construction of the complex is due to commence in January 2021. The new complex will consist of 32 new housing units. All units will be in line with current Universal design standards. The complex will also consist of a brand new Kitchen/Communal Space which will facilitate the services that are currently operational on site.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to make provision for the following (**details supplied**).”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has included the ramps at (**details supplied**) in our annual works program for 2020. The works at this location are scheduled for completion in the coming 2-3 weeks.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
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Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to give an update on this housing application (**details supplied**).”

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 17/08/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	1	1128
Area E	1	1244
Area M	1	693

Based on the applicant's current position for each area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet his household need becomes available and according to his position on the list.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide him with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, he should present to the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
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Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Area Manager If he will request the following works to be arranged at **(details supplied).**”

Reply:

A & C The location will be inspected in the coming days. Appropriate renewal will take place within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting 20/07/20.

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer, Environment & Transportation
Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

B: The tree was inspected and some light crown raising was recommended. This work will be carried out as soon as resources and local schedules allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Director of Services
North City

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Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the manager the following **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

Dublin City Council, Planning and Development Department, Taking In Charge Section, have not yet received a formal request to take **(details supplied)** in charge.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: **Avril Feeney, Administrative Officer**
Tel: **222 5233**
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Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Micheál Mac Donncha

“To ask the Area Manager if replacement traffic calming ramps will be provided on Mount Olive Road, given the crumbling condition of the current ramps; if when this work is being done care can be taken to avoid the red staining of wide sections of the footpath and into driveways as happened on Swan's Nest Road and if a clean-up of the latter staining can be done.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services had included Mount Olive Road ramp resurfacing in our annual resurfacing program. These works have now been completed along with the ramps on Swans Nest Road.

Road Maintenance Services will request that additional sweeping is carried out at these locations by our works contractor.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
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Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to this request **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

The Housing Regeneration Section can confirm that an in depth feasibility for phase one of the redevelopment of **(details supplied)** is underway, phase one will consist of 120 new housing units. This part of the project will be submitted for stage 1 funding with the DHPLG in the near future. At present a Cost Effective Analysis is being carried out in line with current government guidelines.

The Area Housing manager for the area has confirmed that certain blocks within the complex have been de-tenanted and re-housed locally, and staff are continuing to look at a future de-tenanting strategy for **(details supplied)**.

Colin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Treacy Byrne, Administrative Officer
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Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“How much funding will the North Central Area manager require for the year ahead in order to run the various services in the North Central area.”

Reply:

On the 2nd May the Government informed Local Authorities that commercial rates for a 3 month period beginning on the 27th March 2020, for all businesses that have been forced to close due to public health requirements will be waived. The Exchequer will provide €260M to the Local Authority Sector to fully fund the cost of this initiative.

The position post 27th June will be considered as part of a wider review. In addition, an exercise is being undertaken by each Local Authority to determine the loss of goods and services income arising from the Covid-19 restrictions and a submission will be made to Government seeking further financial support to offset the financial losses. Dublin City Council awaits the outcome of both these measures to determine the exact funding allocations.

However, it is prudent to provide for a loss of commercial rates receipts due to what will realise as non-collectable, losses on goods and services income non exchequer funded and additional non exchequer funded costs associated with Covid-19. The financial impact will be determined over the coming weeks and months.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the manager confirm that all libraries are now functional and operating in the North Central area again, can he provide a report on same please.”

Reply:

Libraries are being reopened on a phased basis, as set out below.

Browse & Borrow Branches

Browse & Borrow branches operate from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday, for users to browse and borrow books, CDs and DVDs. Visitors can book an Internet PC (for a reduced period of 30 minutes), use the WiFi, and collect printing from the Surfbox printers.

There will be no seating for reading or studying, and users are encouraged to keep their visit as short as possible, and to use the self-service kiosks and the newly updated self-service library app.

Since 29th June Cabra, Coolock, Raheny, Pearse Street, Pembroke and Rathmines have been operating as Browse & Borrow libraries.

On 20th July a further 3 branches, Ballyfermot, Ballymun, and Walkinstown, will reopen as Browse & Borrow branches.

Call and Collect Branches

All branches that are not offering Browse & Borrow (with two exceptions*) are operating a 'Call and Collect' service. Borrowers may request items from their local library via an online form, email, or telephone, and library staff arrange a date and time for the borrower to come to their local library to pick up their books.

Borrowers are encouraged to search the online library catalogue to identify to see if the books they want are on shelf. If the particular book is not available, borrowers can ask staff to select books or other authors in the same genre.

***Central Library and Inchicore to remain closed**

The Central Library and Inchicore both remain closed for refurbishment. A temporary library will operate in Richmond Barracks, from 10th August, while Inchicore is closed.

Online Reservations and national delivery service

The Online Reservations system was switched off when the libraries closed and the nationwide delivery service was suspended. The delivery service was restarted on 6th July. Allowing time for the backlog to be cleared, online reservations will be resumed on 19th July, at which point borrowers will be able to make requests online from their library account and in the library app.

Home Delivery Service

A home delivery service for cocooners is being operated with volunteers from the Dublin City Volunteer Centre. Eligible borrowers can contact a dedicated team in Cabra who will select and arrange delivery of the books.

Digital Services

Our eResources including ebooks, audio books, music and magazines are all still available. Borrowers may access the many eResources with an email address, a Dublin City library barcode, and a PIN.

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Director of Services
North City

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Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the manager confirm once the preferred bidder is selected for the Oscar Traynor lands, how long will it take to move matters on to building on the land.”

Reply:

Subsequent to the preferred bidder being appointed and the statutory standstill period, the planning application for the site has to be lodged within a 6 month period. Depending on the length of time An Bord Pleanála takes to make a decision (normally 14 to 16 weeks) and any unforeseen challenges, the developer will then have a further 4 weeks before site mobilisation.

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Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the manager confirm if the Bring centre on the Oscar Traynor Road is running to capacity again since its recent reopening.”

Reply:

Oscar Traynor Road Bring Centre is operating to full capacity. There has been a marked increase in recycling activities during the COVID 19 lockdown and there have been one or two instances where bulky waste containers were full, necessitating staff to advise members of the public of alternative recycling locations to allow for changeover of containers.

Social distancing measures and lunchtime closures are currently in place at all Dublin City Council Bring Centres.

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Director of Services
North City

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Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“Can the manager provide the latest gully cleaning report for the North Central area please.”

Reply:

Please find attached report from Surface Water Division for Q16. Please note that the crew have just recently moved back to this area to carry out works and will move through it cleaning gullies during the next 2 - 3 months, albeit while working reduced hours due to the Covid Pandemic.

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Director of Services
North City

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Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Area Manager to respond to this matter (**details supplied**).”

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will investigate this matter and any works deemed necessary will be carried out.

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Director of Services
North City

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
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Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to have trees along Collins Avenue, between Swords Road and Falcarragh Road, pruned back as the lower branches are grown down so much people have to walk around the trees or out on the road to get past.”

