



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2020

1 **Minutes of the North Central Area Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th November, 2020**

Order: Agreed.

2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

Order: Noted.

3 **Area Matters**

a **Cluid - Whitehall Older Persons**

Order: Presentation noted. Consultation to commence in early January.

b **St. Anne's Park Progress to date - Toilets Progress to date**

Order: Noted. The Committee passed their Condolences on to Les Moore on the recent death of his father. A vote was taken by Committee whether to split Part 8 into 1) changing places and toilets 2) Overflow car park. Voted in favour of keeping Part 8 together.

c **Fairview Skateboard Park**

Order: Funding for refurbishment of Skateboard Park may be listed for proposal under discretionary budget 2021. Parks also to provide detail on a potential plan for a regional skateboard park in the North Central Area.

d **Kilmore Community Forum / Kilmore Celtic**

Order: Derek Farrell gave a verbal update to the Committee.

e **Proposed disposal of two plots of ground at 195 Collins Avenue, Dublin 9.**

Order: Agreed.

The report to be amended to read in point 1 of the report The consideration shall be in the sum of €4,000 (four thousand euro). Refer to City Council.

f **Diposals New Priory**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

g **Proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 7 Conquer Hill Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3**

Order: Agreed. Refer to City Council.

- h **Proposed grant of a licence of the premises at The Red Stables, St Anne's Park to Olive's Room Limited**
Order: Rejected. Councillors rejected a 15 year licence but supported a 5 year licence. To be referred back to the January meeting.
- i **Proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a walkway/desire line across a site at Coolock Lane, Dublin 17. (from Coolock Lane across to Castletimon Gardens)**
Order: Agreed to initiate the process with the exception of Cllr John Lyons who disagreed. Refer to City Council.
- j **Housing Supply Report**
Order: Noted
- k **Sports and Wellbeing Partnership Report**
Order: Noted. The Committee acknowledge all the excellent work that is being done by the Partnership. Representative to attend January meeting.

4 **Roads and Streets Matters**

- a **Minutes of TAG meeting of the 24th November, 2020.**
Order: Noted.

5 **Items for following meeting**

Park Management Plan - St. Anne's Park
Malahide Road – Issues with surface
Licence The Red Stables, St. Anne's Park – Olive's Room
Cyclin Infrastructure - NCA

6 **Motions**

- a **Motion in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha**
To ask that this Area Committee agrees to work with the Parks Department to fittingly mark the 40th anniversary of the Stardust tragedy with the development of a Stardust Memorial Greenway & Walking Trail from the Stardust Park to Edenmore Park, planning and work to commence in the first quarter of 2021 with a view to completion over the summer."

Reply:

The Parks Service has carried out extensive improvement works in Stardust Park in the last 24 months in advance of the anniversary including the commissioning of 2 bespoke curved limestone benches to mark the 40 years since the tragedy.

The route identified would mostly follow the Santry River except where this is private property. There are live Greenway Proposals along the Santry River which are being project managed Environment and Transportation Department. The latest update from the engineers involved indicate that a consultant is to be procured in Q4 2021.

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

Issues with regard to the suitability of a Greenway/Walking Trail to mark a tragedy of this magnitude would also have to be considered as well as how families would feel about such a project. The timeframe to deliver a project of this magnitude

before February 2021 or even before the end of 2021 is also deemed very short. The current Stardust Memorial is a fitting and well liked memorial with Dublin City Council committing significant resources to it in recent years. It is considered that continued focus and investment on the existing memorial is most appropriate.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor.

b Motion in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask that this Area Committee calls on the Covid Mobility Team to appear before the NCAC to answer questions in relation to the Griffith Avenue Protected Cycle Track and that the said team increases engagement with local residents on the matter. The residents feel that the Covid mobility team have not engaged with them and that they have not received answers to the following issues:”

1. Safety of the GP parking spaces?
2. Impact on traffic congestion, particularly in conjunction with the updated traffic light sequencing
3. Were feasibility, safety and traffic impact assessments carried out?
4. Clearance of leaves from cycle lanes
5. Cyclists not using the cycle lanes and reverting to the footpath
6. Cars parking on the grass

Reply

The Covid Mobility Team has responded to many of these issues previously. However it is accepted that due to the sheer volume of requests received by the Covid Mobility Team during this epidemic we have not been able to respond individually to all requests received. However all requests have been forwarded to the appropriate team members and replies issued either directly, through the local area office or by means of the Public Consultation Hub specifically set up for the Griffith Avenue project.

1. We have commissioned a Road Safety Audit for the entire scheme between St Mobhi Road and Walnut Rise, which will include the current arrangements outside the GP Surgery. We will respond to any issues raised by the audit and make any changes that are considered necessary. The audit report should be finalised the week starting Monday 14th of December.
2. We acknowledge that residents have reported increased congestion on Griffith Avenue. While congestion may occur on occasion, the site has been regularly monitored since installation of the protected cycle track and no particular extra congestion has been observed on the Griffith Ave approach.

Extra timings plans were added to the site in SCATS to permit the Griffith Ave approach to avail of extra green time if required.

However it should be added that the traffic signal cycle time of all traffic signals across the city were reduced as part of covid 19 measures. These measures reduce pedestrian wait times at junctions, encourage more walking in the city and relieve pressure on public transport modes and avoid pedestrian congestion on footpaths, pinch points and narrow islands at crossings thereby better allow for social distancing to occur.

The above measures have had an impact of traffic movements but are necessary to prioritise sustainable travel modes such as cycling and

- walking.
3. The works began in early August with Dublin City Council announcing its intention to install rapid build protected cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue between Ballygall Road East and the Malahide Road as part of its response to the Covid 19 pandemic. Under these circumstances there was no opportunity to conduct feasibility studies or traffic impact assessments. The designs have been developed taking pedestrian, cyclist and motorist safety into account and as each section has been completed it is subjected to a road safety audit.
 4. The need to keep the cycle lane free of leaves was recognised at an early stage in the project and was brought to the attention of our Cleansing Department. The Cleansing Department has regularly monitored Griffith Avenue for leaves over the last few months and has rapidly responded to any build-up of leaves that has been reported. Dublin City Council, with the assistance of the NTA, is in the process of purchasing extra street cleaning vehicles suitable for working in narrow protected cycle lanes which will improve the efficiency of these operations going forward.
 5. The Road Safety Audit will comment on usage of the scheme and the report will be made available when finalised. It is certainly the experience of the design team that the new facility, while still limited in length, is well used.
 6. While the bollards protecting the cycle lanes make it more difficult to access the grass verge than before, it is accepted that a determined motorist can access the grass verges by driving illegally along the footpaths. We will request that parking enforcement actively police Griffith Avenue to deter this illegal activity.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor

c Motion in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask that this Area Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Health to highlight the lack of community health services especially GPs in the Santry Area especial considering the vast development in the area and seek his intervention to provide a resolution to the crisis.”

Reply

To be discussed at meeting.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor

d Motion in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask that this Area Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Justice highlighting our concerns of the community gardai in the Darndale Area being diverted to covid 19 related activities and as such there is reduce Gardai doing the very important role for community Gardai in this area. That we would Like to raise our deep concern that that the Darndale policing until has been reduced to only 4 members and they are often called to attend other matters. As result the excellent work done earlier in the area such as detecting €600,000 worth of drugs in the area is at risk. The people in this area deserve a properly resourced people force and if there is reduced man power and hours because of covid 19 additional resource must be allocated.”

Reply:

To be discussed at meeting.

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Director of Services
North City

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor

e **Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell**

“To ask that this Area Committee thanks all DCC's staff for their work this past year through very difficult circumstances (Covid 19) and we want to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.”

Reply:

To be discussed at meeting.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor

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

“To ask that this Area Committee be updated on plans for reducing littering on the Clontarf promenade, also to thank staff for doing great clean ups on Sundays, when are the new bins or adapted bins going in and leave no trace signage.”

Reply:

Waste management have placed extra barrell bins along Clontarf promenade and these are emptied on a daily basis

Name; Richard Cleary, Public Domain EMforcement Officer
Phone: 222 8866
Email: richie.cleary@dublincity.ie

The Waste Management Division is currently providing additional temporary public litter bins at Clontarf Promenade on an ongoing basis to provide additional capacity for increased litter generation in the area. It has been reported that these are assisting in the management of the litter issues that had occurred due to the increased usage of the promenade.

The issue of providing covers for these temporary bins to prevent access and litter being removed is being followed up by the Waste Management Division. There is no way of adapting the openings of the type of existing bin provided on the promenade to increase access

The issue of providing additional permanent bins on the promenade will be assessed in conjunction with the North Central Area Public Domain Officer.

The Litter Prevention Officer is developing Leave No Trace signage for use in the area.

There is an ongoing 7 day service in place to ensure the litter bins in the area are serviced as frequently as is required. Any issue relating to this service can be relayed to the Waste Management Division to be addressed and the QR code reporting system provided on the litter bins can be used by the public to report any issues identified with an individual bin at any time.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer.
Tel: 2224237.
Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

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Director of Services
North City

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor

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

“To ask that this Area Committee look at a plan for connected cycle routes, taking into account the greater Dublin cycleway and bus connects cycle routes so that the networks connect and any missing gaps are submitted to the NTA review to be adopted funded, connects from Howth road to Artane roundabout via brookwood, or Sybil hill Vernon ave and Castle Avenue to Clontarf road and Collins Avenue for example”

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Department will review the proposal and report back in March 2021.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
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Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Senior Transportation Officer
Email: smp@dublincity.ie

Order: Deferred – Item on Jan/Feb Area Committee.

