

Appendix 1

Questions to the Area Managers with replies

Central Area Committee Meeting

8th June 2021

Q1 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager to find the cause of raw sewage and to replace the manhole cover outside (details supplied)

Reply

DCC Drainage recently carried out a thorough inspection of the drainage system serving (details supplied) and adjacent properties. The blockages are resulting from a damaged private outfall manhole located in the public footpath. There may also be issues associated with the private sewer pipework located beneath some of the affected properties.

DCC drainage referred the matter to Irish Water for their consideration. Irish water have since carried out repair works to the manhole in the public footpath. This should offer relief to the affected properties.

Residents are advised to also get their own private drains checked internally for any issues that may contribute to future blockages.

Contact: Cathal Kenny, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Drainage.
Tel: 222 6375.
Email: cathal.kenny@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager when the (details supplied) will be ready for housing stock.

Reply

Dublin City Council has vacant possession on one unit in (details supplied). This unit became vacant in April 2021 and the necessary surveys and works schedules have been completed by the Voids Section in Housing Maintenance. The property is currently being refurbished by a Framework Contractor and is expected to be completed within six weeks.

Contact: Michelle Robinson
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie
Tel: 2223517

Q3 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager if the North Inner City will be allocated extra Litter Wardens.

Reply

Dublin City Council has no plans to increase the number of litter wardens in Dublin City.

The Litter Enforcement Manager who is due to take up duty in the next few weeks will liaise with local area management to define priority areas for action and implement enforcement activities in conjunction with the local public domain teams.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Waste Management Services.
Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q4 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager to ask Cluid what plans are in place to replace windows in the (details supplied).

Reply

See attached reply from Cluid

Q5 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager to outline when works will start and when works will be complete, and the cost it will be to repair/replace items at Sean McDermott Swimming Pool.

Reply

As you are probably aware in February 2020 City Council staff noticed that floor tiles in the pool were beginning to come loose and break away from the pool floor and walls. The pool was closed in March 2020, which coincided with the onset of the Covid19 pandemic. In the past the Council would have carried out the required tiling repairs but over the years the pool floor and walls became a patch work quilt. This proved to be a health and safety concern for all our user groups.

The Council arranged for engineers to carry out an extensive examination of the pool and report on the required works. Complete tiling of the pool is essential, along with drainage and plant room works. The roof is also leaking and in need of repair. Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions have delayed the engineering assessment. All pools and leisure facilities in the country were required to close and all non-essential construction work to cease. Opening up works, which are required to enable the engineering assessment to be completed could not proceed.)

From 4 May 2021, construction works have recommenced on non-essential construction sites. On Monday 17 May, the required opening up works have commence at Sean McDermott Street to allow an initial inspection of the roof space and the collection of other information on the required scope of works.

If the required works are confined to tiling of the pool basin, deck and walls, and along with drainage and plant room works we should be in a position to go to tender in Q3 2021. If the inspections next week reveal more serious problems with the Sean McDermott roof (as happened with Markievich pool a few years ago), then the project will inevitably be delayed.

Capital Funding of €700,000 is in place to complete this project.

Contact: Gerard Carty, Senior Sports Development Officer
Email: Gerard.carty@dublincity.ie

Q6 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager that an extra public light be placed at (details supplied), as the area is subject to anti-social activity at night time and the extra lighting will help to prevent such behaviour.

Reply

We will investigate the light levels on (details supplied) and if extra lighting is required, we will consider for inclusion on a future lighting improvements programme subject to available finances.

Contact: Dale Donnelly, Assistant Engineer, Public Lighting Services.
Tel: 2224682.
Email: dale.donnelly@dublincity.ie

Q7 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager for an update and when works will take place at (details supplied), that new equipment will be installed and to reinstate the ground area, if in need, and any other works that may be required for children to be safe.

Reply

The initial playground programme of works included for equipment repairs and spot resurfacing repairs, where required. These were highlighted during a routine yearly inspection by an independent certified playground inspector. The contractor has since been asked to provide a quote for the complete resurfacing of all safety surfaces and removal of a small amount of hard surfaces along with the replacement of the pedal merry-go-round. If these additional works are approved to proceed, a 4-6 week lead in time will be applicable.

