



MINUTES OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 18 OCTOBER 2021

- 1 **Minutes of North Central Area Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th September, 2021.**

Order: Agreed.

- 2 **Questions to the Area Manager**

Order: Noted.

- 3 **Area Matters**

- a **With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of land at All Saints Park, Raheny, Dublin 5 to Raheny Shamrock Athletic Club.**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- b **With reference to the disposal of a plot of land at Tonlegee Manor, Donaghmede, Dublin 13 to Clanmil Housing Association Ireland CLG**

Order: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- c **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 56 Carleton Road, Marino, Dublin 3.**

Order: Agreed. Proposed by Councillor Heney & seconded by Councillor Cooney. Recommend to City Council.

- d **Report from Chief Executives Office regarding Chivers Factory**

Order: Report rejected. Collectively the Councillors requested that the Area Office write to Platinum Ltd and invite them to attend a special convening of the NCAC. The advice of the Law Agent will be sought and relayed back to the Committee. Paul Clegg is to confirm whether or not the "Vacant/Derelict Sites Levy" has been applied to the site.

- e **Update-Report on Community Facilities (specifically Northside Swimming Pool)**

Order: Noted. The need for more staff to facilitate additional public swim hours was expressed by the membership. Extra funding will be required to

provide extra hours. Ger Carty to convey this need to Donncha O'Dúlaing and also to ask Donncha when capital works can be carried out and to report back to the membership.

Councillor Cooney requested that the pool remains open while the shower renovations are being done. Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland requested a report on the numbers using "Learn to Swim" clubs for the next meeting.

f **Update on the Discovery Centre**

Order: Noted. To go on the November Agenda and a full report required from Parks.

g **Commemoration Committee - Stardust Monument**

Order: Agreed. The Area Office to follow up with the developer on status of monument and report to directly to the councillors.

h **Clontarf Flood Defence Project Joint Working Group**

Order: Agreed. The Clontarf Ward councillors expressed the need for urgency for progression on this issue by the Joint Working Group. The Area Office to host an internal workshop in November to bring the heads of the relevant Dublin City Council departments together and will revert back to the membership in due course.

i **Report on St. Anne's Park - Dog Facilities**

Order: Noted. The report was welcomed by the membership.

j **Area Arts Update**

Order: Noted. Report welcomed by the membership. Discussion was held in relation to establishing a subcommittee to explore the feasibility of establishing an Arts Venue in the North Central Area. The Arts and Area Offices will recommend individuals and groups that could participate. Nominations for Councillor participation will be sought at the next meeting.

Councillor Stocker expressed an interest in showing support for breastfeeding in Ireland and promoting it by having a mural in the North Central Area. She is to revert to the Arts Office with a proposal for a possible location. Councillor Cooney expressed the need for heating in Artists' Studios in Butterly Park and also requested that it be done in a sustainable way. Ray Yeates to contact the owners in this regard.

Councillor Heney thanked Ray Yeates and the Arts Office for all the work with regards to "Mucky Lane".

k **Housing Adaptation Grant Report**

Order: Noted.

l **Housing Supply Report**

Order: Agreed. Lord Mayor referred to a report on Oscar Traynor and requested that it be sent to all Councillors in both the North West and

North Central Area.

m **Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Report**

Order: Noted. The members were very appreciative of the work of the Sports and Wellbeing partnership, again particularly in relation to women in sport. Councillor Butler requested that information be forwarded to the membership on the replacement for the sports officer to the Clongriffin area and what the timeline is for his replacement.

n **Report on weeding in the North Central Area**

Order: Noted. Report to be relisted for the November meeting for discussion in relation to weeding and autumnal leaf fall.

o **Report on the future of the Belmayne Allotments**
Order: Noted.

4 **Roads and Traffic Matters**

a **Minutes of the TAG meeting of 28/9/2021**
Order: Noted.

5 **Motions**

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

That this Area Committee supports the Killester WW1 Memorial Campaign in its quest to create a permanent memorial in the green area adjacent to the old Legion Hall in Killester Garden Village. The memorial will raise public awareness of the historical significance of the area and will commemorate the Irish WWI veterans who were housed in this area. The campaign committee are looking for direction from DCC and request a site meeting with DCC Parks in order to discuss a suitable memorial and site location.

Reply:

The proposal was discussed at the meeting of the Commemorations & Naming Committee on 30th September. The members reiterated their support in principle for the commemoration of the veterans, but did not approve of the revised proposal. The members suggested that a commemorative plaque with an information board, and perhaps a bench.

The Policy for Memorials in Parks does permit a bench and plaque. If the proposers have a proposal for an information sign in English agus as Gaeilge they can forward to the Parks Service and it will be considered in terms of its suitability. The proposers will also have to identify the funding for the project.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks
Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Brendan Teeling is organising a meeting onsite and Councillor O'Farrell requested that a representative from Parks attend this

meeting.

b **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

This area committee calls on the chief executive and senior planning officials to initiate a de-zoning of the Chivers site on Coolock Drive and initiate a compulsory purchase order of said site for a price the site was valued at pre the 2018 rezoning.

Reply

Planning Consultants on behalf of Platinum Ltd made a written request to DCC in September 2017 seeking a change in the zoning of the Chivers site from Z6 (employment /industrial) to Z1 (Residential) largely on the grounds that it would facilitate much needed housing, that there was sufficient employment lands in the locality, and that the site had lain vacant for a long period of time.

On 23rd October 2017 the proposed variation was presented to the North Central Area Committee and following a 4 week consultation period, the variation was approved by the elected members of the City Council on 5th March 2018.

Under ref SHD0008/19 (An Bord Pleanala Ref 304346-19) a permission was granted under SHD provisions for Build-to-Rent Scheme of 471 units, up to 9 storeys (as amended by condition and later modifications –ref SHD0018/20)

It should be noted, however, that a change in the zoning objective of the site will have no bearing on the status of the permission granted by An Bord Pleanala. The permission can still be implemented in its entirety irrespective of a change to the zoning.

As part of the current draft Development Plan process the elected members will be considering zoning objectives in Dublin City. In their considerations of a variation of the current development plan or making a new draft plan the members are restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government. [Section 12(11) of the Planning and Development Act as amended]. The members function is to set the policy on which all development consents will be granted.

If members wish to change the zoning of a particular piece of land they must do so for proper planning reasons. If a piece of land was rezoned residential it would be very hard to envisage a proper planning reason for reverting to an earlier zoning that excluded residential development if there is still a need in the locality for housing.

Contact **John O'Hara**
Phone: **222 3813**
Email: **John.ohara@dublincity.ie**

A Compulsory Purchase Order is not a simple or straightforward option that can be commenced at relatively short notice. CPOs, confer statutory

powers that must be exercised with caution, just cause and with a clear purpose or scheme in mind and then only after a considerable amount of engagement with all stakeholders and the completion of the necessary planning and other reports. A CPO, which is an executive function, must be submitted to and confirmed by an Bord Pleanala and may be subject to legal challenge.

The site is currently on the market with the benefit of a planning permission and is being guided at €25m by the agents. In the context of a CPO, the valuation date would be the date of the Notice to Treat (notice served on an effected party after the CPO is confirmed), the valuation basis would be market value at that date, plus reinvestment costs and there would also be further CPO related costs to be borne by the acquiring authority.

There is no funding available to purchase this site either by agreement or CPO and its acquisition with the extant planning permission would not represent value for money for the City Council.

Contact: Paul Clegg
Phone: 222 3309
Email: Paul.clegg@dublincity.ie

Order: Noted. Item to remain on the agenda.

c **Motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons, Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland & Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

Noting the absence of a publicly-owned full-sized, all-weather soccer facility in the Artane-Whitehall local electoral area, this Area Committee calls on the area office, the Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing partnership and all other relevant sections of the city council, in consultation with the football clubs in the area, to work on the formulation of a plan and process for securing for the many hundreds of children and young people across the area who train and play football every week of the season a vital, much-needed sports facility.

Reply:

Proposals to commence the Part 8 planning for a full sized all-weather soccer pitch in Belcamp Park which were postponed due to the budgetary uncertainty early in the pandemic response will now be relisted for 2022. The proposals will require planning permission to be best placed to avail of future funding streams such as Sports Capital Grants.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Councillor John Lyons requested that Derek Farrell look at forming a working group to progress this item and to outline what are the next steps in this regard.

- d **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**
That the North Central Area Committee supports the adding of the iconic shelters on Clontarf promenade to the list of protected structures”

Reply:

There are eight freestanding three-sided reinforced concrete shelters, built c. 1955-8, each having a curved roof and rear wall, situated along the Clontarf promenade.

The structures are in the ownership of the City Council, but are not on the Council's Record of Protected Structures (Vol. 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022).