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

“To ask that this Area Committee look into the backlog of pavements needing repair in the NCA as we are encouraging active transport, is the delay due to funding or shortage of staff and can we apply for funding to the department as walking is a form of transport”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has a backlog of repairs in the North Central Area because we have a limited number of direct labour repair crews and the number of enquiries we receive is greater than the number of repairs that we have capacity to complete.

In an attempt to reduce the backlog of outstanding repairs, when drawing up the annual Major Works Program for footpath repairs in the North Central Area, roads and estates with a high number of outstanding defects are prioritised for inclusion in this program.

In 2020 Road Maintenance Services sought and secured funding from the government's July Stimulus Package for footpath repairs however in general, funding for footpath and carriageway repairs are received from the Dublin City Council budget.

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

Order: Agreed. Report to Councillor

i **Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

"To ask that this Area Committee request a full update be given on the provision of a MUGA (to include completion timescale etc) in Rockfield Park, to include the preservation of the biodiversity in its surrounding area and if he will make a detailed statement on the matter."

Reply:

Construction is currently underway with completion set for Christmas week. As per the conditions of the tender, the corners of the existing site have been preserved as biodiverse areas due to the variety of native wildflowers and presence of insect life. This has been reiterated to the contractors during a recent site visit.

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

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Cllr Donna Cooney
Chairperson
Monday 14 December 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Dearbháil Butler
Donna Cooney
Tom Brabazon
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland

Officers

Catherine Cahill
Coilin O'Reilly
Elaine Mulvenny

Non Members

Jan van Dijk (Clúid)
Kevind Walsh (Clúid)

Members:

Daryl Barron
Terence Flanagan
Deirdre Heney
Micheál MacDonncha
Larry O'Toole

Fergus O'Carroll
Dara McLoughlin
Derek Farrell

Sarah Owens (Clúid)

Members:

Patricia Roe
Racheal Batten
Jane Horgan-Jones
Naoise Ó Muirí
Declan Flanagan

Sarah Brady
Deirdre Murphy
Connell McGlynn

Sarah Vickers (Clúid)

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
14th December 2020

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager if in consultation with residents, improvements will be made in living conditions in Gorsefield Court senior citizens complex, including re-use of currently disused communal facilities”

Reply:

Dublin City Council have recently engaged a contractor to clean up the gardens, paint benches, prune trees and power wash all balconies and walkways in Gorsefield Court.

We planned to serve meals in the community room a few days a week but this plan did not go ahead due to Covid-19. When these restrictions are lifted, we will arrange for a circular to be sent to all tenants to see if there is any interest in this service. We also plan to arrange a regular coffee morning to encourage tenants to use the community room. We have started setting up a small library in the community room where tenants can bring and take a book or DVD and this will be available for tenants to use once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

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Contact:: Liz Kilduff, Senior Staff Officer, Darndale Area Office
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Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager for the following works to be carried out were new lights and path installed at the entrance to St Anne’s in the last few months they didn’t finish the path to Vernon rise. The path is a danger to all users and bikes and wheelchairs are having trouble getting through.” Photo provided

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks with a view to including any necessary repairs in the draft parks improvement programme for 2021/

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

Q3 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager for an update on Traffic Complaint/Request 2579058 regarding the junction between the Clontarf Promenade and the Alfie Byrne Road”

Reply:

Dublin City Council's ITS section has assessed the traffic signals at the junction of Clontarf Rd/ Alfie Byrne Road in light of your query.

By way of explanation: Traffic signals operate in 'cycles'. During each 'cycle', currently around 80 seconds in duration, each traffic approach and pedestrians crossing, are allocated signal green time in 'phases'.

At this junction, pedestrians and cyclists wishing to cross Alfie Byrne Rd do so in the same 'phase' that traffic can move inbound and outbound along Clontarf Rd. Therefore a motorist may be held at a red right turn filter signal with no pedestrian crossing however as pedestrians and cyclists can demand the crossing anytime during this traffic 'phase', right turn traffic is not permitted as it would conflict with any pedestrian/ cyclist who arrives and wishes to cross. This crossing is heavily used by both pedestrians and cyclists as it is located at the beginning of a very busy pedestrian and cycling recreational area all along Clontarf seafront. Motorists are permitted to turn right in another traffic 'phase' during the traffic signal cycle.

This operation of the traffic signals is deemed to be the most efficient operation to safely meet the demands of road users on conflicting modes of transport eg walking, cycling and motorised.

The safety of vulnerable road users, ie pedestrians and cyclists, receives highest priority at all signalised junctions in the city.

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Director of Services
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Contact: Seán Fallon, assistant ITS Officer, Transportation
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager for the following issue in relation to waste management on Churchgate Avenue to be addressed **(details supplied)**”

Reply:

The local litter warden patrols this area at least twice a week. He visited on Thursday 19th November and found it to be in good condition.

Steps have been made to make sure bins are stored away and he has spoken to business owners to make them aware of their responsibilities to keep the area clean.

He will continue to monitor this area.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
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Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Phone: 222 8866
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager for consideration to be given to an “off leash” fenced area for dogs in Rockfield Park, similar to that which is in St. Anne’s Park”

Reply:

A dog park was one of the proposals mooted to repurpose the redundant dust all weather training area in Rockfield Park to make use of the existing fencing and surfacing. However when the matter was discussed on site with representatives of the 3 residential estates that adjoin the park it was agreed that a MUGA was the preferred usage. There is no other area in the park that would be considered suitable for a dog park.

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

Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager for what solution Dublin City Council proposes for residents of **(details supplied)**, who cannot obtain any permits for the road as the quota allocated for the building has been used up by tenants prior to their moving in, and they therefore have no possibility of parking anywhere on the road despite being residents”

Reply:

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2019 govern the entitlement of residents to permit parking on the street where they live. They do not grant an absolute right to a parking permit to all residents of a street. The entitlement is determined by an allocation of a quota to a property. When this quota in respect of a property is used, no additional permits may be issued to other residents at that address. This is the case in the details supplied. There is a quota of 1 parking permit per flat at the address in the details supplied and there is a resident at that flat who has a permit currently. Therefore, no other permit may be issued to another resident of that flat. Bye Law 16, paragraph d outlines this “ where the building consists of more than 4 housing units and is not located on a heavy demand road, the maximum number of residents in each unit who may concurrently hold a resident’s parking permit shall be 1.” Also, Bye Law 16, paragraph c outlines “ where the building consists of 2,3 or 4 housing units the maximum number of residents in each unit who may concurrently hold a resident’s parking permit shall be 1 except where issued in accordance with bye-law 22 paragraph 6.” Bye Law 22 paragraph 6 does not apply in this case as there are more than two flats at the address given in the details supplied.

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Director of Services
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Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer,
Parking Policy and Enforcement
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Q7 **Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones**

“To ask the Manager to consider installing lighting at the at Elm mount road to Whitethorn close. A number of years ago lights were erected from Thorndale park to Whitethorn close. Many young people have to walk from Elm mount in these evenings and it is pitch black leaving them very vulnerable”

Reply:

There is already lighting installed in Rockfield Park between Elm Mount Road and Whitethorn Close. Public Lighting Services have no plans to install any additional lighting here.

The provision of further lighting in Rockfield Park is a matter for the Parks Department.

All existing lights here are currently operational.

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

The Parks Service does not normally provide lighting across public open space unless there is a recognised commuter route to bus stops etc, and no reasonable lit alternative exists. In this case lit alternatives are available from the entrance on Elm Mount Road to the west of the all-weather directly to Whitethorn Close or via Thorndale Lawn and St. David's and cross to Whitethorn Close.

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

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
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Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager if a statement can be provided in relation to the pitch allocations in St. Anne’s Park for the forthcoming year and what criteria are being applied in relation to expanding clubs in the local area, e.g. Raheny United”

Reply:

The Park Service does endeavour annually to satisfy total local demand from local available pitches. Demand for pitches in St. Anne’s Park has outstripped available resources for some years now and all pitches have been fully allocated with no spare capacity in the system. While the Council does in these circumstances prioritise local clubs over clubs whose base is further from the park and youth teams over adults it is not possible to allocate additional pitch resources to a club without withdrawing some from another. The Parks Service has in recent years allocated additional resources to local clubs at the expense of clubs located elsewhere in the city and with access to other pitches both public and private to the point where it is felt that there is no more to give within the park. To that end in 2021 a computer based system is to be trialled in the park to capture all of the actual usage of each pitch which will inform future maintenance and allocation programmes. The Parks Service will be contacting all clubs with an allocation of public pitches in the park in the coming weeks in this regard.

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North City

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

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager for an update on the painting of the missing double yellow lines at the junction of the Howth Road and Charlemont Road. The markings have been missing for over a year, since the major resurfacing of the Howth Road. There is a really dangerous situation as cars and vans are parking way too close to the junction and blocking the view of traffic coming up the Howth Road from the city direction when exiting Charlemont Road
There have been many near misses and a couple of minor accidents at the junction”

Reply:

The double yellow lines will be reinstated by the end of January 2021. (Weather permitting)

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q10 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager for the bins along the Wooden Bridge from the Clontarf road to be emptied more frequently, and for additional bins for dog dirt to be provided as these are often overflowing”

Reply:

Waste Management Services empty the bins along the Clontarf promenade on a daily basis. The area along the Wooden Bridge is looked after by the Parks Division.