Contact: Stephen Wearen, Projects Unit
Email: Stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie

Q8 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager when a new boiler and other works will be complete for the new tenant at (details supplied)

Reply

The Contractor has made arrangements with the tenant to carry out an inspection of the boiler and following on from this any necessary repairs will be done.

Contact: Michelle Robinson
Email: [michelle.robinson@dublincity .ie](mailto:michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie)
Tel: 2223517

Q9 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager when will the (details supplied) be open, given the restrictions that have been in place, has a new date been put in place?

Reply

The substantial completion date for the new development at (details supplied) is expected for the end of Quarter 4 2021, with allocations anticipated to start in early 2022.

Contact: Darach O'Connor
Tel: 086 8150528
Email: Darach.oconnor@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a report into the plans to (details supplied) as outlined to residents in the area last October, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply

The (details supplied) needs a complete makeover and as part of the re-design a consultation will be held later this year to ascertain the views of the local community. The plan was to initiate the consultation earlier but due to Covid-19 restrictions this has been delayed. The implementation of a plan is not therefore likely until early in 2022.

Contact: Leslie Moore, Head of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Service
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to upgrade the public lighting on (details supplied) and to repair the damaged road way in the cul-de-sac.

Reply

The public lighting on (details supplied) was replaced with LED lights in 2017. The lighting meets the required standard and there are no plans for further improvements.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,
Public Lighting Services,
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

This request for repair of the carriageway on (details supplied) has been added to Confirm, Road Maintenance Services Asset Management Database for site inspection and defect assessment. Any necessary repairs will then be scheduled for completion subject to other defects priorities and when there will be a crew available in this area.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 2576.
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager who owns the (details supplied)

Reply

Dublin City Council is the owner of the area shown shaded pink below (details supplied)

The land to the east and west of the DCC owned land is in private ownership.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3055
Email: oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager what dealings Dublin City Council has had in relation to planning issues at (details supplied) and if Dublin City Council has considered buying the property.

Reply

The planning enforcement section has a current, live planning enforcement file relating to these properties.

Following receipt of the recent Board Pleanala decision on the third party section V referral, the owner of this property together with his design team have lodged (18/05/21) an additional section 5 referral to DCC's planning department, taking cognisance of the planner's report and DCC's planner's submission to the Board.

The recent section V referral outlines in greater detail the actual nature and extent of the use of these properties, requesting clarity as to whether the uses/development outlined in the most recent section V submission are or are not exempted development. Further consideration will be given to these matters once a decision is made by the planning department on the owner's section 5 submission.

In relation to any prospective purchase, this property is currently not on the market and if the property was presented for sale, DCC management would assess this possibility in due course.

Contact: Mary Hayes
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Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to put a traffic mirror at the (details supplied) so that vehicles exiting the carpark can see pedestrians coming down the path.

Reply

It is the policy of Dublin City Council not to provide concave traffic mirrors as they give a distorted view of approaching traffic which is potentially hazardous and also because such mirrors attract a high degree of vandalism with associated maintenance costs.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.
Tel: 222 6397.
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to repair the pot holes on the (details supplied)

Reply

(Details supplied) was patched on Friday 15th May 2021. Defective sections will be permanently reinstated as part of the 2021 Works Programme during July or August 2021.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 2576.
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have the roads and paths swept more regularly in (details supplied)

Reply

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned residential estate swept every three weeks.

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

Q17 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager for an update into the extension (due to overcrowding) for the tenant in (details supplied) and also for an update to when this property will be insulated.

Reply

Following receipt of this question, an application was sent out by post on 1st June 2021 to the tenant of the above property, As Dublin City Council Adaptation Section had no record of an application on file. There are no insulation works scheduled for the above address for 2021, however a revaluation will be done at the start of 2022 to review works planned for the year ahead.