However, the area has been surveyed by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), in their extensive and on-going survey of the architectural heritage of Dublin city. The eight structures have been allocated a 'Regional' rating by the NIAH due to their special Architectural, Social and Technical interest:

<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/building/50030146/clontarf-promenade-clontarf-road-dublin-3-dublin>

Structures given a 'Regional' rating or higher by the NIAH are recommended for addition to the City's RPS.

Accordingly, the Conservation Section will include these structures on the work programme for proposed additions to the RPS, with a view to bringing them forward under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Contact: Paraic Fallon, Senior Planner, Archaeology,
Conservation & Heritage Section
Tel: 222 3474
Email: paraic.fallon@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed. Councillor Cooney stated that the circular shelter was not included in this report & would like an update sent to her.

- e **Motion in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**
That this Area Committee agree funding be provided from any surplus budget in 2021 to replace the wooden seats on the shelter after the boat launch

Reply:

The Local Area Manager has visited and assessed the shelter being referenced and is happy to replace the wooden seats at this location. The area office is currently assessing all options in relation to additional works that might enhance this shelter. I anticipate that I will have costs submitted next week and at that time I will revert to the councillor with a timeline and a detailed description of proposed works.

Contact: Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf –
Donaghmede LEA

Phone: 222 8846
Email: bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

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

In relation to request from some residents, that the "circles" of Croydon Park and Marino Park in Marino be gated in order to

(a) protect children who bolt from the park chasing balls or dogs from the park, running straight onto the road;

(b) protect dogs that run out the gate from the park
and

(c) prevent/reduce antisocial behaviour i.e. loud music and "loitering" in the evenings/nights, can the manager agree to examine and consider same and make a statement on the matter as residents feel that adding gates to the parks would help with all of the above. Croydon Park only 1 of 3 entrances has gates; for the lower circle - Marino Green - there are none; perhaps a system could be agreed with willing local residents for the locking and unlocking the gates each morning/night.

Reply

The cost of gating this local open space would be very expensive. The current arrangement has been in place for decades and the Parks Service is unaware of previous claims the greens are dangerous.

These greens are not dog parks and dogs should be on a lead or under effective control.

It is the experience of the Parks Service in relation to anti-social activity that locked gates can enhance the sense of enclosure and 'being out of sight' of both the community and Gardaí and would prevent the effective patrolling of the area after dark and is more likely to increase the level of anti-social activity

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks
Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

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

In relation to the decision to close off access to the boat ramp opposite the Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club on Clontarf Road, that the manager give a detailed explanation as to why this happened, as regular users of the facility over the 8years, continue to be upset about the lack of access to the boat ramp.

Reply:

Demountable bollards were installed at the entrance to the slipway access to restrict the level of unauthorised car parking that was taking place here which had greatly increased during the Covid restrictions. This area is not a car park but is provided for the temporary storage of boat and craft trailers associated with the use of the slipway. In the last year with the

number of sea swimmers that had chosen to swim from the jetty the level of unauthorised parking had reached a point where it was practically impossible to use the slipway for its intended purpose the launching of boats and the parking of trailers. It was a source of ongoing frustration that so many visitors chose to park inappropriately rather than use the adjoining public car park. Clontarf Yacht and boat club and the Coast Guard have been issued with keys to the demountable bollard and access for other boat owners can be arranged either through the club or through the Parks Service at parks@dublincity.ie. Canoeists, sea kayakers and paddle boarders and other light craft can access the slipway through the adjoining public car park via the pedestrian walkway. Such light craft do not need direct vehicular access to the slipway. The overhead barrier on the adjoining public carpark was removed to facilitate canoeists, sea kayakers and paddle boarders who transport their craft on roof-racks.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks
Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Patricia Roe
Chairperson
Monday 18 October 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Patricia Roe (Chairperson)
Dearbháil Butler
Catherine Stocker
Tom Brabazon
John Lyons
Damian O'Farrell
Alison Gilliland

Members:

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

Members:

Donna Cooney
Racheal Batten
Jane Horgan-Jones
Naoise Ó Muirí
Declan Flanagan

Officers

Patrick P Smith
Les Moore
Derek Farrell
Bernie Roe

Catherine Cahill
Sarah Brady
Fiona Moore

Fergus O'Carroll
Deirdre Murphy
Connell McGlynn

Apologies:

Non-Members:
Olivia Kelly Press

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th October 2021

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to have the front gate and railings at **(details supplied)** repaired?"

Reply

As per the Tenants Handbook, railings and gates are the responsibility of the tenant.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Phone: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to have the back fence between **(details supplied)** repaired?"

Reply

As per the Tenants Handbook, repairing the fence is the responsibility of the tenant.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Phone: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager what is **(details supplied)** position on DCC housing list?"

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 04/04/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list.

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	180
Area E	1	227

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 should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, he should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Area Manager to direct parking patrols of the Crestfield/Collins Avenue area near St. Aidan's CBS and DCU due to the recent increase in illegal parking in this residential area?"

Reply

DSPS will increase patrols in the area requested.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 222 2017.
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager can arrangements be made to have the gutters at (**details supplied**) repaired and cleaned?"

Reply

This is not a Dublin City Council property.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Phone: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Area Manager to indicate when (**details supplied**) will be offered accommodation in Area B?"

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 23/01/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	45

Area H	2	20
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The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her 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 applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.7 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for yellow boxes to be placed & re-marked at (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

There are yellow boxes in situ at both these locations. The request for re-marking will be referred to the Traffic Officer for inspection in the coming days.

Any requirement for remarking will take place within 30 working days of the NCAC meeting of the 18th of October 2021. (Ref: 7023083).

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

Q.8 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the following tree works to be carried at (**details supplied**)?”

Reply:

These trees will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for the area 2021-22.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.9 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to have planters positioned at the junction of (**details supplied**) placed on the grass, not footpath?”

Reply:

Unfortunately this location is not suitable due to the width of the pedestrian paths for wheelchair and double buggy access. Also the line of sight would be blocked from oncoming traffic. The location at the green area barrier is also unsuitable for a planter as our Parks Department need access to maintain the green area and unfortunately timber planters disintegrate rapidly on direct grass placement.

Contact: **Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer**
Phone: **222 8843**
Email: rob.ingram@dublincity.ie

Q.10 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to have the bins at the bus stop at (**details supplied**) replaced?”

Reply

Waste Management Services removed a litter bin from this bus stop quite some time ago as it was causing major annoyance to nearby residents with the persistent dumping at the bin. We have a Big Belly bin across the road from here at the shops and takeaways which is used by people who avail of this bus stop. Staff servicing this bin will also ensure that they clean the area at the bus stop as well.

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

Q.11 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a few trees to be re-planted along (**details supplied 1**) and consider the planting of some along (**details supplied 2**)?”

Reply:

These locations will be inspected in the coming weeks and if any are deemed suitable for planting this season they will be included in the street tree planting programme for the area 2021-22 Nov-Mar.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the repair of the curb stones outside (**details supplied**)?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of this location. Any defects noted will be recorded on Confirm, our asset management system. If required a repair will be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer**
Phone: **222 3898**
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the fixing of the broken wall at (details supplied)?”

Reply:

The locus will be inspected and any necessary repairs scheduled as local resources allow.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the Santry River revitalisation works ahead of the Santry Greenway development?”

Reply:

A restricted procedure for the recruitment of a Consultant is currently underway for the Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project. Stage 1, Expressions of Interest, was completed in Q4 2020. 5 Candidates were shortlisted from this process to be invited forward to Stage 2, Request for Tender.

Following the submission of a Strategic Assessment to the Corporate Project Support Office, the Board has issued approval for the project to move to Stage 2, Request for Tender and it is intended to publish Request for Tender documents before October 31st 2021 with a view to appointing the Consultant by the end of Q4 2021.

Contact: **John Stack, Senior Executive Engineer**
Phone: **222 4536**
Email: john.stack@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the Area Manager to explain the use of bollards at the access ramp opposite (details supplied)?”

Reply:

Demountable bollards were installed at the entrance to the slipway access) to restrict the level of unauthorised car parking that was taking place here which had greatly increased during the Covid restrictions. This area is not a car park but is provided for the temporary storage of boat and craft trailers associated with the use of the slipway. In the last year with the number of sea swimmers that had chosen to swim from the jetty the level of unauthorised parking had reached a point where it was practically impossible to use the slipway for its intended purpose the launching of boats and the parking of trailers. It was a source of ongoing frustration that so many visitors chose to park inappropriately rather than use the adjoining public car park. (**Details**) and the Coast Guard have been issued with keys to the demountable bollard and access for other boat owners can be arranged either through the club or through the Parks Service at parks@dublincity.ie. Canoeists, sea

kayakers and paddle boarders and other light craft can access the slipway through the adjoining public car park via the pedestrian walkway. Such light craft do not need direct vehicular access to the slipway. The overhead barrier on the adjoining public carpark was removed to facilitate canoeists, sea kayakers and paddle boarders who transport their craft on roof-racks.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.16 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to outline the law/bye-laws pertaining to the positioning of construction related skips on the public road or footpath?"