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

Parks do not have any bins on or near the wooden bridge, the nearest parks bin is 1km away at the café on the bull wall. Parks do not provide or maintain dog dirt bins.

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

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Director of Services
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Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the Manager if there is a facility for residents to be allowed to apply to widen/redish the entrance into their private driveway from the road in order to give more space to get into the driveway. This query arises in circumstances where the resident in question (**details supplied**) advises me that new double yellow lines have been installed close to his driveway but it has created a problem as follows *“the distance between the end of the new double yellow lines and our entrance is big enough now for one and a half cars or two mini’s. Subsequently we are now getting two full size cars trying to part in this space. These are cars parked all day. Add that we live at the narrowest part of the whole road.*

With the very tight entrance caused by the cars, as I own an estate a large one that is low to the ground, every time I leave my house now the front valance scrapes on the high curb as I have to drive over it to get in and out.If it was possible to widen the entrance, this would give us more room to get into the driveway.”

Reply:

Under the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, planning permission is required for the creation of, widening of a vehicular access to a domestic dwelling. A copy of the grant of planning permission should be submitted with any request for a dishing.

However, where no planning permission exists and the new entrance has clearly been in existence for a long time it will be necessary for you to prove by sworn affidavit that the entrance has been in use as a vehicular access for a period of seven years. Please note that a sworn affidavit is a letter of declaration signed / witnessed by a solicitor or peace commissioner.

The standard domestic concrete dishing fee of €556 would apply for construction of a new dished driveway or to widen an existing driveway. Please contact Road Maintenance at roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie if you wish to request a dishing.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell,
Tel: 222 2297
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager to monitor and deal with litter issues at Coolock Village. In particular adjacent to the Spar Shop, entrance to Chanel College and Chanel Manor Close.”

Reply:

The local litter warden will monitor and patrol the area around the spar in coolock village. He has called to the Spar and reminded them to leave their bins and recycling materials in a presentable state for collection.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Phone: 222 8866
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager if the litter bin outside Priorswood Park – at end of Clonshaugh Meadow on Clonshaugh Park can be removed or alternatively extra bins be installed along the park side of Clonshaugh Park (with one bin only there it is overused and is constantly overflowing).”

Reply:

Dublin City Council has recently completed a tender for the supply of public litter bins. In preparation for the commencement of the contract Waste Management Services are carrying out an audit of litter bins in areas of the city where there have been requests for new installations of bins. This will examine the location of bins in relation to litter generators such as neighbourhood shopping locations, main thoroughfares, arterial routes, urban villages and leisure areas. A proposal for the installation of additional bins in these areas will be discussed with the relevant area Public Domain Officer to ensure that there is local consultation and agreement on where any new bins will be located. The above mentioned area will form part of this exercise.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager to have the toilet at **(details supplied)** repaired.”

Reply:

Housing Maintenance have completed the repair works to the toilet in this property.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer
Phone: 222 3517
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the Manager to have inspection carried out on the drainage at **(details supplied)** and the necessary remedial works done.”

Reply:

DCC NCM drainage checked public sewers and they are all working ok, this issue relates to private drainage network & DCC Housing maintenance have been made aware of the issue.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer
Phone: 012222702
Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Housing Maintenance are aware of the issues here, our Engineer needs to gain access to the neighbouring property as this is where the manhole is. He could not gain access yesterday but has left a calling card. Once he gains access he intends to clean the line with a Jet Vac and then he will be able to do a camera survey in order to ascertain where the defect is. All necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer
Phone: 222 3517
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager if school crossing guards can be provided at the junction of Parkside Place/Parkside Drive, and at the junction of Parkside Place and Belmayne Avenue.”

Reply:

The request for a School Warden at the junction of Parkside Place and Parkside Drive has been added to the system for the attention of the Traffic Advisory Group.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Carmel Curran, School Warden Coordinator, Environment & Transportation
Dept.
Phone: 2222265
Email: carmel.curran@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager if measures will be taken, including consideration of pedestrian lights, to address the dangerous crossing for pedestrians from Balgriffin Park to Belmayne Avenue, one of the main access roads to the two primary schools and creche in Belmayne and the playground in Balgriffin Park.”

Reply:

A Part 8 application (Reg Ref 4214/18) was permitted in 2018 with regards provision of link roads and other road upgrades to the lands at Belmayne. This proposal is partially funded under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF). Included in this development is the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Belmayne Avenue and Balgriffin Park, providing access to the existing park. The tender and funding approval process is nearing completion, with construction anticipated to commence in Q1 2021. The construction will be carried out on a phased basis over an 18-month period.

There are further pedestrian crossings permitted by An Bord Pleanala in February 2020 (ABP-305623-19) as part of the Cairn Homes development under construction adjacent to the park along Belmayne Avenue and Balgriffin Park and also as part of the planning permission for the schools (Register Reference 3009/19) .

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Nicola Conlon, Senior Executive Planner, Transportation Planning
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Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O Toole

“To ask the Manager to respond to serious issues with the plumbing at **(details supplied)**.

Can an inspection be done and necessary repairs carried out to this housing maintenance matter.”

Reply:

Housing Maintenance carried out an inspection of this property last week. It has been agreed that the tenant will have to have a new bathroom suite installed. These works are scheduled to be carried out after Christmas. The tenant has been made aware of this.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer
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Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the permanent fixing of the hole beside the footpath barrier on the Shantalla Rd as it goes over the overpass towards Santry - see attached photo”.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. The hole is caused by a partial collapse of a manhole which is not in charge by Road Maintenance Services.

I will refer this issue to the Infrastructure Management Section who will endeavour to find out who the manhole belongs to and instruct them to carry out a permanent repair. It appears somebody installed sand bags to make the location safe in the short term.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the cutting of the overgrown grass verge along the footpath on both sides of the R104 into Santry - see attached map and verge overgrowth onto footpath - this is a much used path and cutting the verge will allow more space for pedestrians”

Reply:

In the past such work was carried out chemically under the verge maintenance contract whoever since the policy decision was taken to end the use of such chemicals in the public realm such overgrowth is inevitably more evident. The verge contract is to be retendered next year and cutting back of such overgrowth is to be included with areas where the footpath has narrow considerably to be prioritised early in the contract period. Such work has a significant labour demand and generates huge volumes of heavy waste to be disposed of in a sustainable way.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the removal of litter and to sweep and clean the laneway behind Maryfield Drive, Artane - see attached photos.”

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 8th December 2020.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Phone 222 4240
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Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for putting paving stones along the desire line from the pedestrian entrance into the Butterly Business Park (Lidl) from Maryfield Drive - see attached photo. This desire line gets very mucky in wet weather and a few paving stones across it would prevent pedestrians getting dirty.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has no plans to install a footpath at this location. There is a footpath both sides of Maryfield Drive which is available to pedestrians.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 2297
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Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the remarking of the Yellow Box at the exit to the car-park on Newbrook Road and the Yellow Box at the entrance/exit to the car-park on the Grange Road beside the Medical Centre.”

Reply:

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Remarking if required, will be carried out in January 2021

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Damien Cooney
Traffic Officer
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Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for a weekend litter bin emptying around Donaghmede shopping Centre.”

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the litter bins around Donaghmede Shopping Centre emptied both days every weekend and we will continue to do so.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mick Boyle Senior Staff Officer Waste Management Services
Phone: 2224240
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Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the planting of daffodil and tulip bulbs on the green area facing **(details supplied)** similar to the bulbs planted near the entrance to the Dart Station on the Donaghmede side.”

Reply:

When Parks Services planted the bulbs along the green space at Howth Junction Dart Station it was the intention to continue the planting in increments the following year.

The bulbs planting programme has commenced in the area and will be in flower in the Spring of 2021.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q26 Question in the name of Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha

“To ask the Manager if he will intervene to resolve the outstanding issue regarding a strip of Council-owned land at (**details supplied**) which the resident was informed by the Council had been transferred to her in order to facilitate sale of the property but which she is now informed by her solicitor requires a formal disposal by this Council, and if such disposal can be expedited.”

Reply:

A Disposal under section 183 is not required here
The matter is a legal matter between parties, and one for the vendors Solicitors to make
Contact with the relevant Solicitor in the Law Dept re establishing the correct map/s for use in
this case .

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Elaine Mulvenny, Assistant Area Manager, Clontarf/Donaghmeade LEA
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Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the following works to be carried out to get a new tree planted at **(details supplied)**, to get the dip on the pavement outside **(details supplied)** re-painted and to have the gullies on Donaghmede Avenue, Holywell Crescent and Holywell Road cleaned.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will schedule an inspection at above locations and if required, a footpath repair will be scheduled. This repair will be completed when a works crew is available in the area.

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

This is currently on the list of works this week with the Gully Cleaning Crew.