Reply:

The trees have been inspected and crown lifting is recommended at certain locations this work will be arranged as soon as local schedules and resources allow.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to have the ramps on Lorcan Road repaired as they are in poor condition. Or to make a statement to inform residents if ramps are not being maintained due to the forthcoming introduction of the 30kph speed limit. Photo attached.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has allocated the resurfacing budget for 2020. Lorcan Road is not included in our works program. These ramps will be considered for inclusion in the 2021 resurfacing program. In the meantime, Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection at this location and schedule pothole repairs at these ramps when a works crew is available.

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Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
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Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to conduct an audit of the Public Realm around Ellenfield Park specifically on the residential roads surrounding the park. Could I suggest bins to be placed at each of the entrances to the park, and another poo bin inside the park. Could Public Realm liaise with the Parks Department to improve the boundary of the park with regard to shrub cutting, littering etc? The footpath along Glencorp Road from the gate of Margaret Aylward school to the church is broken and has been reported before. I have raised the issue of dumping around the bottle bank in the church car park and this continues to be a problem. Could I suggest, again, that the shrubs between the bottle/clothes bank and the fence be cut back and another type of screening of bottle banks from the road investigated as the bushes attract litter and make it difficult for cleansing staff to maintain the area in a reasonable condition.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location previously. A repair has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. There is currently a large backlog of repairs and as such, we cannot give a date when repairs will be completed.

Contact: Shane Satall, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satall@dublincity.ie

Three entrances to Ellenfield Park are serviced by litter bins. It is not suitable to place a litter bin at the entrance from the Swords Road as this is a narrow road with double yellow lines and heavy traffic, making it difficult to safely empty.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
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Illegal dumping continues to be an issue at recycling facilities citywide, and has increased dramatically during the COVID 19 lockdown. Waste Management Services are working to address this. A pilot project at Alfie Byrne Road is in the early stages of development. If successful, it will be rolled out to other problematic sites in due course. Alternative screening materials are being investigated as part of this project.

Contact: Sid Daly, Public Domain Officer, Waste Management Services
Email: sid.daly@dublincity.ie

The Parks Service do not install dog bins in parks.

The shrubs on the perimeter of the park were inspected and do not require pruning at this time.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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North City

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Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to address housing maintenance issues at (**details supplied**).

Namely kitchen floor to be resurfaced as it presents a hazard in its present state, and the boundary wall to be repaired as it is also a hazard to the residents of the property and passers-by. Photos of both attached.”

Reply:

The wall on this property has been inspected by the Area Maintenance Officer in the depot and has been deemed safe. An inspection of the floor has been logged on our system and if deemed in need of repair these works will be carried out. However, if this request is in relation to the floor coverings or tiles this would fall under tenants responsibility to repair or replace.

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Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager to make a statement on the use or non-use of direct labour in its Housing Maintenance Division.”

Reply:

A reply will be issued to the Councillor within 2 weeks of meeting.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
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Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager will the Council provide a new exit and entrance to the Clonshaugh Industrial Estate to relieve traffic congestion on the Oscar Traynor Road and provide more direct access to the M50 and M1?”

Reply:

Road Design & Construction have engaged a consultant to:

- Review previous proposals in relation to Oscar Traynor Road and Coolock Interchange
- Review NTA current Bus Connects/Cycle proposals for the area
- Review other (Arup etc options) in connection with the redevelopment of the lands on south-east of interchange.
- Prepare options on a preferred cycle pedestrian crossing of the M1/M50 in the area, which would include an accessibility assessment, review of key connectors for existing and proposed development in the area and indicative cost estimates.

The finding will be set out in a Technical Report in due course.

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Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

To ask the Area Manager for an update regarding the provision of a playground at McAuley Park?

Reply:

While it is fully intended to address the deficits in play facilities identified in the Parks Strategy there are no current proposals to build a playground in McAuley Park. The priorities for the available budgets in the short to medium term is to bring the existing playgrounds in the area up to standard to ensure the safety of these facilities before deficits of such facilities can be addressed.

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Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask will the Council consult with local residents about closing the laneway between Ferrycarrig Road and Macroom Road?”

Reply:

A report has been forwarded to the Councillor which outlines the current situation with the laneway.

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Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the will the Council install bins in the Stardust Memorial Park especially to assist dog walkers who wish to dispose responsibly of dog waste?”

Reply:

The bins in the Stardust Memorial Park were removed due to constant abuse; dumping and setting them on fire. As part of the current improvement works it is intended to reintroduce a couple of bins later in the summer when the park has settled down a little more and visitors have had a chance to adapt to new access arrangements. If the previous abuse continues the bins will be removed again.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
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Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (all details supplied).”

Reply:

As the information requested by Councillor O'Farrell contains personal data, we have referred this to our Data Protection Unit for their advice. A response will issue in due course.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer
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Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (details supplied).”

Reply:

The decision for this would date back to the 1960's before the causeway road was constructed between 1962 and 1964. There is nobody, to the best of my knowledge, around to give the reason for this decision at that time.

Not having significant connections between the two lagoons does have a few positives in that any pipes under the causeway would have to be cleaned out on a very regular basis due to the massive amount of silt and sand transfer in this area as exemplified by the rapid continued growth of Bull Island and this isolation reduces pollution transfer from one lagoon to the other as well as creating many unique habitats on both lagoons.

Large pipes between the lagoons would also lead to increased deposition and filling up of both lagoons due to higher tidal velocities at times in each.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (details supplied).”

Reply:

The property owner has made a commitment to remove this gate and if it has not been removed by mid-August Dublin City Council will have this gate removed.

Coilin O'Reilly
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Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
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Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager for an update regarding the provision the River Mayne cycling and walking route?”

Reply:

It is Dublin City Council's (DCC) policy to develop a pedestrian and cycling route along the River Mayne. The policy position is outlined in the Clongriffin/Belmayne Local Area Plan (LAP).

In relation to a delivery of a pedestrian route the LAP includes an objective (MT07) which seeks *“To develop a pedestrian route along the River Mayne and access the potential to connect with amenity lands in Baldoyle Estuary and further amenities along the coastal routes”*.

In relation the development of a cycling route the LAP includes objective UD05 which seeks: *“To design park spaces and all open space linkages to be part of the larger green network in particular from Father Collins Park to the surrounding area and along the River Mayne incorporating a dedicated network of cycle paths and pedestrian routes”*.

On 29 May 2020, DCC submitted an application to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) under Call 2 of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) for a number of transformative projects in the Clongriffin/Belmayne area, which include a study to prepare a feasibility study / concept design for a greenway (pedestrian/cycling route) along the River Mayne Corridor.

Funding of €187,500 is sought to prepare a feasibility study / concept design which would be the first step in realising the delivery of a River Mayne Greenway, which can link the communities of Clongriffin/Belmayne (Dublin City Council) and Baldoyle/Stapolin (Fingal County Council), while opening up the potential to provide a green east-west connection to Baldoyle Estuary and to the Fingal cycle/pedestrian coastal route. The feasibility study / concept design would harness the potential of the river corridor from the M1/M50 junction to Baldoyle Estuary to deliver a greenway. The feasibility study / concept design will address the themes of green infrastructure, placemaking and sustainable connections which underpin the policy positions articulated in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly and the Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP).