Contact: Michelle Robinson
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Tel: 2223517

Q18 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager if Dublin City Council can introduce parking restrictions for residents only along the lower end of (details supplied)

Reply

With regards to the request for parking restrictions for residents only on (details supplied), Dublin City Council cannot provide 'residents only parking' signs or restrictions on a particular road as there is no legal basis to restrict parking on a public road to the residents of that road. Should residents wish to apply for a Pay & Display & Permit Parking scheme they can do so providing the criteria is met, details of criteria and process in the link below.

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

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.
Tel: 222 6397.
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to put a new big belly bins along (details supplied)

Reply

This location will be considered together with all requests for Big Belly bins when allocating future budgets and planning for the provision of Big Belly bins. Big Belly solar compactors come at a significant cost which means that we are not in a position to fulfil every request to have existing bins swapped for Big Belly solar compactors.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel: 222 4240.

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager has any pre-planning meetings been held with Dublin City Council in relation to the (details supplied)

Reply

The purpose of Section 247 is to assist potential planning applicants to gain a greater understanding of the planning application process, any relevant regulations and any relevant objectives of the development plan that may impact on the planning authorities decision in relation to applications for the site in question. Dublin City Council keeps a record of consultations held under Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. When an application for planning permission is subsequently lodged details of any consultations which were held become part of the planning file and so become publically available at that stage.

Contact: Bryan Ward, Senior Planner
Tel: 222 6169
Email: bryan.ward@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager when will the proposed pedestrian crossing be installed on (details supplied)

Reply

With regards to the proposed Pedestrian Crossing on (details supplied) the design has being finalised. It is envisaged the Pedestrian Crossing will be installed in Q3 of 2021.

Contact: Will Mangan, Acting Senior Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 5030.
Email william.mangan@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if the parking issues outlined in the enclosed emails will be addressed:

Reply

Parking and other traffic matters in the (details supplied) are currently under review as part of a neighbourhood transportation study. There have been numerous public consultation processes in an effort to reach agreement with local representatives on the preferred option to proceed. The current feedback has been referred to the Neighbourhood Engineer who will provide an update ahead of the July Area Committee meeting.

Contact: Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer, Administration/Transport Advisory Group.
Tel: 222 2296/3781
Email: fergal.mckay@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to state the number of housing developments in the (details supplied) that have planning permission but:

- i. Have not yet reached commencement order.
- ii. The number which have commencement orders.

- iii. The number which are still at some stage of the planning process
- iv. The number of all such developments that are SHDs.

Reply

Due to the volume of records that have to be checked on APAS (planning system) we will not be in a position to provide the information to the Council meeting. We will provide the information to the Councillor directly within the next fortnight..

Contact: Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3108
Email: greg.bryan@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if the laneway at (details supplied) can be cleared out and erect a “no dumping” sign at (details supplied)

Reply

The lane between (details supplied) a closed lane Ref : 13-10. The lane is gated and locked. Dublin City Council will not be in a position to clear it out on a once off basis. The Area Office will arrange for a no dumping sign to be erected on the gate at the entrance to the lane.

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager if the park and playground in (details supplied) is monitored daily, as used needles are found there regularly.

Reply

(Details supplied) is monitored on a daily basis and is cleaned in the mornings before opening and again in the evenings before closing. The problem with ‘sharps’ is that they can be indiscriminately thrown over the perimeter railing into the park at any time, day or night making it very difficult to keep the park free from such items. The Park Ranger will increase daily visits with a view removing discarded ‘sharps’ when found.

Contact: Mark Jones, Parks Department
Email: mark.jones@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to examine the feasibility of having electric charging sockets installed in public lighting standards particularly in the Inner-City Areas where houses open on to streets.

Reply

This matter has been considered in the overall context of the strategic study mentioned in previous replies and which is being finalised. The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points. However, there still remains some key items that require additional work and consequently the strategy has not as of yet been fully finalised and agreed.