Reply

The Dublin City Council Control of Skips Bye-Laws 1999 prohibit the placing of skips on footpaths or on any part of the public road where parking controls are in operation (e.g. clearways, yellow lines, bus lanes, paid/permit parking areas etc.) unless the hirer has a permit from Dublin City Council. These permits enable the City Council to control the dates and times at which the placement of skips is permitted. The charge for a permit is €27.00 per day for each five linear metres of public road/footpath used except where the skip is placed in a paid parking area where the charge for the suspension of the meter in the relevant tariff zone applies. Dublin City Council only issues permits for skips hired from licenced operators.

Contact: Conrad Rennicks, Roadworks Control Unit
Tel: 222 2281
Email: conrad.rennicks@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Area Manager for the contractual/financial details of the agreements entered into by Dublin City Council and FOLD with regard to the management of the proposed senior citizen accommodation at Millwood Court and Dublin City Council and Cluid/Clann with regard to the management of the proposed senior citizen accommodation at Whitehall Church carpark?"

Reply

Collins Avenue/Swords Road - Cluid Housing

CALF - Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) loan.

Cluid Housing have received a conditional approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage) for CALF loan of 17% of the total construction cost of the project, the balance of the construction costs will be borrowed by Cluid from the Housing Finance Agency. This is pre tender approval based on there being a verified need for social housing in the local area. Funding and provision of the funding is conditional on a number of milestones being reached, the first is planning approval.

It is not possible to accurately determine costs for this project as there is no indication yet of how many units Cluid will achieve Planning Permission for, therefore tender docs cannot be

drawn up. All funding costs are reviewed and analysed by Dublin City Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Draw-down of funding can only be made available for the project subject to the project achieving the following milestones:

1. Planning approval (evidenced by grant of planning documentation);
2. Tender report following tender completion (evidenced by report on tenders from qualified building professional); and
3. Employer Representative's certificates – subject to any minimum drawdown thresholds agreed with Local Authority (evidenced by Employer's Representative Certificate for payment)

Payment and Availability agreement (P & A) –

When this development is complete Dublin City Council will enter to a Payment and Availability agreement with Cluid details set out below;

The percentage of rents payable under the P&A is 92% of market rents, (all rents payable to Cluid by DCC are fully recoupable from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage).

Terms and Conditions of P & A agreement:

1. The completed units and any additional works must be in compliance with planning and building regulations and reach, at minimum, the standards required by the Housing (Standards in Rental Housing) Regulations 2019 (and any future amendments to those regulations);
2. The upkeep, management and maintenance of the units will be the sole responsibility of the AHB;
3. It will be a requirement that the AHB charge tenants rents calculated in accordance with the Council's differential rent scheme;
4. The Council will have 100% nomination rights to the dwellings for the duration of the availability agreements, should the dwellings become vacant during the term of the agreement;
5. The units, once completed, must be maintained in a lettable condition for the length of the agreement;
6. Where a property becomes vacant, the AHB will have 3 months to fill the units, before the availability payment is suspended. Where the unit remains vacant for longer than 3 months, the availability payment in respect of the unit will cease until such time as the unit is occupied;
7. If the Council fails to provide a nomination to the association within 1 month of being notified of the vacancy occurring, the AHB can then nominate households itself, provided that they have been assessed as having a need under section 20 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 2009;
8. In such instances where the Council fails to provide nominations within the specified time period, the three-month vacancy period will be deemed to have commenced from the end of the nomination period;
9. The Council, or an agent on its behalf, will be entitled to inspect the units periodically, upon reasonable notice having been given to the AHB;
10. The AHB will be required to provide a report in relation to occupancy and the condition of the units on an annual basis;
11. Any change to the loan term or interest rate(s) upon which the CALF financial assessment has been based will be notified to the Department in advance of any drawdown;
12. The units will, unless otherwise authorised by the Department, be made available for use as social housing.

Any proposed special provisions or amendments to the standard legal agreements should be submitted through the Council for approval by the Department in advance of any agreement being signed.

The above are standard terms and conditions which apply in all cases where DCC has entered onto a P & A agreement with an Approved Housing Body.

Millwood Court – FOLD Housing.

FOLD Housing have not yet submitted an application for funding for this project, however terms will be similar as above, CALF loan and a P & A agreement.

Contact: **Michelle Robinson**
Tel: **222 6114**
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones

“To ask the Area Manager if double yellow lines 2m along the gaps in the hedges along **(details supplied)** have been considered. There are a number of children who run out between the cars onto a 50km/h road in a blind spot?”

Reply:

The placing of Double Yellow Lines would not be an appropriate measure to stop children from running out between cars. This issue should be referred to the Parks Department for consideration of safety measures for children exiting from the park.

Contact: **Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment and Transportation Department.**
Phone: **222 6145**
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

These informal access points to the park do not open directly onto the road but rather a full width pavement and grassed verge. Children crossing the road from between parked cars is a road safety matter.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones

“To ask the Area Manager if the Santry Greenway project will help drainage and flood risk to **(detail supplied)?**”

Reply:

The Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project seeks to develop and implement a river restoration, greenway, flood alleviation and environmental protection project to achieve objectives for the River Santry under:

- The Water Framework Directive
- The Floods Directive
- The Birds and Habitats Directives

A key objective of the project will be to develop a Masterplan for the river catchment, to re-evaluate river restoration, environmental protection, landscape design and flood risk management options.

A Consultant will be appointed to develop the Masterplan and include the development of a viable, cost-effective and sustainable scheme to reduce or prevent damages and risks associated with flooding within the Study Area.

The Study Area comprises the entirety of the Santry River catchment, which includes Raheny Village and its surrounding area.

Contact: John Stack, Senior Executive Engineer
Phone: 222 4536
Email: john.stack@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones

“To ask the Area Manager if a green space at (**details supplied**) managed by Dublin City Council can be maintained, as the brambles are overgrowing into Public Property and if a statement can be made on the matter?”

Reply:

The matter will be investigated to ascertain if the vegetation reportedly interfering with the public footpath is emanating from public property or the area that is managed privately and appropriate action will be taken.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the Area Manager the following information in relation to Variation 5 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 (Re-zoning of the former Chivers Factory site, Coolock Drive, Dublin 17):

Details of all meetings, correspondence and communications between Platinum Land Ltd (including their advisors/ representatives) and city council officials prior to initiation of the above Variation.

Copies of all submissions/documents provided by Platinum Land (or their advisors/ representatives) to city officials making/supporting the case for Variation prior to the public submission process.

A copy of the presentation delivered by Platinum Land representatives to the North Central Area Committee.

A copy of the submission made by Platinum Land as part of the public submission process?”

Reply

There were no meetings with planning in relation to the rezoning. A letter was received from planning consultants for Platinum Land Ltd dated 26th September 2017 requesting the rezoning. The letter and documentation submitted with it will be forwarded directly to the Councillor.

A copy of the presentation given by Platinum Land Ltd to the NCAC and a copy of the submission by McCutcheon Halley, Planning Consultants dated 1st February, supporting the rezoning proposal from Z6 to Z1 will be sent directly to the Councillor.

Contact: **John O'Hara, Dublin City Planning Officer**
Tel: **222 3813**
Email: john.ohara@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager provide an updated list of vacant sites in the North Central Area please?"

Reply:

Please see below list of vacant sites in the North Central Area:

Register No	Address of Property
VS-0501	61-65 Fairview Strand, Esmond Avenue, Fairview, Dublin 3
VS-0596	Site at Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 5
VS-0623	Site fronting Clonshaugh Road, Dublin 17
VS-0654	Site on corner of Swords Road & Collins Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9
VS-1073	Grove Lane, Clare Hall, Malahide Road, Dublin 17

Contact: **Sonya Long, Senior Staff Officer, Active Land Management**
Phone: **222 3838**
Email: sonya.long@dublincity.ie

Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to confirm if small vehicles are being used by the cleansing teams to help remove dangerous leaves from the ground particularly around senior citizen complexes?"

Reply

Waste Management Services manually sweep and clear the leaves from the footpaths outside senior citizen complexes as the footpaths are often too narrow to safely use sweeping machines on them.

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

Dublin City Council Caretaking section has leaf blowers for gathering the leaves, these are then bagged and removed for composting.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Phone: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm what the commercial rates position is in the North Central Area please?”