Contact: Roy O'Donnell, Inspector, Surface Water & Flood Management.
Phone: 222 2452.
Email: roy.odonnell@dublincity.ie

The tree at this location was only recently removed and it can take a number of seasons for the roots and root plats to degrade sufficiently to allow a new tree to be planted the locus will be inspected to ascertain its suitability for planting in this coming planting season. If the verge is not suitable at this time the Parks Service will continue to monitor the location and include same in future planting programmes.

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

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Manager for the tarmac damaged by tree roots at **(details supplied)** be repaired given the danger the current condition of this tarmac poses for pedestrians”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will liaise with the Parks Section to decide how best to repair the asphalt which surrounds this tree. Road Maintenance Services will carry out a repair when a works crew is available in the area.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer
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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Manager when will a replacement bollard be put in place at **(details supplied)** as agreed by Road Maintenance Services previously”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has installed a bollard at this location.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer
Phone: 2222297
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Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Manager to arrange to remove the massive leaf fall at **(details supplied)** as the amount of the accumulations means that there is an omni presence of decaying leaves that takes away from the estate and encourages littering and gets in the way of spring flower planting etc.”

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have the leaves cleared from the above mentioned location before the middle of December 2020.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q31 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Manager to give an update on the when the commissioned report into the efficacy and safety of the Donaghmede Roundabout will be available.”

Reply:

The report will be available in January 2021.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Conor Lynch, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation
Email: conor.lynch@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon

“To ask the Manager to confirm if the schools at the boundary of **(details supplied)** had permission from the department of education or Dublin City Council to raise the ground level considerably so that the boundary walls are easily climbed over.”

Reply:

From the applicant’s survey and proposed site layout plans shown on Reg. Ref. 2600/20 there is no indication there will be any proposed significant raising of existing ground levels as relates to the latest application.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Diarmuid Murphy, Senior Executive Planner
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Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to take action to address trip hazard at **(details supplied)**”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will liaise with the Parks Section to decide how best to repair the asphalt which surrounds this. Road Maintenance Services will carry out a repair when a works crew is available in the area.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer
Phone: 2222297
Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to get the Parkside Boulevard development area developed into a proper amenity and what can be done to speed up the land transfer to the Council. “

Reply:

October 2017 Dublin City Council received a request from the Developer, Cairn Homes Ltd., to take Parkside Boulevard in charge. Site inspections were carried out by Service Divisions and lists of issues that needed to be resolved from Park & Landscapes, Roads Maintenance, Traffic Management and Drainage Services were sent to the developer. Service Divisions must sign off on Taking in Charge applications before the Planning Department can initiate the process, under the Planning Act, and request the Area Office to complete the process, under the Roads Act. The taking in charge request has not been taken any further by Cairn Homes Ltd. and re-inspection of the site has not been requested. The Planning Department have been given no indication that the issues raised by the Service Divisions have been addressed and that the Developer is ready to proceed.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Avril Feeney, Administrative Officer
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Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to take action to ensure commitments made by the developer at (details attached) are delivered on. The pictures (attached) show a promised green areas with stones and boulders are coming through the ground. “

Reply:

The planning enforcement section are currently investigating this issue and are writing to the developer seeking a date for the completion of the works concerned. The Councillor will be updated once a response is received on this matter.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
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Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to get provide a crossing guard for the road crossing from Balgriffin Park to Belmayne Avenue in Dublin 13 to facilitate children from the two primary schools and creche in the area?”

Reply:

The request for a School Warden at the junction of Belmaye and Belmayne Avenue has been added to the system for the attention of the Traffic Advisory Group.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Carmel Curran, School Warden, Coordinator, Environment & Transportation
Dept.
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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager what is considered a temporary play/exercise structure and can they be erected without planning permission? Is a play structure with a guarantee to last 10 years a temporary structure for planning permission purposes? This is in relation to a play structure with has been erected by DCC which is overlooking a private dwelling”

Reply:

Development consisting of the laying out and use of land as a park, private open space or ornamental garden is exempt from the need to seek planning permission in accordance with Class 33 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations. This exemption would include the layout of a playground.

Contact: Mary Conway, Deputy Dublin City Planning Officer
Tel: 222 3319
Email: mary.conway@dublincity.ie

I am not aware of any structure temporary or permanent that has been recently erected. As far as I am aware, physically, all play equipment is temporary in that it can be taken out of commission at any time, however all play equipment managed by DCC is required to have guarantees for up to 10 years. The permanence is in relation to DCC management and maintenance of facility/ play units for as long as they are required in specific locations.

Contact: Debbie Clarke, Assistant Community Services Worker
Phone: 2225396
Email: Debbie.clarke@dublincity.ie

Play or exercise equipment installed in a public park is generally considered as Exempted Development as these are structures constructed in connection with or for the purpose of the enjoyment of the park, providing the cost of same is sub Part 8 threshold of €126,000 (Reference Article 80 (1)(i)).

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

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Q38 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to fill in a big pothole at the start of the causeway at the left hand side as you turn into the causeway to approach bull island coming from the Sutton direction”

Reply:

The Area Office will make every effort to have this issue resolved.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Elaine Mulvenny, Assistant Area Manager, Clontarf/Donaghmeade LEA
Phone: 2228846
Email: elaine.mulvenny@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if the traffic light sequencing at the junction of Shanowen Road and Swords Road can be altered to facilitate speedier traffic clearance from the left lane on Shanowen Road”

Reply:

In May 2020 Dublin City Council updated the operation of the traffic signals at the junction of Swords Rd and Shanowen Rd. This update facilitated a left turn filter signal for traffic on Shannon Rd to run concurrently with the existing right turn filter from Swords Rd to Shanowen Rd. This update was undertaken following local representations for such a facility.

However, shortly after this update An Garda Síochána advised of a safety concern regarding the new signal operation. AGS highlighted lack of sufficient road turning space for all traffic to turn left to Swords Rd and right from Swords Rd concurrently.

Therefore, Dublin City Council, in the interest of road user safety, complied with the Garda request and reverted the traffic signal operation to its original operation.

The current junction layout, therefore, cannot accommodate these two turning movements concurrently.

Also, it should be highlighted that the Swords Road is a main Public Transport artery within the city carrying multiple Bus Routes and therefore this route will be afforded priority over other approaches carrying general traffic. Any traffic signal timings interventions that would allocate extra green time to Shanowen Road would reduce the overall green time available, each cycle of the traffic signals, to the Swords Road, potentially increasing public transport journey times. Such interventions could also potentially increase pedestrian wait times at this very busy pedestrians crossing location.

Therefore there is currently no scope to increase green signal time for traffic exiting Shanowen Rd however the junction is under continuous review.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Transportation
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Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager if plans for a new cycleway through Santry (boundary with Fingal Co Co) to the city centre will progress in advance of, on in tandem with the rollout of Bus Connects”

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Department will review the proposal and report back in March 2021.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Christopher K. Manzira, Senior Transportation Officer
Email: smp@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager what is the current status of Woodville House? Are there any plans for the building to be brought into public use”

Reply:

This property is being acquired for the Housing & Community Services Department and will be used for the provision of public housing and local community services.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer
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We are in the process of acquiring the land underpinning Woodville House from the HSE.

There have been preliminary discussions with Aoibhneas who are located on an adjacent site with regards to potentially expanding their services for domestic abuse support for women and children.

Contact: Collette Egan
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Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Manager to investigate the feasibility of providing outdoor lighting at the basketball courts on Walnut Grove, Courtlands, Dublin 9 and to consult with Courtlands Residents Association, in advance, if this project is approved”

Reply:

Full flood lighting would be required to allow for safe active recreation after dark which is hugely expensive to install and operate and would require planning permission. The Parks Service does not provide such flood lighting on basketball courts on public open space in residential areas.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to make a comment on the Oscar Traynor lands and the best way forward”

Reply:

This matter is currently under consideration, a full report will issue to council, as soon progress is made in identifying a way forward.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Hugh McKenna, Senior Executive Officer
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Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update on the building taking place in Cromcastle”

Reply:

The redevelopment in Cromcastle Court is at the public consultation stage. Members of the public can view the first feasibility plans on the link below and leave comments or views as they see fit. This online public consultation will remain open until Wednesday the 9th of December.

consultation.dublincity.ie

Contact: Connell McGlynn
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Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its four stage capital approval process.

The Housing and Community Services Department (DCC) are currently liaising with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) with regards to securing stage 1 approval for the regeneration of Cromcastle.

A design team have created a masterplan for the site and are currently developing plans. In Phase 1 it is proposed to demolish three existing blocks and rebuild in their place, new blocks with capacity for 117 homes. Also included in phase 1 is a plan to build 39 new apartments on the adjacent brownfield site at Woodville.

Public consultation is currently underway in the form of online consultation and leaflet drops.

