



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2021**

- 1 **Presentation on Strategic Housing Development SHD0010/21: Location: Maxol Filling Station and a vacant motor sales/service garage (formerly Michael Grant Motors), Beach Road, Dublin 4.**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 2 **Presentation regarding D12 Bike Bus**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 3 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 10th May 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 4 **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South East Area Committee held on 25th May 2021**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Verbal update on Traffic Matters by Brendan O'Brien.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 **Planning and Property Development Department Matters**
  - i. Report on proposed disposal: Grant of licence plot adjacent to 1 Strand Terrace, Milltown.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - ii. Report on proposed disposal: Grant of licence all-weather pitch Brickfields Park, Drimnagh to St. John Bosco FC.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - iii. Report on proposal to initiate the process to add 152 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6W to the Record of Protected Structures.  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
  - iv. Report on proposal to initiate the process to add Garland House, 28 – 30 Rathmines Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6 to the Record of Protected Structures.

**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**

## **7 South East Area Office Matters**

- i. Nominate a member to replace Cllr. Patrick Costello on the Dodder Greenway Steering Committee.

**Order: Cllr. Carolyn Moore nominated to the Dodder Greenway Steering Committee.**

- ii. Report of the Director of Services South City.

**Order: Noted.**

## **8 Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**

- i. Report on South East Area Trees and Planting in 2021.

**Order: Noted.**

- ii. Report on Ringsend Park Playground

**Order: Noted.**

## **9 Motions**

### **Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests that a working group be established to review future use of the former School of Music building now vacated by the CDETB which could include cultural use such as artists' studios, exhibition space, music celebration and much more and requests the Chief Executive to ensure that no proposal for a disposal of this building be brought to council prior to such a working group making a recommendation to council.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 2 from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

That the South East Area Committee welcome the proposed Ringsend District Heating System which will use hot water produced by the incinerator to pump heat directly to homes. Given that the incinerator has the potential to heat 60% more homes than originally proposed, that Sandymount and its environs be added to the areas already included of Poolbeg, Ringsend, Irishtown and Docklands.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Traffic Department examines the pedestrian crossing beside Harold's Cross Park. The new school on Harold's Cross Road has considerably increased the child pedestrian traffic to the park, so the positioning of the crossing along with the issue of traffic emerging from the slip road at the top of the park coming from Lower Kimmage Road adds to safety issues and raises the question of whether the current crossing is fit for purpose.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That we receive a report on grass cutting practices. Since grass cutting has been contracted out, it seems that grass is cut with a machine that cannot deal with edges corners. It is agreed therefore by this committee that DCC revisits its maintenance standards in this regard which will bring about an improvement in grass maintenance.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

I refer to a motion I tabled to this committee over a year ago asking that the public seating be updated at the Swan Leisure Centre. So far nothing has been done furthermore it is important that the current seating is positioned in a way that it allows for tables and chairs outside the Leisure Centre, especially in the current climate. It is again agreed that the council act on our already agreed motion in this regard.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this committee agrees to offer Kimmage Rathmines as a pilot area for Wi-Fi to be installed in all public parks (HX Park already agreed) and public areas i.e. the Swan Plaza and that we work with Smart Cities to install notice boards that can update residents of services and events. It may be necessary to set up a working group to monitor the process of this pilot.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 7 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Carolyn Moore, Pat Dunne and Tara Deacy**

That this Committee requires the Head of Traffic and Transport and the Head of Parks to provide Councillors representing the Kimmage Rathmines LEA, to present clear parking and traffic management options for trialling in Rathdown, Terenure, as a matter of urgency.

This issue has been raised on numerous occasions with the Traffic Department by Councillors and local residents and a meeting took place on 3rd February with DCC traffic engineers, with no further meaningful engagement or recommendations since then. A motion was passed at the SEAC meeting on 10th May where a commitment was given that the traffic engineers would present their findings back to Councillors by 21/5/21, following which a consultation meeting would be arranged with residents. This has still not happened and the delay is unacceptable.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 8 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Carolyn Moore and Tara Deacy**

That this Committee requests that Dublin City Council commence an assessment and review of ongoing drainage issues at the laneway and lands at the rear of Brighton Square East and Garville Avenue, Rathgar. This review should happen as soon as possible, with a view to having this long standing issue resolved prior to any new significant planning applications being approved in the vicinity of the lane.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 9 from Councillors Anne Feeney, Carolyn Moore, Pat Dunne and Tara Deacy**

That this Committee calls on the City Parks Superintendent to implement temporary/permanent public toilet facilities in Bushy Park for the summer months of June, July and August. The padel and tennis courts have toilets, but they are only open to customers, not the general public using the park. There are two football changing room buildings with toilets, but they too, are not available to the public. DCC's provision of toilets at Terenure Library is not adequate, given the library is some distance away. Tymon Park, Marlay Park, St. Enda's Park and other parks in adjacent council areas are well catered for with public toilet facilities, but this is not the case in our beautiful parks in the Dublin City Council area.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 10 from Councillor Danny Byrne**

That this area committee would seek to fit all our parks and playgrounds with wheelchair swings. These swings would increase inclusiveness for children using wheelchairs and would bring them great joy.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 11 from Councillor Carolyn Moore**

This committee will undertake to demonstrate its commitment to making our parks more welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable to all by identifying a suitable accessible playground in each of the South East Area's local electoral areas for the installation of ability swings which can be enjoyed by children who use wheelchairs.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 12 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Aware that a considerable number of people in the Rathmines area suffered severe isolation due to Covid shutdown; that the council facilitate through the library or any other venue an opportunity for people to express their experience and observations through various artistic media i.e. visual art, stories etc. Also that this work is done in collaboration with local organisations such as Gateway.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 13 from Councillors James Geoghegan and Anne Feeney**

That the South East Area Committee agrees that an underground car park should form part of the Gulistan Depot Site Development Plans.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 14 from Councillors James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee requests that additional bike parking be installed in Bushy Park as a matter of priority.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee agrees that the waste department and the parks department would set out in writing to the committee exactly what additional resources they believe their departments require to meet the demands of intermittent increases in outdoor activity in parks and public spaces on good weather days and weekends.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Tara Deacy**

That this committee agree to establish a sub group to begin the work and discussion needed for the implementation of a sensory garden for the Crumlin/Kimmage area as was agreed last year.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

That this Area Committee agrees to write to local off licences and request the cessation of alcohol sales after 9 pm as a means of curbing anti-social behaviour.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage confirming our support for real time water quality monitoring and systematic sampling testing of 10 locations in Dublin Bay 365 days of the year for a period of at least 24 months. We also support the implementation of the continual operation of the Ultraviolet (UV) treatment facility

in the Dublin Waste Water Treatment Facility in Ringsend throughout the year. We ask that these measures be actively pursued as means to improve water quality for marine life and real time information for recreational users.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This committee requests the Area Manager to have our Transport Advisory Group put in place pedestrian and cycling safety measures such as pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of the post office at the corner of Old County Road and Clonard Road, Dublin 12.