This project is supported by Fingal County Council who have committed to supporting the match funding required to commission this study.

DCC is awaiting a decision from the DHPLG on the URDF application.

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Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager for an update regarding the provision of a library at Belmayne?”

Reply:

Dublin City Council is developing a masterplan for the Belmayne and Belcamp area. Included in this masterplan is the provision of a library in a new pavilion building on the Malahide Road. The preparation of the masterplan for Belmayne town centre and Belcamp Lane is an objective of Dublin City Council’s Clongriffin – Belmayne Local Area Plan (LAP) 2012, which has been extended to 2022. The Planning and Property Development Department is currently preparing this masterplan.

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Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask will the manager that the council clean up the dumping that has occurred in the laneway at the rear of homes on (details supplied).”

Reply:

Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have the dumped rubbish removed from the above mentioned laneway.

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Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
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Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to repair the broken footpaths outside **(details supplied)** where a resident has already sustained a fall.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has included localised footpath repairs at **(details supplied)** in our annual works program 2020. A repair at the footpath at house 25/26 is included in these works. These are programmed for repair in the coming 10-12 weeks.

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Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to fix a wall at **(details supplied)**. The wall is crumbling and has many cracks... needs filling/rendering and repainting..”

Reply:

The locus was inspected on foot of a works request and while cracks were observed but the wall was not considered hazardous or in imminent danger of collapse. A reply was issued that no works were scheduled at this time. Given the enormous backlog of essential works due to the lockdown this lower priority job will be included on the local works schedule for 2021.

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Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to arrange for weeding of the footpaths surrounding **(details supplied).**”

Reply:

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Tenderers were invited to submit proposals to remove/ treat weeds, including innovative proposals that they may have. Dublin City Council are seeking tenders for alternatives methods for the control of weeds other than the use of glyphosate.

The Tender assessment process is nearly complete and it is expected that this contract will be awarded in the next two weeks.

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Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager what progress has been made in consulting with the community from the estates surrounding Rockfield park regarding commitments given to develop play infrastructure and arrange a meeting with the Dublin City play officer as agreed at this committee’s January discretionary fund meeting?”

Reply:

An initial meeting was held with the residents before the lock down requirements and a follow up meeting is scheduled later this week.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager what steps are being taken to prevent on footpath parking on Fairview Strand? Is this area included in the Neighbourhood transport scheme and what actions are recommended to prevent this ongoing problem.”

Reply:

Transport Advisory Group (TAG)

Fairview Strand is not included as a potential area for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme.

The focus of Neighbourhood Transport Schemes are on local streets in residential areas which are bounded by the main thoroughfares and arterial roads. As Fairview Strand is a 50km/hr arterial road, it does not meet the criteria to be considered as a potential area for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme.

However, any specific requests for traffic measures at specific locations on Fairview Strand are welcome and can be submitted to the website: <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor> where they will be dealt with by the Area Engineer.

I trust this information is satisfactory but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Contact: Andrew Geoghegan, Neighbourhood Transport Engineer (North City)
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The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on footpaths along Fairview Strand.

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Director of Services
North City

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Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to list all locations in the North Central area which are included in the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme and what progress has been made to date in advancing this scheme.”

Reply:

As you may be aware, a presentation on the subject of Neighbourhood Transport Schemes was delivered at the North Central Area Committee Meeting on Monday 20th January. As highlighted during this presentation, the goal of a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme is to provide more walkable and calmer streets where the priority is given to pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. These schemes are particularly aimed at residential areas which suffer from transport issues in relation to:

- Rat Running (the practice by motorists of using residential side streets instead of the intended main road in urban or suburban areas)
- Speeding
- Heavy traffic volumes
- Congestion
- HGV's through residential areas
- Other dangerous issues

As outlined at the time, a list of residential areas that may qualify for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme was being finalised (i.e. **Phase 1**) by reviewing previous service requests and councillor questions. Following this meeting, an email was also sent (on 17th February) to all Councillors with a request to submit any areas for consideration by the 13th March 2020. Subsequently, the following areas proceeded to Phase 2:

- Haverty Road
- Grange Park Avenue
- Millbrook Avenue
- Coolgreena Road
- Mayne River Avenue
- Grace Park Terrace
- Briarsfield Road
- Windsor Avenue
- Riverside Park

Please note that the above list also includes the surrounding streets and areas. The focus of Neighbourhood Transport Schemes are on local streets in residential areas which are bounded by the main thoroughfares and arterial roads.

Phase 2 involves assessing and ranking these areas in keeping with the formalised process as agreed at the Nov 2018 SPC. This involves assessing the areas against a number of set criteria (e.g. level of cut-through traffic at peak times) to determine the order of implementation for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme. The initial forecast period for completion of this phase was Q2 2020. However, due to ongoing developments in the spread of Covid-19, it has been difficult to complete the assessment of these areas until travel / commuter patterns return to normal.

During this intervening period, our resources have been focused on implementing Dublin City Council's programme of mobility measures developed in response to COVID-19.

Phase 3 involves working with councillors and various internal and external stakeholders in developing a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme for the top ranked area(s).

I trust this information is satisfactory but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager for an update on the exact location and the timeline for works to the footpath planned for **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has included **(details supplied)** localised footpath repairs in our annual works program for 2020. Damaged section between Hazel Road and Celtic Park Road will be repaired. Works are scheduled to begin within 1-3 weeks and will last for 6-8 weeks.

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Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the manager give an update on the situation in relation to Grange Woodbine Pitch and Putt club and say what his proposals now are to improve the condition of the facility and what efforts are being put in place to encourage increased usage of same.”

Reply:

As committed to last month the Parks Service has commenced consultations with the club, the Gardaí and approximately 15 other community groups about the park and facility. It is intended to return to the next area committee meeting with the outcome of these consultations and proposals.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the Manager please refer to the amenity space at location as per **(details supplied)**, give details of ownership history of same and say what plans there are for the maintenance of the **entire** area as a public open space (where some antisocial behaviour is reported to be taking place) and if he can make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

The L-shaped plot of ground to the rear of Nos. 34 to 66 **(details supplied)** is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. The compulsory purchase of the land for an extension to the adjoining graveyard was considered in the 1960s but this did not proceed.

As the land is not registered in the Land Registry it is not possible to confirm its ownership but research carried out in 2018 by the Council’s Chief Property and Title Researcher indicated that it may be in the ownership of the Clontarf Castle Estate Residents Association.

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Director of Services
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Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the Manager please refer to the basketball hoop at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can have same repaired.”

Reply:

The matter will be examined and necessary repairs actioned as soon as replacement parts can be sourced and as local schedules and resources allow.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the manager please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say what measures he can take to seriously discourage parking on the footpaths and cycle lanes – a constant problem and hazard for pedestrians and cyclists – most particularly vulnerable pedestrians.”

