Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for weeding to be done in Larkhill estate it has been over a year since it was done."

<u>Reply</u>

The weeding contract is carried out in housing estates over a rolling 3/4 year cycle. This is due to the allocation of 92 kms per year for the North Central area.

North Central area provides weeding hoes, bags and gloves to residents groups, if they wish to remove weeds from their estates and we arrange for bag removal also.

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

Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to look at the photo attached of the Beaumont Woods area where there is no houses this is not outside house verges, can this be arranged to be cut please. This area is going to be a long term issue can we have wild flowering in this area too."

The matter has been raised with the landscaping contractor who will arrange for the area in question to be inspected and cut.

Contact:Ian O 'Lone, DPO, DCC Landscaping Contract ManagerPhone:222 3436Email:parks@dublincity.ie

Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to investigate if there is a suitable property that might become available in the Santry/Whitehall area for **(details supplied)**. There is childcare and education needs in the location."

<u>Reply</u>

The above applicant is on the Transfer Welfare List, with an application date of 29/01/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position	
Area E	3	36	

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list. The applicant's interest is noted in the Santry/Whitehall area.

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

Contact:	Sandra Barry, Transfers	Allocations	Officer,	Housing	Allocations	&
Tel: Email:	222 2201 sandra.barry@d	ublincity.ie				

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager why requests for the removal of dead wood in (**details supplied**) despite repeated request. I note no reply to request from councillor has been received."

<u>Reply</u>

Four trailer loads of branches were removed from this site following the unauthorised cutting of open space trees during the first week of July. It is regrettable that a reply to this effect was not issued at that time.

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

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Area Manager that the overgrown trees along Riverside Road, Coolock be pruned as soon as possible".

<u>Reply</u>

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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

Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Area Manager to ensure the installation of more public bins in the Beaumont area of Dublin 9, as well as adding more in Ellenfield Park".

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services have arranged for some extra bins in the Beaumont area, when the batch of new bins arrive mid-October. All requests for litter bins for specific locations are considered on their individual merits. We have litter bins at suitable locations outside Ellenfield Park. Requests for extra bins within this park is a matter for the Parks Division.

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

It was intended to install a large capacity bin toward the middle of the park. If one cannot be sourced through the current contract, a standard bin will be installed as an interim solution.

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

Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Area Manager to ensure the removal of the overgrown scrub on the unused land in the cul-de-sac on Clonshaugh Meadows, Dublin 17".

Reply

It is understood that the shrubs here are the remnants of a shrubbery once planted by the residents. The area will be included in the autumn winter shrubbery maintenance programme to have the remaining overgrowth flailed right back.

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

Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager can the trees be pruned back at **(details supplied)** as the street lighting here is very poor quality because of the tree foliage." Photo attached

<u>Reply</u>

The locus was inspected and no area where tree pruning might improve street lighting to any meaningful degree could be identified. If more precise detail of areas of poor lighting can be forwarded a follow up inspection of the trees in the vicinity can be arranged. It may be the case that additional lighting is required in these areas to meet the lighting level envisaged in this query.

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

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager can the pedestrian crossing on median of **(details supplied)** be modified or extinguished to make it safer." Photo attached

<u>Reply</u>

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7029035) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

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

Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the housing application of **(details supplied)** and say if this applicant can be considered for housing on health and welfare grounds. I have attached a medical support letter"

<u>Reply</u>

The applicant must submit the attached Application for Exceptional Medical Grounds Scheme in addition to any medical documentation. Medical letters unaccompanied by the application are generally not considered.

Contact:Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations &
TransfersTel:222 2201Email:Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the Area Manager for an update on when **(details supplied)** will be housed?"

Reply

The above applicant is on the Older Persons Housing List, with an application date of 25/10/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	28

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet their 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.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers Tel: 222 2201 Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Area Manager to do a safety audit and report on the traffic speed signs at **(details supplied)**."

<u>Reply</u>

The Road Safety Section will investigate the traffic speed signs on **(details)** Lane and report back to Councillor on findings.

Contact:Bernard Lester, A/Senior Engineer, Transportation.Tel:222 5871.Email:bernard.lester@dublincity.ie

Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to get ramps installed on Ardcollum Avenue. There is a dangerous bend and cars are too regularly speeding around the corner. There is a busy pub and restaurant there and this is now becoming a serious concerns."

<u>Reply</u>

Following investigations by the area engineer, it was observed that Ardcollum Avenue is not conducive to speed and is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking, which acts as a passive traffic calming measure, thus reducing carriageway width for motorists and increasing driver caution in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidelines; in addition, the bends act as a traffic calming measures.

Ardcollum Avenue has residential speed limits of 30 km/h with corresponding road traffic signage (Ardcollum Ave. junction with Ardlea Road and on Ardcollum Ave. junction with Mayfield Cres.). This serves to alert drivers that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone and to expect children.

A previous speed survey indicated drivers travelled at an 85th percentile of 32 km/h and therefore the provision of any extra traffic calming measures is not recommended at this time.

However, the area engineer will raise the Councillor's concerns regarding speeding on Ardcollum Avenue with An Garda Síochána at the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting. The Gardaí are responsible for enforcing road traffic legislation to ensure that drivers comply with speed limits.

 Contact:
 Gerry McEntagart – North City Executive Engineer

 Email:
 gerald.mcentagart@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to look into dealing with anti-social behaviour in Magenta Hall there is reports of huge issues including drug dealing and action is needed by the council."

<u>Reply</u>

The Darndale Area Office has not received any anti-social complaints including issues around drug dealing in this area. Any complaints of this nature should be made directly to the Darndale Office and or to An Garda Siochana.

ContactConnell McGlynn, Local Housing ManagerPhone:222 6940Email:connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.15 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to get an update on bins needed at (details supplied)".

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will install litter bins at the above mentioned locations as requested when the next batch of new bins are delivered mid-October.

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

Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to review the application at (details supplied) and assess the case for transfer"

<u>Reply</u>

The above applicant is on the Transfer Welfare List, with an application date of 02/03/2021, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position	
Area B	3	22	

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet their 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.

Contact:	Sandra B	arry,	Allocations	Officer,	Housing	Allocations	&
	Transfers						
Tel:	222 2201						
Email:	<u>sandra.bar</u>	<mark>ry@dı</mark>	ublincity.ie				

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to ensure that there is an increase in the monitoring of illegal parking in Crestfield and Collins Avenue."