Constant traffic and poor parking makes access to the post office dangerous for pedestrians, particularly elderly people.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This committee requests the Area Manager to have our Transport Advisory Group put in place traffic calming, cycling and pedestrian safety measures on Herberton Road, Dublin 12.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This committee requests the Area Manager to seek to have future Development Levies from the proposed SHDs in Drimnagh ring fenced as a funding source for community infrastructure in the Local area.

In the meantime to begin taking actions as outlined in the Drimnagh Area Plan as presented in April 2021 and to work in unison with the Dublin South Central Area Committee to achieve its implementation.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Emergency Motion from Councillors Claire Byrne, James Geoghegan, Kevin Donoghue, Pat Dunne, Dermot Lacey, Tara Deacy, Danny Byrne, Carolyn Moore and Deirdre Conroy**

That this Area Committee agrees to installing a Rainbow Walk across the junction of Dame Street and Georges Street as part of the Dublin Pride Festival and for it to be place for Pride Day on 26th June.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Emergency Motion from Councillors Paddy McCartan, Dermot Lacey, James Geoghegan**

That the South East Area Committee agrees to write to the National Transport Agency (NTA) in support of the Ballsbridge Traders' concerns in relation to the NTA letter they received about possible significant changes to public spaces outside of their premises currently occupied for outdoor hospitality services, and also disabled parking seeking a meeting with the NTA and presentation prior to any suggested changes being made and wider consultation in engaged in.

**Order: Agreed.**

**10 Questions for the Chief Executive 14th June 2021**

**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Dermot Lacey**

**Chairperson**

**Monday 14 June 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)  
Claire Byrne  
Deirdre Conroy  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mary Freehill  
Carolyn Moore

**Members:**

Danny Byrne  
Daniel Céitinn  
Pat Dunne  
James Geoghegan  
Claire O'Connor

**Members:**

Hazel Chu  
Tara Deacy  
Mannix Flynn  
Paddy McCartan

**Officers**

Brian Hanney  
Neil O'Donoghue  
John Beattie  
Karima McKeller  
Dominic Hession  
Patricia Reidy  
Brendan O'Brien

Leah Johnston  
Mary Taylor  
Iva Geci  
Paraic Fallon  
Leah Johnston  
Paul McCann

John MacEilly  
Jennifer Wall  
Gerard McEntaggart  
Claire Sheehan  
Brid Brosnan  
Debbie Clarke

**Apologies:**

Anne Feeney

**Non-Members:**

Aodhan King D12 bike bus  
Margaret Burke Riverside  
Educate Together

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager if he will have the crash barriers along the approach road to the East Link Bridge parallel to the boat clubs to be repaired/replaced as a matter of urgency, given their very deleterious and potentially dangerous condition.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made for repairs to be carried out to this crash barrier.

**Q.2 Councillor Mary Freehill**

Would the manager please give me an up to date on progress on motion I got passed over a year ago requesting replacement of road sign at Parnell Avenue, D12? Please let me know the reason for delay and when it will be installed.

**Reply:**

Due to the large number of new nameplates required to be installed, it was necessary to procure a contractor to carry out these works. This procurement process is currently at pre-tender stage. We expect to have a contractor appointed and for these works to begin by the third quarter of 2021. Parnell Avenue nameplate installation is included in this contract.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if the works requested in the email below can be carried out as soon as possible.

"The footpaths around the area of Mountpleasant Upper/Lower and Gulistan Terrace are yet again in a terrible state. Weeds are growing everywhere again - we were promised last year that this would be dealt with regularly"

**Reply:**

The Weed Control Programme for the South East Area commenced at the end of May 2021 and the roads/streets listed by the Councillor have been scheduled for treatment.

**Q.4 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To thank the manager for the installation of the new bin on Park Avenue, Sandymount and to request that it will be emptied on a more regular basis.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned litter bin is emptied on a regular basis.

**Q.5 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to respond to the issue raised by a constituent enclosed in the following email.

He writes:

"Traffic calming- Herbert Green/Oaklands /Park/Drive, Sandymount  
Now that the evenings are getting longer and the weather is better there are children playing on the above roads.

Cars turn off Serpentine Ave, sometimes at speed and it is a concern to parents with their children on the street.

Would it be possible to engineer traffic calming measures at the Herbert Green/Serpentine Ave intersection to slow down cars as they take the corner?

Also would it be possible to introduce *children at play* signage to educate and warn drivers?

The road also does require a resurface and re-marking."

**Reply:**

A request for traffic calming measures has been examined by the Area Engineer and the following was recommended at the TAG meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Herbert Green and Serpentine Avenue are located within a 30km/h speed restriction zone. Existing Slow Zone F 403 signage is erected at the entry points of the speed restriction zone, such as at the Serpentine Avenue / Merrion Road junction. The children at play signage is already incorporated into the slow zone sign on Serpentine Avenue. As a means of informing the driver of the 30km/h speed zone when entering Herbert Green from Serpentine Avenue, it is recommended that a 30km/h roundel be painted at the entrance of Herbert Green.

This recommendation is currently with the Traffic Office for implementation.

In relation to re-marking.

An inspection will be carried out in the coming days, to assess the condition of the carriageway in relation to markings that may be renewed. Any requirement for renewal observed, will be listed and scheduled for installation, within 30 working days of the SEAC meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2021.

Serpentine Avenue was inspected and defects found have been logged in our asset management system for repairs to be carried out. The carriageway was deemed to be in a serviceable condition for the most part and does not warrant resurfacing at present.

**Q.6 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the manager to have the bins located on the walkway adjacent to the Dodder and Aviva Stadium emptied on a regular basis.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned litter bins are emptied on a regular basis.

**Q.7 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the manager why are Bushy Park toilets in the sports dressing rooms still closed? I have asked for them to be opened last month and when will these necessary toilets be opened for children playing sports ASAP?

**Reply:**

The toilets in the dressing rooms in Bushy Park are now open to the public from 1pm to 9pm daily.