Reply

The % cash collection of Commercial Rates for the North Central Area as at 6th October is 76.7%.

The Rates Office monitors the arrears of the Commercial Rate categories on a weekly basis to identify any variances in performance. Rate collectors are fully engaged with ratepayers in making the necessary arrangements to ensure rate liabilities are being discharged.

Contact: **Fintan Moran; Head of Management Accounting**
Phone: **222 3206**
Email: fintan.moran@dublincity.ie

Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to provide a current update on the Oscar Traynor lands?”

Reply

A presentation outlining a comparative analysis of the options under consideration by the Sub Group of the Housing SPC was presented at the meeting of the Housing SPC on 13th October. It was agreed that a motion for the Disposal of the Lands be brought before the Council meeting on 1st November.

Contact: **Martin Donlon, Senior Architect**
Phone: **222 3943**
Email: martin.donlon@dublincity.ie

Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to advise what council initiatives are being taken to improve mental health generally in the North Central Area?”

Reply:

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership's sport and physical activity programmes and initiatives are delivered by our 21 Sport Officers and 27 Co-Funded Officers across communities in the city. All programmes are focused on improving, enhancing and supporting both physical and mental health and wellbeing across communities regardless of gender, age or ability.

In terms of current programmes in the NCAC there are walking, running, cycling, aqua, walking football and fitness/flexibility programmes aimed at adults. School and youth programmes to support and engage young people are also ongoing from our Women in

Sport GAGA (Get All Girls Active) to co-funded Athletics, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Rugby programmes. Inclusivity programmes aimed at engaging individuals with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities are also delivered across the city by DCSWP's Sport Inclusion and Integration Officers.

The Men on The Move programme is currently being delivered in the NCAC area – the programme provides exercise classes, nutritional advice and mental health workshops for adult males every Tuesday and Friday in Glin Road, Coolock from 11am.

Contact: **Dee O'Boyle, Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership**
Phone: **222 5433**
Email: dee.bole@dublincity.ie

Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager what percentage of the Council fleet is electric in the North Central Area?"

Reply

There are 43 electric vehicles in Dublin City Council's fleet. Approximately 7% of the fleet is electric. In addition, there are 4 electric cars in DCC's Smart Dublin Hub. It is not possible to state how many electric vehicles are working in a specific area as these vehicles work across all of the City.

Contact: **Paul McCarthy, Head of fleet Management Services**
Phone: **222 7501**
Email: paul.mccarthy@dublincity.ie

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to provide a current update on the former Chivers site in Coolock?"

Planning Consultants on behalf of Platinum Ltd made a written request to DCC in September 2017 seeking a change in the zoning of the Chivers site from Z6 (employment /industrial) to Z1 (Residential) largely on the grounds that it would facilitate much needed housing, that there was sufficient employment lands in the locality, and that the site had lain vacant for a long period of time.

On 23rd October 2017 the proposed variation was presented to the North Central Area Committee and following a 4 week consultation period, the variation was approved by the elected members of the City Council on 5th March 2018.

Under ref SHD0008/19 (An Bord Pleanala Ref 304346-19) a permission was granted under SHD provisions for Build-to-Rent Scheme of 471 units, up to 9 storeys (as amended by condition and later modifications –ref SHD0018/20) It is understood that the site is currently on the market for sale.

Contact: **John O'Hara, Dublin City Planning Officer**
Tel: **222 3813**
Email: john.ohara@dublincity.ie

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to confirm how many cleansing personnel are currently working in the North Central Area?”

Reply

Waste Management Services have one inspector, three supervisors and thirty eight outdoor staff working in the North Central area from 6am-2pm. We have a Public Domain team consisting of one inspector, one supervisor and six outdoor staff working there from 2pm-9pm.

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

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager are all libraries in the North Central Area now allowing the public to physically visit and use all the facilities?”

Reply

All library branches in the North Central Area are now allowing the public visit and use all facilities.

Contact: **Brendan Teeling**
Phone: **222 4816**
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to have the footpaths on (**details supplied**) added to the 2022 programme of works for resurfacing as they are in very poor condition and pose a risk to elderly and disabled pedestrians (photos attached)?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has completed inspection of these two locations. Defects have been noted and recorded on Confirm, our asset management system. Consideration will be given to include the footpaths in the 2022 programme of works.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer**
Phone: **222 3898**
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager with respect to my question, No. 68, to the September NCAC (attached) what action has been taken and can I have a report on the outcome of contacts with the Dublin Street Parking Services and the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit?”

Reply

The parking Enforcement Inspector will be contacted to advise on what action has been taken and a report will issue to the councillor directly.

Contact: **Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer**
Phone: **222 2017**
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager with respect to Q69 to the NCAC (attached) has this measure been undertaken and, if so, is there a report arising from it? If not, is there a timeline for same?”

Reply

DSPS are patrolling the area and the inspector will be requested to follow up and report back. A more detailed reply will issue to the councillor directly.

Contact: **Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer**
Phone: **222 2017**
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager if there has been an inspection of trees on Elm Mount Close and, if so, what the outcome was? In August, following a tree coming down on the Close which residents report to have been rotten, I contacted parks to request an inspection of the other trees nearby as residents are concerned for their safety. If this inspection has not yet occurred, can I get a timeframe, as residents are anxious going into the winter?”

Reply

The trees were inspected and found to be in an acceptable condition with no visible defects evident.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the Area Manager to arrange for inspection of trees in Grace Park Heights and Grace Park Meadows, Dublin 9? Residents have notified me that some trees have branches which are very low hanging – at eye level for residents – and other trees have become very tall and somewhat overgrown. The residents consider the trees with low hanging branches to be a public safety issue”.

Reply:

The trees will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the tree care programme for the area 2021-22.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**

Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager with regard to the tree pit outside (**details supplied**), to assess whether the pit is suitable either for replanting or for filling in. A resident nearby has been maintaining/weeding it and is no longer able to do so and would like it filled in?"

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as to its suitability for planting. If unsuitable arrangements will be made to have the pit closed over.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a representative of the Parks Department to meet with the residents in (**details supplied**) who are interested in setting up a local composting area for green waste and would like some guidance on how to do so?"

Reply:

If the residents wish to make contact on parks@dublincity.ie a meeting can be arranged.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if the footpath outside of (**details supplied**) can be repaired? Other sections of the footpath along this road have been repaired but this area where water frequently puddles, was left undone. See photos attached".

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection of this location. The defect has been noted and recorded on Confirm, our asset management system. A repair has been scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer
Phone: 222 3898
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if broken footpath at (**details supplied**) can be repaired? Resident made previous request".

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection of this location and can clarify that a job has already been noted and recorded on Confirm, our asset management system. I have asked the inspector to consider completing this repair sooner if possible.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer
Phone: 222 3898
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if any traffic calming measures could be taken at **(details supplied)**?"

Reply

This road is already traffic calmed with two junction tables and with four ramps placed at the appropriate distances apart for optimum traffic calming.

Traffic calming is also aided with the presence of on-street parking which reduces speeds and improves driver caution and the road is also lined with mature trees offering a more enclosed residential space.

This Road is within the areas covered by the 30 km/h speed limit that indicates the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children.

However, a 30 km/hr road marking will be recommended to enhance the current 30 km/hr speed limit signage for the road at the entrance from **(details)** Park and Brookville Park. (Ref: 7023085).

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Phone: 222 6145.
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if as part of the refuse collection contract, private bin collection companies are required to provide road cleaning services on the day of collection, similar to what was done when Dublin City Council provided bin collection services. Is it possible to include **(details supplied)** for road sweeping on Thursdays as private bin collectors leave an amount of rubbish in their wake?"

Reply

Waste Collectors are not required to provide road cleaning services, this activity is provided by Waste Management Services through area based cleaning schedule.

Although the Bye-Laws for the Storage, Segregation and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste are directed at the person presenting the waste and not the collector, section 2.2 states:

Containers used for the presentation of kerbside waste shall be maintained in such condition and state of repair that the waste placed therein will not be a source of nuisance or litter.

Additionally Section 3.2 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 states:

-No person shall— (b) load, transport, unload or otherwise handle or process anything or carry on a business, trade or activity in such circumstances as to create litter or lead to litter in any public place or any place that is visible to any extent from a public place.

Litter enforcement officers will review and investigate Aulden Grange post collection in line with Bye Laws over the coming weeks in October. A litter Warden will have to be present to view exactly what is happening in order to issue fines.

Local Management will also review (**details**) for action required.

Contact: **Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.**
Phone: **222 4237**
Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if a filter light could be installed at (**details supplied**) in order to facilitate traffic exiting from (**details**) and Aulden Grange estates who wish to turn right towards the M1/(**details**) roundabout?”