<u>Reply</u>

Dublin Street Parking Services will patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking observed.

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

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to look at anti-social behaviour, drug dealing on Bunratty road and the lack of presence from the council in keeping the road clean and tidy."

Reply

Waste Management Services had extra cleaning carried out on Bunratty Road on the 7th September 2022. The next area base cleaning scheduled for this area is during week beginning the 3rd October 2022.

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

Bunratty Road has the same cleansing schedule for public roads which is every 8-10 weeks, in addition to this Bunratty Road has daily and weekly monitoring as a result of the construction works in the vicinity, road sweepers are on this road every week and more if required.

Any information or complaints around antisocial behaviour should be reported directly to the antisocial section in the Darndale office.

ContactConnell McGlynn, Local Housing ManagerPhone:222 6940Email:connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the playground on Bunratty road which is full of litter and uncut grass be cleaned & cut. The council vans seem to be present in other parts of Coolock but not on this road. Particularly the cul de sac across from the civic centre looks extremely run down and the bollards there have also uncut grass and litter."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services had extra cleaning carried out at the above mentioned cul de sac on the 7th September 2022. The next area base cleaning scheduled for this area is during week beginning the 3rd October 2022.

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

Housing Maintenance has arranged to have the playground cleaned on a weekly basis by DCC Caretaker Services.

The grass cutting falls under the remit of DCC Parks section and they have this playground on their grass cutting contract. We will refer this matter onto them.

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

Cleansing section have been notified about this area and a clean-up of the playgrounds will happen with the next week.

ContactConnell McGlynn, Local Housing ManagerPhone:222 6940Email:connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

The contractor has been requested to attend to grass maintenance and litter issues at this location.

Contact:Ian O 'Lone, District Parks Officer.Tel:222 3436Email:parks@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to make provision for litter bins in the vicinity of **(details supplied)**."

<u>Reply</u>

The bins in **(details supplied)** unfortunately had to be removed due to ongoing abuse including fire-setting. Additional street bins have recently been installed just outside the park which are seen as being less vulnerable to such behaviour. As there have been recent incidents of fire-setting in the park, the Parks Service does not wish to install any bins in the park at this time.

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

Q.21 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to contact the relevant authority regarding **(details supplied).** The pole is in a very bad state of decay."

<u>Reply</u>

The Public Domain team have emailed the ESB and requested they inspect pole as per (**details supplied**) and report back to the Area Office.

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

Q.22 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager will the Council re-surface the tarmac path in the green between Foxfield Park and Foxfield Grove?"

<u>Reply</u>

An inspection will be arranged of both paths crossing this open space in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any necessary repairs will be scheduled as resources allow. If full overlays of both paths are required this may have to be scheduled sequentially in future Parks Improvements Programmes.

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

Q.23 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager will the Council consider providing some benches in the green between Foxfield Park and Foxfield Grove in consultation with local residents?"

<u>Reply</u>

Benches in green open spaces need permission from Parks Department as they must agree that there is a need for benches in the first instance at this location. There should also be some consultation from the person requesting the benches with residents who live around these greens so that they are in agreement on placing benches at this location.

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

Benches can be quite controversial in such locations as there is often a fear they may prove attractive for congregation after dark leading to localised anti-social behaviour. The Parks Service has no objection in principle to making provision for benches at this location as part of a future Parks Improvements Programme providing there is sufficient buy-in locally. If the residents wish to make contact with the Parks Service on <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u> a conversation on the matter can be opened.

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

Q.24 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager will the council repaint the double yellow lines at the entrance to Saint Gabriel's Court in Clontarf and provide greater parking enforcement so that residents can access their homes safely?"

<u>Reply</u>

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for road markings to be renewed on this stretch of road, will be carried out within 30 working days of the Council meeting on September 19th 2022.

Contact:Paul Doyle, Road Markings Section, Traffic Transportation.Email:paul.doyle@dublincity.ie

Following the findings from the inspection and possible re painting of lines, Dublin Street Parking Services will be instructed to patrol the area and enforce any illegal parking observed.

Contact:Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement OfficerPhone:222 2017Email:Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.25 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager will the council reinstate the €400 community grant to Saint Gabriel's Court in Clontarf?"

<u>Reply</u>

The Dublin City Local Area Community Grants scheme runs across the whole city in each of the five administrative areas with a combined city wide value of €300,000.

Multiple applications are received for each area and are assessed locally by the relevant Dublin City Council staff.

Each application is considered on its own merits and in terms of available funding for each administrative area.

There is no guarantee that an application will receive a grant in the first instance, and in the second instance, groups that are successful do not necessarily receive the full amount they have applied for due to the nature of the scheme.

Contact:	Paul O'Halloran, Administrative Officer, Community & Social
	Development
Phone:	222 6879
Email:	paul.ohalloran@dublincity.je

Community staff from the area office will engage with the group referenced to establish what practical supports (human and financial) can be given to help them progress their goals and initiatives.

Contact:Bernie Roe, Area Manager (Clontarf/Donaghmede LEA)Email:Bernie.roe@dublincity.iePhone:222 8846

Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager will the council apply for funding to have Electric Vehicle Charging Points installed in Saint Gabriel's Court, Clontarf."

<u>Reply</u>

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points and has considered the options regarding public charging for those without access to off-street charging. I understand that the SEAI/ZEVI scheme is currently being repurposed to take account of rapidly changing technologies and the realities of the business case and electrical infrastructure costs of public charging provision.

Our consultants completed an industry stakeholder engagement piece late last year and the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now complete. In tandem, the working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project. This will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport.

ESB eCars currently provide a map of their charger network and other private operators continue to expand their charging offerings. <u>https://esb.ie/ecars/charge-point-map</u>

An EVCP locator request tool, which will allow members of the public indicate where they consider EVCPs should be located is now available on the dublincity.ie website. This will not guarantee that an EVCP will be located at the selected site, rather it will allow us to build a picture of demand to consider potential locations, together with grid capacity requirements and other variables.

Our Lord Mayor, Cllr. Caroline Conroy launched Dublin City's first Community Mobility Charging Hub on 6th September in Finglas, with Minister Ryan in attendance also, as we begin to enable and facilitate the roll out of strategy.