**Q.8 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager if the Bins that have been removed from Harold's Cross Park can be replaced as soon as possible due to the number of people sitting in the park and not enough bins available.

**Reply:**

There are currently 3 standard sized litter bins located in the park which are emptied regularly during the working day by park staff from early morning to approximately 7.30pm in the evening.



All public parks are experiencing exceptionally high levels of footfall at this time, but we consider that this will reduce over the coming weeks.

In order to increase litter bin capacity, we will consider installing 3 large Big Belly Bins to replace the smaller capacity litter bins currently in operation.

**Q.9 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager, repeat of my question from last year, when will the Bushy Park side parking space on Rathdown Avenue and the roads around Bushy Park be altered in order to avoid danger of ambulance not getting access, cars speeding on a two lane where there is only room for one way. I have seen the major issue when I visited Saturday Market at Bushy Park recently.

**Reply:**

The Area Engineer has submitted a proposal to alleviate some of the congestion on Rathdown Avenue and Rathdown Park which is currently being assessed by Senior Management of the Environment and Transportation Department.

Once this has been completed we will provide an update to all Councillors, I would anticipate this being complete prior to the July Area Committee meeting.

**Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report and update on the ongoing situation of the development and regeneration possibilities of St. Andrew's Court Flat complex?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

DCC has received Stage 1 approval from the DHLGH for the regeneration of St Andrew's Court.

An integrated design team, namely O'Donnell Tuomey Architects have been procured and appointed to the project. They are currently working on design proposals. Consultation with residents and local elected members, compliant with government Covid 19 guidelines, will take place over the coming months.

An alternative proposal was received from an adjacent landowner but no agreement was reached and the proposal is no longer being considered.

Accordingly, Housing and Community Services Department is now focused on developing the site for social housing homes, with the preferred option being to demolish the existing complex and build a new modern development.

**Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager outline how DCC intend to manage the new pedestrianised areas in the South East Area? This report to include times of opening and closing, times that alcohol is served and not served. Who is responsible for the cleaning of these areas? And whether all the restaurants, and cafes in these public areas can put out their tables and chairs? Or is this process of outdoor dining/pedestrianisation just for one particular premises?

**Reply:**

Waste Management have arranged 54 large Eurobins and 80 Barrel Bins (13 additional) across the City from the 4<sup>th</sup> June with a specific focus on high footfall areas in the City Centre.

This is in addition to the existing 3,310 bins across the City. We will also be putting additional direct labour human resources in place to service the additional waste collections. All current cleaning schedules are unaffected.

The newly pedestrianised areas will be managed by each department as required. For example, bollards will be installed daily by Traffic Section and cleaning continues to be managed by Cleansing. The City Council is responsible for the public realm, businesses are responsible for their licenced areas. Each business has to apply for an individual licence and is permitted to put furniture only in the area covered by the licence. Times of opening and closing are determined on an individual basis, depending on location.

**Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager confirm whether the restaurants and bars and others on Camden Street and Wexford Street have made applications for outdoor dining or any such facilities?

**Reply:**

We have received a number of applications for Street Furniture in Camden Street and one for Wexford Street. These have mainly been from restaurants.

**Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report and list of all those that have made applications in the SEA for street furniture, outdoor dining facility infrastructure and pedestrianisation of any areas?

**Reply:**

As there have been a large number of interventions a report will be sent to the Councillor as soon as it is compiled.

**Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager give a full list of all staff that are available for the enforcement of street furniture licensing laws and outdoor dining and drinking laws? This report to include what staff are available in the evening time or on any 24hr basis and how do DCC intend to manage this particular initiative in a proactive manner.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has no role in the enforcement of drinking laws. The enforcement of Street Furniture Licences is being undertaken through a mixed team from Area Offices, City Recovery and Dublin Fire Brigade. Inspections have taken place on Monday 7th June and Tuesday 8th of June. Inspections will also take place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th June and on a regular basis going forward. Inspections to date have shown that the vast majority of businesses are following the rules and compliant with the terms of their licence. Any businesses that are not compliant are being engaged with. Any specific issues can be reported to the relevant Director of Services, Area Manager or Public Domain Officer.

**Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager as matter of urgency have a further meeting with the residents group around the ongoing issues of antisocial behaviour and the safety of the Ffrench Mullen Housing complex and residents and the ongoing issue of the security lighting?

**Reply:**

There has been frequent e-mail correspondence with the residents that were present at the previous meeting in relation to ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Ffrench Mullen House and we continue to liaise proactively with An Garda Síochána. We have explained to the residents that there are no plans for a gate in this walkway. The residents are aware that Tuath Housing erected the lighting in the walkway as a preventive measure to reduce the anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of fFrench Mullen House. Tuath housing are responsible for the lights in the walkway at fFrench Mullen House. Tuath

Housing holds a clinic every Tuesday in the TK2 centre by appointment and are contactable 01-6761602 or e-mail [info@tuathhousing.ie](mailto:info@tuathhousing.ie).  
There are no plans to have a further meeting with the residents group at this time.

**Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager liaise with Parking Enforcement with regards parking for the residents at details supplied? This residence has had long term parking available at their residence they are owners of a private landing and a basement that runs under their premise and are therefore legally entitled to park here without any issue. Recently these people have been clamped causing major distress as they are car dependent due to ill health and mobility issues. Can the manager issue a full report with regards resolving this particular issue?

**Reply:**

An investigation will be carried out by the Enforcement Officer to review this situation and return to Cllr. Flynn with the resolution of the matter.

**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the status of the application by the Temple Bar Traders company for multi outdoor seating and dining facilities within the Temple Bar Cultural Quarter?

**Reply:**

The plan submitted by the Temple Bar Company was reviewed by the Street Furniture Working Group and the Temple Bar Company were advised that individual businesses should apply for street furniture licences. These applications are being dealt with by the Street Furniture working group as they are received.

**Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a report with regards the roll out of weeding control within the SEA? Could the manager see fit to dealing with the major weed issue in and around the Portobello/St Kevin's Area?

**Reply:**

The weed control contractor commenced the treatment of weeds in the South East area on 25<sup>th</sup> May. The Portobello area is listed for treatment in 2021.

**Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager initiate a plebiscite for the residents of Leinster Square to deal with the issue of on street parking and residential parking issues? This area is generally chaotic when it comes to parking with many of the residents deeply frustrated about the ad-hoc arrangements where many of them have to drive around for hours to find a parking space. It would help enormously if a plebiscite was initiated and a desirable outcome for the residents achieved.