Reply:

The Parking Enforcement division will arrange for a number of enforcement blitzes over the course of a number of weeks with the Parking Enforcement Inspector and the Enforcement agents to address this issue.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the Manager please refer location as per **(details supplied)** in which residents say changes were made by Dublin City Council to approved plans for the area, which changes are now affecting resident safety, traffic flow and car parking capacity within the estate; can he say that he will arrange for a response to be given to a letter submitted (as attached to this question) to City Council by residents affected and also agree to their request for a meeting to address matters raised by said residents.”

Reply:

Planning Permission was granted on appeal to An Bord Pleanála in March 2016 for a residential development on the lands now referred to as **(details supplied)** (Planning Reference 2991/15 and ABP Ref. PL 29N.245745). This permission remains valid until March 2021, unless an application is submitted to extend the lifetime of the permission for a further period.

Any concerns regarding non-compliance with the permitted layout should be addressed to Planning Enforcement. To date, there have been no planning applications received in relation to changes to the permitted layout as outlined in the query.

Contact: Nicola Conlon, Senior Executive Planner, Transportation Planning Division.
Tel: 222 6363.
Email: nicola.conlon@dublincity.ie

Following receipt of complaints by local residents a very recent inspection by the planning enforcement officer for the area has revealed that some of the roads/junctions and parking associated with this development appear not to have been carried out in compliance with the approved plans. A warning letter is being issued in this regard under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) which allows the developer 4 weeks to respond. Following the expiration of that period or on receipt of a submission on foot of the letter concerned Dublin City Council will consider if further action is required at that stage.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th July 2020

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to look at placing dog waste bins or bins in the Ayrfield housing estate. There are signs warning dog owners of fines but nowhere to dispose of the dog waste.”

Reply:

Waste Management Services will look at the possibility of installing a litter bin or two at the above mentioned location.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager for an updated report on the status of Rockfield Tennis Pavilion.”

Reply:

The tennis pavilion and padel court project is listed on the 3 year capital programme to be brought to detailed design stage in 2020 and construction in 2021

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager for one or two bins to be placed in the playground in Roseglen, Kilbarrack, close to the benches as this area is used widely and residents who regularly do litter picks have noticed this to be a troublesome area for litter.”

Reply:

There are no proposals to install additional bins at this location. The existing bin was installed next to the bench at the senior section of the playground as it was hoped that the older children might actually use it. However, this area is often the worst for litter despite the presence of the bin.

The area was recently inspected and the majority of the litter seemed to be emanating from plastic bags hung on the fencing of the all-weather pitch which were then attacked by crows and seagulls. Such bags should not be hung in the playground as they are making the situation worse.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th July 2020

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager to complete an audit and provide a list of vacant premises in Priorswood and District area which could be used to facilitate a very well established Menshed (**details supplied**).”

Reply:

The North Central Area Office will link in with this group and will assist them in their quest to find alternative accommodation.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Assistant Area Manager. 2228546
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbail Butler

“To ask the Area Manager is there is any funding and support available to assist Mensheds (details supplied) to get established in local premises that are derelict and need renovations.”

Reply:

The North Central Area Office will assist this group in seeking relevant funding if and when accommodation can be sourced.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Assistant Area Manager – 2228546.
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to follow up on anti-social behaviour occurring in a local authority scheme (details supplied).”

Reply:

Dublin City Council is acutely aware of the anti-social behaviour at **(details supplied)** and is working in conjunction with the Gardaí to alleviate the ongoing problem. Appropriate Estate Management processes have been put in place and the identified tenants facilitating the undesired behaviour have been contacted.

Dublin City Council will continue to monitor the area in conjunction with the Gardaí. The Garda patrols in the area have also been increased to deter the gathering at this particular location.

Colín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Leona Fynes, Area Housing Manager - 2228547
Email: Leona.fynes@dublincity.ie

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20th July 2020

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to follow up on the following housing application (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List with an application date of 16/06/2010, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	147
Area E	3	174
Area H	3	108

Based on the applicant's current position for each area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to his position on the list.

It is noted on the applicant's file that she has previously applied for a medical priority on four occasions in which she was unsuccessful in obtaining same (dates refused 05/02/2018, 27/07/2018 (this application was an appeal of the decision of the 05/02/2018), 21/11/2018 & 27/04/2020). The applicant can appeal this decision by submitting new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision. It is further noted that the applicant refused an offer of a 3 bed tenancy on 11/12/2017.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

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Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to respond to the attached correspondence re: playground (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

The playground was designed to be a more open ‘playscape’ with room for children to run and play between equipment rather than a traditional playlot. The playground was designed by qualified playground designers and has a RoSPA safety certification and takes advantage of the existing fencing surrounding the open space. A maintenance gate has been ordered to address the gap in the existing fencing to the west. The planned footpath has been installed and it is proposed to improve the access point to the north as part of next year’s parks improvement plan if resources allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

We are working on the installation of railings at this location in the short term.

Contact: Elaine Mulvenny, Assistant Area Manager – 2228846.
Email: Elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie

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Director of Services
North City

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Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager for an update regarding Edenmore pitch n putt club in light of the strong objections from local councillors and residents to its proposed closure and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

As committed to last month the Parks Service has commenced consultations with the club, the Gardaí and approximately 15 other community groups about the park and facility. It is intended to return to the next area committee meeting with the outcome of these consultations and proposals.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager as to whether there are plans to have new children’s playgrounds in the North central area; to upgrade existing playgrounds where equipment is old and dated and to outline the maintenance programme for these parks and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

The open space strategy identified a small number of areas in the North Central area with a deficit of play facilities and while it is fully intended to address these areas of deficit the priority for the short to medium term is given to bringing the existing playgrounds in the area up to standard. This work is prioritised on an annual basis based on the budgetary provision and the results of the annual safety inspections.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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20th July 2020

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update re: renewal of lease and expansion of the library at Donaghmede S.C. and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

Chief Valuer’s Section is currently in negotiations with the landlord regarding the renewal of the library’s lease. It is our intention to renew the lease on a long-term basis.

Coilin O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

**Contact: Paul Fusco, Divisional Librarian, Finance & Facilities Mgmt, Dublin City
Libraries**
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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th July 2020

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to outline the cost of: a) cleaning footpaths and roads b) removing illegal dumping in the North Central Area over the past 3 years and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

Street Cleaning

In respect of street cleaning services provided by the Waste Management Services Division it is not possible to isolate the cost of the service for a particular area as depots and the services provided from them generally will cover more than any one single administrative area. For example The North Central and North West areas are serviced by shifts operating from both Collins Avenue and Slaney Road depots. These depots will also provide services across the entire north city area and the night shift operations concentrated in the city centre.

The departmental budget for street cleaning services is set out below for the 3 year period in question. This includes the cost of labour, maintenance and upkeep of fleet, fleet hire costs, fuel costs, equipment, waste disposal and the administrative costs related to the service provision.

The services provided for within this budget includes street cleaning and washing and litter management.