Some of the remaining key items relate to the adaptation of Public Lighting columns for the purposes of EV charging. At present significant works are required to convert a public lighting column to have

EV charging capabilities. These include the installation of the ESB meter and associated mini pillar and ducting. Often it may be the case that the existing cabling does not have the capacity required to facilitate the additional EV loads, or the column itself may not be suitable for EV charging adaptation.

Nonetheless, discussions are continuing as a pressing matter and are ongoing with ESNB, the Department, the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and internally in this fast evolving space, with a view to finalising and agreeing a way forward (to include presentation to Council) at the very earliest opportunity.

Contact: Cormac Healy, Energy Manager, Energy Management Team.
Email: cormac.healy@dublincity.ie

Contact: Martin Maycock, Senior Engineer, Public Lighting and Electrical Services.
Email: martin.maycock@dublincity.ie

Q27 **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager that when a property is acquired by DCC under Vacant or Derelict sites legislation or under the Revolving Fund system that it be brought to the attention of the local Area Committee before a decision is made on how to deal with it.

Reply

The acquisition of property is an executive function while the disposal of property is a reserved function. Where a property is acquired and subsequently placed on the market a detailed report setting out the reasons for the intended disposal is required to be submitted to the Local Area Committee for approval to submit to Council. With regard to derelict and vacant sites legislation, the Derelict Sites Act 1990 does provide for the acquisition of derelict sites either by agreement or compulsorily but the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 does not contain such specific powers to acquire vacant sites. Since 2017 the Council has acquired twenty five derelict sites compulsorily. The Council does give consideration to retaining derelict sites compulsorily acquired but only where there is a required use and if it is feasible to do so. To date twenty one properties acquired compulsorily have been retained by the Council under the control of the Housing & Community Services for use as social housing. The majority of properties have been completely refurbished and rendered non-derelict and are now occupied or are currently undergoing refurbishment. To date only one property was placed on the market as it was not considered economically feasible for the Council to retain it. This disposal was subject to the approval of the Local Area Committee in the first instance.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3941
Email: nial.dully@dublincity.ie

Q28 **Councillor Joe Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to explain why people who have been approved for an extension are being refused on the grounds that they are "Level 2" and only applicants on level one are being dealt with; if she will state how many people on Level 2 are affected by this decision; and if she will state when a decision will be made on the appeal by (details supplied)

Reply

Revaluations of this application are currently underway. The tenant will be furnished with a letter informing them of the outcome of their application within the next three weeks, when a decision has been reached.

When a file is given Level 2 priority, it recognises that there is a medical need and the application should not be refused. However, due to the more serious medical needs which are awarded Level 1 priority, commitment cannot be given to commencing Level 2 works. There has been 34 Level 2 priority applications.

Contact: Michelle Robinson

Email: [michelle.robinson@dublincity .ie](mailto:michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie)

Q29 **Tel:** 2223517
Councillor Joe Costello

To ask the Area Manager to include (details supplied) in the local Greening strategy and if she will liaise with NEIC Taskforce to ensure it gets similar landscaping as Sean McDermott Street.

Reply

The NEIC Greening Strategy 2018-2026 (Pg. 35-37) contains a large scale re-design concept for (details supplied). This is available to view at http://dklm7jhs8nu2s.cloudfront.net/general/NEIC-Greening_Strategy.pdf?mtime=1573034124

It is the intention that this project will be completed within the lifetime of the strategy subject to availability of funding. Any works carried out under the NEIC Greening Strategy will be of a high standard similar to the landscaping projects completed to date e.g. Sean McDermott St., James Joyce St., Summerhill Median.

In the meantime, (details supplied) is considered to be one of the best streets in the NEIC area in terms of existing green infrastructure. Priority is therefore been given to other streets where there is a deficit of greening e.g. Buckingham St. Funding has been approved in 2021 to carry out a feasibility study for Buckingham St. and that is currently underway. It may be possible to incorporate part of (details supplied) with that project, pending progress on the longer term plan for the entire street.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, A/Senior Executive Officer
Email: Ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q30 **Councillor Cat O'Driscoll**

To ask the Area Manager to engage with the residents of (details supplied) who are not happy with the layout of a 'wilding area' on their green. It is blocking access to the green space and residents were not consulted on the works.