Contact: Collette Egan
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Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to advise how often cleansing occurs in the North Central area”

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the main thoroughfares and shop fronts in the North Central area cleaned on a daily basis. Residential areas are inspected weekly and cleaned as often as necessary. Litter bins are emptied regularly and illegally dumped rubbish removed when necessary to do so.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mick Boyle Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Phone: 2224240
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Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update on how many tenants are on the various housing lists in the North Central area”

Reply:

Please find below the figures as requested applicable to Area B and Area E which are both within the North Central area -

July 2020 Combined Waiting List Figures by Band Category			
WAITING LIST	Area B	Area E	Grand Total
HOUSING LIST TOTAL	4452	2535	6987
TRANSFER LIST TOTAL	3868	2474	6342
COMBINED GRAND TOTAL	8320	5009	13329

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
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Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to advise if the local area office is using any electric vehicles”

Reply:

The Local Area Office only has two vans assigned to it, which are part of the DCC fleet. These vans are not currently electric however when these vehicles fall due for replacement, it is planned to replace them with an electric vehicle.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Paul Mc Carthy, Head of Fleet Management Services
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Q48 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to advise if there are any impending applications for wind turbines to be established in the North Central area”

Reply:

A search of the planning system found there is no record of a planning application awaiting a decision & no record of an application for permission being submitted to date

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: *Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer*
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Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding whether there is a plan to get rid of Donaghmede Roundabout to ease traffic congestion & improve safety in the local area and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply:

Safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclist were undertaken at this roundabout in 2017/18. There are currently no plans to replace this roundabout. A Stage 4 Safety Audit was undertaken of the roundabout in 2020 which recommended minor changes. These will be undertaken in Q1 2021.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Conor Lynch
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Q50 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding the site for the new Garda station in Northern Cross and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply:

Dublin City Council are in the advanced stages of high level discussions with An Garda Síochána with regard to locating a Garda Station at Northern Cross as outlined in the Belmayne Masterplan. A site has been identified and discussions are ongoing. Councillors will be updated when and if the project progresses.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Q51 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding housing to be built by DCC & other voluntary bodies in the NCAC over the coming 3 years and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

Details of current Approved Housing Body housing projects in the North Central Area.

_AHB under construction –

Committ ee Area	Provider	Schemes	Unit No and Type	Finish Date
North Central	DCC	Ayrfield Churchwell Gardens	150 50 x 1 bed 81 x 2 bed 19 x 3 bed	Q2 2021
North Central	AHB (Respond)	Chanel Manor, Coolock D.5	78 20 x 1bed 43 x 2bed 15 x 3bed	Q2 2022
North Central	DCC (Rapid build)	Bunratty Road D.17	78 32 x 1 bed 32 x 2 bed 14 x 3 bed	Q2 2021
North Central	AHB (Clanmil)	Newtown Cottages, Malahide Road	3 3 x 3 bed	Q3 2021
North Central	AHB (Cluid)	Blackbanks View, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	36 8 x 1 bed 23 x 2 bed 5 x 3 bed	Q1 2021

AHB Schemes tender stage -

North Central	AHB (Respond)	Highpark, Gracepark Rd,	101 40 x 1 bed 36 x 2 bed 25 x 3 bed	Q2 2022
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AHB -Part V –

North Central	AHB -Respond	Chanel Manor, Coolock Village, D5	9	Q2 2022
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AHB Projects Planning Stage

North Central	AHB (FOLD)	Millwood Court, D.5	60	TBC
North Central	AHB (Cluid)	Thatch Road, D.9 Swords Road	100	TBC

There are currently a total of 12 projects in train in the North Central area.

Two under construction – Ayrfield PPP (150 units) and Bunratty Road volumetric (78 units)

Five projects at an advanced stage of planning or design – Belcamp B, Cromcastle, Woodville, Sladmore (all volumetric with a total yield of approximately 210 units) and Glin Court (32 units, traditional build).

Five sites at preliminary planning or feasibility stage (with reports completed) – Darndale Spine Site, Collins Ave Junction PPP (100 units), Gorsefield Court (90 units), St Anne’s Court (51 units), and Mount Dillon Court (45 units).

There are a further two sites that have been identified as having potential for Social Housing in some form. These are Collins Ave depot site and the Cromcastle Underpass site and we are currently exploring development options for these.

Coilin O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Bernie Roe, Senior Executive Officer
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Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding the operation of St Anne’s Farm; the plans to expand it and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply:

St Anne’s City Farm is quickly becoming established and is a welcoming place for people to call on when visiting to St Anne’s park. The Farm is operated by The St Anne’s Dublin City Farm and Ecology centre Ltd. whose volunteers have been busy over the last couple of months keeping everything as normal as possible in these challenging Covid times. The recent lockdown has once again be used to get the farm ready for the public to ensure everyone’s safety. This will include a new one way system in the farm to help with distancing and an addition of a new gate to enter the farm, a new grazing area and beautiful show stopping bunny house. There are no plans at present to expand the farm and there has been no request from the St Anne’s Dublin City Farm and Ecology centre Ltd to do so as volunteer capacity at present would not allow for further expansion.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Noel McEvoy, Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide details of his plan to deal with traffic congestion in the North Central Area and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply:

In May 2020, the City Council, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA), published a framework of proposals to address the new and urgent mobility needs which emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency in Ireland ('Enabling the City to Return to Work: Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City' available on <http://www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme>). This document recommends a suite of measures to respond to the changing mobility demands and in particular seeks to accommodate the expected increase in walking and cycling as a result of the pressure on public transport services due to social distancing requirements.

DCC's Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) section, as part of its response to the challenges posed to mobility by the COVID-19 crisis, and in line with the recommendations of the joint DCC-NTA mobility document, undertook an exercise to reduce the waiting time for pedestrians at signalised crossings in the city. The reasons for this were to: make the pedestrian experience more attractive as it is expected to grow as a mode of transport in response to this crisis; encourage more walking in the city and relieve pressure on public transport modes; and avoid pedestrian congestion on footpaths, pinch points and narrow islands at crossings thereby better allowing for social distancing to occur. Detailed capacity calculations were undertaken at a number of representative junctions to estimate the impact on vehicular throughput of lowering the cycle length (the amount of time for all movements in the junction to operate if demanded) from a typical pre-COVID value of 120 seconds to 80 seconds or lower. It was estimated that the impact on maximum throughput would be in the order of 30% but that the waiting time for pedestrians would significantly reduce. A number of other measures were also adopted, utilising similar smart measures, including installing contactless pedestrian push buttons and placing pedestrian phases on permanent demand (thereby avoiding the need for pedestrians to physically touch the pedestrian push button unit).

We continue to monitor the traffic volumes throughout the city, if you have a particular area of concern please contact the ITS section

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Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide a report as to why the wind turbines are constantly switched off at Fr Collins Park; to advise whether the park is energy self-sufficient and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

While one turbine is faulty the others work when there is sufficient wind however the turbines are naturally becoming less efficient as they age and increasing maintenance and repairs are required. The array of 5 small turbines would not be considered the optimal arrangement if power generation was the only objective as 1 modern large turbine many times the height of the current structures would be recommended by industry experts. The turbines here are considered to be in scale with the park and are regarded as an educational resource and demonstration example of how such facilities can be designed to be more sustainable.

Wind energy production varies due to a number of factors including natural wind strength and availability during the year. The full energy requirements of the park are therefore met with both wind and grid supply, for example, total wind energy used in the park in 2014 was 90,491.65kWh with import from the grid at 80,847.67kWh.

The wind turbine energy production recorded by year is as follows:

2009 :no information available
2010 :no information available
2011: no information available
2012: 206,260.6kWh
2013: 236,160 kWh
2014: 229,768.9 kWh
2015: 193,695.1 kWh
2016: 87,526.76 kWh
2017: 52542.11 kWh
2018: 36822.85 kWh

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

Q55 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update whether there are plans to roll out new LED lighting to the NCA and replace all existing lamp standards and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

Dublin City Council commenced a programme to replace all its public street lights with LED in March 2016 and the North Central Area was included in this programme. To date, approximately 22% of the lights in the North Central Area have already been changed to LED.

The remaining lights will be changed to LED as part of a future lighting upgrade project.

With regards to replacing the lamp standards, the public lighting poles and columns are only replaced if they are unsafe, have been knocked down or where they are at the end of their life.

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Director of Services
North City

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services
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Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide feedback regarding the new street cleaning machines that DCC purchased last year; are they working as efficiently as expected and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

The new street cleaning machines continue to greatly improve the standard of cleaning provided by Waste Management Services as these smaller machines can get into places that the bigger vehicles can't access. We review the effectiveness of our cleaning fleet on an ongoing basis.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
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Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide a report regarding St Anne’s Park and improvements planned for the park; to advise whether there are any plans to hold future concerts in the park and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply:

The planned improvements to the Red Stables building granted planning permission a few years ago are ongoing. The Winter Garden was recently completed and the next stage of works to extend the café into the former residence in the corner is to go to tender in the New Year. The next stages of the improvements to the Red Stables will also result in the removal of 29 parking spaces in the immediate curtilage of the building and it is intended to relocate these to a new small overflow carpark further to the east.

It is also intended to introduce 2 toilet blocks into the park which will allow for the removal of the less than attractive temporary toilets at the Red Stables entrance. 1 toilet block is to be located discretely in the existing carpark near the red brick ESB substation and will contain a changing facility for highly dependent adults, an accessible toilet and 2 standard toilets. A second toilet pavilion of 8 number wc’s with 2 accessible and 1 ambulant disabled toilets to be located near the picnic area beside the playground. Details of the design, rationale and layouts included in the proposed Part 8 planning process for the 2 toilet blocks and overflow car park are to be presented to this committee.

The initial plans for the summer concerts in St, Anne’s was that a series of 3 concerts would be held in the Park. The concert for 2020 was cancelled due to the CoViD pandemic a concert will be held next year if restrictions allow at that time.