The departmental budget for street cleaning for the previous 3 years is set out below:

2019	€33.4m
2018	€31.1m
2017	€29.5m

Illegal Dumping

The most recent estimate of the costs and quantities of illegally dumped waste removed from the Dublin City Area in the years 2016 – 2019 is set out in the table below.

It is not possible to break this estimate down accurately on an administrative area basis or into electoral areas or post codes.

Year	Tonnes	Total
2019	3965	€1,170,728
2018	3932	€1,159,219
2017	3156	€1,100,424

These figures indicate an ongoing increase in dumping incidents. An analysis of CRM June 2020 of the source of 10% of all

Dublin City Council when an examination of records is performed as per the table below. Recently documented increases in the levels of illegal dumping and reports relating to illegal dumping particularly since the beginning of COVID 19 restrictions are clearly identifiable in the overall increase in reports received.

indicate that there has been in the extent of illegal and quantities of material period. complaints carried out in last 12 months incidents North Central Area is the complaints received by

Area	Complaints	% of Total
<i>Central</i>	4507	34%
<i>North Central</i>	1315	10%
<i>North West</i>	3757	28%
<i>South East</i>	2054	16%
<i>South Central</i>	1610	16%

A comparison with the same figures for 2019/18 show that the level complaints referring to the North Central area was almost 30% lower but the percentage total of overall complaints at 9% is relatively unchanged.

<i>Central</i>	3416	30%
<i>North Central</i>	996	9%
<i>North West</i>	2919	25%
<i>South East</i>	2157	19%
<i>South Central</i>	1951	17%

The Waste Management Department have begun implementing a project based on assessing compliance with the requirement to hold a contract with a waste collection provider and carrying out both awareness and enforcement measures in areas where low compliance is identified.

The North Central Area Department has also obtained funding from the Dept of Communications, Climate Action and Environment Anti-Dumping Initiative to carry out projects to address illegal dumping blackspots in the area.

Removal of illegal dumping is ongoing on an daily basis and has been a priority activity for Waste Management Services throughout the Covid 19 period.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
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20th July 2020

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide a report re: new homes to be built in the north central area in the coming years and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

Under Construction:

- Ayrfield PPP - 150 homes
- Bunratty Road Volumetric Housing – 78 homes

At Tender Stage:

- Oscar Traynor Road Housing Land Initiative

At Design Stage:

- Belcamp Crescent (Belcamp B) – 12 homes
- Cromcastle – 120 homes
- Woodville – 36 homes
- Slademoore, Ayrfield – 42 homes
- Glin Court – 36 homes

Schemes at preliminary stage:

- Darndale Spine Site
- Belcamp Grove (Belcamp E)

Feasibility Studies being undertaken to assess options for redevelopment at:

- DCC Depot Collins Avenue
- Mount Dillon Court
- Gorsefield Court
- St. Annes Court

Coilín O'Reilly

**Director of Services
North City**

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer
Email: dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

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Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to contact the following (**Details supplied**) re: his concerns about the new discovery centre, North Bull Island and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

The Parks Service has met with this gentleman with regard to his concerns on at least 4 occasions and continues to be more than happy to meet him again if required.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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20th July 2020

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update re: new flood defence wall and measures at Clontarf seafront and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

COVID 19 has delayed this project. A proposed presentation at the March NCAC showing the final possible scenario for the proposed flood alleviation wall had to be postponed. Possible consultant procurement scenarios are being looked at remotely and the Parks & Landscape Division are developing a possible promenade scenario. We are looking at having a virtual meeting to present these minor developments in the near future, but the holiday period may postpone this. Funding and staff resources may also be an issue for the project in the likely post COVID 19 recession.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Senior Engineer (A)
Flood projects & Water Framework Directive Division
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20th July 2020

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Micheál MacDonncha

“To ask the Area Manager (details supplied).”

Reply:

The North Central Area Office will link in with this group and will assist them in their quest to find alternative accommodation.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Assistant Area Manager - 2228546

Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

On a more general basis where groups are looking for support or information, they should contact their relevant Community Sections.

Contact: Madeleine Ebbs (Artane/Whitehall)

Email: madeleine.ebbs@dublincity.ie

Contact: Aileen Doyle (Clontarf/Donaghmede)

Email: Aileena.doyle@dublincity.ie

Coilín O'Reilly

Director of Services

North City

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20th July 2020

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

Currently, we are experiencing high volumes of Covid-19 related works and speed surveys can be arranged after September 2020. Please note that with new proposed Speed Limit Bye-Laws June 2020 (Covid-19) – currently under public consultation, the surrounding roads including Kilmore Road, Malahide Road and Ardlea Road are listed to be reduced to 30km/hr. If the bye laws are passed, the speed on **(details supplied)** is likely to decrease as drivers will be more accommodated to maintain lower speeds in the area.

DCC will monitor the situation and appropriate actions will be taken as necessary.

Colin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Greg Gorecki, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation
Tel: 2227927
Email: greg.gorecki@dublincity.ie

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20th July 2020

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for (details supplied).”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

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Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has been included the ramps at **(details supplied)** in our annual works program for 2020. The works at this location are scheduled for completion in the coming 2-3 weeks.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

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20th July 2020

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for (details supplied).”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will order a new nameplate for this location and install this when a works crew is available in the area.

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services will have the damaged bin replaced when we get the next batch of new bins delivered.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 2224240,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for (details supplied).”

Reply:

The removal of suckers will be carried out as soon as local schedules allow.

The leaning tree has obviously been in this condition for many years as the crown has rebalanced itself. Such trees are not unstable and cannot be straightened.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for **(details supplied).**”

Reply:

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Appropriate renewal will take place within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting 20/07/20.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer, Environment & Transportation
Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th July 2020

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to outline a) the standards that required of all grass cutting personnel (whether direct labour or contract) with regard to litter picking and disposal before grass cutting, quality of blade used, treatment of boundary grass/weeds/foilage eg a wall, disposal of clumps of grass, treatment of edging/grass that has grown over the footpath and treatment of cut grass that has blown over onto a footpath and b) the frequency of inspection and or supervision of grass cutting on each of the areas where grass has to be cut. “

Reply:

Incidental litter is to be removed from all grassed areas before cutting to prevent shredding. It is impossible to avoid all incidences of shredding so when it does occur it is required that any shredded materials be removed.

Grass cutting is carried out by rotary mowers that should be well maintained and fit for purpose.

In line with the Council's decision to move to a chemical free public realm boundaries, along walls, under trees etc. are no longer treated with weed killer, which does mean weeds will become more evident in such areas. The new landscape maintenance contract will include a provision for the strimming of these areas on an annual basis to prevent weeds becoming over dominant.

Clumps of grass are not removed from grassed areas and are only an issue during periods of rapid grass growth and soon break down and are returned to the soil as nutrients for the sward.

The edges of paths are no longer treated with chemicals to prevent encroachment by the sward. The new landscape maintenance contract will provide for all such paths in open spaces being edged every 4 years.