**Reply:**

A plebiscite to alter the on street parking arrangements of Leinster Square has to be initiated by the residents themselves. The residents must submit a petition with signatories from a minimum of 25% of households of the square. This petition must outline their specific request and submit this to the TAG – Transport Advisory Group.

This is the link to assist residents to submit a petition to either apply for a new pay or display permit parking scheme or to alter an existing scheme.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the manager issue a full report with regards DCC's intention to remove the bring containers, clothing containers and bottle containers on Milltown Road bring bank? It was indicated recently that these containers would be relocated to a much more appropriate location. There is a constant issue of dumping at this location which is now having a negative impact on the location, residents and the many people who use the bring centre and its car park. Many people complained recently of a smell of rancid alcohol coming from the bottle bank. On a recent visit by myself, I discovered many items of discarded clothing and cardboard thrown about the place. See photos.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services recently undertook a review of the textile recycling service currently provided in order to 1) develop a more effective and efficient service and 2) to identify problematic locations and suggest how the problem might be addressed. The textile banks at Milltown Car Park were identified as one such problematic location, and due to the ongoing high levels of illegal dumping there, removal of these banks was considered as a last resort.

However, as discussed at the recent extraordinary meeting of the Climate Action, Energy and Environment SPC on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021, service provider Textile Recycling Limited T/A Clothes Pod have recently taken a number of steps to improve their service levels, including the replacement of existing clothes banks with new wheeled units that enable vastly reduced service times while also reducing the frequency of collections needed. Two double banks of this type were installed at Milltown Car Park on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 which has significantly reduced incidences of overflowing clothes banks and illegal dumping at this site.

At no time was there any intention to remove bottle banks from this location, as outlined in the replies to South East Area Committee November 2020 Q. 17 and February 2021 Q. 17. The bottle banks at Milltown Car Park are well used by locals, collected regularly and maintained well by both the service provider and Waste Management crews. The owners of Farmer Brown's pub have recently developed an outdoor dining area and as a result a number of bottle banks were removed from this location thus reducing the capacity for glass recycling in the area. As the only recycling facility in Milltown on publicly owned land, I am not in a position to remove bottle banks from Milltown Car Park at this time.

**Q.21 Councillor Mary Freehill**

Would the manager please outline what process is in place to protect street furniture i.e. footpath slabs when they are lifted for maintenance work? There was a case on Grove Road recently where slabs were not put in a place of safety during ESB work and new ones had to be laid. This involved extra cost and shade variation.

**Reply:**

Utilities, including ESB are required to apply for licences online via the Roadworks Control Online System (RCOS) to excavated public roads or footways. Licences are issued by DCC with conditions. A specific set of conditions apply to excavations in areas containing historic surfaces, such as antique granite flags. The licence holder is required to notify DCC, take up the antique granite flags carefully, clean them, palletise them, label them and store them for permanent reinstatement when the utility works are complete.

Locations of existing antique granite flags are listed in Appendix 7 of The Planning and Development Plan 2016-2022. Grove Road is not listed. However, Dublin City Council's Roadworks Control policy requires that the concrete flags in the path be reinstated. The cost of using new concrete flags instead of laying the existing lies with the ESB.

**Q.22 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to have the badly broken off pavement outside (Details supplied) removed and the path repaired. The broken off piece is at least 2 foot x 10 inches. An

elderly lady nearly had an accident on it over recent days, because it is out on the road. It also presents a danger for cars on this busy road.

**Reply:**

The footpath at this location will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.23 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to have the badly broken pavements on Greenlea Terenure repaired. They are particularly bad on Greenlea Avenue, Greenlea Park and Greenlea Drive.

**Reply:**

These footpaths will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management.

**Q.24 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to why the single yellow line at details supplied have not been put back to a pay and display.

**Reply:**

The area engineer is investigating this matter, Cllr. Feeney will be notified once this has been resolved.

**Q.25 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the Manager to have the signage at Irishtown Nature Park painted. These signs are in bad need of being painted.

**Reply:**

Painting of the nature park signs are scheduled to be undertaken very shortly, as all park benches along the walkway have now been painted.

**Q.26 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager if the crash barriers at the Stella Maris Rowing Club and Poolbeg Boat Club Could be renewed. The crash barriers are currently in very poor condition and a health and safety risk given how busy this road is beside the East Link Toll Bridge.

**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made for repairs to be carried out to this crash barrier.

**Q.27 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager for a report in the housing case of details supplied.

**Reply:**

Housing Allocations have not received a succession application from the above individual. However, a succession application will be posted to him on 8th June 2021, for completion.

**Q.28 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if something can be done about dangerous and illegal parking on the Harold's Cross Road at the corner of St. Clare's Avenue, which has resulted in accidents. Cars parking on the footpath and on the double yellow lines are completely blocking the view of oncoming traffic. Residents need an intervention that will help them exit their street safely, and people with mobility issues require unhindered access to the footpath.

**Reply:**

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on footpaths at this location at the corner of St .Clare's Avenue and Harold's Cross Road.

**Q.29 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the footpath at 39-40 St Martin's Park can be repaired. A deepening crack in the surface of the pavement presents a trip hazard.

**Reply:**

The footpath at this location will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.30 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if additional bins can be provided in Herzog and Dartry parks where excessive levels of litter continue to be left behind in parks each weekend.

**Reply:**

There is one litter bin in Dartry Park which has been upgraded to a Big Belly Bin (BBB) and is used primarily for disposing of dog Poo and coffee cups. This BBB is serviced by Waste Management Section.

It is not considered that an additional bin is required within the park.

There are no litter bins within in Herzog Park although there is one small dog poo bin at the entrance to park which is serviced by Waste Management. Litter in the Park is picked daily each morning by Park staff and while there is litter present it is rarely in excessive amounts. In general, the public using the playground and the sports clubs/schools using the MUGA collect the litter and a local volunteer group also assists in controlling litter, for which we are very grateful.

The level of litter is currently very high in many of our parks. However, with the continued raising of COVID-19 restrictions we anticipate that this will reduce dramatically over coming weeks.

**Q.31 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager if the green on Cashel Road (nearest Kildare Road), can be rolled to level the ground and flatten the tyre tracks from scrambler use to prepare the grass for mowing.

**Reply:**

The area in question has been listed for inspection and any works required will be carried out as soon as local schedules allow.