Reply:

The ITS section has now assessed the junction in question. The exit from Woodlawn currently runs concurrently with the exit from the Astro Park / school. At peak morning traffic less than half the volume of vehicles exits the school exit compared to the Woodlawn right turn exit and this should provide ample time for right turning vehicles from Woodlawn.

Also in order to permit the Woodlawn exit to run in isolation, an extra traffic signal phase would need to be added which would hugely increase what is already very congested junction/route.

The ITS section will, however, monitor the junction and allocate extra time to the Woodlawn exit if there is scope to do so.

Contact: **Seán Fallon**
Phone: **222 6198**
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if (in light of complaints from residents of Grace Park Manor regarding illegal parking due to construction works on the former Bonnington Hotel carpark and their difficulty in access and egress through their entrance gate/road), it would be feasible for DCC to take the stretch of private roadway from Seven Oaks Estate to the entrance to Grace Park Manor, in charge? Could the Area Manager advise who actually owns the road and if a mechanism exists for local residents to apply for it to be taken in charge”?

Reply:

This is a request for DYL and not an issue for Parking Enforcement, this question should be referred to TAG.

Contact: **Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer**
Phone: **222 2017**
Email: Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

DCC Roads Dept are only in charge of the entrance road from Swords Road to Seven Oaks Estate for a distance of **55.00m**.

The road in front of the hotel is a private Road and Grace Park Manor is a private apartment development closed by locked gates.

Contact: **Ronnie Hamilton, Senior Technician, DCC Roads.**

Phone: **222 2546**

Email: Ronnie.hamilton@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance Services cannot provide details on the ownership of the road in question. This road would only be considered for taking in charge on formal request from the owner. In this instance each service department would need to report that their assets on the road are up to a suitable taking in charge standard and any works required would need to be carried out by the owner of the road.

As taking in charge is a reserved function, the area office would need to instigate the procedures for taking in charge under the 1993 roads act, section 11 when the road is to the required standard.

Contact: **Shane Satell, Senior Executive Engineer, North City.**

Phone: **222 2297**

Email: shane.satell@dublincity.ie

The access road is in private ownership according to our records. The owner would have to submit a formal request to D.C.C requesting that the road be taken in charge for the process of taking this road in charge. According to our records no request has been received to date.

Contact: **Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer**

Tel: **222 3108**

Email: greg.bryan@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to have footpath at **(details supplied)** repaired as it is broken and is a trip hazard?"

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection of this location. The defect has been noted and recorded on Confirm, our asset management system. A repair has been scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer**

Phone: **222 3898**

Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to have appropriate traffic calming measures installed at **(details supplied)**? Despite 30kph sign traffic speeds along this narrow road, recently resulting in a car crashing into and demolishing a garden pillar and damaging a parked car and a second incident of parked cars being damaged narrowly missing children playing on the path".

Reply

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7023088) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. A speed survey will be arranged after 22nd October which will inform our decision.

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

Contact: **Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.**

Phone: **222 6145.**

Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to liaise with Parks Department with a view to upgrading facilities in Edenmore Park. Residents have stated that they feel the park has been neglected in recent years. They ask if any of the following could be considered: basketball courts, allotments, picnic area, a skate park, a teenage playground, fairy trails, a dog park or a calisthenics park similar to Clontarf Road. Also with regard to the sensory garden along the Springdale Road which is a great addition to the area, would it be possible to have the weeds cut back and lighting installed?"

Reply:

It is the general policy of Public Lighting Services not to light green open spaces or Parks. The provision of lighting in such areas is a matter for the Parks Department. Public Lighting Services is available to provide assistance if required.

Contact: **Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.**

Tel: **222 4539.**

Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

The Parks Service is very much aware of the particular challenges faced by Edenmore Park in recent years including joyriders entering the park and repeatedly damaging football pitches and very serious anti-social behaviour, fire-setting and intimidation that was taking place using the cover of the boundary vegetation of the pitch and putt course. The Parks Service and Area Office has consulted locally on the future of the park and has invested significant public funds in the last few years to attempt to eliminated some of the worst of these behaviours and to make the park less attractive for congregation after dark which it is hoped will allow the park to be improved and made more attractive for all visitors.

Over 460m of plinth wall and railings were installed to try and keep the joyriders out of the park. As was agreed with this committee and the membership of the pitch and putt club and the wider community significant revisions have been carried to the golf course in 2021 including the extensive tree works, to improve visibility to allow park visitors feel safe and to make the area less attractive to the drug dealers and easier to patrol by the Gardaí.

The priority for this year's available budget was to reconfigure the pitch and putt course as was agreed with this Committee, the pitch and putt club and the wider community including the relocation of the boundary fencing and changing the layout of the course requiring new tee boxes and greens so that the course might be playable again in 2022. This work has been substantially completed and the next step is to install a new footpath across the new area of parkland formally part of the course across to provide a new gate to the Millwood Estate which was highlighted as a priority for the community here.

Next year consideration can be given to other enhancements such as the replacement of the adult exercise equipment, the introduction of seating, possible enhancement of the playground and the introduction of play items for the older cohort.

The ‘weeds’ at the sensory garden are actually the native riparian vegetation which is essential for the health of the river and will not be cut back.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if the underpass area between Woodlawn Estate and the Main Road be cleaned up? More people from the area would use it to access the bus stop on the N1 Swords Road but due to its current condition people are reluctant to make use of it”.

Reply:

The underpass and the lands each side come under TII, the walkway by the industrial estate is not in charge and I think is being maintained by the management of the estate.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

The cleaning of this underpass area doesn’t come under the remit of Waste Management Services.

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

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the Area Manager if Traffic Management could look at developing a traffic management plan for the area of Collins Avenue outside and opposite St Aidan’s CBS School. With the installation of cycle lanes on both sides of the road, which is very welcome, quite an amount of parking for a) dropping off & particularly collecting young people from school and b) people attending the sports hall and using the all-weather pitches, has now been displaced. This has led to traffic confusion and much illegal and ill-considered parking. Residents living across the road on Collins Avenue and in Crestfield Estate are particularly affected. Is it not incumbent on St Aidan’s management to inform if not providing off street parking on their grounds for users of their facilities? Can DCC parking van please resume their patrols of the area?”

Reply

DSPS have been actively patrolling this area in relation to the difficulties with both the construction site and school drop offs. We will continue to do so going forward.

Contact: **Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer**
Phone: **222 2017**
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Our School Mobility Team will carry out observations at this location in the coming weeks to inform strategy moving forward.

Contact: **Antonia Martin, Communication & Promotion Officer, Covid Mobility Measures**
Phone: **222 6273**
Email: covidmobility@dublincity.ie

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Area Manager could a planter box be provided on **(details supplied)** and the street sign be repainted?"

Reply

The environmental liaison officer called to above area and unfortunately due to minimum path widths 1.8 meters with planter en situ to allow wheelchair access, planters are unsuitable for the paths along Seaview Avenue. If the Councillor would like to give other locations i would be more than happy to accommodate.

Contact: **Robert Ingram, Environmental Liaison Officer**
Phone: **222 8843**
Email: rob.ingram@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of this location. A defect will be created on Confirm, our asset management system to have the nameplate repainted or replaced as required.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer**
Phone: **222 3898**
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Area Manager could the Drainage Department look at solutions to concern with flooding to houses on **(details supplied)** from flash flooding events that an extra gully and drainage needed?"

Reply

There was an exceptional rainfall event on 21st August 2021 where 20mm of rain was recorded at one hour in Clontarf. This led to flash flooding in some areas as a result of the network exceeding capacity.

DCC Drainage have examined the network in the area and it is working well. I note that there are adequate gullies in the area. However, if the Councillor is aware of any particular property that is under threat, please let me know to see if anything can be done.

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

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

"To ask the Area Manager could a report be provided on possible improvements needed to the Fairview Skate Park?"

Reply:

Arrangements are being put in place to have the broken rail replaced.

The facility is subject to an annual independent safety inspection and scores highly each year with no improvements needed or recommended. A recent examination of the site suggested that there is insufficient space in the current layout to add further equipment or ramps here as a safe run off area is required for skaters travelling at speed. It would be a very expensive project to extend the skate park beyond its current configuration.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

"To ask the Area Manager to review and help with solutions to make safer crossings on the Belmayne Road. Children need to cross the road to access St. Francis of Assisi primary and the Educate Together schools and a great number of children have to cross this road (picture attached) from St. Sampson's, Castlemoyne. What are the plans for this road? And if Dublin City Council are not responsible for this area, can they engage with those who are to put in temporary solutions to make this area safer?"