In addition, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the Department and the SEAI regarding a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure and it is perhaps this scheme (to be launched shortly) which may be most relevant for the residents in St Gabriel's Court.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study.

This is a pressing matter for us in the Council and indeed with our colleagues in the Dublin Metropolitan area that we may enable and facilitate the transition to more sustainable mobility. In the interim, can I suggest that those residents with an EV (or considering a purchase) contact the EV owners association as they are very knowledgeable about these matters from a practical perspective and may be able to help based on their personal and collective experiences.

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

Q.27 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker</u>

"To ask the Area Manager will the council provide additional facilities, such as toilets and changing rooms, for local sports clubs who use the St. Anne's Park playing pitches?"

<u>Reply</u>

While a number of local clubs have such facilities near the park and toilets are available within the park, there are medium to longer term proposals to look at the provision of such facilities at certain locations, to serve the more remote pitches and facilities in the park. As the park is very significant historically, culturally and ecologically, the location and design of any such facilities will require considerable thought, consultation and innovative design.

The more immediate priorities are the proposed improvements and additions to the toilet facilities, including a changing places toilet in the vicinity of the Red Stables and car park and more general improvements to the accessibility to and the utility and safety of the buildings of the Red Stables.

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

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager will the Council take over the common areas of (details supplied) into its control so that they can be properly maintained and, additionally to apply to take control of the area of land that runs behind (details supplied) so that it can be properly maintained?"

<u>Reply</u>

Currently, the roads & small common green areas in (details supplied) are in charge of and maintained by Dublin City Council. However, on foot of representations received from various public representatives in relation to the lands to the rear of (details supplied), a title search was conducted by the Law Department, at the request of the North Central Area Office. It transpires that this land is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. The registered owner of these lands is shown to be Whitony Limited of Bective House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2. A search of the Companies Registration Office website shows the designation of Whitony Limited is dissolved. In these circumstances, under the State Property Act 1954, ownership of these lands would now vest in the State (Minister for Finance). Accordingly, the Law Department has advised that Dublin City Council has no interest in these lands either legal or beneficial. "Roads Maintenance" and the "Parks Department" have both advised that these lands (to the rear of details supplied & that run behind the houses on top of the hill parallel to James Larkin Road) are not "in charge" and are the responsibility of the OPW to maintain. In the circumstances, the legal advice would be that this is a private matter and Dublin City Council should not be involved.

Contact:Fiona Moore, Staff OfficerPhone:222 8863Email:northcentral@dublincity.ie

Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager for a comprehensive update on the situation with the carriageway both on Griffith Avenue around the site of the Cairn Homes development and on the Malahide Rd at the junction with Griffith Avenue. Ongoing construction works and works by Irish Water and other utilities relating to construction have left the carriageway in poor, and in some instances, hazardous condition, particularly for cyclists. I would ask the manager for a timeline for full and proper reinstatement and to commit to assessing the road conditions at present and remedying any dangerous areas."

<u>Reply</u>

In response to this question Dublin City Council is aware of the ongoing issues relating to the utility works associated with The Cairn Homes Development, on Griffith Ave and this junction with Malahide Road. Irish Water have a current road opening licence (T2) to carry out their permanent reinstatement. Therefore, this work should be completed by the start of October. Irish Water are arranging a time over the coming weeks that doesn't clash with events. The condition of the temporary reinstatements are being monitored and maintained by Irish Water in the meantime.

Contact:Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure
Management Unit.Tel:086 388 3986Email.deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager to assess the condition of the trees at (details supplied) in terms of their health and whether they are safe to remain in place."

<u>Reply</u>

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

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

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the Area Manager to commit to a thorough cleaning of the laneway behind Belton park Avenue, Dublin 9 (which is ungated and in charge of the council) as there is ongoing dumping and residents would like it cleaned so they can erect signage and cultivate a wildflower area. Additionally to ask the manager if the council could assist with providing signage.

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will arrange to have the above mentioned laneway cleaned before the end of September 2022.

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

Arrangements have been made to put in place signage at this location.

Contact:	Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Waste Management Services.
Tel:	222 4243
Email:	bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange a regular litter pick on the grass embankments/paths from the Malahide Road (Northern Cross to Cadburys) the traffic lights at Clarehall Shopping are particularly bad."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned location and have cleaning carried out there when necessary.

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

The landscaping contractor has been contacted regarding the issue raised and has confirmed that the weekly litter pick was completed at this location but will redouble their efforts during their next scheduled visit.

Contact:Ian O'LonePhone.222 3436Email:parks@dublincity.ie

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

"To ask the Area Manager to engage with Dublin Bus on reducing the size of the bus shelter outside Beaumont Hospital on the Beaumont Road. The reason being is that the gates behind have historical value, I believe are part of the Guinness estate and the bus stop hides it completely, is there something that can be done to restore the gates as a feature?"

<u>Reply</u>

The NTA are responsible for all Bus Shelters throughout the City. Dublin City Council will forward this question onto the NTA.

Contact:Will Mangan, Acting Senior Executive EngineerPhone:222 5030Emailwilliam.mangan@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

"To ask the Area Manager if the cycle lane protection by bollards provided by Fingal County Council on the Grange Road can be extended in the Dublin City area from the railway bridge to the Hole in the Wall Roundabout to facilitate children cycling to school in Belmayne."

<u>Reply</u>

The NTA have approved funding for a walking and cycling scheme along the Grange Road from Baldoyle Road to Fairview that will include this section of the Grange Road from the DART line to The Hole in the Wall roundabout. The design of an interim cycling scheme along this route is planned to commence in early 2023.

Contact: Gráinne O'Brien, Senior Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office

Email: <u>activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.35 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to plant spring bulbs along Skelly's Lane to enhance the green area at the back of Beauvale Estate, is a good location and there are currently no spring flowers planted there (I noted this last Spring)"

https://goo.gl/maps/8Z4ZSSf9BvjYy7Wt5

<u>Reply</u>

Provision has been made in the autumn 2022 spring flowering bulb planting programme to plant a quantum of bulbs along this busy road. The presence of the roots of the many mature amenity trees does however mean that the planting will be rather fragmented along the road.