Coilín O’Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update as to whether there are any plans to change the planning guidelines to allow log cabins being used out back gardens and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply:

The review of the current City Development Plan will commence in December this year. All existing development management policies will be considered and reviewed as part of this process.

There has been growing pressure in recent years to facilitate the development of ancillary family accommodation in free standing dwellings or structures. Such proposals are often on landlocked sites, located to the rear or side of a house with no independent means of access. Such proposals can have negative impacts including the provision of dwellings with poor residential amenities and which detract from the amenities of adjoining residential properties.

This is particularly the case where such a proposal is located on a site that forms part of a narrow rear garden of variable length of terraced or semi-detached dwellings. Due to the narrow plot width and limited dimensions of the site, together with the close proximity of adjoining dwellings, it is difficult to comply with the most basic standards for dwellings including minimum room sizes and overall floor areas for a 1 or 2 bedroom unit. The quality of such ancillary accommodation is potentially further compromised by inadequate levels of daylight /sunlight due to close proximity to site boundaries and lack of sufficient private amenity space. A relaxation of these standards is very likely to result in the provision of small substandard dwellings.

Another critical issue to consider in many cases, is the lack of a safe and independent means of access from the public road to the dwelling, with access provided through the main house or via a narrow laneway at the side. This could have safety implications for future residents in the event of fire, as well as impacts on residential amenities of the main dwelling on site. Other issues such as the adequate provision of bin storage and car parking are also problematic and may have a negative impact on the adjoining residential street.

Such ancillary accommodation, if provided in a free standing independent structure can also have a very significant and detrimental impact on the residential amenities of adjoining residential properties. The Planning Enforcement team receive a significant number of complaints annually relating to the erection of structures in rear gardens. A significant number of these complaints relate directly to the unauthorised use of these structures for habitable purposes. These complaints are usually from neighbours of adjoining properties who have experienced a loss of residential amenity as a result of the physical impact of these structures and their use as dwellings. In summary, the most common concerns raised by neighbours relate to the excessive scale and height of the structures in relation to the size of the gardens, increases in overshadowing and overlooking, and the intensification of use which inevitably results in a loss of privacy and higher levels of nuisance.

Finally and perhaps one of the most difficult aspects of such an accommodation typology is the difficulty in regulating its use when it is no longer required for a family member. Where such ancillary accommodation is not attached to the main dwelling unit and cannot be subsumed back into the original fabric of the main house when no longer occupied/required by a member of family, it could potentially be sold/leased or rented to a third party. It would be very difficult to regulate the sale/lease or rental of such an independent dwelling/structure or enforce against situations where it is occupied by a non-family member. This may result in a proliferation of substandard residential dwellings/structures that are not providing a function as ancillary family accommodation and that provide inadequate levels of amenity and privacy to future occupants.

These will all be important factors to consider when considering the implications of any relaxation on the existing policies in the City Development Plan. It is clear that a balance must be achieved between the sustainable use of urban land and the provision of appropriate and safe accommodation that meets the needs of vulnerable family members whilst protecting the amenity of existing and adjacent residents.

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Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Manager to provide an update regarding the pitch n putt course in Edenmore Park and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Reply:

To achieve the compromise reached with the pitch and putt club of a 9 hole course the facility will need to be significantly reconfigured and fencing relocated work which cannot be carried out during the winter months as this would excessively damage the course. Over the winter months consultations with the users and redesign will be affected with a view to commencing the works on site next spring when the grounds have dried out sufficiently and will be suitable for such works.

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

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask the Manager for the tree at **(details supplied)** to be examined? Given that it is leaning over and overgrown and that the nearby resident is concerned that the roots of the tree could damage her house, can the tree be removed altogether?”

Reply:

The tree has been examined and while there is a pronounced lean the tree has obviously been in this condition for many years and has rebalanced itself through the growth of the crown. Leaning trees are not inherently unstable once well-established like this specimen. The roots of street trees cannot undermine the foundations of houses.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask the Manager for the trees at **(details supplied)** to be pruned back?”

Reply:

Dublin City Council have engaged a contractor to trim the trees within the senior citizen complex and this work will take place before the end of 2020.

Contact: Liz Kilduff Senior Staff Officer Darndale Area Office
Phone: 222 6941
Email: liz.kilduff@dublincity.ie

The tree was inspected and found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time.

Trees within the seniors complex are a matter for the management of same.

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

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Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask the Manager to look at Planning application (**details supplied**) and confirm that there has an appropriate assessment on the impact of resources in the area to cater for such a development.”

Reply:

This question relates to a current planning application for a proposal that includes the construction of 13 no. apartments off the Malahide Road. Appropriate Assessment issues will be considered as part of the assessment of the planning application. Five observations have been submitted in relation to this application and a decision is due by 17th December 2020.

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Contact: Bryan Ward, Senior Planner
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Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask the Manager to follow up on the complaints made in relation to Planning application at (details supplied).”

Reply:

A file on this matter has been prepared and referred to our Legal Advisors to initiate legal proceedings in respect of non compliance relating to an enforcement notice served. This enforcement notice requires the cessation of the unauthorised construction of the cellar / basement type structure within the private open space to the rear of the property and the restoration of the land to its condition as existed prior to the commencement of the development in so far as is practicable. There are currently delays in receiving dates for listing of cases in the District Court having regard to the Covid 19 pandemic so no date for hearing has been secured thus far. Once a date is confirmed summonses will be served on the owner in order to proceed with the case concerned.

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Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
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Q64 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask the Manager to look into the recent congestion on the Beaumont Road and see if there is a cause of the increase in recent weeks and if there is anything that can be put in place to see if that can be resolved “

Reply:

As part of the response to the current Covid19 public health emergency restrictions, Dublin City Council has reduced traffic signal cycle times across the city from a maximum of 120 seconds to a maximum of 80 seconds which reduces the amount of vehicle green signal time available each cycle of the signals.

The measures encourage more walking in the city and relieve pressure on public transport modes and avoid pedestrian congestion on footpaths, pinch points and narrow islands at crossings thereby better allowing for social distancing to occur.

You can view information on these measures at <https://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-dublin-city-covid-mobility-programme/improving-pedestrian> .

The above measure can lengthen journey times at certain junctions, at peak hours, as vehicles receive less green time each cycle of the traffic signals as pedestrians receive priority.

The ITS section are currently reviewing areas with higher levels of congestion with a view to making targeted interventions to improve the efficiency of junctions for all road users

The recent easing of Level 5 restrictions combined with the approach to Christmas have led to an increase in traffic levels which has exacerbated the effects of the above measures..

In relation specifically to signalised junctions in Beaumont, the ITS section has recently reviewed traffic signal timing operation in this area and not observed any traffic signal operational issues. The junctions in the area will however be monitored and targeted interventions made as required where there is scope to do so.

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Director of Services
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Contact: Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Transportation
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Tel: 222 6198

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask the Manager to assess if there is anything that can be done to improve the area at **(details supplied)** as it gather rubbish and is a large green space that should be utilised better?”

Reply:

This grassed area is mostly steeply sloped up to the flyover across the M1 and has limited recreational potential but could be considered for inclusion in future spring flowering bulb planting programmes. The site is directly across the road from Ellenfield Park where a range of facilities are available to residents. The area was visited and found to be mostly litter free on the day of inspection.

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

Q66 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask the Manager to consider putting in place a Christmas award for the best decorated estate/road. Right across the Artane/Whitehall area and I am sure in other there are huge community projects taking place to the area very festive during this difficult time. It would show the council appreciation and an acknowledgement of their hard work to have an award for their efforts?”

Reply:

As there was, no competition arranged and due to COVID restrictions, we feel it would be unfair to make comparisons between our environmental groups, since everyone of them have worked so hard to improve their areas, and engaged in the project ‘to light Dublin up for Christmas’

Community Development has continued to support and encourage all the groups throughout the year and will continue to do so during the Christmas period.

Coilín O’Reilly
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Contact: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager – Artane/Whitehall LEA
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Q67 Question in the name of Councillor Rachel Batten

“To ask the Manager to confirm what involvement they have with the Shanowen industrial estate for community and social enterprise and if LEO are still involved in placing enterprise start ups with units in this industrial estate.”

Reply:

The area office will liaise with the LEO & economic development unit on this matter & reply directly to councillor.

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Name: Derek Farrell, Acting Local Area Manager – Artane/Whitehall LEA
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Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager for an update report from the Traffic officer and Dublin Street Parking services on the question raised in September regarding the cars being parked on the bend on (**details supplied**) as nothing seems to have changed and I have had several residents contact me due to a near miss accident.”

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Inspector reviewed the location and met residents while on site. The continuous white line between house nos 280 and 300 will be repainted. Also, enforcement by the Dublin Street Parking Services will take place at this location against any illegal parking of vehicles.

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Contact: Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement
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Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager for review and consider adding a pedestrian crossing on Springdale Road close to Colaiste Dualaigh and the sensory garden. There is a lot of elderly and a growing number of young children in the area and the Springdale Road is busy with traffic, making it difficult for people to cross the road safely.

The Sensory garden beside the college is a wonderful contribution to the community and I often see people using the space in such a positive way and a pedestrian crossing would encourage more people to use it.

The traffic lights on the Tonlegee Road is not a convenient crossing for older residents and children. An additional crossing further down Springdale Road would give better access to St. Malachys Soccer Club, The Sensory Community Garden, Bus stops Colaiste Dualaigh, local schools, pharmacy, and shops..”