Reply:

The roads in Belmayne have not been taken in charge by Dublin City Council, they are still in private ownership. Before they are taken in charge there are issues which need to be resolved i.e. on street designated private parking spaces. There are discussions ongoing with developers how to progress the on-street private parking.

Following taking in charge of these roads it is intended to install pedestrian crossings at the top of Belmayne Avenue and Parkside Boulevard.

Contact: **Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer**
Phone: **222 8845**
Email: deirdre.a.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

"To ask the Area Manager if any further progress has been made with regards communicating with the owners of Artane Place and if they have an interest in selling or renting Artists Workspaces or if there is a space that could be acquired for redevelopment as an Arts Facility?"

Reply

I am pleased to report that the Owners of Butterly Park t are in contact with the City Arts Office to provide three Artists Workspaces at discounted rates to DCC who then would manage the spaces and let out to Artists at peppercorn rent. City Valuers have now engaged with the owners. It is hoped to have an Open Day on the site before the end of

2021 for Artists to view the potential sites prior to refurbishment. A large scale site suitable to develop as a venue has not yet emerged in these discussions.

Contact: **Ray Yeates, Dublin City Arts Office**
Phone: **222 7849**
Email: ray.yeates@dublincity.ie

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

"To ask the Area Manager for an update on the old tennis courts beside the Astro in Priorswood Park. Will the upgrade go ahead to add an Astro surface in 2021?"

Reply:

It is envisaged that the project will be brought to tender in the coming weeks which should allow the work to be completed in late 2021 or early 2022.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **01 222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

"To ask the Area Manager to cut back the bushes on Skelly's Lane as they are coming out onto the footpath. See highlighted area in picture attached?"

Reply:

The locus will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the winter shrubbery maintenance programme for the area.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Area Manager to provide information on the supports and advice available to **(details supplied)** who finds herself and her two very young children living in very unsuitable conditions at present, is very low down the housing lists and struggling to secure alternative accommodation via the HAP?"

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 16/04/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	325
Area D	2	148
Area E	2	400

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 should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants should continue to try source alternative accommodation and apply for assistance through the HAP scheme.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers
Tel: 222 2639
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to report on the number of maintenance issues at (**details supplied**) also forms to help (**details supplied**) apply for windows under the Heat & Energy Saving Scheme.

- Kitchen presses moulding and falling apart.
- Leak from upstairs bathroom, which is coming down into kitchen light switches (Fire Safety Matter)
- Bathroom still awaiting a door (No bathroom door for wheelchair accessible bathroom in over 14 years)".

Reply

- (A) Dublin City Council has appointed a contractor to inspect this property and carry out all necessary repairs. The tenant is looking for a sliding door for the bathroom, and for health and safety reasons this cannot be provided.
(B) The Heat and Energy Saving Scheme is only available to private homeowners. Dublin City Council carry out these works on their housing stock. While this work will be done we do not have an exact date at present.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Phone: 222 3517
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the new community centre for Kilbarrack and the boxing clubs place in it or please advise on any alternatives to providing our boxers with adequate premises within the area?"

Reply:

There was a significant increase in the cost of this Project beyond budget and an overall lack of buy in from the community, therefore it was proposed to carry out a Cost Benefit Analysis and a further Needs analysis of the project in 2020.

Unfortunately, with the onset of Covid 19 this was temporarily put on hold in 2020 and it was hoped to commence this analysis in early 2021, with level 5 implementation in 2021. It

was further put on hold, however I am now currently in the process of arranging for this analysis to be carried out.

When this piece of work has been carried out I will be in contact with NCA Councillors. If a decision is made following the results of these analysis not to go ahead with the Community Centre, the Area Office will look at the potential of providing alternative boxing premises for Bay Boxing Club, they will liaise with the Boxing club to update them on the Community Centre.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Phone: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager are there any Dublin Fire Brigade manning issues at Kilbarrack station and to advise what plan is in place to rectify same? Also can he advise whether staff have received high rise training for apartment complexes and whether there are any plans for new fire appliances for the station?”

Reply:

1. The agreed staffing level for DFB is 965. The current number operational is 930.
The staffing numbers in Kilbarrack fire station are augmented by way of overtime, if staff attached to the station are on leave/on a training course.
Dublin Fire Brigade currently has 35 recruits in training and these recruits will complete training in December this year. There is a commitment to train an additional recruit class in Feb 2022, to compensate for predicted retirements.
2. Training for dealing with incidents in high rise structures is not a new concept and DFB have been dealing with fires in high rise buildings for many years. All of our firefighters entering into the brigade have received training in this area. As developments in high rise structures change our training must adapt to meet these challenges.
3. All new fire appliances are issued throughout the fire service using a matrix which includes servicing, the amount of kilometres the appliance has etc. This is not done until the appliance arrives into service.

Contact: Michael O'Reilly, Asst. Chief Fire Officer
Phone: 222 4100
Email: michael.oreilly@dublincity.ie

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager is there a way to guarantee that if the (**details supplied**) land is sold to Glenveagh, they cannot then sell it on to the next developer in the chain, delaying further the time when houses actually get built (and naturally increasing their cost)? If there isn't, I would question the wisdom in selling the land?”

Reply

The current proposal envisages the sale of 40% of units to an AHB, 20% to individuals as affordable purchase units and remaining 40% units are to be social housing. This will be set out in the Development Agreement.

Contact: **Martin Donlon, Senior Architect**
Phone: **222 3943**
Email: martin.donlon@dublincity.ie

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager can I please be advised of the most recent communication with the residents association in **(details supplied)** regarding concerns of the proposed new senior citizen complex?"

Reply

The Local Area Manager wrote to the Residents Association on September 13th offering four potential dates when the Area Office and the Architects Department could facilitate a site visit with members of the group. This was in response to a request that had come directly from the group at a previous meeting held in August.

As part of this communication I attached a summary note on the four schemes that were being proposed for the site visit. Unfortunately, the Residents Association members were not in a position to take up the offer due to other commitments. I received an email from the group declining the offer on September 14th and was told they would be facilitating their own meeting that weekend and would come back to me following that. I responded to this correspondence on the day it was received and invited them to make contact with me after their own association meeting and we could set up something following that.

In the meantime I am having ongoing meetings with the Senior Architect who is managing the development of the scheme and a design review is currently underway based specifically on the issues that have been raised at our meetings with the Residents Association.

Contact: **Bernie Roe, Local Area Manager for Clontarf – Donaghmede LEA**
Phone: **222 8846**
Email: bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager can DCC and DFB please respond to this and provide more help and support to the residents in your communications with Gannon Homes?"

Reply:

The Area Office are very willing to engage with local residents to do a needs assessment of the area. They can contact Deirdre Murphy (contact details below) to arrange same.

Contact: **Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer**
Phone: **222 8845**
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

According to this correspondence the lands in question belong to the schools and the apartment complex and are not in the charge of Parks.

Contact: **Fergus O Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Dublin Fire Brigade has for many years conducted a Schools Programme, to educate young people in the area of fire, with an aim of reducing anti-social activity in this regard. Covid has temporarily ceased this programme but it is anticipated that it will be re-commenced when safe to do so.

Contact: **Dennis Keeley, Chief Fire Officer**
Phone: **222 4100**
Email: dennis.keeley@dublincity.ie

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager what plans are in place to upgrade Edenmore Park, has any consideration been given to basketballs courts, allotments, picnic areas, a skate park or teenage playground, fairy trails, lightening or a dog park. With regards to the Springdale Road and the river running along, the sensory garden is in place and fabulous for the area but this was largely down to one group of people not the council, it would be great to see a lit up walkway along the river and the weeds cut back to make it a safe and enjoyable walk way also the pathway from the Tonlegee Road to the cinema where St Brendan's is and the recycling bins is always filled with rubbish, broken glass and dark. It's a busy walkway and it would be great to see this lit up a bit more or made brighter and safer".

Reply:

It is the general policy of Public Lighting Services not to light green open spaces or Parks. The provision of lighting in such areas is a matter for the Parks Department. Public Lighting Services is available to provide assistance if required.

There is existing lighting on the path from Tonlegee Road to the cinema and all lights on this path are currently operational.

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

Waste Management Services clean the area at the recycling bins on a daily basis.

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

The Parks Service is very much aware of the particular challenges faced by Edenmore Park in recent years including joyriders entering the park and repeatedly damaging football pitches and very serious anti-social behaviour, fire-setting and intimidation that was taking place using the cover of the boundary vegetation of the pitch and putt course. The Parks Service and Area Office has consulted locally on the future of the park and invested significant public funds in the last few years to attempt to eliminated some of the worst of these behaviours and to make the park less attractive for congregation after dark which it is hoped will allow the park to be improved and made more attractive for all visitors.