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

Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

"To ask the Area Manager for an update on the road ramps on Foxfield Park, there is 5 ramps in poor condition. Can you advise if these are scheduled to be fixed or if not, can they be put onto a schedule?"

https://goo.gl/maps/7Vt7AtNHqr5BbDrJ7

<u>Reply</u>

These ramps at **(details supplied)** are currently not scheduled for repair. Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the ramps. If any defects are found, they will be recorded with the ramps considered for repair if the funding is available.

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

Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbháil Butler

"To ask the Area Manager to investigate why a bin was removed from one side of the park in Foxfield. There is one bin remaining on the Foxfield Park side (outside green area) which is now congested with litter and dog waste. Is it possible to reinstall the bin on the other side of the green or find another suitable location to help with the volume of waste in the bin that is there?"

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned litter bin removed as it was damaged beyond repair. It will be replaced when the new batch of bins arrive during the middle of October 2022.

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

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the Area Manager to organise the provision of a pedestrian crossing signal at the junction of Copeland Ave and Howth Road please. Presently there is nowhere for pedestrians including school children living on the north side of Copeland Ave including Copeland Grove and Howth Road etc. to safely cross Copeland Ave / Howth Road to make their way to Howth Road National School and / or the local shops / Petrol station etc. Both Howth Road and Copeland Ave are extremely busy traffic wise at this location and there is also heavy footfall particularly at school times."

<u>Reply</u>

This request will be added to the list of pedestrian crossings for consideration in November each year for the following year's programme of works. It should be noted that due to budgetary constraints, the amount of funding available for pedestrian crossings is limited and there are several locations currently seeking funding.

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

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)** regarding resurfacing footpath and weeding."

<u>Reply</u>

The Public Domain Enforcement Officer has requested Waste Management to sweep and remove weeds along this area.

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

The footpaths on **(details supplied)** are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

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

The wildflower planting in the central median in other years would have continued flowering well into the autumn however the unprecedented dry and hot weeks from mid-July into August did bring about a premature end to this year's display. The area will be cut back in the coming weeks.

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

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)** regarding road sweeping."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will ensure the above mentioned footpath is included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme over the autumn and winter months.

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

Q.41 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (details supplied) regarding Roundabouts."

Reply

Traffic Section do not install signage on roundabouts. However, where necessary, directional signage is located in advance of roundabouts.

Contact:Bernard Lester, A/Senior Engineer, TransportationPhone:222 5871Email:Bernard.lester@dublincity.ie

The Parks and Biodiversity Service has not carried out an audit of roundabouts. Such roundabouts are primarily part of the road network and signage, painting etc. are matters for the roads department. Roundabouts represent a hazardous work environment for landscape maintenance which is why low maintenance enhancements such as bulb planting and wildflower seeding are considered appropriate.

The wildflower planting display on the **(details)** roundabout was not as successful this year as in previous seasons due to the extended hot and dry spell from mid-July well into August which stimulated the flowers to go to seed and brought a premature end to this and other such sowings in the city rather than the expected succession of flowering well into the autumn. The display was colourful and floriferous until this point. The unusually dry period also seemed to favour some native weeds over the sown varieties.

This roundabout will be cut back in the coming weeks and a new sowing carried out later in the autumn of next spring. As the Bus connects proposals envisage replacing or greatly modifying the roundabouts on many routes into the city including the Malahide Road it is perhaps not the best time to plan major enhancements to roundabouts on main routes.

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

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)** regarding Speed limits."

<u>Reply</u>

Traffic Section completed a City-wide speed limit review in 2020 and a proposal was submitted to Council involving a new default speed limit of 30 km/h. However, the proposed default speed limit was not agreed by the Elected Members, who the power is vested in. Instead it was decided to establish a Working Group to review *Special Speed Limit* bye-laws and report to Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (SPC). The Working Group review is ongoing and a report to SPC is expected in Q4 2022. A review & audit of all road signage in NCA was completed in 2020 and the signage was considered to be sufficient. Another review & audit will be carried in 2025 or sooner if necessary.

Contact:Bernard Lester, A/Senior Engineer, TransportationPhone:222 5871Email:Bernard.lester@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager regarding the C2CC cycle/walkway to advise the cost to date and what the budget is and to advise of what the average delays motorists are experiencing because of the disruption; to advise whether the delays are acceptable and whether there are any plans to refine the project to have the project less disruptive to city traffic."

<u>Reply</u>

The approved scheme budget funded by the NTA is for €62m. The Contractor is progressing with works and there is approximately 10% of works completed to date. In the last few weeks additional crews are being assigned by the Contractor and additional work areas are being opened up.

Given the need to provide to the Contractor a reasonable amount of working space one lane has been made available to him to allow for works to progress. Dublin City Council reviewed the Contractor's temporary traffic management plan which required traffic to be diverted and deemed it to be a reasonable and effective way of facilitating the works.

The intention of maintaining the inbound bus lane from Fairview Strand into Amiens Street is to ensure that public transport remains as unhindered as possible whilst construction works are ongoing. If additional traffic was permitted to use this bus lane it would be difficult to maintain consistent journey times along the route.

The bus lane along North Strand Road is one the busiest lanes in the city and there is almost a bus each minute using the route. Allowing cars to share a single lane with buses would lead to an unreliable public transport service. It is the objective of Dublin City Council to encourage as many people to transfer to public transport and/or walking and cycling if they are in a position to do so.

The traffic management plan which is in place does lead to challenging but unavoidable temporary traffic diversions. In general, there are four lanes of traffic along North Strand Road, three of which are being maintained for traffic, with the fourth lane given over to the Contractor, allowing them to carry out the works in an efficient and safe manner. Of the three lanes which are still in use, the maintenance of two dedicated bus lanes helps ensure the greatest number of the travelling public can make their way into the city in as efficient a manner as possible. This includes those from the local community whom use the public bus services.

The Scheme is working with other Departments in DCC to monitor and identify where adjustments to traffic signals or other measures in order to reduce delays as much as is possible.

Whilst the Scheme is likely to cause some inconvenience to the local community, in the long term however the project shall deliver significant and enduring improvements

such as high quality and safe bus, cycling and walking facilities. Other improvements shall be the improved levels of service with regard to the water supply, Installation of community plazas, new tree planting and a new greenway along the Tolka River.

Joseph Mernagh, Senior Resident Engineer, Active Travel Contact **Programme Office**

Email: activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)** regarding a dead tree stump."