It is a requirement that all arisings be removed from footpaths after mowing using mechanical blowers.

Open spaces are inspected regularly by local supervisory staff and the contracts manager and on foot of all complaints that are received on parks@dublincity.ie

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to provide **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

A search was carried out and a photograph was found in The Irish Times dated Tuesday 13 June 1961 which refers to a visit by **(details supplied)** to a housing estate at Coolock, which may be **(details supplied)** as there is no other reference made to a visit to a housing estate in Dublin.

The actual visit by the Prince took place on Monday 12 June 1961. Research has been carried out by Clair Walton, Library Assistant at Dublin City Archives.

There is no mention made of the Princess accompanying the Prince on this particular visit.

Colin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Dr. Mary Clark, City Archivist

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Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the repair of **(details supplied)**.”

Reply:

The matter will be examined and necessary repairs actioned as soon as replacement parts can be sourced and as local schedules and resources allow.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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20th July 2020

Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Rachael Batten

“To ask the Area Manager to lookin into having ramps installed on our road (**details supplied**).”

Reply:

We are currently experiencing high volumes of Covid-19 related works; a speed survey can be arranged after September 2020. Please note that with new proposed Speed Limit Bye-Laws June 2020 (Covid-19) – currently under public consultation, the surrounding roads including Kilmore Road, Malahide Road and Ardlea Road are listed to be reduced to 30km/hr. If the bye-laws are passed, the speed on (**details supplied**) is likely to decrease as drivers will be more accustomed to maintaining lower speeds in the area.

DCC will monitor the situation and appropriate actions will be taken as necessary.
Enquiry Ref: 7015955.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: **Greg Gorecki, Executive Engineer**
 Traffic Management & Control (Road Safety)

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20th July 2020

Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Rachael Batten

“To ask the manager to put in a bin in the area (**details supplied**).”

Reply:

Waste Management Services have a litter bin in (**details supplied**) which is considered sufficient for the litter needs there.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Rachael Batten

“To ask to manager to review the work in the parks department at location attached (**details supplied**) the edges are not done and can the parks department suggest any options such as planting daffodils ect.”

Reply:

A site meeting is being held later this week with the residents of this estate with regard to potential improvements to this open space.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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20th July 2020

Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Rachael Batten

“To ask the manager to provide an update on the (**details supplied**) housing application.”

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List with an application date of 16/06/2010, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

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It is noted on the applicant's file that she has previously applied for a medical priority on four occasions in which she was unsuccessful in obtaining same (dates refused 05/02/2018, 27/07/2018 (this application was an appeal of the decision of the 05/02/2018), 21/11/2018 & 27/04/2020). The applicant can appeal this decision by submitting new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision. It is further noted that the applicant refused an offer of a 3 bed tenancy on 11/12/2017.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

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Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Rachael Batten

“To ask the manager to provide a details of any work due to take place on **(Details Supplied)** and if those roads are in the control of the Dublin City Roads department and where does Dublin Councils control stop and Private ownership comes into place.”

Reply:

(Details supplied) is not on the 2020 Road Works Programme.

According to our most recent records:

- The entire length Beaumont Hospital Access Road is not in-charge (coloured red in the first records extract below at its junction with **(details supplied)**).
- All Roads in the Hospital grounds are not in-charge.
- A portion of Trim Road extends into the hospital grounds and this section is not in-charge (coloured red in the second records extract below)

Coilín O'Reilly

Director of Services

North City

Contact: Geoff Burns | Chief Technician, Road Maintenance Services

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
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Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Rachael Batten

“To ask the manager if he could provide us with the legal advice given in relation to the SDH presentation online and if it is compliant with planning regulations.”

Reply:

Advices were provided by the Acting Law Agent to John O’Hara in April 2020 setting out how to conduct meetings remotely in light of the fact that there are no specific provisions in the Local Government Act providing for remote meetings. Specific reference was made to SHD presentations and how to mitigate any risk that someone could object on a substantive basis that the relevant statutory step was not fulfilled. This does not preclude however an objection on a procedural basis that the local government act does not specifically provide for remote meetings. Some elected members were not satisfied that the Council had the power to conduct any statutory meetings remotely and objected on a procedural basis. The Elected Members recently amended their standing orders to provide for holding committee meetings remotely. This does not entirely resolve the situation as there is still no amendment to Local Government Act. Section 65 of the Local Government Act concerning ancillary functions of local authorities provides a general competence to do anything ancillary, supplementary or incidental or consequential upon or necessary to give full effect to a function conferred on it and includes the provision of office equipment or the doing of anything else which is necessary for or related to the general operation, organisation or administration of the authority. This is an appropriate legal basis for holding remote meetings in order to ensure the fulfilment of functions in an emergency. However it may not provide on ongoing legal basis as emergency is abated. This situation of live or remote meetings must be kept under review. Executive has left the issue for decision with the elected members of each committee.

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Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the manager to assess the damage to the green area at Howth View Park / St Donagh’s Road, Donaghmede Dublin 13 and ascertain whether security of the park needs to be improved. It is possible to install fencing at either end of the park to limit the ability of vehicles etc to access the green space.”

Reply:

The open space has been inspected and any necessary repairs affected as soon as local schedules allow.

As to fence off the hundreds of metres that would be required to exclude vehicles from this open space would be hugely expensive and is unaffordable in the context of available budgets.

Colin O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the manager regarding the audible pedestrian crossing opposite SuperValu on the Howth Road in Killester.

This representation is made on behalf of two constituents who happen to be blind and they find the audible signal very low and quite difficult to locate the pole containing the controls. If the volume of the signal could be increased then this would be of great assistance to them. Several times they have accidentally walked into the roadway trying to locate the pole.

I am aware that where audible signals are located near residential accommodation consideration must be thought of but where the pole in question is located there isn't any actual residences nearby.

Can the Manager make a statement on this matter?”

Reply:

Our contractor visited the site and recorded that the audio signal at this location is currently already set to the highest setting. The contractor replaced the unit and found the new unit to work at a slightly higher level.

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Contact: Karen Hosie, Senior Executive ITS Officer, Transportation.
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Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the manager to respond to the query raised by [details supplied] regarding the large oak tree situated directly to the rear of her back garden. [Details supplied] advises me that she raised this query with Parks in May and was advised that it would be passed to the District Parks Officer but that she is awaiting a response. [Details supplied] has a concern about this tree from a safety perspective and advises me that similar trees were felled in this estate recently due to safety concerns and overcrowding. Please can the manager ensure a response is issued to her query?”

Reply:

The tree was inspected on foot of the request from the resident and found to be in an acceptable condition with no works recommended or required at this time. The outcome of this inspection was communicated to the householder at the time.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area manager in relation to an address at [details supplied].”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has programmed a repair at this location in the coming weeks as there is a works crew in the area. Any complaint regarding damage caused by tree roots to the wall should be directed to parks@dublincity.ie.