Over 460m of plinth wall and railings were installed to try and keep the joyriders out of the park. As was agreed with this committee and the membership of the pitch and putt club and the wider community significant revisions have been carried to the golf course in 2021 including the extensive tree works, to improve visibility to allow park visitors feel safe and to make the area less attractive to the drug dealers and easier to patrol by the Gardaí.

The priority for this year's available budget was to reconfigure the pitch and putt course as was agreed with this Committee, the pitch and putt club and the wider community including the relocation of the boundary fencing and changing the layout of the course requiring new tee boxes and greens so that the course might be playable again in 2022. This work has been substantially completed and the next step is to install a new footpath across the new area of parkland formally part of the course across to provide a new gate to the Millwood Estate which was highlighted as a priority for the community here.

Next year consideration can be given to other enhancements such as the replacement of the adult exercise equipment, the introduction of seating, possible enhancement of the playground and the introduction of play items for the older cohort.

The 'weeds' at the sensory garden are actually the native riparian vegetation which is essential for the health of the river and will not be cut back.

There is a TII project to provide a lit greenway along the Santry River.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager has DCC any grants that can help regarding (**details supplied**)?"

Reply:

A member of the Community team contacted the Chairman as per details supplied to ascertain how we can assist the Photo Society. The outcome is that an "OPTOMA 123", manual pull down screen, Ref: DS-1123PMG has been ordered and the Chairman will be notified when it is available to collect.

The NCA will continue to engage with (**details**) and advise when grants are available.

Contact: **Sheila Duffy, Senior Staff Officer**
Phone: **222 8556**
Email: Sheila.duffy@dublincity.ie

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager can DCC please provide financial support to (**details supplied**)?"

Reply:

Dublin City Council does not have a policy for funding individuals.

In April this year, the North Central Area supported programme with Educational/Recreational activities by assigning €9,934 to the group from the 2021 discretionary fund.

They also received €500 funding in 2021 from the Covid Emergency Round 2 Fund. Members of the Community Team in the NCA have engaged with the Community Programme Co-ordinator for this programme and are assessing their current needs with a view to assisting and supporting where possible.

Contact: Sheila Duffy, Senior Staff Officer
Phone: 222 8556
Email: Sheila.duffy@dublincity.ie

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to have the fruit cleared from the tree opposite (**details supplied**)? The crab apples are the property of DCC and should be cleared away immediately as they are causing nothing other than a nuisance and are a health and safety issue when they fall on the footpath etc. The apples are being used by teenagers as missiles to throw at residents houses and should be removed every time that they are in fruit especially when there are problems with anti-social behaviour in the area”.

Reply:

Waste Management Services cleared the crab apples from the above mentioned location on the 8th October 2021 and will ensure that this location is included as often as possible in our leaves and fallen fruit removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager can trees that run along the roadside and at the side of (**details supplied**) please be cut back before a serious accident happens?”

Reply:

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for the area 2021-22

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the Area Manager to outline what works in the works programme for 2021 remain outstanding to be completed in the North Central Area this year and if he will make a statement on the matter?”

Reply:

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

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Phone: 222 5280
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

The following locations remain outstanding or ongoing on the 2021 works programme.

Roadway Resurfacing

Bull Wall Road – Road Closure planned End of October
Newtown Cottages
Saint Brendans Terrace

Footpath Repairs

Swans Nest Avenue
Lorcan Villas and Green
Ayrfield Estate - Started
Seafield Road East
Dunluce Road
Belton Park/Donnycarney Road
The Rise
Church Ave/Ormond Road
Tonglegee Road – Started

The above works are scheduled for 2021 but due to delays from covid restrictions any uncompleted works will continue into 2022.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer**
Phone: **222 3898**
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

The Parks Improvement Programme for 2021 is mostly complete other than:
Repairs to adult exercise equipment in Fr. Collins Park – Meeting scheduled with contractor
Spring bulb planting programme – Works tendered and contractor appointed planting to commence in coming weeks.
Installation of a bottle filling station Fairview Park – On site meeting to be held with installation contractor in the coming weeks.
Tree planting programme – To be carried out from Nov-Mar
Fairview Playground upgrade – Works commenced on site
Darndale Playground upgrade – Tender complete and meeting will be held with contractor after the standstill period has expired.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

North Central's Public domain discretionary projects are on target with the majority of them in the process of being completed.
Some projects involve outside contractors and this can be slower due to Covid 19 restrictions in place and sites closed for this year.
We are confident that all projects will be completed on time with no overspend will occur on our allocated budget.

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

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager for an update re: plans to improve bathing facilities in Dublin Bay and at Bull Island and if he will make a statement on the matter?"

Reply:

Repairs identified for the 2021 programme have been completed.

It is understood Water Safety intend installing showers at these locations.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O 'Muiri

"To ask the Area Manager to please organise for a replacement door to be installed at **(details supplied)** by end of October to deal with the concerns as raised in correspondence?"

Reply:

Dublin City Council has ordered a new front door for the address provided above. The door will be installed in the next 10 -12 weeks.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Phone: **222 3517**
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O' Muiri

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an assessment of the bollard heights that were installed to protect the cycleway heading northwards through Fairview as per **(details supplied)?**"

Reply:

The height of the bollards in question have been reviewed by Dublin City Council's Traffic Section. They are in compliance with the requirement of the Traffic Signs Manual which limits the height of bollards to 1000 mm. We are satisfied that the bollards are correctly positioned and sized appropriately.

Contact: **Alec Dundon, A/Senior Executive Engineer.**
Phone: **222 2706**
Email: covidmobility@dublincity.ie

Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O' Muiri

"To ask the Area Manager to please ask TAG to prioritise the assessment of request reference no. 7022577-Reps for disabled parking bay outside the front of St. Vincent de Paul Infant School, Marino?"

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group, at its meeting of 28th September 2021, recommended to install a Disabled Parking Bay on Griffith Avenue, in the vicinity of the entrance to the school.

This measure will be implemented subject to the completion of the necessary statutory consultation process with the Gardaí (Ref: 7022557), which cannot be expedited. However, we will have a crew mobilised to complete the installation as soon as the statutory process is complete.

The works should be completed within six weeks of the October Area Committee Meeting.

Contact: **Catalin Rosca, Area Traffic Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.**
Phone: **222 6145.**
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O' Muiri

"To ask the Area Manager to organise for the shrubbery/hedging in (**details supplied**) to be removed/cut-back to help address the anti-social behaviour issues as raised?"

Reply:

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks with a view to including cutting back of vegetation to improve passive supervision on the winter shrubbery maintenance programme.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O' Muiri

"To ask the Area Manager to please outline any progress on the discretionary funding allocated in 2021 to design an improved lightening scheme for (**details supplied**)?"

Reply:

There is an issue with trees that are obscuring the lights on (**details**). This is resulting in dark stretches along sections of the footpath. The Public Lighting Department will liaise with the Parks Department to examine (**details**) and to explore different options over the coming weeks to come up with plans to alleviate the situation.

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

Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O' Muiri

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on planned works on the 11 Holm Oak trees that are located between Vernon Drive and Vernon Rise as raised in Question 117 at the July 2021 Council meeting?"

Reply:

Due to the cultural and historical importance of these trees arrangements have been made to have the trees at this location fully and independently assessed by a consulting

arboriculturist. Once the report is received any recommended works will be scheduled according to the assigned priority ratings.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager that a report be commissioned around Child safety issues at **(details supplied)** as parents are worried about their children attending adjacent schools as they have no choice but to walk out onto a road that is dangerous for children locally?"

Reply:

The roads in **(details)** have not been taken in charge by Dublin City Council, they are still in private ownership. Before they are taken in charge there are issues which need to be resolved i.e. on street designated private parking spaces. There are discussions ongoing with developers how to progress the on-street private parking.

Following taking in charge of these roads it is intended to install pedestrian crossings at the top of **(details)** Avenue and Parkside Boulevard.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Phone: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager when a tree at **(details supplied)** will be substantially pruned or removed altogether as part of the multi-annual and prioritised programme of tree replacement and works in this estate?"

Reply:

The tree at this address is listed for removal this winter as part of the multi-annual replacement programme for the area.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Phone: 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager when **(details supplied)** will be cleaned up urgently as rubbish that has been dumped at this location is being left for residents to clean up locally. Could I ask waste management and public domain teams to monitor and report back to myself on this matter over the coming months?"

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean the above mentioned location on a regular basis and on inspection on the 12th October 2021 was found to be in a clean condition. We will continue to monitor this location.