<u>Reply</u>

The timeline for the safe removal of such stumps is very difficult to predict as it is very much dependant on the size of the stump and the ground conditions. Stumps are left at a height of approximately 1m to avoid the creation of a trip hazard next to the public footpath. Stumps are left in situ until they have degraded sufficiently to allow for their safe removal without damaging infrastructure or services that may be located in the verge or nearby particularly vulnerable fibre and data cables. The parks service continually monitor such stumps until there are a sufficient number in an area that can be safely removed to justify the hire of specialist contractors.

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

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)** re: illegal dump"

<u>Reply</u>

A report will be circulated from the Chief Executive to all members.

Contact:	Derek Farrell, Area Manager
Email:	derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (details supplied) regarding public bins."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management bins in residential areas are emptied five days a week, Monday to Friday and we will ensure that this bin is serviced as per schedule. It is not a matter for Waste Management to be installing bins on green areas for Parks.

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

Parks do not provide bins on open spaces in residential areas.

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

Q.47 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (details supplied) regarding roundabout"

Reply

Spiral road markings on the circulatory carriageway and an antiskid surface before the pedestrian crossing on the north arm exit are being considered, a consultant has been appointed to review. Any road marking changes recommended are expected to be implemented in Q4 2022.

Contact:Conor Lynch, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel
Programme Office
activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (details supplied) regarding allotments"

<u>Reply</u>

The Parks and Landscape Service has carried out a high level desk top review of areas of underused open spaces and back lands which has identified a number of potential sites in the area where such a scheme could be implemented. The next stages will include a more detailed feasibility study in relation to infrastructure and internal discussions around a consultation process and resourcing of the project.

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

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (details supplied) regarding grant aid"

<u>Reply</u>

The Community Section are currently in the process of reviewing the applications for the 2022 Community Grant Scheme and will give consideration to the application received from above group.

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

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

"To ask the Area Manager to please reply to transfer application query as per **(details supplied)**"

Reply

The applicants are on the Transfer List from 6/10/2020.We have received all applications. This application was postponed as they had rent arrears on their account. Their positions are as follows

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	396
Area E	3	490
Area N	3	250

Contact:	Sandra Barry, Transfers	Allocations	Officer,	Housing	Allocations	&
Tel: Email:	222 2201 sandra.barry@du	ublincity.ie				

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to re-establish the bimonthly in-person meetings of the **(details supplied).**"

<u>Reply</u>

The area office currently invites Irish Rail to the **(details)** Community Forum meetings and this works quite well in terms of information exchange and updates. **(Details)** Association are well represented at these sessions and have an opportunity to raise issues of concern and propose potential responses. The area manager is happy to engage with Irish rail to establish if they are in a position to facilitate additional sessions with **(details)** Association as was previously the practice.

Contact:	Bernie Roe, Area Manager (Clontarf/Donaghmede LEA)
Email:	Bernie.roe@dublincity.ie
Phone:	222 8846

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the replacement of the dead tree at **(details supplied)**."

<u>Reply</u>

Arrangements will have to be first put in place to inspect and remove the dead tree and arrange for the safe removal of the stump before a replacement tree can be planted. The matter has been referred to local management to deal with the dead tree.

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

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the positioning of bins at the following locations (details supplied)."

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will install litter bins at the above mentioned locations as requested when the next batch of new bins are delivered mid-October.

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

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the realisation of a scoping report on the suggested permeability route between Santry and DCU as per the motion passed in my name at the March North Central Area meeting."

<u>Reply</u>

The suggested route does not form part of the core active travel network that the Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) intends to deliver over the next five years. It has also not been identified as a potential cycling route in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. Consequently, AcTPrO has no plans to develop the suggested route.

In the immediate vicinity of the suggested route, AcTPrO proposes improved cycling and walking infrastructure along Collins Avenue Extension and Santry Avenue, which will be complemented by similar infrastructure (to be provided under the Bus Connects programme) on Swords Road and Ballymun Road.

Contact: Padraig O'Brien, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office. Email: padraig.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager to provide a comprehensive report on the North Central 4 bed waiting lists comprising i) current numbers across all 4 bed waiting lists ii) length of time each family has been waiting for an allocation iii) number of 4 bed families currently classified as overcrowded iv) number of 4 bed allocations made in Area B over the last 5 years v) number of 4 bed acquisitions made in Area B over the last 5 years and vi) number of 4 bed units currently in the Area B housing delivery pipeline."

<u>Reply</u>

The number of 4 bed families currently classified as overcrowded is not possible to determine at present. Out of 104 applicants on 4 bed list for area B, we can confirm that 63 are overcrowded, 9 as not overcrowded but there are 32 applicants that have priority status where we cannot determine if they are overcrowded from the system. This would require a member of allocations staff to go through each individual application to determine. Due to time constraints this is not possible at present but we can provide it at a future date.

Dwelling Size	Area B
4 Bed	104
Grand Total	104
Time on List 4 bed need	Area B
0 to 1 years	7
1 to 5 years	39
5 to 10 years	30
over 10 years	28
Grand Total	104

4 Bed Lettings Area B	Total
2021	18
2020	8
2019	11
2018	10
2017	19

Contact:Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations &
TransfersPhone:222 2201Email:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the Area Manager that the Darndale Housing Office make phone contact with **(details supplied)** and arrange a face-to-face meeting with the family to discuss their housing transfer. It would appear her numerous requests using the request box in the office have not been honoured."

<u>Reply</u>

The above applicant has never made contact with the Darndale office. Housing transfer issues have been resolved and she is awaiting result of medical priority application.

Contact:Connell McGlynn, Local Housing ManagerPhone:222 6940Email:connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange the repair of an uneven footpath at **(details supplied)**, following an incident in which a person tripped."

<u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

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

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange pothole repairs at (details supplied)."

<u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the carriageway at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found, they will be recorded with the carriageway made safe and considered for permanent repair if the funding is available.

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

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the reopening of the common room at **(details supplied)** which has been closed since the start of Covid, as residents have no access to a communal space for activities and socialising and can arrangements be made to organise some suitable activities in conjunction with senior citizen organisations in the general area, such as Active Retirement, Men's Sheds, etc.

<u>Reply</u>

The Darndale area office have recently put in a request with our civic maintenance section to do alterations to the community room in **(details)** Court so that the tenants can have access to this room. It will take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete. Our Community Section have met with a few of the tenants and once the community room is ready to open they will engage with the tenants to organize activities for them.