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

While a properly build wall with adequate foundations should not be vulnerable to damage through root encroachment if it is the case that it can be shown that the roots of this tree are damaging the property the householder will have recourse to the law and the Council's claims process.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

To ask the Area Manager if the Port Tunnel Damage Guarantee scheme is still going and how residents can access the scheme (or other) if they feel that their property has been damaged?"

Reply:

The Dublin Port Tunnel Property Guarantee Scheme is no longer in operation. It remained in place for a period of 7 years after the completion of the Dublin Port Tunnel, i.e. up to 20th December 2013. Claims which were notified to the loss adjuster up to 3 years after that date were also dealt with under this scheme. The insurance policy put in place in 2001 to cover the Dublin Port Tunnel property guarantee scheme is now defunct.

A house holder retains their normal legal rights to pursue the matter against Dublin City Council through the courts if they feel their property has been damaged by the construction of the Dublin Port Tunnel. A complaint can be submitted to Dublin City Council in the normal ways; online, by phone or by post, as outlined on the Dublin City Council website, <http://www.dublincity.ie/customer-complaints-0>

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Contact: John Neylon, Senior Engineer, Environment & Transportation
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Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager if he is aware of the attached letter sent by residents of the Grace Park Wood estate to DCC planning and if he can make inquiries to ascertain the DCC response to the issues raised in this letter and make a statement on the matter?”

Reply:

Planning Permission was granted on appeal to An Bord Pleanála in March 2016 for a residential development on the lands now referred to as Grace Park Wood (Planning Reference 2991/15 and ABP Ref. PL 29N.245745). This permission remains valid until March 2021, unless an application is submitted to extend the lifetime of the permission for a further period.

Any concerns regarding non-compliance with the permitted layout should be addressed to Planning Enforcement. To date, there have been no planning applications received in relation to changes to the permitted layout as outlined in the query

Contact: Nicola Conlon, Senior Executive Planner, Transportation Planning Division.
Tel: 222 6363.
Email: nicola.conlon@dublincity.ie

Following receipt of complaints by local residents a very recent inspection by the planning enforcement officer for the area has revealed that some of the roads/junctions and parking associated with this development appear not to have been carried out in compliance with the approved plans. A warning letter is being issued in this regard under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) which allows the developer 4 weeks to respond. Following the expiration of that period or on receipt of a submission on foot of the letter concerned Dublin City Council will consider if further action is required at that stage.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

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Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager if he can address the following issues raised by residents regarding Clonturk Park.”

a) We now have an absolutely massive Graffiti tag on the back wall of the park, the weeds have not been cut back again and we still have not received the path between Grace Park Road and Clonturk Park Estate that was promised by the council team 2 years ago at our residents association meeting. The park still looks atrocious 5 years on from flagging these issues with the council, can the manager say when the path will be delivered and arrange for the graffiti to be cleared and the weeds cut back?

(b) The park serves a lot of communities in the area from summerhill through to drumcondra and really needs to receive proper attention from the council. Residents asked for some flower beds along the railings and a path, can these be arranged?

Reply:

The graffiti was removed on the 2nd July.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Officer – 2228866.
Email: Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Since the Council took the decision to cease spraying biocides in the public domain weeds or opportunistic native flowering plants will inevitably become along walls and under railings. Arrangements will be made to have the area beneath the railings trimmed as soon as local schedules allow, This area could be considered for tree planting along the railings as part of the coming tree planting season. A line of flowering cherry trees could enhance the park and contribute to the biodiversity. Also the area along the railings could be considered for inclusion in future wildflower seeding programmes.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager the following questions regarding Churchgate Avenue.

1st issue The paths are broken and need to be fixed.

2nd issue The drains are blocked and there has been flooding as a result.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect the footpaths at this location and schedule any localised repairs when a works crew is available in the area.

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

The request to have the drains cleared at the above location has been passed to the Gully Cleaning Crew and will be completed within the coming week.

Contact: Roy O'Donnell, Gully Manager, Surface Water & Flood Management
Tel: 2222452
Email: roy.odonnell@dublincity.ie

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Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager if he is aware of issues regarding the online ordering system operating in respect of DCC libraries – many residents have reported long delays having requested books, is there any reason that the online booking system is still disabled and can this be reactivated as soon as possible?”

Reply:

Libraries across the country closed on 13th March due to COVID-19 and the nationwide distribution system, operated by Newsread, was paused. Arising from that the online reserves system had to be suspended to prevent an unmanageable build-up of reserves in the system.

The Newsread service resumed on 6th July, and, allowing a period for the clearing of the backlog, the online reserves facility will be reactivated on 17th July.

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Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

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Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Area Manager when the pitch and putt course in St. Anne’s Park will reopen? This is an important resource for the young people in the area. A simple queueing system with adequate time between groups would be completely adequate under current guidelines.”

Reply:

The course could not be opened as the pay to play model is not appropriate at this time due to social distancing requirements. The Parks Service is working closely with a management company to put the necessary arrangements in place in the context of social distancing etc and to provide for a computerised booking system. Negotiations are well advanced and the course will be opened safely as soon as is practicable.

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Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

“To ask the area manager (details supplied).”

Reply:

The tree has been inspected and was found to be in an acceptable condition and was not seen to be interfering with the gutters. The adopted tree policy recognises that whilst the Council appreciates that there is a need to provide renewable energy resources that trees have an important role in maintaining and improving local amenity in addition to contributing to local and national targets in tackling climate change.

Objective 3.7.14 Trees and Solar Panels states – The Council will not prune or fell a Council owned/managed tree to improve natural light to a solar panel.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Director of Services to investigate the following trees for removal/ lopped or trimmed back at (**Details Supplied**) as they are causing serious problems for residents.”

Reply:

These trees will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary for sound arboricultural reasons will be included in the tree care programme for 2019 2020.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Director of services if the location of the bins in Maypark could be reviewed. Currently, the 3 bins in the park are all inside the playground, meaning people have to enter the playground or lean over the railing to put their rubbish in. This has led to dog poo bags, broken glass, and other litter ending up in the playground beside the bins which is a safety hazard to children. The May Park Activities Group Committee has suggested the bins in the park be spread out so that there is one at each side of the park and one near the entrance to the playground.”

Reply:

There are also bins and dog dirt bins located just outside the main entrances to the park so there is no need for the behaviour described above. Consideration will be given to relocating one of the bins from the playground if resources and schedules allow.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Director of Services if the surface of the playground in May Park could be cleaned. This had been requested by the May Park Activities Group Committee previously.”

Reply:

The playground will be inspected and the request considered in the context of the available playground repair and maintenance budget.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Director of Services of an update on the restoration of damage done to the Peace Tree in Raheny, Dublin 5 and if any additional measures to protect the tree sculpture from future damage has been explored?”

Reply:

The bulk of the damage has been sanded away and thankfully the sculpture has responded very well. The preparation before it can be treated with the recommended preservative oil is almost complete and it is expected that the 2 coats of oil will be applied in the coming 2 weeks if the weather allows.

Fencing off of the sculpture is not considered appropriate as the charm of the piece is that children can approach the work and discover hidden elements of the design.