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7018272) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.
The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment and Transportation Department.
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Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

“To ask the Manager to investigate and provide a full report on the overgrown trees on Cedar Park, in the Donahies. Residents have made several requests, but no action has been taken, there has also been an increase of burglaries on the street and the lack of street lighting is making the street feel unsafe for residents”

Reply:

The lighting on Cedar Park was upgraded to LED in 2014. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here.

However, there is a big issue with overgrown trees on Cedar Park, which are having a blocking effect on the lighting here. We will discuss this issue with the Parks Department and try to resolve the issue of overgrown trees surrounding the lights.

Contact: Dale Donnelly
Phone: 2224682
Email: dale.donnelly@dublincity.ie

While the trees here are large they are in good condition and well lifted above the public footpath. The trees are not overly interfering with the public lighting. A detailed inspection will be scheduled over the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for 2021.

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

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North City

Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the fixing of the damage on **(details supplied)**”

Reply:

The road/ lane is not maintained by Road Maintenance Services.

Contact: Shane Satell

Phone: 222 2297

Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

The area in question is not in charge of the City Council but is a shared access for the school, parochial house and community centre.

The local housing office will investigate with a view to getting the areas in question repaired.

Contact: Connell Mc Glynn. Area Housing Manager

Phone: 222 6942

Email: connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

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Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the fixing of the pothole at **(details supplied)** as soon as possible.

Reply:

The road/ lane is not maintained by Road Maintenance Services

Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer

Phone: 222 2297

Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

The area in question is not in charge of the City Council but is a shared access for the school, parochial house and community centre.

The local housing office will investigate with a view to getting the areas in question repaired.

Contact: Connell Mc Glynn. Area Housing Manager

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Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the fixing of **(details supplied)**”

Reply:

DCC Drainage will investigate and reply directly to the councillor.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer
Phone: 01-2222702
Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

This appears to be one of the many small jobs that was impacted upon by the CoViD restrictions where contractors were not available for the majority of the summer months to carry out such scheduled repairs. The matter will be followed up with the contractors to ascertain when the repairs can be affected.

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

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Director of Services
North City

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the painting of the new and much appreciated rail fixtures installed along the side of **(details supplied)**”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has investigated this issue. The lane in question is not in charge by Road Maintenance Services and the barriers at this location were not installed by our department. As such, Road Maintenance Services is not responsible for painting these barriers.

Coilín O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell

“To ask the Manager to report on the following please . To outline DCC’s role and responsibilities when localised rat activity has been reported by residents and / or local councillors. To also include the responsibilities of Irish Water and the HSE in regard to this same matter. I know that residents are often confused as to which body has responsibility for rat elimination in particular situations whether that be above or below ground, public or private property. This clarification as well as relevant contact numbers would be much appreciated please.”

Reply:

The Environmental Health section in Dublin City Council has no statutory powers in relation to pest control and do not investigate complaints in relation to rats. The investigation of complains and subsequent enforcement action and the provision of advice in relation to rats is a matter for the Health Service Executive.

The Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 is enforced by the Health Service Executive, Environmental Health, Pest Control Section, Unit 13F, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 809 8300.

Advice is provided on the HSE web site at http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_Householders.pdf and http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_the_Construction_Industry.pdf

**Contact: Colm Smyth, Principal Environmental Health Officer
Phone: 2223738
Email: colm.smyth@dublincity.ie**

Irish Water are the statutory body responsible for the foul and combined public drainage system. Dublin City Council Drainage Division maintains this system on Irish Water’s behalf under a service level agreement. Irish Water insists on all complaints/requests and so on being reported directly to it in the first instance so that proper recording, assignment and tracking of issues can be carried out. Irish Water’s Customer Care Team can be contacted by phone on 1850 278 278. Further contact options are available at <https://www.water.ie/contact-us/>.

Dublin City Council (DCC), Housing Maintenance Section actions all reports of rats in City Council dwellings from our tenants. Requests are dealt with both directly by the Council and by agreement with the HSE, Pest Control Units. Common areas in City Council flat complexes are treated by Housing Maintenance, HSE Pest Control handle individual units/houses on our behalf. Contact Details for DCC Tenants is as follows: Phone: 1800 200 668 / 222 2222 Email: maintenance@dublincity.ie

Information regarding the HSE Pest Control Services can be found on their website at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/envir/pest-control.html>
To contact the HSE Pest Control Service in the Dublin area only please email them at the address below.

For requests for treatment in north Dublin: Pestcontrol.north@hse.ie
For requests for treatment in south Dublin: Pestcontrol.south@hse.ie

**Contact: Frank d’Arcy, Senior Executive Officer
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Coilin O'Reilly
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North City

Q76 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell

“To ask the Manager to clarify whether or not the Laneway which has its entrance between no’s **(details supplied)** is ‘in the charge of ‘ DCC or not. Also to clarify whether the Laneway from the public footpath to the steel gate has the same ‘ in charge’ status as the Laneway behind the steel gate please.”

Reply:

The laneway which has its entrance between as per above is in-charge of the Housing Maintenance Services from the back of the public footpath as shown in the Roads Maintenance Services records extract below.



Contact: Geoff Byrnes, Chief Technician, Road Maintenance Division
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Director of Services
North City

Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell

“To ask the Manager to update me on the traffic calming measures requested for Griffith Court, Fairview D3. This location as expressed at previous meetings by myself is in need of urgent action due to the traffic emanating from Fairview Community Unit”

Reply:

This area has been included for the latest phase of the new 30km/h speed limit zone; enforcement of such should address the major part of the issue raised.

The area will be monitored to determine if any further action should be considered by the Area Engineer and Transport Advisory Group.

Coilin O'Reilly

Director of Services

North City

**Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation
Department.**

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Q78 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell

“To ask the Manager to arrange a further traffic ramp at lamp post number 11 on Annadale Drive , Drumcondra. Annadale Drive was recognized by TAG as a road requiring traffic ramps and these were duly put in place. However there is a long stretch between 2 particular traffic ramps at a location adjacent to a green area where children congregate and play. The inclusion of this further traffic ramp would address this anomaly and also enhance the traffic calming measures of the previously positioned ramps”

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7018348) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Coilín O'Reilly

Director of Services

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**Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation
Department.**
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Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to seek a replacement tree be provided at **(details supplied)** following works by a developer and the ESB? In addition, can the grass margin at this location be reinstated?”

Reply:

It can take a number of seasons before the roots of the previous tree have degraded sufficiently to allow a new tree to be planted particularly tree of this scale. The site will be inspected if suitable a replacement tree planted most likely in the winter of 2021/22

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager can more public toilets be provided in the vicinity of Dollymount beach which are free of charge? Can anything be done about the toilet at Happy Out Café which is regularly out of order?”

Reply:

Arrangements are being put in place to have the toilets at the interpretive centre which were closed due to Covid opened to the public once more.

The toilet at the café will be investigated.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to examine the tree at **(details supplied)** to cut back and or Lope this as it is encroaching at the side the property in to back garden.”

Reply:

This tree has been inspected and found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time.

Coilin O'Reilly
Director of Services
North City

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

Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to confirm to me what number is **(details supplied)** on the housing list and if any potential opportunity would be examined for her as she now looks after a disabled child.”

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 5/08/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	106

Based on the above position it may be considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list. It may benefit the applicant to increase her areas of choice as it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday 2pm – 5pm) via phone to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

It is noted from the applicants file that she was recently advised to submit court documents regarding the guardianship of her nephew. Upon receipt of these documents the applicants file will be reviewed.

It is further noted the applicant was recently issued with a HAP pack.

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.

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Q83 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to have a request to inspect noise pollution that are potential outside of working hours adjacent to **(details supplied)** as this is the second compliant to be received of in 2020.”

Reply:

It would be appreciated if the Councillor could outline the specific dates when the alleged out of permitted working hours breaches occurred. On foot of receipt of this information the Planning Enforcement Section can fully investigate the matter. The information should be sent by e-mail to planningenforcement@dublincity.ie

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Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to examine request to remove abandoned cars in the estate of **(details supplied)** as they are causing serious obstruction at top of junction.”

Reply:

Our Abandoned Vehicles Officer is currently investigating the status of the above mentioned vehicles and following this investigation, if they are deemed to be abandoned, they will be removed.

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Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
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Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager for substantial works to be carried out to upgrade the road on **(details supplied)** as this is the last piece of the road that needs to be upgraded.”

Reply:

There are currently no plans to resurface the carriageway between Watermill Road and Kilbarrack Road. The joints between the concrete bays along this road were renewed in 2019-2020.

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Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
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Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to request for Double yellow lines at the entrance of estate be installed as it is blocking potential emergency access to **(details supplied)** and that the far side of the road between numbers 7-11 **(details supplied)** be examined as potential yellow lines also as it is already a narrow access for vehicles because of the bollards on left hand side.”

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7018271) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.
The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

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Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation
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Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to ensure removal of material along the wall of Senior Citizen Complex at **(details supplied)** as this has not been removed and ensure all Blue bags are removed from the estate.”

Reply:

All residents are asked to ring in any blue bags to be collected & these are then logged by staff for collection as soon as is possible.