Contact;	Connell McGlynn, Local Housing Manager
Phone:	222 6930
Email:	connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to arrange for urgent action to be taken to address antisocial behaviour and drug use on a City Council premises at **(details supplied)** as it is causing serious disturbance to other residents."

<u>Reply</u>

A meeting was held with the Project Estate Officer and the Garda at which the issues outlined were discussed. The Tenant was also called on and problems outlined to him. We will be continuing to work with the Residents and the Tenant to address the issues going forward.

ContactConnell McGlynn, Local Housing ManagerPhone:222 6940Email:connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager to provide an answer to the resident of **(details supplied)** regarding the proposed change to the 'right of way' out of their estate."

<u>Reply</u>

Traffic Section is currently investigating the matter and no decision has been made to change the priority at the junction.

Contact:Bernard Lester, Senior Executive EngineerPhone:222 2299Email:Bernard.lester@dublincity.ie

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager why a litter bin was removed from outside **(details supplied)** and if it will be replaced?"

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned litter bin removed as it was damaged beyond repair. It will be replaced when the new batch of bins arrive during the middle of October 2022.

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

Q.63 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe</u>

"To ask the Area Manager if an additional bin/s could be placed in **(details supplied)**."

<u>Reply</u>

It was intended to install a large capacity bin toward the middle of the park. If one cannot be sourced through the current contract a standard bin will be installed as an interim solution.

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

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the Area Manager if Litter Wardens still operate in suburban areas and if so if one could be assigned to the Beaumont area on a regular basis?"

<u>Reply</u>

Our litter wardens operate throughout the whole administrative area of Dublin City Council. Our Litter Enforcement Manager will ensure that a litter warden will include the Beaumont area as part of his regular patrol.

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

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

"To ask the Area Manager to organise for the weeds and overgrowing grass on the footpaths and kerbside at the following location **(details supplied)** to be removed as they have not been cleared in a long time" – see attached pictures

<u>Reply</u>

The Public Domain Enforcement Office has requested weeding to be done at above location and has been informed that this work will be carried out as staff become available.

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

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

"To ask the Area Manager to please take concrete steps to address an ongoing odour problem emanating from the DCC-managed drainage installation at the junction of Watermill Road and Watermill Drive as set out **(details supplied)** and identified by the picture attached."

<u>Reply</u>

The issue here relates to the Raheny Valve House, which forms part of the North Dublin Drainage Scheme. This wastewater asset has been in the charge of Irish Water since 2014. There have been several consultant reports about the valve house and its associated pipework/appurtenances, the most recent being in 2019. The 2019 report made various recommendations to Irish Water on the valve house and its future operational use. In the intervening period, the Valve House roof has fallen into further disrepair and wastewater odours are escaping more readily.

Dublin City Council Wastewater is fully aware of the odour issue and has raised it on several occasions with Irish Water, most recently in August this year when an extended warm period exacerbated the odour issue.

The most recent update received by DCC Wastewater from Irish Water on the Raheny Valve House is that it forms part of an overall *"Critical Wastewater Network Assets (GCA)"* Survey Project managed by the Asset Delivery section of Irish Water. In their update to DCC Wastewater Irish Water advised that:

- 1. It intends appointing an Engineering Service Provider (ESP) for this Survey Project in late Q4 2022/early Q1 2023.
- 2. This project is only to survey these assets. The project output will be a feasibility report including high level recommendations for each asset.
- Any recommended remedial works to the assets would then likely be part of separate future projects/programmes of work due to the scale of some of the assets involved.

DCC Wastewater staff visited the Valve House on 13th September to assess potential interim measures to relieve/mitigate the odours pending the outcome of the Survey Project and actions/decisions by Irish Water on foot of same. DCC Wastewater will endeavour to implement those relief/mitigation measures to the maximum extent permitted by its SLA Agreement with Irish Water.

Contact:Julianne Morrissey, A/Senior Engineer, Wastewater Services.Email:julianne.morrissey@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Area Manager provide an update on the initiation of the process to remove the public right of way on the part of the laneway running from **(details supplied)** to just before the t-junction with the laneway running parallel to Celtic Park Avenue?"

<u>Reply</u>

The North Central Area Office have been liaising with residents in this location and are working on the completion of the resident's application for partial lane closure before Dublin City Council can proceed to submit a report to initiate extinguishment. It is hoped to have the requirements completed by the end of September and for a report to be submitted to Octobers Area Committee to initiate this extinguishment.

Contact:	Niamh Reilly, Senior Staff Officer
Phone:	222 8841
Email:	niamhp.reilly@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Area Manager to confirm if the property at **(details supplied)** is in the ownership of Dublin City Council? If so, can the Manager ensure that the garden of the house is maintained to the proper standard; it is currently being used for a range of activities including storage of construction-related material and vehicles."

<u>Reply</u>

The above property is indeed owned by Dublin City Council. Estate Management staff have called to the property and spoken with the tenant about dealing with this issue. To date sizeable progress has been made and staff will be calling again in the coming period to ensure that the works have been satisfactorily completed.

Contact:David Windrim, Project Estate OfficerPhone:222 6816Email:david.windrim@dublincity.ie

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the Area Manager to assess the situation and consider any steps that DCC can take to resolve the situation? The rear garden at **(details supplied)** is becoming very overgrown and starting to cause difficulties for immediate neighbours. I understand that this residence may be unoccupied present."

<u>Reply</u>

The Derelict Sites Section will arrange to have the site inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

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

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

"To ask the Area Manager to organise for the installation of a public seating bench on Collins Avenue at a suitable location between Grace Park Road and Malahide Road junctions so that those out walking can rest if required"

<u>Reply</u>

The area manager is happy to facilitate this request and will engage with the councillor to pursue same.

Contact:	Bernie Roe, Area Manager (Clontarf/Donaghmede LEA)
Email:	Bernie.roe@dublincity.ie
Phone:	222 8846

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

"To ask the Area Manager to confirm (a) that there is a mobile library in operation in the Dublin North Central Area and (b) its hours of operation and locations serviced"

<u>Reply</u>

The mobile libraries were taken off the road due to the pandemic. Libraries management took the opportunity to review the service with a view to improve the library service to borrowers who are unable, or find it difficult, to use a branch library. Following the review, we have established a new Library in the Community Service, which comprises a number of strands:

- Library lockers currently being trialled in Crumlin
- Home delivery service delivering books to housebound borrowers
- Book collections in supported housing units including DCC older persons units
- Programming in the community & new library outreach vehicle we propose to commission a new outreach service vehicle with a focus on flexibility, accessibility, and sustainability (i.e. electric vehicle). The vehicle will be smaller than our traditional mobile libraries, allowing visits to a wider range of sites, including schools.