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Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Director of Services of an update on a previous question taken on 16th March 2020 Question 107 in relation to (**Details Supplied**) that the council to resolve this matter urgently.”

Reply:

This Court case was adjourned by the District Court until a date to be confirmed in September due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the relevant back logs in the District Court.

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Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
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Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

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Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Director of Services to examine if land to front of **(Details Supplied)** could be opened up into driveway access for residents that will provide adequate parking instead of on-street parking currently done. Parking issue for residents causing serious issues locally. “

Reply:

It is noted that some of the properties along **(details supplied)** have existing driveways. There is, in addition, space available to park kerbside on the roadway. The combined curtilage and on street parking is considered to be sufficient. It would be considered undesirable and unsustainable to reduce green space in favour of more hard standing for parked cars. Furthermore, this would set an undesirable precedent at a time when Dublin City Council is working hard to encourage sustainability in the context of climate change.

Contact: Nicola Conlon, Senior Executive Planner, Transportation Planning Division.
Tel: 222 6363.
Email: nicola.conlon@dublincity.ie

This area of open space contains a number of mature amenity trees that contribute greatly to the amenity of the area. Public open space is not available for privatisation for conversion into driveways.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Director of Services to examine (**Details Supplied**) if land could be disposed to following resident to avoid anti-social behaviour into future.”

Reply:

It will be necessary to examine this request in the context of the overall plan for development in the Belmayne area and a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor.

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Director of Services
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Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer
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Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“Can the Manager please request regular parking enforcement action in relation to cars that park with 4 wheels on the pedestrian footpath on Fairview Strand, particularly on the city-side stretch between Philipsburgh Avenue and the Tolka?”

Reply:

The Parking Enforcement division will arrange for a number of enforcement blitzes over the course of a number of weeks with the Parking Enforcement Inspector and the Enforcement agents to address this issue.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
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Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

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Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

“In relation to recent multiple requests for permission to work outside standard working hours for planning permission ref 3930/18 can the Manager please detail:

1. If this is a regular occurrence
2. Why the requests (as distinct from DCC responses) are not published
3. What criteria is used to grant/deny permission?”

Reply:

A response will be prepared and will issue directly to the Councillor.

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Director of Services
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Contact: Maire Igoe, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 222 3310
Email: maire.igoe@dublincity.ie

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Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí

Can the Manager please set out the current management regime for Clonturk Park and address the related issues raised in the attached correspondence (**details supplied**).”

Reply:

The graffiti was removed on the 2nd July.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Officer – 2228866.
Email: Richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Since the Council took the decision to cease spraying biocides in the public domain weeds or opportunistic native flowering plants will inevitably become along walls and under railings. Arrangements will be made to have the area beneath the railings strimmed as soon as local schedules allow, This area could be considered for tree planting along the railings as part of the coming tree planting season. A line of flowering cherry trees could enhance the park and contribute to the biodiversity. Also the area along the railings could be considered for inclusion in future wildflower seeding programmes.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the manager please refer to footpath at location as per **(details supplied)** and say when same can be repaired as there are serious trip hazards there, particularly for vulnerable pedestrians.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location previously. A repair is scheduled in the coming 6-8 weeks.

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.
Tel: 222 2297.
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

Where street trees are removed from planting pits within a concrete pavement a new tree cannot be planted in the same location until the root-plate and major roots have sufficiently degraded to allow for a new tree to be planted. Unfortunately this can take a number of seasons depending on the size, species and ground conditions. Stumps are allowed to remain in situ while the root-plate degrades to avoid the creation of a trip hazard on the public footpaths. The site will continue to be monitored and will be removed as soon as ground conditions allow.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the manager please refer to bins at **(details supplied)** which are constantly over-flowing and say if he can arrange to have same emptied more frequently, particularly during warm summer weather as they are becoming a health hazard.”

Reply:

Since the easing of government Covid restrictions, we are continuing to work towards the resumption of full service delivery. This will lead to the return of a more regular bin emptying service. We will ensure that the litter bins at the above mentioned locations are emptied on a more regular basis which should improve the situation there.

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Director of Services
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Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
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Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the Manager please give an up-date on when **(details supplied)** will be open to the public and say why this could not have been done sooner with a queuing system and if he will make a statement on the matter. “

Reply:

The course could not be opened as the pay to play model is not appropriate at this time due to social distancing requirements. The Parks Service is working closely with a management company to put the necessary arrangements in place in the context of social distancing etc and to provide for a computerised booking system. Negotiations are well advanced and the course will be opened safely as soon as is practicable.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the Manager give a detailed breakdown of his proposals for a new interpretative centre on Bull Island and say if he is aware of disquiet locally about the need at all for the construction of a new centre at this location or at all and if he can make a detailed statement on the matter to include advice on where now stands the public consultative forum/committee for the North Bull Island Nature Reserve Action Plan 2020 – 2025.”

Reply:

The new interpretive centre is proposed as a replacement for the old centre which has many issues not least of which it does not accommodate people with disabilities. The project team for the new centre have organised workshops, online surveys, comment boxes (in St. Anne's Park and the Civic Offices), one-on-one meetings with stakeholders along with an information campaign through traditional media and social media. This has provided DCC with very broad and comprehensive feedback.

The project team are presently considering the issues raised and are working on significant amendments to the size and scale of the building and a clearer rationale for its remit.

The next step is for the revised plans to be brought to update the North Central Area Committee.

In relation to the setting up of an Oversight Forum to monitor and review the progress of the 20 point North Bull Island draft Action Plan 2020-2025, up to 4 nominees are sought from the area committee to join with the community and volunteer groups and NGOs.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“Can the manager please refer to public amenity at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to have the dense shrubbery removed to allow ease of use of same by local people.”

Reply:

The area will be listed for inspection and if deemed appropriate as part of the autumn/winter shrub maintenance programme after the bird nesting season.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
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Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“Could the area manager report of the causeway route for walking and cycling.”

Reply:

The protected greenway for walking and cycling along the causeway road is substantially in place. There are some works to be carried out where the coastal greenway links to the causeway and these will be completed in the next two weeks.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
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Contact: Leslie Moore, Head of Parks, Biodiversity, and Landscapes Service
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

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Q.103 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“Could the area manager report of the wooden bridge safe access plans and facilitate a meeting with councillors and all stakeholders.”

Reply:

Discussions have been held with Dublin Port Company, the Gardai and Environment and Transport Department to consider options for safe access and traffic management onto the North Bull Wall from the wooden bridge. These discussions are almost concluded and a report will issue to the Cllrs of the NCAC in due course. If there is a need for subsequent meetings this will be facilitated.

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Director of Services
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Contact: Leslie Moore, Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services
Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department
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Q.104 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“Could the area manager report on Fairview strand and surrounding areas and parking on pavements and measures to address this ongoing concern.”

Reply:

The Parking Enforcement division will arrange for a number of enforcement blitzes over the course of a number of weeks with the Parking Enforcement Inspector and the Enforcement agents to address this issue

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Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
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