Reply

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have consulted with official residents association since and a revised scheme has been implemented on the open space.

Contact: Stephen Groome, NW District Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3395
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q31 **Councillor Cat O'Driscoll**

To ask the Area Manager to meet with the (details supplied)

Reply

The City Council have over the last few months spent a lot of time blocking up areas of the former convent for safety reasons and we are abiding by our Engineers direction that access to the former convent buildings by anyone other than our own technical staff or contractors is not permitted as the safety of persons entering cannot be guaranteed.

Contact: Karl Mitchell, A/Executive Manager
Email: karl.mitchell@dublincity.ie

Q32 **Councillor Darcy Lonergan**

To ask the Area Manager if there are plans in place to resurface (details supplied)

Reply

The resurfacing of (details supplied) was delayed due to Irish Water works. I am informed by IW that have now completed the works. A cellar survey will hopefully start in the next week or so, in advance of the resurfacing work. It is anticipated that the resurfacing work will commence sometime in June 2021. The resurfacing work is circa 2 weeks duration.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to investigate and report on the provision of speed ramps along (details supplied). Very long residential road with speeding motorists a problem.

Reply

(Details supplied) is residential in nature, the road itself is naturally traffic calmed, on approach to the entrance from the estate from Kinvara/Ashington Avenue, Dublin City Councils Speed Limit review 30km/hr "Slow Zone" signage is provided and as such, motorists are informed that they are entering a residential area as they turn on to the road. The provision of on street parking on the road offers natural traffic calming by significantly reducing the available carriageway width for motorists and the mature tree lined nature of the estate offers additional traffic calming and increases driver caution. As a result of the above information it is determined that (details supplied) does not warrant the installation of additional traffic measures.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.
Tel: 222 6397.
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to take steps to replace the speed bumps on (details supplied) to the more rounded type and remove the current configuration, which is sharp edged and a danger to cyclists and motorists alike.

Reply

Within the traffic management annual capital works there are a number of implementations including; traffic calming, pedestrian improvements, buildouts, signalised and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings amongst other measures. As with many programmes, the installation of these new measures are prioritised over roads which currently have traffic calming. Depending on available funding, DCC can provide for the upgrading of older ramps to the newer asphalt ramp. Generally funding for such works are provided for by Area Committee discretionary funding.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.
Tel: 222 6397.
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to provide a report into what action has been and will be taken by Planning Enforcement at (details supplied)

Reply

Following receipt of the recent Board Pleanala decision on the third party section V referral, the owner of this property together with his design team have lodged (18/05/21) an additional section 5 referral to DCC's planning department, taking cognisance of the planner's report and DCC's planner's submission to the Board.

The recent section V referral outlines in greater detail the actual nature and extent of the use of these properties, requesting clarity as to whether the uses/development outlined in the most recent section V submission are or are not exempted development. Further consideration will be given to these matters once a decision is made by the planning department on the owner's section 5 submission.

Contact: Mary Hayes
Tel: 01 222 6611
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to report on any plans to address the (details supplied). In particular, whether a roundabout at this entrance/exit might alleviate the congestion and assist in avoiding potential accidents.

Reply

The OPW published the Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Report in January 2021, this report was carried out with input from DCC and FCC as well as the NTA. Further details can be found in the following link.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/064d4-minister-odonovan-announces-publication-of-phoenix-park-transport-and-mobility-options-report/>

Public constitution was carried out in February/ March and a review of the outcomes of this report is currently be carried out by the OPW.

Within the report the (details supplied) has been identified as a "Key Node" where walking & cycling facilities are to be upgraded (see map on P14). The report also proposes to make (details supplied) one way – Entry Only (see map on P16). It is DCC's intention to work with the OPW, Fingal County Council, & the NTA to improve the level of service for vulnerable road users at the external part of the (details supplied) in coordination with the proposed upgrade to the internal road network of the park.