**Q.32 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager why the Astro pitch in Herzog Park is closed and what the projected duration of the closure might be?

**Reply:**

The Multi Use Games Area is currently available to schools and clubs who are rostered to use the facility. Local sports clubs who wish to use the facility for supervised training may do so by contacting [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

Small groups of individuals are not currently allowed to use the facility until a noise assessment has been completed to confirm noise levels emanating from the facility. It is anticipated that this assessment will be undertaken over the summer months.

**Q.33 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager what can be done to prevent drivers from regularly breaching the one-way requirement of Maxwell Road, where drivers are turning off Frankfort Avenue, despite the clear signage, and driving the wrong way up Maxwell Road to access Maxwell

Lane. This is a residential street with high levels of on-street parking and breaching the one way requirement is both illegal and dangerous.

**Reply:**

The Area Engineer conducted a site visit on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2021 to look at issues with driver behaviour on Maxwell Road. From the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports Traffic Signs Manual the appropriate No Entry signage RUS 050 and No Entry road markings RRM 019 are in place

There are two “NO ENTRY” signs RUS 050 on either side of Maxwell Road at the junction with Frankfort Avenue. With road markings RRM 019 warning drivers that Maxwell Road is “NO ENTRY” at this location. There is also on Frankfort Avenue a “No left turn” sign RUS 013 to indicate no entry into Maxwell Road.

If drivers are accessing Maxwell Lane via Maxwell Road illegally then this is a matter for enforcement by the Gardaí. The area engineer will bring this matter to the attention of the Gardaí at the next TAG meeting.



NO ENTRY signs and road markings on Maxwell Road

**Q.34 Councillor Carolyn Moore**

To ask the area manager what management plan is in place to control the crowds gathering to drink at the Dropping Well on evenings and at weekends.

**Reply:**

The Area Office is not aware of any issues relating to crowd control at the Dropping Well on evenings and at weekends and there is no management plan in place for this location.

**Q.35 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he can write to the NTA and BusConnects exploring whether all traffic lanes on Nutley Lane as currently proposed are absolutely necessary as per the latest iteration of the BusConnects proposal.

**Reply:**

As the BusConnects project is a National Transport Authority project, it is a matter with the NTA regarding the traffic analysis and the preferred route options. Thus for this project questions should be directed to the authority. This can be done via their web site, email, calls and digital media, via the [cbc@busconnects.ie](mailto:cbc@busconnects.ie) or also to their postal address However, for the Environment Impact Assessment Report and the Traffic Impact Assessment Report, extensive analysis and traffic modelling have been carried out along



with comprehensive public consultation process undertaken in relation to the BusConnects proposals.

**Q.36 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he could address the issues outlined in the email below;

"I have reached out to the council and some local authority reps but heard nothing [back...so](#) hoping you can help

1. A few areas we'd like to bring to attention are the use of laneways behind the houses between Elmwood Avenue, Elm Park Avenue by homeless people for drinking or use as a [bathroom...it](#) raises serious safety concerns. The lanes are looked after by the council and kept relatively clean but recently I have seen it being used as a toilet and drinking spot (which the gardaí can't do anything about...) I worry because right outside my back courtyard is one of the spots used and I don't feel very safe with a door opening onto it. Similar laneways have been gated off and this would be something we would love to see happen.

2. The general acceptance of all day works happening. This is a residential street adjacent to Lidl yet they are out cutting and grinding at 1.30 in the morning. They use our street for illegal parking during works etc. Surely this is not in the public interest. Are permits being granted for this? Would be good to be informed.

3. Also given the close proximity to shops there is obviously a need to live side by side with businesses. However on at least 10 occasions in the last 3 months, alarms have been sounding all night between Milano's, Galvin Lettings and more recently Lidl... I don't know if other people can't hear or just don't speak up but I have called the gardaí and businesses about this and nobody is monitoring any of the alarms so we are left listening to noise disturbances all night. Surely someone can be held more accountable if noise disturbances occur?

4. On the same point Rita's pizzeria is a constant stop off spot on our street. Cars park anywhere they please for delivery collection and we have to leave the blinds shut every Friday and Saturday as the turnaround is literally non-stop. Perhaps more patrolling for illegal parking would help. Also given this is a residential street Rita's being the only commercial property we have just spotted seating on the footpaths outside across from our windows. Again I am concerned that this is business 1st residents 2nd Rita's severely lets down the street with drinking while waiting pizza box litter. Traffic and now outdoor seating. I would ask that it be checked are they permitted to have outdoor seating and if so would object as this is a residential street now having our basic privacy depleted.

5. Last point (I promise!) have asked the council to have the tree outside number 2 reinstated. The road boasts lovely mature trees but this is [missing....It](#) would serve as a great way to get privacy from the Main Street and Rita's. A divide between commercial and residential. If nothing else can you help me get this replanted?"

**Reply:**

1. The laneways between Elmwood Avenue, Elmpark Avenue will be examined by our Public Domain Section and I will revert shortly to the Councillor on this.  
Waste Management Services will continue to keep these laneways as clean as possible despite the anti-social behaviour going on in them. Anti-social behaviour is a matter for the Gardaí.
2. An inspector from Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit will be asked to review the parking situation at this location to determine what is possible to improve the parking issues and see what enforcement against illegal parking is possible.



No request has been received to date from the developer for a derogation to carry out works outside of the permitted working hours.

3. In relation to all day works and illegal parking in the vicinity of LIDL these issues will be referred to our Noise Control Section and Parking Enforcement for investigation. The Air Quality Monitoring & Noise Control Unit will carry out an investigation of the complaints with respect to noise associated with alarms and construction, but will require contact details for the residents involved in order to carry out the necessary enquires. Councillor Geoghegan has been contacted in this regard.
4. The issue with Rita's Pizzeria will be examined in the 1st instance by our Public Domain Officer.
5. The existing tree pit will need to be enlarged to facilitate a replacement tree and if this can be facilitated a tree will be planted as part of our tree planting programme of 2022.

**Q.37 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he could address the issues outlined in the email below;

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Good evening,

I wish to formally put on record my serious safety concerns for Comans Public House Rathgar, Rathgar Village.

In particular the roof and chimney seems to be hazardous and extremely unsafe.

Attached please find photographic evidence of cracks in the said structure.

Please confirm receipt of this email and that remedial action will be immediately taken to avoid harm and possibly loss of life.”

**Reply:**

DCC Dangerous Buildings Inspector did proceed to inspect the above named premises as of 9/05/2021, under remit of the **Local Gov. Sanitary Services Act 1964** (as amended), further to a complaint from a member of the public.