Contact:	Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Phone:	222 4816
Email:	Brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

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

"To ask the Area Manager to organise for the tarmac around the tree on the public footpath outside **(details supplied)** to be replaced with concrete as a child fell off their scooter there recently because of the uneven surface"

<u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

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

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

"To ask the Area Manager to confirm if the DCC road sweeper can access the stretch of road that runs from **(details supplied)** and when the road sweeper last cleared this location. If access is not possible because of the trees hanging so low can the Manager organise for these trees to be pruned."

<u>Reply</u>

Our Area Inspector checked this location today 8th September and confirmed that the hanging trees and parked cars would prevent the large road sweeper cleaning there. There was no litter there, just the start of fallen leaves. He will arrange for a smaller road sweeping machine to clean there.

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

Parks will liaise with waste management with regard to these trees.

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

"To ask the Area Manager for the traffic section to review the signalling set-up at the Philipsburgh Avenue/Fairview Strand junction with a view to giving Philipsburgh Avenue additional time and priority. Local residents have been in touch in relation to substantial traffic tailbacks up Philipsburgh Avenue because of the additional traffic load being carried by Fairview Strand inbound as a result of the C2CC project."

<u>Reply</u>

Since the implementation of the diversion route, DCC traffic control centre and ITS section have been monitoring the traffic volumes along the diversion route and the roads leading onto route.

Additional time has been given to the exit off Philipsburgh Avenue in particular in order to keep the bus route on this section or roadway moving.

We will continue to monitor the route and provide additional time where possible

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

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

"To ask the Area Manager to report on raw sewage emanating from the rear of a property on **(details supplied)** please. This hazard is affecting local residents on **(details supplied)** who are looking for DCC's support."

<u>Reply</u>

This is a private drainage issue. The public sewers are operating normally. Sewage is discharging from the private premises onto the public footpath and road. The premises is scheduled to be visited on 12th September 2022 by an EHO from DCC Housing's Private Rented Dwellings Unit. This visit is to determine whether breaches of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 are taking place. Separately, the Water Pollution Control section of DCC's Protection of Waterbodies Office is investigating whether the sewage emanating from the premises contravenes the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977. Lastly, following several visits by DCC Drainage Division crews to the premises, the matter has been referred to Irish Water. Statutory powers to intervene on private drainage (in circumstances such as these) are available to Irish Water under the Water Services Act 2007.

Contact:	Dominic Molony, A/Senior Engineer, Drainage Division
Phone:	222 4270
Email:	Dominic.molony@dublincity.ie

Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the Area Manager to increase public domain activity / runs in the Melrose Ave / Inverness Road / Philipsburgh Ave area please. The public domain team have been fantastic in responding to call outs etc. and I believe the situation calls for regular sweeps of the area please. The dumping is increasing and residents are requesting DCC support."

<u>Reply</u>

The Public Domain Enforcement Officer has referred this matter to the inspector of litter wardens Mr Stephen Kavanagh. We would ask that if residents have complaints of illegal dumping can they please contact the area office and we can refer to the litter wardens.

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

Waste Management Services will ensure that every effort is made to keep the above mentioned area clean by our regular cleaning and public domain crews.

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

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

"To ask the Area Manager to report on and support residents of Kincora Court please in respect of verges in public area and the general untidiness of the Court please."

Reply

It is proposed to carry out a review of verge maintenance and their adoption by householders later in the autumn.

Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to advise of any advance in the provision of public water fountains across the North Central Area in order to encourage people to use reusable water containers and reduce consumption of and littering of single use water bottles."

<u>Reply</u>

It is proposed to provide such water bottle filling stations in Ellenfield and Fr. Collins Park as part of the 2022 Parks Improvements Programme. The procurement of same will commence as soon as resources allow.

Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to initiate the process for the extinguishment of the public right of way over laneway at (details supplied), as requested by local residents"

<u>Reply</u>

The North Central Area Office have been liaising with residents in this location and are working on the completion of the resident's application for partial lane closure before Dublin City Council can proceed to submit a report to initiate extinguishment. It is hoped to have the requirements completed by the end of September and for a report to be submitted to Octobers Area Committee to initiate this extinguishment.

Contact:Niamh Reilly, Senior Staff OfficerPhone:222 8841Email:niamhp.reilly@dublincity.ie

Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to refer to (details supplied A) and say if she can be considered for the housing vacancy at (details supplied B) as she has been issued with a notice to quit for her current HAP tenancy."

<u>Reply</u>

The above applicant is on the Transfer Medical List, with an application date of 10/02/2015, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	19
Area E	1	21
Area H	1	19

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list. The applicants' interest is noted in 57 Burnell Square.

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

Contact:Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations &
TransfersTel:222 2201Email:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

To ask the Area Manager to refer to **(details supplied)** and say if he can clear the hazardous overgrown weeds from same as visually impaired pedestrians are being put at risk of tripping over same and falling down."

<u>Reply</u>

The Public Domain Enforcement Officer has requested Waste Management to clear the weeds at this location due to specific circumstances.

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

Q.82 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to please re-erect a 'no parking sign' at **(details supplied)** as same was there for many years but has gone missing in recent times and there is a constant/recurring problem now with vehicular parking on same."

<u>Reply</u>

The "sign" in question was not a Statutory Sign. It seems to have been an Information Sign (only), probably erected by the Parks Department some considerable time ago. Not erected by the E&T Department.

Contact:	Michael J O'Brien, Traffic Officer (E&T Department)
Phone:	222 2773
Email:	Michael.obrien@dublincity.ie

The matter will be investigated and a response issued directly to the Councillor.

Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager when, in relation to Griffith Avenue will

- (a) The grass verges will be properly reinstated,
- (b) The road surface will be properly reinstated, and
- (c) The trees be replanted

Following the works necessitated by the Cairn Homes development and can the manager make a statement on the matter.