Contact: Karen Hosie, Senior Executive ITS Officer.
Tel: 01 - 222 5488
Email: karen.hosie@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to examine and report on the possibility of having the gaps in the road paving in the entire (details supplied) repaired and filled in, with tar perhaps. Some of the gaps are up to three centimetres wide and allow for weed growth and create tyre damage

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will have these repairs carried as part of the 2021 carriageway works programme.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 2576.
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager if consideration could be given to a greening strategy for (details supplied)

Reply

(Details supplied) is part of the North East Inner City Greening Strategy. Plans are already in progress, contractors appointed and all materials are procured for (details supplied), works were due to take place in the first quarter of 2021 but were delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions on construction work. The current plan is to be back on site in August 2021.

Contact: Gareth Toolan, Executive Landscape Architect
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q39 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager if the Ballybough Area will be considered for additional public realm improvement works/greening given the huge commitment, work and success of the Ballybough Pride of Place group in cleaning, tidying and looking after the area.

Reply

The Area Office are highly supportive of the Ballybough Pride of Place group. Area Staff are meeting this group on a regular basis and have agreed a number of significant interventions for this area.

- New trees and shrubbery will be planted in the grounds of Ballybough House.
- A landscaping scheme is at the design stage for Annesley Place and due for installation on August / September
- A landscaping scheme is at the design stage for the central medium at the junction of Poplar Row and Ballybough Road and due for installation in June / July
- The suicide plot is due to be re organised and replanted.
- Six additional mahogany planter units have been purchased and will be planted to a high standard for placement at the new houses on the Clarkes Bridge and on Poplar Row.
- Wild garden Ballybough Road & Sackville Avenue. Work to start by 7th June.
- Additional works are under consideration for Spring Garden Street

The Ballybough Tidy Pride of Place group has been grant aided by the Area Office and are regularly stocked with cleaning equipment. They have also received flowers, paint and signage from us.

Contact: Brian Mongey, A/Area Community Officer
Email: brian.mongey@dublincity.ie

Q40 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to detail the (details supplied)

Reply

The target for this funding was to replace any long term temporary reinstatements located on the street with the correct surface materials. Road maintenance have been approached with regard to ascertaining what can be procured and achieved within the budget.

Additionally, a number of benches were removed during LUAS works which were located at the various monuments along the street. The Public Realm team were approached and advised that

given the proximity to the LUAS these locations would be unsafe. Likewise, space is very limited between the carriageway and private landings. Further engagement for an alternative is ongoing.

Contact: Stephen Wearen, Projects Unit
Email: Stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie

Q41 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to detail the (details supplied)

Reply

This funding was applied for, to replace the imported granite flags with a locally sourced granite which would be more in keeping with the street. Road Maintenance have been approached to carry out inspection and advise on the locations/quantities for replacement. A programme of works will be produced and tendered once known.

Contact: Stephen Wearen, Projects Unit.
Email: Stephen.wearen@dublincity.ie

Q42 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to confirm that having regard to the answer to my question (no 15 - January 2021) the proposed disposal of (details supplied) will be brought back to the Area Committee at an early date for decision.

Reply

The proposed disposal of the property in question will be on the agenda for the Area Committee meeting scheduled for 8th June 2021.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3055
Email: oliver.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q43 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to confirm when Irish language messages will be included on Belly Bins in the area, as indicated to me in my question to the Chief Executive and to my more recent question to the Area manager in February 2021. Also, to ask the Area Manager what consultation process will be involved in devising the messages.

Reply

In line with the previous response, Irish language will be included on the public service messaging on Big Belly bins. No new print runs have been issued since our response and future public service messaging will include Irish on one side in collaboration with our in house An tAonad Forbartha Gaeilge.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.
Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q44 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager for an up to date list of planning permissions granted and applied for in the (details supplied) pertaining to apartment blocks/commercial units together with a status report for each one.

Reply

Due to the volume of records that have to be checked on APAS (planning system) we will not be in a position to provide the information to the Council meeting. We will provide the information to the Councillor directly within the next fortnight.