DB additional further inspection 3/6/2021

The DB Inspector noted: - 9/5/2021

“Cracks visible to gable wall and under window sills to front of building. Cracks appear to be in render rather than structural.

Chimney (noted as ‘false’ – as it is advised to be a Comms equipment aerial / receiver or sim.) is plumb and shows no sign of instability.

Roof is old but not in a state of disrepair.

No immediate safety risk at this time”

No further action warranted by DB

The DB Inspector noted: - 3/6/2021

“No change since Inspection in May - above

No further action warranted by DB at this time.”

The DB Inspector will continue to periodically monitor, as is our remit under the above 1964 Act.

**Q.38 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if someone from the Parks Department could physically meet with Terenure Rangers club to explore the possibility of additional recreational space.

**Reply:**

This can be arranged by contacting the undersigned and will be undertaken subject to Covid-19 restrictions allowing.

**Q.39 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he could consider the possibility of Mornington Road, Ranelagh being made permanently a one way road.

**Reply:**

The Area Traffic Engineer will investigate the viability of a one-way system on Mornington Road and potential impact on adjoining road network.

**Q.40 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager the level of engagement with an Garda Siochána and Tuath in respect of anti-social behaviour at Ffrench Mullen house and to clarify who is responsible for the walkway along there.

**Reply:**

The City Council has engaged proactively with An Garda Siochána and Tuath in respect of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Ffrench Mullen House. Tuath Housing has installed extra lights and planted aggressive shrubbery along the flower beds to deter the anti-social behaviour reported in this area. As a further deterrent measure, Housing Maintenance is considering placing a fence along the side of the walkway to prevent access. This fence will eliminate any access on the left of the walkway where the majority of anti-social behaviour is taking place. Dublin City Council is responsible for the walkway at this location.

**Q.41 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to replace the AstroTurf in South Lotts Park.

**Reply:**

The surface on the Multi Use Games Area in this park is being maintained on a regular maintenance schedule which is helping to extend the longevity of the surface. Currently, this hard wearing surface is in an acceptable condition and deemed not to require replacement.

**Q.42 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to provide cleansing of the large bins in Greenore Court.

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance will liaise with the Team Leader of this complex to have all green bins cleaned on a rota basis.

**Q.43 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager if literature explaining changes to Camden Street regarding Covid-recovery, parking etc. could be distributed to residents and businesses in that area.

**Reply:**

There have been a very limited number of changes in the Camden Street area, and as the situation is an evolving one, it is not proposed to distribute literature in this regard. Residents and businesses are free to contact the area office with any specific queries.

**Q.44 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to clear the storm drains in the laneway on Londonbridge Road. There is a blockage in the laneway.

**Reply:**

The area listed above is on the list of gully cleaning works for the week of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Should any defects or problems with gullies be identified when they are cleaned they will be passed on to the *Drainage Services Division* to be repaired.

**Q.45 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to repair the broken street and the broken shore at Fairview Avenue, Ringsend details supplied:

**Reply:**

The footpath at this location will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management system. Any broken utility covers found will be referred to the relevant operator for repair.

**Q.46 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to repair the broken stone bollard at the corner of City Quay and Petersons Court.

**Reply:**

This bollard will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.47 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Following up on previous emails sent can in relation to this issue, can tree pruning outside 5 and 6 Derry Drive take place as a matter of urgency? The residents are both elderly and have health issues and are very worried that they might slip or fall and the trees are obstructing their view. Can we address this ASAP? It wasn't carried out last year and needs attention.

**Reply:**

The trees at this location are small canopy trees that are sited well away from the nearest public light. The footpaths are recently repaired so are not uneven. There was no commitment given to carry out works to these trees last year.

**Q.48 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Following up on previous emails sent in relation to this can you let me know why the Astro pitch in Herzog Park has been closed and when is it due to re-open?

**Reply:**

The Astro Pitch was closed due to complaints from the general public in regards to noise levels emanating from the facility in the early morning, prior to 8am.

When investigated it was confirmed that un-supervised play was being undertaken at this time which was deemed to be a nuisance for local residents.

It was therefore considered appropriate that the MUGA would be closed and only those clubs and schools rostered to play would be provided with keys to access the facility.

It was also agreed that an assessment of noise levels would also be undertaken to confirm if they are excessive. Assessment of noise levels has commenced and organised groups may request keys by contacting keys to gain access to the facility by contacting [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

**Q.49 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can the footpath at 404 Clonard Road be repaired? It is a trip hazard for residents and needs to be fixed.

**Reply:**

The footpath at this location will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

**Q.50 Councillor Tara Deacy**

What powers do DCC have in terms of a derelict privately owned home? The garden is completely over grown and neighbours suspect there may be a vermin issue. Can DCC do anything in this case?

**Reply:**

The Derelict Sites Unit does not have an active file on this site. The unit will arrange for an inspection of the site and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

**Q.51 Councillor Tara Deacy**

During discussion of Motion 15 Councillor Danny Byrne to March's SEAC meeting:

"To ask the manager to provide communication boards to be installed in playgrounds throughout Dublin City. These boards allow children who are non-verbal or have challenges communicating to express themselves, increasing inclusion and independence" Cllr. Byrne commented that he prefers the low tech. option, because some people accompanying children with communication difficulties may be digitally excluded, for whatever reason, and may not be able to use or access more IT based solutions.

Please see below the response from Debby Clarke, Play Officer:

"Communication boards would be a useful addition to playgrounds however the feasibility and practicality of installing boards or other media in 67 playgrounds throughout the city requires further research. The Play Development Officer will consult with agencies e.g. the Disability Equality Specialist Support Agency (DESSA) (the national community development organisation working to support the full and equal participation of disabled people in Irish society by creating inclusive and non-disabling communities). Engagement with key user groups will also be undertaken in order to determine the benefits and costs. This could lead to a pilot project in a small number of playgrounds."

I had planned on submitting a similar motion for the June meeting. In light of the reply Cllr. Byrne has received can I ask that the Crumlin/Kimmage area be prioritised in the pilot, working alongside local groups who have sought such boards for some time?

**Reply:**

As there would be a number of maintenance issues regarding the installation of communication boards Dublin City Council will carry out a Pilot Project to identify the most practical method of providing this type of intervention e.g. incorporating communication boards into existing playground signage where possible and make comparisons when installed as additional signage. As this type of signage would be best placed in playgrounds that provide inclusive play opportunities, some further work will be required in identifying the most suitable locations. It is hoped to identify 1 x location in each of the 5 electoral areas, in which case there may be the possibility of finding a suitable location in Crumlin.