This area was inspected on Monday 7th December and is free of all materials & blue bags.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
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Waste Management Services remove the DCC blue bags of collected litter and leaves from the above mentioned estate on an ongoing basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Phone: 2224240
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Housing Maintenance Caretaking Section will investigate this matter and any rubbish found within the Senior Citizen complex will be removed.

Contact: Frank d’Arcy, Senior Executive Officer
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Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to ensure & maintain the Roundabout at **(details supplied)** that it is cleaned up and kept well as plants look overgrown.”

Reply:

The roundabout is regularly maintained as resources allow. The agapanthus and ornamental grasses are establishing nicely and are not considered overgrown. A winter maintenance visit will be carried out as local schedules allow to tidy same up in advance of spring.

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

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

“To ask the Manager to Seek to install LED Lights adjacent to the Green of (**details supplied**) as it will help with better lighting.”

Reply:

There is no green area adjacent to this location.

However, it is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to light green open spaces. The provision of lighting in such green spaces is a matter for the Parks Department.

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Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services
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Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O Muiri

“To ask the Manager for an update on the repair of the concrete bench in Casino Park – this was raised at a previous Area Committee and has not been completed yet.”

Reply:

It is intended that a new bench rather than a replacement concrete one will be installed here as part of the winter works programme. There are a number of similar commitments in the area and once the new benches have been delivered roll out of the new benches will take place in the coming weeks.

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Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O Muiri

“To ask the Manager for 2-metre social distancing markings to be installed on the Clontarf prom footpath to assist citizens in sticking to the guidelines”

Reply:

The weather at this time of year is not conducive for painting on the tarmac due to low temperatures and continual dampness. There are concerns that the erection of the 2m signage installed at the entrances to certain parks would not be suitable here due to the exposed location and might actually become a hazard during winter wind events.

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

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O Muiri

“To ask the Manager to follow up and ensure that 2 x potholes reported to Roads Maintenance **(details supplied)** are dealt with comprehensively
I understand that the first has been filled but badly and the second hasn't been touched.”

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location and schedule a repair when a works crew is available in the area.

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Contact: Shane Satell, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
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Tel: 222 2297

Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O Farrell

“To ask the Manager to report on the following please. I’m requesting a full report on any engagement whatsoever and with whom ever that DCC and or the DRHE has had as regards **(details supplied)**. Also, that DCC and or the DRHE engages with local residents as regards whether or not DCC / DRHE has any plans for this property”

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is responsible for the planning, coordination, and administration of funding in relation to the provision of quality services to people who are homeless in the Dublin area. The DRHE sources accommodation in the private sector for use as emergency and long-term accommodation for Homeless Persons in response to the high numbers of people who continue to present to homeless services. These factors determine the requirement for the continued expansion of emergency service provision to ensure that those who find themselves in vulnerable situations have access to emergency accommodation.

The property in question was presented in June 2020 by the owners to the DRHE facilities team, as a potential guesthouse, which could be used for emergency accommodation. Local stakeholders became aware of this proposal, to use this guesthouse by way a contract, on an agreed nightly rate for bed and breakfast. A commitment was given by senior management, to await clarification from DCC’S planning Department in relation to the proposed works and confirmation these works were exempted development

The owners of this property submitted two Section V applications, in November 2020 to Dublin City Council’s Planning Department in relation to refurbishment works to the guesthouse. The proposed works were granted planning permission in November 2020.

The proposed works relate to the upgrade of this guesthouse and the DRHE were not involved in these Section V submissions and or determining the proposed schedule of works to this listed property.

A Section V submission, was made by local stakeholders, on the 24th November 2020 to the Planning Department, seeking formal clarification on the use of this guesthouse and whether this contracted use, represents a change of use, and is classified as development or exempted development.

This proposed use of this guesthouse, as temporary, emergency accommodation, is now on hold, until the outcome of the current Section V submission, dated the 24th of November, 2020.

The DRHE have agreed with local stakeholders, to await the decision of DCC’s Planning Department, in relation to the most recent Section V application on the 24th of November, 2020 and or any subsequent related submission to An Bord Pleanála.

The owner of this guesthouse has been informed of this decision. The owner intimated he may open the guesthouse and begin marketing this accommodation in the normal, on line channels, while awaiting the outcome of the current Section V submission and or any, subsequent referral to An Bord Pleanála.

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Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to my November 2020 City Council Question 39 and say if he can;

- please agree to provide a big-belly bin at details attached (A) which community volunteers put a huge effort into keeping clean/free of litter on a continuing basis;
- state when the area at (B) can be resurfaced and
- state when the grafitti from (B) can be removed

as local users are upset at the conditions that currently prevail here”

Reply:

Graffiti in this area has been a huge problem this year and is checked on a daily basis. The graffiti has been removed and we will continue to monitor this situation into the future.

Contact: Richard Cleary Public Domain Enforcement Office
Phone: 222 8866
Email: richie.cleary@dublincity.ie

Repairs were carried out to the safety surfacing at Maypark Playground last year and there are no major refurbishments of the surface planned. Repairs identified in the annual safety inspection including the removal of graffiti are scheduled for early next year.

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

The Waste Management Division have three public litter bins located at the main entrances to Maypark. An assessment will be carried in conjunction with the North Central Area Public Domain Officer to identify whether any of these bins are required to be upgraded to provide additional capacity at this location.

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Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can give special attention to same with regard to collection of leaves which are currently being collected and placed in bags by my constituent who lives with ill health and is not in a position, health wise, to collect same; and can the manager also arrange to have an official contact my constituent in relation to a dangerous tree on the green opposite details attached.”

Reply:

Waste Management Services were in contact with the resident and had the bags of leaves removed on the 25th November 2020. We also cleared leaves from Hampton Court that day and we will ensure that this location is included as often as possible during the course of our leaves removal programme

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

This tree was inspected and while it has some damage it is not dead. It is intended to re-inspect the tree next year when it comes into leaf and a decision whether to reduce, prune or remove will be made based on the health and viability of the tree will be made at that time.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to say if consideration can be given to expanding the facility at **(details supplied A)** attached as this facility is one which is most worthwhile and one which I advocated for prior to its installation and if he can make a statement on the matter; and if he can also comment on the history behind and the current use of **(details supplied B)**.”

Reply:

There are not many skatepark facilities around the city but Fairview is fortunate in that it has one which is well used. It would not be feasible to construct a ‘bowl’ as has recently been completed in LeFanu park, Ballyfermot because Fairview is a former landfill. Plans could be considered for an appropriate extension however there is no funding currently allocated in the capital programme. Provision will be considered in future years

The pavilion was delivered as art of the community gain from the Port Tunnel works. It is currently used by a number of local sports clubs who have a pitch allocation in the park although not to capacity. It is intended that a small number of the spare dressing rooms will be converted in to staff welfare facilities next year to accommodate the staff in the park who will be displaced as the Tea Rooms are developed on the old depot site. This will make better use of the building and ensure systems such as water and heating are regularly used.

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Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and arrange for the continuing removal of leaves there as same are a cause of serious hazard for elders in our community as well a vulnerable pedestrians.”

Reply:

Waste Management Services operate a leaves removal programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaves and fruit removal is labour intensive and time consuming, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. Also some resident groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their area and we remove the bagged leaves for them. We are currently clearing leaves from the above mentioned locations and we will ensure that these locations are included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

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Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to refer to my November Area Committee Question at **(details supplied)** and say when the necessary signage will be erected as residents feel that nobody is aware of the speed limit at present.”

Reply:

Phase 4 (NW Area) - Is being implemented at present and is due for completion before Christmas 2020.

Phase 5 (completion of the remainder of Administrative Area of DCC, South of the River Liffey) - Has just commenced installation works. Due for completion end Q1 2021.

Phase 6 (Completion of the remainder of Administrative Area of DCC, North of the River Liffey – **This includes the Donnycarney Area**) Will commence installation works in Q2 2021 and will be completed end Q2 2021.

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Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to housing applicant as per **(details supplied)** who currently lives in overcrowded conditions and say when it is likely my constituent and family will be provided with suitable accommodation”

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 5/08/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	2	57
Area E	2	71
Area H	2	24

Based on the above positions it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property, in addition applicants in receipt of the HAP payment can continue to work. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section (by phone Monday to Friday 2pm – 5pm or alternatively by email at allocations@dublincity.ie) who can provide information and advice on the scheme.

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.

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Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to please refer to **(details supplied)** and say if she can be accommodated and if not, what advice can be given to my constituent to be of assistance.”

Reply:

Housing Allocations currently have a housing application in respect of the above named applicant. The application is currently suspended, as there are outstanding documents required in respect of the guardianship, which have been requested from the applicant. Upon receipt of these documents the applicants file will be re-assessed.

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Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to refer to 2 HAP application as per **(details supplied)** and say if consideration can be given to granting HAP to both applicants in this unusual instance where two relatives are applying for HAP for the one dwelling where if both were granted HAP it would cover the cost of renting the dwelling and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Reply:

1st applicant was contacted by HAP staff on 24th November, 2020 advising that his application for HAP had been processed and is now approved for payment.

2nd applicant is on another local authority’s housing list and I understand that her application is currently being processed by that authority.

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Contact: Mary Hayes
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Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Manager to consider the provision of bench at location as per **(details supplied)** as some elders in our community feel it would be beneficial to them so they might enjoy a better quality of life.

Reply:

The Local Area Office will investigate viability of installing a bench at this location & reply directly to Councillor.

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