Contact: **Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.**
Tel: **222 4240.**
Email: [**mick.boyle@dublincity.ie**](mailto:mick.boyle@dublincity.ie)

Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager when (**details supplied**) works to upgrade the Park will begin and completion of the pitch and putt facility will be done?"

Reply:

The Parks Service is very much aware of the particular challenges faced by (**details**) Park in recent years including joyriders entering the park and repeatedly damaging football pitches and very serious anti-social behaviour, fire-setting and intimidation that was taking place using the cover of the boundary vegetation of the pitch and putt course. The Parks Service and Area Office has consulted locally on the future of the park and has invested significant public funds in the last few years to attempt to eliminated some of the worst of these behaviours and to make the park less attractive for congregation after dark which it is hoped will allow the park to be improved and made more attractive for all visitors.

Over 460m of plinth wall and railings were installed to try and keep the joyriders out of the park. As was agreed with this committee and the membership of the pitch and putt club and the wider community significant revisions have been carried to the golf course in 2021 including the extensive tree works, to improve visibility to allow park visitors feel safe and to make the area less attractive to the drug dealers and easier to patrol by the Gardaí.

The priority for this year's available budget was to reconfigure the pitch and putt course as was agreed with this Committee, the pitch and putt club and the wider community including the relocation of the boundary fencing and changing the layout of the course requiring new tee boxes and greens so that the course might be playable again in 2022. This work has been substantially completed and the next step is to install a new footpath across the new area of parkland formally part of the course across to provide a new gate to the Millwood Estate which was highlighted as a priority for the community here.

Next year consideration can be given to other enhancements such as the replacement of the adult exercise equipment, the introduction of seating, possible enhancement of the playground and the introduction of play items for the older cohort.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: [**parks@dublincity.ie**](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie)

Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager to inspect (**details supplied**) and repair the footpath when budget is available to do so locally?"

Reply:

In a recent annual program localised repairs were completed at this location. Road Maintenance Services will complete a further inspection of this location. Any defects noted will be recorded on Confirm, our asset management system. If required a repair will be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area.

Contact: **Derek Horan, Executive Engineer**
Phone: **222 3898**
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager to inspect (**details supplied**) and check if footpath is correctly fixed and ensure double yellow lines outside the house are reinstated prior to water pipes being replaced?"

Reply:

An inspection of the utility works carried out by Irish Water on the (**details**) Road was carried out on 13th October 2021 by a member of the IMU team. It was noted that the permanent reinstatement has been completed to the correct standard, except for the replacement of the double yellow lines. The service laid by The Irish Network Programme division of Irish Water was extensive and includes a corresponding long length of double yellow lines to be reinstated on the (**details**) Road by Irish Water. Further to this question Irish Water have notified the IMU that they have hired the services of a road marking contractor to reinstate all the road markings affected, including the double yellow lines outside above details.

Contact: **Deri Flood, SEE, Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU), RMS**
Phone: **086 388 3986**
Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager for an inspection outside (**details supplied**) on the path and roads as a consistent issue of flooding is happening locally here. Could I ask for the drains and gullies to be checked to ensure no blockage?"

Reply:

Members of the Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned 2 of the 2 gullies at (**details**), Raheny, on 11/10/2021.

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

Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager that traffic calming measures be looked at on (**details supplied**) roads and install children at play signs? Cars are driving at fast speeds with kids at play."

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7023087) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the November Transport Advisory Group meeting for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Contact: **Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.**
Tel: **222 2528**
Email: martina.halpin@dublincity.ie

Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager that lighting would be replaced with LED lights at **(details supplied)** as roads are very dark at night. Could the Parks Department please provide an update on tree pruning for the estate?"

Reply:

There are no plans to upgrade the public lighting at **(details supplied)** at present. However, the public lighting at this location will be upgraded to LED lighting under the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project and although an exact timeframe cannot be provided at this stage it is planned to upgrade these lights over the course of the next couple of years.

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

There are no proposals to carry out tree pruning in either estate.

It is proposed this winter to continue the programme of multi-annual replacement of street trees in **(details)**.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an up to date view of the Housing list for area B?"

Reply:

As per the latest Allocations Quarterly report.

Combined Waiting List Figures by Band Category	
WAITING LIST	Area B
HOUSING LIST TOTAL	3930
TRANSFER LIST TOTAL	4381
COMBINED GRAND TOTAL	8311

Contact: **Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**
Tel: **222 2639**
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to (**details supplied**), can the manager ensure more frequent emptying of bins as park users say they are regularly full and overflowing?”

Reply:

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

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

Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to (**details supplied**), where a large number of cars are parked on both sides of the road, on footpaths, blocking driveways, visibility for cars coming around corners (the road has several bends which are rendered very dangerous by the position cars park), reducing the useable width of the road for people who do need to drive through, and taking over the already narrow footpaths making life extremely difficult for people who are limited to wheelchairs and buggy users, can the manager say what measures he can take to alleviate this problem and can he make a detailed statement on the matter?”

Reply:

The parking Enforcement Inspector will undertake a review of the area and request any enforcement necessary.

Contact: **Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer**
Phone: **2222017**
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the Area Manager in relation to the recent ballots taken on (**details supplied**), in relation to disk parking scheme, can the manager say, if the schemes are not agreed, that he will re-survey the area on the basis of an interchangeable scheme, whereby all three roads are considered in one scheme, thereby allowing interchangeable residential parking disks; and can he also say if a renewed ballot can be taken on this basis and soon (not wait for 24 months), if current ballots result in rejection of all three schemes and if he can make a statement on the matter as some residents are upset about the proposal and what it will mean for them in terms of lack of parking close to their homes, or at all”.

Reply:

As the results of the ballot have not yet been issued, it would be more appropriate to wait until the results and decision are issued and progress from that point. I will be happy to discuss this with the councillor directly if they so wish.

Contact: **Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer**
Phone: **222 2017**
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to refer to my previous requests/City Council question (October 2020) in relation to house at (**details supplied**) which is derelict and in a seriously poor condition with overgrown trees grass etc., and say if he can make better efforts to put matters right, contact the owner at his own address and not send letters to (**details supplied**) which is vacant and can he make a statement on the matter?"

Reply:

I called to above address, this is a private house not a DCC property which has been abandon for several years. I contacted several neighbours and they have informed me the owner passed away in the last year or two, the new owner of the property his brother who is living in England but they have no contact details, I believe the family solicitor are Ferry's based in Artane, I will make contact and request they contact the owner to carryout works to the overgrown bushes and hedges and keep the property to an acceptable standard.

Contact: **Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager**
Phone: **222 8852**
Email: Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie

Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager in relation front/boundary wall at (**details supplied**), which is severely damaged as a result of serious tree root protrusion and say if he can agree/arrange to have the wall repaired?"

Reply:

There is little evidence of root protrusion or wall damage at the supplied address. If the resident wishes to pursue a claim for damages to private property against the council claim forms can be forwarded to the supplied email to initiate the claims and investigation process.

Contact: **Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Phone: **222 6625**
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager in relation to location as per (**details supplied**), please say if he can consider making the speed limit of 30kph on the road more obvious to road users?"

Reply:

Due to the site-specific condition and the presence of the school, to complement the existing 30Km/h signage, The Road Safety Engineers have requested to install painted 30km/h roundels speed markings at (**details**) Road at the junction with School Road and Abbeyfield road approaching the school St Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5.

Contact: **Rossana Camargo, Executive Engineer, Transportation. Road Safety. Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section**
Phone: **222 6543**
Email: rossana.camargo@dublincity.ie

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to refer to house as per (**details supplied**) where there is serious overgrowth in the rear garden and a rodent problem and say what action he can take to alleviate the fears of local residents in terms of getting the owner of (**details supplied**) to cut down hugely overgrowing trees etc.?"

Reply:

The Area Housing Manager called to above address, this is a private house not a DCC property. I contacted the owner and requested that he carryout works to the overgrown bushes and hedges and keep the property to acceptable standard he agreed that he would carry out these works.

Contact: **Patrick Smith, Area Housing Manager**
Phone: **222 8852**
Email: [**Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie**](mailto:Patrickp.smith@dublincity.ie)

Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager in relation to (**details supplied**), please say when she is likely to be housed as the landlord has served her with a notice to quit?"

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 1/5/2020, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	1	233

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

The applicant's notice of termination may not be valid any longer. I would advise the applicant to contact Threshold in order to have the Notice assessed.

The applicant should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: **Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers**
Tel: **222 2639**
Email: [**cathal.daly@dublincity.ie**](mailto:cathal.daly@dublincity.ie)

Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager in relation to (**details supplied**), say if he can erect a "slow" sign for motorists as residents are concerned about speeding traffic?"

Reply:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7023088) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the November Transport Advisory Group meeting for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

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

Tel: **222 2528**

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