**Q.52 Councillor Tara Deacy**

Can DCC sweep the gully drains in Derry Park, Lismore Road, Ferns Road, Cloyne Road, Sundrive Road (shopping area outside Apache Pizza & Credit Untione)?

**Reply:**

The Gully Cleaning Crew carried out cleaning works on the areas above as details below:

Derry Park	10 of 10 gullies cleaned on 30/04/2021
Lismore Road	33 of 36 gullies cleaned on 13/05/2021
Ferns Road	11 of 12 gullies cleaned on 28/04/2021
Cloyne Road	9 of 9 gullies cleaned on 22/04/2021

Sundrive Road a crew will clean these gullies on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Q.53 Councillor Tara Deacy**

At the church end of the Mount Argus apartments there is a small building with a sign that says community. It does not appear to have been open or used yet but appears to contain spaces that would be ideal for local businesses. Do we know who will operate this space and whether it will be available for community activities?

**Reply:**

The Area Manager has made contact with the Mount Argus Pastoral Centre and the Passionate Order regarding this matter and will be in touch with the Councillor very shortly regarding this request.

**Q.54 Councillor Danny Byrne**

To ask the manager to have the foliage cut back at Glovers Court to help with the control of vermin in the complex.

**Reply:**

Glover Court complex is monitored and baited on ongoing basis. The bin chambers have been cleaned and bunged. Foliage has been dug up and the area covered with concrete to prevent rats breaking through. The owners of the vacant site beside the complex have been contacted and requested to remove foliage which has given harbourage to vermin. There have been no recent complaints from residents relating to vermin. Dublin City Council will continue to monitor the situation.

**Q.55 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a short fence around the tree of hope recently planted in George Reynolds flats to protect it.

**Reply:**

The matter will be investigated and a report will be issued to the councillor.

**Q.56 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if additional measures against anti-social behaviour, such as fencing which was discussed with the residents group, have been installed for Ffrench Mullen House, the reason why a fence cannot be installed by DCC, and if he will update on other planned measures.

**Reply:**

Additional measures to reduce /stop antisocial in the walkway at Ffrench Mullen House were introduced in the past couple of weeks. Tuath Housing has installed extra lights and planted aggressive shrubbery along the flower beds to deter the anti-social behaviour reported in this area. In addition there is CCTV monitoring the walkway and Tuath holds a clinic every Tuesday in the TK2 centre for residents to report any issues they may have. Recently discussions did take place with a residents' group from Ffrench Mullen House. The residents' group requested a gate to be erected at the entrance to the walkway. These walkways are integral parts of the Master Plan for the Charlemont Square Development and there is no planning permission for any gates.

Dublin City Council met with the architects for Charlemont Square including reps. for the developer and our Housing Maintenance Division. This meeting was arranged to consider other measures that could be introduced to reduce anti-social- behaviour in the vicinity. Following this meeting our Housing Maintenance Division are considering placing a fence at the side of the walkway. This fence will eliminate any access on the left of the walkway where the majority of anti-social behaviour is taking place. Dublin City Council will continue to liaise proactively with An Garda Síochána in Pearse Street regarding anti-social behaviour at this location.

**Q.57 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if the external parts of the Whitefriar Gardens flats will be repainted and the area cleaned and restored to a satisfactory level.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council Painting Section will put the above complex on its Programme of Works for 2021. No date for the undertaking of this work can be given at this time. However, the tenants will be notified prior to works commencing.

**Q.58 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if additional measures have been deployed to tackle rat infestations in the inner city flats and if he will report on the additional measures which the City Council have resourced in the last 12 months after the previous report to Council.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council's 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. Common areas in City Council complexes and void units are treated by Housing Maintenance pest control staff.

We have a dedicated and professionally trained team within Dublin City Council that bait common area in complexes and void units. We are increasing the visibility of our staff, as often our complexes are baited and staff are mistaken for other Housing Maintenance Staff. To combat this, we are improving the visibility of our Pest Control staff within Housing Maintenance, by branding vehicles with Pest Control and ensuring staff wear high visibility branded tops.

The HSE Pest Control Team handle individual requests for pest control in units/houses on behalf of Dublin City Council's Housing Maintenance. Housing Maintenance staff have met with their counterparts in the HSE to improve our relationship and co-ordinate how we jointly respond to pest control requests in the Dublin City Council area.

Secure bin areas have been installed in several complexes across the city to help combat rodent issues. Dublin City Council are aware of a number of issues regarding the presence of rats in a number of our complexes in the city and acknowledge the distress this is causing to residents. Local Estate Management in each complex actively works with residents, caretaking staff, housing maintenance and other parties to find a sustainable solution.

Housing Maintenance began a planned maintenance programme, whereby they would carry out drainage checks on our networks, instead of doing reactive maintenance. This work can entail the following:

- Inspecting Manholes for blockages
- Carrying out CCTV Surveys
- Cleaning out the pipe network with a Jet Vac
- Carrying out pipe repairs
- Rebuilding / repairing manholes and gullies
- Installing new pipelines, increasing pipe sizes and / or changing pipe runs

Due to the nature of the work, we have instances where pipelines have had very small issues and others can be quite problematic. We also have had instances whereby repair pipes can be damaged or blocked again in a short space of time.

In the last 12 months we have carried out various works at the following complexes.

Alfie Byrne House	Kilshane Court
Avondale House	Lorcan O'Toole Court
Beech Hill Villas	Markievicz House
Blackhall Parade	Matt Talbot Court
Canon Mooney Gardens	Mercer House
Crampton Buildings	O'Carroll Villas
Cuffe Street	Oliver Bond
Digges Street	Pearse House
Dominick Street Upper	Raheny Court
Friary Court	Ranelagh Close
Glover Court	Ravensdale Close
Homestead Court	Saint Audeon's House
Islandbridge Court	Seagull House
Kilmore Court	Timberyard Apartments
St. Andrew's Court	Marmion Court
Canal View Court	Patrick Heaney House
Ceannt Fort	Saint Vincent's Street
Dorset Street Flats	Whitefriar Gardens
George Reynolds House	York Street (New)

**Q.59 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager the number of defibrillators installed at each of the City Council's tenancy complexes which have more than 5 residents and if the City Council has plans to subsidise or fund the installation of more defibrillators.