Contact: Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3108
Email: greg.bryan@dublincity.ie

Q45 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to put permanent measures in place at (details supplied) to make the junction safer. Although the traffic signals were assessed and a delay was put on the 'green man' signal in 2020, the junction remains a safety concern for residents.

Reply

As mentioned in your question a delay was added to the operation of the pedestrian crossing on (details supplied) in 2020, we have increased this delay further and added a delay to the pedestrian crossing on the (details supplied). The issue of vehicles driving through the Red light is a matter of Garda enforcement and we have passed on your complaint to the traffic division. We will continue to monitor the operation of the junction and make changes as necessary.

Contact: Karen Hosie, Senior Executive ITS Officer, Transportation.
Tel: 222 5488.
Email: karen.hosie@dublincity.ie

Q46 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request that a notice be given to residents in the area to not park their vehicle at (details supplied) before the gullies are planned to be cleared at this location. Every time that Dublin City Council makes efforts to clean the gullies, there are vehicles blocking them, and they have not been cleared. This has resulted in the road becoming flooded after heavy rain.

Reply

The gullies outside (details supplied) were successfully cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew in the *Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division* on 31/05/2021.

Contact: Richard Sheehy, Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water and Flood Incident Management.
Email: richard.sheehy@dublincity.ie

Q47 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager that flowers be planted at (details supplied) as the flower bed is empty here at the moment.

Reply

The flowerbeds in question are scheduled to be planted up with Summer Bedding over the next two weeks.

Contact: Mark Jones, Parks Department
Email: mark.jones@dublincity.ie

Q48 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request information regarding the status of a Dublin City Council owned house at (details supplied) and if a social housing applicant would be eligible for the property.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List in receipt of Homeless HAP with an application date of 03/11/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area E	2	6

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

(Details supplied) is not currently available for a tenancy as it is not a void. I have noted the applicant's interest in same should it become available.

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.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Tel: 2222639

Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q49

Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager that several measures be put in place at (details supplied) to tackle the dog fouling issue here due to dog owners not being responsible.

Reply

Please be advised that the issue of dog fouling is fully on our agenda. In the most recent Climate Action, Environment and energy SPC, councillors agreed to form a subcommittee in response to concerns, to consider and devise additional steps to take. Prevention, awareness and enforcement strategies will be considered by the subcommittee.

The City Council launched a dog fouling media campaign last year and it has been rolled out again in recent months using the tag line "It's everybody's Business". The campaign includes signage on bins, lamp posts, buses, press releases, radio and social media. We are currently trialing a new pilot which is a motion action speaker system advising the public to clean up after their dog. The Green Dog Walker scheme which originated in Scotland has been adopted by Dublin City Council. It is a pledge scheme, whereby people sign up to become a responsible dog walker, cleaning up after their dogs and offering dog bags to owners.

We will ensure that the above mentioned location is included in the various measures to tackle the dog fouling issue there. Our litter warden will include this location as part of his regular patrol.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services,

Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q50

Councillor Colm O'Rourke

To ask the Area Manager to request that the footpath be repaired at (details supplied) as the roots of a tree have recently raised parts of the footpath, causing it to be a health and safety hazard for residents.

Reply

This request has been added to Confirm, Road Maintenance Services Asset Management Database for site inspection and defect assessment. Any necessary repairs will then be scheduled for completion subject to other defects priorities and when there will be a crew available in this area.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 2576.
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q51 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager to request if measures could be put in place at (details supplied) as vehicles are queuing at this location and blocking the entrance.

Reply

In order to improve traffic flows at this location and to prevent blocking of the entrance, a yellow box at this entrance covering both eastbound and westbound lanes is recommended.

Contact: Seán Callaghan, Assistant Engineer, Transport Advisory Group
Email: sean.callaghan@dublincity.ie

Q52 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager if the roads at (details supplied) could please be repaired due to the number of potholes at this location.