<u>Reply</u>

In response to this question Dublin City Council is aware of the ongoing issues relating to the utility works associated with The Cairn Homes Development, on Griffith and this junction with Malahide Road. Irish Water have a current road opening licence (T2) to carry out their permanent reinstatement. Therefore, this work should be completed by the start of October. Irish Water are arranging a time over the coming weeks that doesn't clash with entertainment events. Reinstatement of affected grass verges will be included in the permanent reinstatement operation.

Contact:	Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Management Unit.
Tel:	086 388 3986
Email.	deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Following reinstatement the Parks Service will inspect the site and list for suitability for inclusion in this winter's street tree planting programme.

Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to refer to old cast iron lighting column at **(details supplied)** as and say if he can arrange to have same restored/painted."

<u>Reply</u>

The cast iron column close above location will be added to the list for painting with a view to painting it this year (if any monies are left over from this year's painting budget) or placed on next year's programme.

Contact:	Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services,
Tel:	086 8343154.
Email:	seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to please arrange to cut the grass at **(details supplied)** as the elder lady living at this location is physically unable to tend to it."

<u>Reply</u>

While it is appreciated that the change whereby residents are expected to adopt the grassed verge outside their homes may present a challenge for some older or infirm residents it is anticipated that neighbours and residents' association would be most aware of where such residents live in their community and might provide assistance in this regard as is the case in other Dublin authority areas. A more detailed review of the adoption of such areas by the community will be carried out later in the autumn.

Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager to please refer to (details supplied) and say if he can arrange to put in place some action to clear the area and make it safe to senior residents and if this area is not the responsibility of City Council, please say who is responsible for same."

<u>Reply</u>

Housing Maintenance has been informed that the driveway from the public road up to the gates of this complex are not in the charge of Dublin City Council and that it is owned by **(details)** Church. However, we will arrange to have our Special Works Crew check it out and they will assist with this clean-up for the residents.

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

Q.87 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney</u>

"To ask the Area Manager in relation to green space at **(details supplied)**, say what measures can be put in place to prevent vehicular parking on this space and if consideration can be given to installing a small kerb similar to that which surrounds part of the green space on the far side of same."

<u>Reply</u>

Parking Enforcement will monitor the area for illegal parking.

Contact:Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement OfficerPhone:222 2017Email:Dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

While the installation of kerbing is a matter for roads, it would appear that a significant proportion of the green containing the Legion Hall is privately owned. If further detail of where and when this inappropriate parking is occurring could be forwarded to the Area Office perhaps more localised solutions could be found.

Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

"To ask the Area Manager **to** please refer to green space at **(details supplied)** and say if broken/missing kerbing around same can be repaired/reinstated."

<u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the kerb at (details **supplied**). If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

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

Q.89 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

"To ask the Area Manager to the following (**details supplied**) regarding place on the housing list?"

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Medical Priority List, with an application date of 22/02/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position	
Area B	2	6	

The applicant will be considered for an 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

Contact:Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations &
TransfersTel:222 2201Email:sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.90 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**) regarding a park?"

<u>Reply</u>

The Parks Service in conjunction with the local area office working with the resident's association, arranged for the benches and trees to be planted on this green to remember those lost to Covid locally. Arrangements will be put in place to provide access to the green and bench. Further discussions will be held with the area office with regard to further benches at this location.

Q.91 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**) regarding tree and footpath?"

Reply

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23. If the resident wishes to make a claim against the Council with regard to damage to private property, they should contact the Parks Service in writing on <u>parkclaims@dublincity.ie</u> and a claim form can be forwarded to allow the formal claim process to be initiated.

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**) regarding Litter & Sweeping.

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned location cleaned as requested during this month.

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

Q.93 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (**Details supplied**) regarding footpath?"

<u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpaths at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

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

Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager to have a notice circulated to all businesses re: their responsibility not to leave out Wood pallets and other waste in advance of Halloween.

<u>Reply</u>

A letter is circulated to industrial estates and local businesses asking them to be aware of their responsibilities over the Halloween period. Dublin City Council's Waste management and press office also use all social media outlets to reach businesses and residents to remind them to be aware of not leaving Bonfire materials out for collection.

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

Q.95 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**) re: Village improvements?"

<u>Reply</u>

Road Maintenance Services have no current plans in place to complete village improvements at (details supplied).

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

As part of the proposed active travel network for the city, the Active Travel Programme Office intend to introduce enhanced walking and cycling facilities on Howth Road and Station Road in **(details)** village and on Oscar Traynor Road in **(details)** village. Village improvements along these routes will be considered as part of the designs for the permanent schemes.

Contact:Padraig O'Brien, A/Senior Executive EngineerEmail:activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

Q.96 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**) regarding public bins

<u>Reply</u>

Waste Management Services are satisfied that there is a sufficient number of litter bins in the above area at this time. All requests for litter bins for specific locations are considered on their individual merits. Any damaged bins which were removed will be replaced when the new stock arrives in mid-October. We will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned school to see if there is a requirement for a litter bin there.

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

Q.97 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**) regarding lampposts & LED lighting

<u>Reply</u>

All lampposts in the above estate have been painted with the exception of two where there have been issues with parked cars preventing access to do the painting works. With regard to changing the lights to LED it is not possible to give an exact timeframe at present. The lampposts are due to be replaced over the next 5 years and the lights will be upgraded to LED as part of that work.

Contact:	Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services,
Tel:	086 8343154.
Email:	seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.98 <u>Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan</u>

"To ask the Area Manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**) regarding improvement works at a local park?"

<u>Reply</u>

As was agreed, a 9-hole facility on a reduced footprint was developed in **(details)** Park which is being allocated to the Grange Woodbine Pitch and Putt Club. This work allowed approximately 2 hectares to be returned to parkland but more importantly opened views across the park allowing visitors, particularly more vulnerable users, to feel safer visiting the Park.

There is a considerable amount of similar tree work to be carried out over the winter months to continue increasing visibility within the park and thereby reducing cover for congregation after dark and anti-social behaviour. A new gate and access path is under construction on the northern side of the park and it is intended to resurface a number of the existing paths in the park to improve accessibility. Additional benches are also being considered depending on resources.

Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

"To ask the Area Manager respond to the following (details supplied) regarding green recycling centre?"

Reply

Waste Management Services can confirm that the **(details)** Bring Centre will still be available for usage after the opening of the North City Depot's recycling centre next year.

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