

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

**Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

“To ask the area manager to organise for the provision of boules sets in order for members of the public to utilise the boules pitches near the Red Stables in St Anne's Park please. The pitches are often unused and it would be nice if park users passing by could play spontaneously. I was thinking boules sets could be made available in Olives Room for instance and prospective users could pay a deposit and / or leave identification behind. I believe sets costs from €30.00 only each.”

**Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the area manager to deliver an educational program to community groups on “Event Management” or “How to organise an event in your area.” In this program, it should also cover the various departments in DCC that can support communities organising events within their communities. Departments such as parks, community, sports, arts, culture & biodiversity.”

**Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the area manager to investigate and provide a report on tree outside **(details supplied)**. Residents are saying this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> tree that has been put into this particular spot and that it's not safe. Footpath & garden walls have been cracked and residents are fearful that with high storms/winds the tree may fall on their property.”

**Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler**

“To ask the area manager to for a full report on all cycle lane instalments and upgrades in the North Central Area.”

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

“To ask the CE to report on what measures have been taken to deal with the anti-social elements at this location”. **Details supplied.**

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

“To ask the manager to have measures taken to deal with speeding and ‘rat run’ traffic (especially HGV traffic at **(details supplied)**)”.

**Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

“Can the manager outline the specific criteria for granting a sports licence or letting on pitches in the ownership of Dublin City Council?”

**Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

To ask the area manager the following please:

- Is DCC satisfied that the granting of consent (including letter of consent) in respect of a planning application on DCC lands is a delegated function of DCC officials and not a matter for elected members of DCC?
- If DCC believes that consent is an executive function, is the planning department satisfied it's a matter for a parks official rather than a function of the CEO DCC (executive) to grant consent?
- who in DCC has the authority to issue letters of consent in relation to DCC owned land and what format should these letters take? If for instance in relation to a telecommunications mast in a DCC Park and if DCC believe it's a matter for the Parks Superintendent is there a particular format required for the letter of consent in order for it to be a valid letter in accordance with all relevant planning legislation.

**Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

"To ask the area manager to prioritise the next meeting of the Clontarf Flood Defence and promenade joint working group as a matter of urgency please?"

**Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

"To ask the area manager for an update on the request to separate the proposed overflow car park at Red Stables, Clontarf and the proposed land art sculpture in respect of Part 8 planning applications please?"

**Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

"To ask the area manager to organise a copy of the most up to date St Anne's Park management plan please?"

**Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell**

"To ask the area manager to report on the following please. On the 29th April 2022 the latest CE's Development Plan report was circulated to members for their consideration. The paragraph below was attached to the circulation which prohibited members from any onward transmission of the report to any third party.

***'It is important for members to note that this CE Report is being circulated for your consideration, in advance of the Special Meeting of the City Council, scheduled to commence on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. The CE Report is not for onward transmission to any third party.'***

Local authority Councillors have no supporting / back office staff and very little planning experience if any, yet are expected to study, contribute to and agree or

disagree with this extremely important report in a matter of a few short weeks without being allowed to send the report on to any third party for support / advice.

Can the manager outline the reasons / rationale for this instruction and under whose authority was this instruction given please? Also make reference to / outline the legislation covering this instruction / matter please?"

**Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

"Can the Manager answer the following in relation to the number of complaints received by the Parks Department regarding (**details supplied**)?"

**Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Tom Brabazon**

"Can the manager arrange to replace the pedestrian guard railings at (**details supplied**) and clear the grass and weeds along the front of (**details supplied**) and to do a general litter pick of the area?"

**Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

"Question withdrawn by Councillor Lyons"

**Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

My February 2022 question below in relation to trees removed in Marino refers.

**NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

**Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

*"To ask the Area Manager in relation to trees that were removed on Marino, (residents say several trees were removed but not planted) can the manager give a detail as to*

- a. What/how many trees were removed in recent years and*
- b. How many of those removed have been replanted to date and when will those that have not been replanted be replanted"*

**Reply**

*Due to remote working the numbers felled and replaced are not to hand however Parks have been following a phased replacement plan agreed with the residents association. It has been disappointing that the stumps of previously removed trees are not decaying as rapidly as was hoped due to ground conditions and Parks have been unable to replant according to the schedule. The Parks Service are constantly monitoring the situation and will affect replanting as soon as possible. The Parks Service will also be meeting with the residents association in the coming weeks to re-evaluate the programme in light of these limiting factors.*

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

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Residents say several trees were removed but not re-planted.

“Can the manager please **now**, in relation to trees that were removed, give a detail as to

- a) What/how many trees were removed in recent years and
- b) How many of those removed have been replanted to date and when will those that have not been replanted be replanted?”

**Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the Manager please say in relation to the playground in Fairview Park, say if the park remains unfinished and if so, when will the planned swings etc. be installed and also say if there are any plans to install more toddler facilities in the playground as currently there is only a sandbox suitable for children under 4; can the manager say why the pirate ship, with baby slides, lookout windows & all baby swings have been removed?”

**Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager please refer to my numerous requests for an official from the Parks Department to contact my constituent, at **(details supplied)**, in order to discuss with my constituent, the issue around the provision of the long talked about (via email with me) replacement low railing around the skate park facility to replace the one that is now broken; **(see detail in one of the many detailed emails from my constituent)** can the manager please say what railing was ordered, when was it ordered and when it is expected it will be in place?”

**Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“In relation to the issues of access and right of way to **(details supplied)** from my constituent, can the manager please provide a **detailed response?**”

**Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“In relation to the attached from my constituent, can the manager please provide advice on when replacement trees will be planted at **(details supplied)?**”

**Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** which is a 30 KPH zone and say if he can consider installing further traffic calming measures to assist in reducing the speed of traffic where residents say there is a constant disregard for the speed limit, with some motorists travelling in excess of 60kph at times, in an area with a large cohort of children due to the schools & proximity of local amenities etc.; speeding occurs throughout the entire day but is at its worst during the morning & afternoon school runs (8-9am, 1-2pm) & evening commute (5pm).

**Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager please advise what measures are in place to build an interim segregated cycle lane from the Marino and Drumcondra area into Dublin city centre as cyclists are concerned that cycling along the three main routes into town (Drumcondra, Ballybough or Strand roads) is very dangerous and unpleasant?”

**Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Further to previous reports of speeding in Abbeyfield Killester, below are some observations from a constituent from the past couple of weeks highlighting the ever increasing speeds of drivers travelling through Abbeyfield, a 30km "traffic calmed" residential zone with very narrow and poorly maintained pavements where many young children and older residents live and go to school? Can the manager please advise when the area will be further traffic calmed?”

**Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney**

“Can the manager refer to damaged lamp at **(details supplied)** and arrange repair of same?”

**Q.25 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O’Toole**

“To ask the Manager to respond to this housing issue. **(Details supplied)**”.

**Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for a report on voids in the North Central Area: how many do we currently have, what is the current status of each, what are the completion and allocation dates for each turned around void and for clarity on who will be allocated each new home?”

**Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for a report on what has been asked of Dublin City Council's North Central Area office to date in relation to the accommodation of people fleeing the war in Ukraine?”

**Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager to establish the ownership of the site beside No. 19 Greencastle Avenue and seek to secure the site as it is presently in a haphazard state?”

**Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for a report on the housing file of **(Details supplied)**?”

**Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager to a report on the housing file of **(Details supplied)**, whose family are currently living in very overcrowded accommodation and has been waiting a significant amount of time on the transfer list?”

**Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager for a commitment given to residents by the city council in 2009 to improve the paths along Kilbarron Park to be fulfilled: young and older people alike live on this road and the current state of the paths presents a threat to residents' safety?”

**Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask the manager to install "Children at Play" signs along Ferrycarrig Drive, Dublin 17?”

**Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask for an update on the proposed new community centre for the Kilbarrack area?”

**Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons**

“To ask for an update on the feasibility study of the underpass site at Northside Shopping Centre as a potential site for housing?”

**Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole**

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

**Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the manager when will the council repair the footpaths on Roseglen Road, Dublin 5?”

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**Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to trim at tree outside **(details supplied)?**”

**Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to remove cars along Fairview strand -across from the Jewish Cemetery - without tax/insurance which have been stationary there for some time – up to two years in some cases (photos attached)

**Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to allocate budget – alongside the footpath repairs scheduled near Tesco Drumcondra – for some public realm redesign to improve the environment for older people and families including some planting/greenery and seating?”

**Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for enforcement against parking on the footpaths in the area of Tesco Drumcondra Road which is a danger to children and visually damaging to the area?”

**Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to consider findings from a local resident with regard to speeding in Abbeyfield, Killester taken using a sensor near a speed ramp (findings attached) and to take action with regard to curtailing this speeding either via design or enforcement?”

**Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the pruning of a tree at **(details supplied)** where there are low hanging branches that impede walking on the footpath?”

**Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to arrange for the trimming/pruning of trees hanging over the wall of the property at **(details supplied)** and are hitting off the roof and house.

**Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to arrange to have a claims form sent to the resident at **(details supplied)** who wishes to initiate a claim regarding damage from tree roots to his driveway.

**Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker**

“To ask the Manager to include Belton Park Road on the next programme of works for carriageway repairs as there is significant damage to the roadway?”

**Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the manager whether any extra funding can be secured from central government to improve the quality of roads in the North Central area?”

**Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the manager as to what checks are carried out before major road repairs are carried out & after works are completed to ensure roads & footpaths are returned to the same standard. Also, what are the remedies if utility companies do not comply and do not carry out rework that may be required?”

**Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the manager as to whether an alternative location has been found in the NCA for coach parking in light of the decision to ban coach parking on the Alfie Byrne Road?”

**Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the manager for an update regarding Flood Protection measures proposed for Clontarf?”



**Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the manager for an update re; capital works being carried out in Northside Shopping Centre?”

**Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the manager for an update regarding the following **(details supplied)** who is on the housing list?”

**Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the manager to make contact with the following regarding trees **(details supplied)**?”

**Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan**

“To ask the manager if any monitoring of the traffic has taken place in Fairview in light of the works taking place on the Clontarf to City centre cycleway and whether any solutions have been identified?”

**Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the manager to advise whether the **(details supplied)** has applied for a housing transfer & where she is on list?”

**Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the manager to respond to the request for the following traffic report **(details supplied)**?”

**Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the manager to respond to the following footpath issue in **(details supplied)**?”

**Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the manager to have someone from the housing department contact the following **(details supplied)** re: overcrowded housing?”

**Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the manager to respond to the following correspondence from a constituent seeking the housing department’s assistance and intervention **(details supplied)**. Please can the housing department contact the following?”

**Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the manager to respond to the following regarding a request for a pedestrian crossing at **(details supplied)**?”

**Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the manager for an update on lease and capital works for **(details supplied)**?”

**Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan**

“To ask the manager for an update re: planned Garda station for Donaghmede?”

**Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager organise for the public lighting on (a) Glandore Road, Dublin 9 and (b) Carberry Road, Dublin 9 to be assessed and if necessary improved and enhanced as local residents tell me that the footpaths there are poorly lit at night. Is there an opportunity to switch existing lamp standards to better quality LED?”

**Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager confirm that the footpath bordering the parking/landing area outside the Goose Tavern/Brass Onion/Health Clinic, Sion Hill Road in Dublin 9 is in charge? If so, can the Manager organise for the footpath to be inspected and any necessary repairs to be carried out?”

**Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager confirm how much (if any) of the open space in front of the buildings from Tesco to Insomnia on Upper Drumcondra Road is in charge? Are the pedestrian footpaths beside the roadway in charge? Can DCC develop a plan to animate and green this location with planters and seating?”

**Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager confirm if (a) the current City Development Plan and (b) the draft new City Development Plan contains a specific objective to provide a pedestrian/cycling bridge over the Tolka River linking Grace Park Road with Clonliffe lands in Drumcondra? Can the Manager confirm if this bridge has been included in planning considerations relating to those lands?”

**Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager organise for the inspection and repair of loose and broken capping on the retaining wall (Collins Park side) of the main triangular green in Collins Park/Celtic Park, Dublin 9?”

**Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O’Muirí**

“Can the Manager organise for the health of the crab apple tree outside **(Details)** Celtic Park Avenue, Dublin 9 to be assessed and if necessary have it removed and replaced with another tree?”

**Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“Can I ask the Manager to please request that the tree at **(Details Supplied)** be replaced immediately and the tree stump be removed also?”

**Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“Can I request that the manager review the corner at **(Details Supplied)** as it is causing a hazard to residents locally as the junction is causing near misses to members of the public due to dangerous driving?”

**Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“Can I ask the Manager to seek to have the road dipped at **(Details Supplied)** as resident is seeking for the path to be lowered? Submitted to DCC.

**Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“That I ask the manager to please report on the tree planting works locally and to confirm plans for year ahead and progress update of planting for 2022. I note a lot of the request I have submitted for replacement trees have not been completed since 2019?”

**Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“Can I ask the Manager to inspect greenspace at (**details supplied**) as the resident is worried regarding the lack of grass cutting on the space adjacent to houses, the growth of which is causing a visual obstruction to road. Illegal dumping also in this location?”

**Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Daryl Barron**

“Can the Manager remove the Graffiti at (**Details Supplied 1**) at the bottom of the Cul de Sac and have the tarmac at (**Details supplied 2**) replaced as dangerous holes in bridge are a potential hazard to members of the public & may result in falls?”

**Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“Could speed reduction measures be put in place in Marino?”

**Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“Could speed reduction measures be put in place in Abbeyfield Killester?”

**Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“Could a map of where the new recycling bins will be situated on Clontarf promenade be provided and a date as to when they will be installed also be provided?”

**Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the manager for a copy of the speed reports commissioned in December 2021 on Kincora Road Clontarf, so that measures can be put in to address speeding on this road?”

**Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney**

“To ask the manager to request that all proposed changes in zoning in the draft development plan in the North Central Area be provided in list form to North Central area councillors?”

**Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager if he will take steps to address traffic safety matters at a location (**details supplied**) in Dublin 9?”

**Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager to examine the pedestrian lights at the shops on Shantalla Road to see if the level of lighting could be improved as there have been complaints that the lights are very dim and difficult for motorists to see?”

**Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager to have repair work carried out on footpath on **(details supplied)**. The paths are reported as being uneven, cracked and damaged and the tarmac used in various repair jobs over the years, is overgrown, damaged and unsightly. Paths have been upgraded in past 12 months on adjoining roads, could you advise if there are plans to complete similar at this location?”

**Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager to clarify if the developer has an obligation to reinstate embankment at **(details supplied)**; if the trees and shrubs in this area could be trimmed / lower branches removed (outside of nesting season) in order to allow the local Tidy Towns group to clean and remove litter which gathers at this area. Clarification is sought by the TT group as to what can be done to improve the appearance of this area and what the developer’s obligations are in relation to reinstating it to an acceptable standard.

**Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager to install speed slowing measures at the bend **(1 details supplied)** and to improve the ramps on **(3 details supplied)**. There are good traffic calming measures in place on **(2 details supplied)** which result in drivers actively slowing down. But along **(3 details supplied)** and at **(1 details supplied)** traffic travels much faster than the allowed 30kph on this recognised rat run and is a danger to pedestrians, older people and children especially crossing to and from the park entrance. Would it also be possible to paint 30kph on the road **(3 details supplied)?**”

**Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager to extend the yellow box fully across the junction at **(details supplied)?**”

**Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe**

“To ask the Area Manager to have shrubbery cut back to allow local group to remove bags of rubbish, which is continually dumped at (**details attached**) and to include this area in regular cleaning rota as it is a dumping blackspot. Shrubby to be cut back from kerb without reducing height and thus privacy of houses behind.