Reply

This request for carriageway repairs at these locations has been added to Confirm, Road Maintenance Services Asset Management Database for site inspection and defect assessment. Any necessary repairs will then be scheduled for completion subject to other defects priorities and when there will be a crew available in this area.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 2576.
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

Q53 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager if Dublin City Council can intervene to remove illegally dumped materials at (details supplied)

Reply

The Area Office will arrange for a Litter Warden to inspect the lane beside (details supplied) and speak with the Manager of the shops about cleaning up the dumped materials and keeping the gate locked to prevent further dumping.

Contact: John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer
Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q54 **Councillor Colm O'Rourke**

To ask the Area Manager if Bigbelly solar compactor bins could please be introduced at (details supplied) due to the volume of people passing through here on the way to the schools nearby.

Reply

The above mentioned bus stops already have standard litter bins at them to cater for the litter generated there. This location will be considered together with all requests for Big Belly bins when allocating future budgets and planning for the provision of Big Belly bins. Big Belly solar compactors come at a significant cost which means that we are not in a position to fulfil every request to have existing bins swapped for Big Belly solar compactors.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q55 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to replace the trees along (details supplied) which were previously destroyed or removed?

Reply

The upgrading of central median on (details supplied) currently forms as part of the Greening Infrastructure for the area. Parks Services are investigating the site with a view to drafting Landscape design proposals for consultation with the local stakeholders.

Contact: **Mark Jones, Parks Department**

Email: mark.jones@dublincity.ie

Q56 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to request the ESB to fix the dangerous pole on (details supplied) which is currently wobbling?

Reply

A letter has been forwarded to the ESB and the Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Contact: **Ursula Donnellan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Central Area**

Email: Ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q57 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to examine the merits of closing off the lane between (details supplied) or any other approaches to dealing with anti-social behaviour here?

Details: **23 & 24 Fairfield Avenue, East Wall**

Reply

The lane between (details supplied) is not in charge to Dublin City Council Ref : 15-034. The residents can, by agreement with the houses that have access to the lane, put up a gate at the entrance to the lane. Planning permission for the gate is not required once the gate does not exceed two metres in height.

Contact: **John McPartlan, A/Senior Executive Officer**

Email: john.mcpartlan@dublincity.ie

Q58 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to provide maintenance to the (details supplied) and landscaping improvements to provide a welcoming atmosphere here?

Reply

Road Maintenance Services have a term maintenance contract whereby the (details supplied) is regularly inspected and any defective boards are replaced. The contract also includes regular power-washing of the (details supplied) to remove detritus.

The discolouration of the (details supplied) is due to the fact that it's in excess of 20 years old and the timber has naturally discoloured with the aging process. It cannot be painted, as this would simply be removed by the power-washing process.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie

The (details supplied) is currently well furnished with planted planters (specimen Palms) and in addition the summer floral hanging basket display is programmed to be installed over the next two weeks.

Contact: Mark Jones, Parks Department
Email: mark.jones@dublincity.ie

Q59 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on installing seating along the new (details supplied)

Reply

There are no plans at present to install seating along this (details supplied).

Contact: John Cryan, Executive Engineer
Email: SMP@dublincity.ie

Q60 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to install temporary cycle lanes along (details supplied) as promised in the "Enabling the City to Return to Work: Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City"

Reply

Design options for (details supplied) are in preparation and the pedestrian crossings at Mountjoy square are now almost complete. Over the next months it is hoped to provide some options for consultation. However at present the city recovery program is occupying most of the time of the limited staff resources now in the Covid Mobility team and it will be some time before a full design is available.

Contact: Alec Dundon, A/Senior Executive Engineer.

Email: covidmobility@dublincity.ie

Q61 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to install sheffield stands for bike parking on (details supplied)

Reply

The location will be examined and if deemed suitable, cycle parking will be installed in a future batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3970.
Email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

Q62 **Councillor Darcy Lonergan**

To ask the Area Manager are there any plans to repair the old sections of footpath along the (details supplied)

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will add a number of sections of footpath repairs at the above location to the 2020 footpath contract which is still live.

Contact: Ronan Connolly, Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 2576.
Email: ronan.connolly@dublincity.ie