**Reply:**

It is not standard procedure for Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance to install or maintain defibrillators on site in our complexes. This is not a service that Housing Maintenance is considering providing at this time.

**Q.60 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on the installation of additional bins along Poolbeg peninsula and the surrounding area.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services recently increased capacity here by upgrading our bin at the entrance to the nature reserve from Pigeon House Rd and also the bin at the Shelly Banks car park to Big Belly bins. There are no plans to install additional litter bins here at this time.

**Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following family (details supplied) They have a serious overcrowding issue in their household and have been waiting many years for a transfer. Any assistance would be appreciated.

**Reply:**

The above applicants are on the Transfer Housing List with an application date of 04/09/2017, and the applicants hold the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area E	3	392
Area K	3	311
Area N	3	200

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet their household need becomes available and according to their position on the list.

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

The applicants may wish to register their interest in Homeswapper.ie and create an account with a view to liaising with other applicants seeking transfers. Should the applicants be successful in finding a match, and all criteria is satisfied, it may decrease their waiting time. I note from their file that they were previously advised regarding same on 10/05/2021.

It is further noted on the applicant's file that they previously made enquiries (11/06/2020) seeking assistance in purchasing a property, having being approved for a mortgage, the applicant was referred to the Loans and Sales department.

**Q.62 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will consult with the residents of Peterson's Court and Dowling Court regarding the installation of play facilities for children in the area and on measures to tackle dog fouling.

**Reply:**

Our Housing Team will consult with local residents and will revert to the Councillor ASAP.

**Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager for an update on the Portobello Harbour public consultation and plans to advance same.

**Reply:**

Following a meeting with councillors on 28<sup>th</sup> January, a meeting was held with City Architects, Roads, Planning and Public Realm to discuss how we might proceed. The architects for the hotel confirmed that they plan to commence development in the summer. A meeting will be arranged with City Architects and hotel architects and other internal departments to discuss arrangements for managing the build and the proposed renovation of the square. This meeting is unlikely to take place until July 2021 when developer's project team is in place. A further meeting will be arranged then with Councillors soon afterwards to set out in some detail how the initial phase of public consultation will proceed.

**Q.64 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he will outline the conditions for prioritising city council flat complexes for regeneration and if he will list the flat complexes which have been prioritised and the complexes which may qualify or are being considered for priority in regeneration in the South East Area.

**Reply:**

The Housing and Community Services Department has ramped up its regeneration programme and now has the largest social housing pipeline in decades.

During 2018-2020, the Housing and Community Services Department undertook a strategic audit involving a multi-disciplinary review of the 240 apartment complexes owned by Dublin City Council.



This audit facilitated the prioritisation and ranking of apartments in need of regeneration and allows for DCC to plan in a strategic, sequential and logical manner for the regeneration of its complexes over the next 20 years.

As agreed at the May 2017 SPC for Housing and Community Services, a multi-disciplinary team was formed, consisting of representatives from City Architects, Planning and Economic Development, Quantity Surveyors, local area staff, Housing Maintenance and Housing Regeneration.

The audit involved the following steps:

1. A review of all previous feasibility studies, local area plans and masterplans
2. Visits to all sites, mapping of sites and the digitising of records
3. Assessing all sites for their development potential
4. The Housing Maintenance Section assessed each site having regard to its stock condition survey, history of maintenance requests and Building Energy Performance (BER)
5. The Local Area Management assessed each site under their management
6. A series of workshops to agree a categorisation of the apartments

The following complexes in the South East Area were identified for regeneration priority:

1. Pearse House
2. St. Andrew's Court
3. Glovers Court
4. Grove Road Flats
5. Cuffe Street
6. Digges Street
7. Macken Villas
8. O'Carroll Villas
9. Rathmines Avenue
10. York Street Flats
11. St. Vincent Street South
12. Bishop Street
13. Beech Hill Court
14. Beech Hill Villas
15. Markievicz House
16. Mercer House
17. Maxwell Court
18. McDonagh House
19. Mount Drummond Court
20. Powers Court
21. Stephen's Place
22. Verschoyle Court
23. Whitefriar Gardens

All regeneration plans are subject to receiving further approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its four-stage capital approval process.

**Q.65 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn**

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for the repainting of the outdoor window frames of the Smock Alley flats.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council Painting Section will put the above complex on its Programme of Works for 2021. No date for the undertaking of this work can be given at this time. However, the tenants will be notified prior to works commencing.

**Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if she can fix the pathway and roadway on Adelaide Road at the junction of Leeson Place as it floods during when it rains (see photo).

**Reply:**

The footpath and roadway at this location will be inspected and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management system. Photograph was not attached – please forward to the undersigned.

**Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the redevelopment of the old public toilets at the junction of New Street, Patrick Street and Kevin Street.

**Reply:**

There have been no major developments since the last update was given to councillors. However, we will undertake to keep the area committee informed of any future advancement in the project.

**Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please contact the owner of (details supplied: no. ?? Portobello Road - this building has been vacant for many years, and is completely overgrown and is now being used as a dumping ground for other people's waste and is causing rat problems for the neighbouring households. Can the Area Manager please take some action to resolve this issue?

**Reply:**

Clarification of the address has been sought from the councillor. The matter will be investigated on receipt of her reply.

**Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what is the ownership status of the vacant, fenced off overgrown space on Liberty Lane and are Dublin City Council aware of any redevelopment plans in relation to this space?

**Reply:**

This site is not in DCC ownership. The registered owners are listed as details supplied 2. There is no current information on the planning system to indicate any plans for the site at the moment.

We will arrange for Derelict Sites & Vacant Sites Units to have the site inspected and take action as appropriate.

**Contact:**

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**Q.70 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to address an ongoing noise pollution and vibration issue caused to the householder of (details supplied There is a speed ramp adjacent to this house which is causing very severe vibrations and shaking the home when vehicles cross it. This is especially true when heavier vehicles like large vans and Lorries or when cars travelling at speed. Can the Manager please examine the situation with a view to

finding a resolution so that this resident, who has some health issues, can get some peace?

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services will inspect the condition of the existing speed ramp and any defects found will be logged for repair in our asset management system.

Any decision to remove or replace this ramp with an alternative traffic calming measure would need to be referred to DCC Traffic Division.

**Q.71 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the manager to clear weeds and moss that have built up along City Quay.

**Reply:**

The Weed Control contractor commenced the treatment of weeds in the South East area on 25<sup>th</sup> May. City Quay has been scheduled for weed control in 2021.