# **Question to Chief Executive**

## South East Area Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

# Q.1 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Area Manager if the trees at details supplied could be inspected for possible pruning insofar as necessary or possible, as per the photos attached.

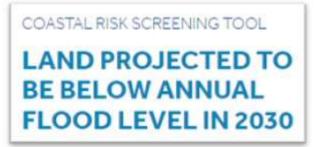
## Q.2 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

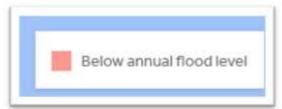
To ask the Manager if he can supply a comprehensive response to the very serious issues relating to flooding in Dublin as detailed in the email submitted with this question.

Reading through some recent reports on rising sea levels I'm somewhat concerned by the lack of action by Dublin City Council to put in place solutions to lessen the impact of sea level increases projected to impact Dublin.

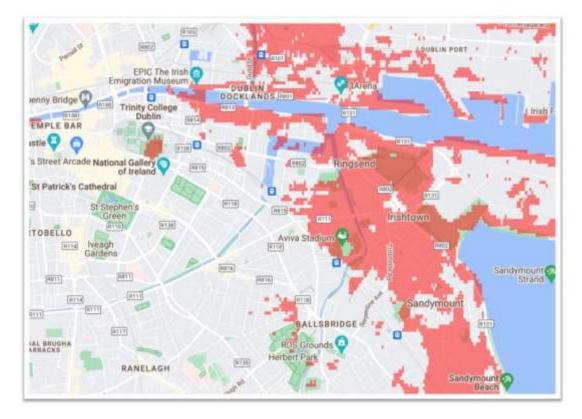
Looking at the map showing what we could expect for 2030 (https://coastal.climatecentral.org/map/16/-

<u>6.2194/53.33/?theme=sea\_level\_rise&map\_type=year&basemap=roadmap&contigu</u> <u>ous=false&elevation\_model=best\_available&forecast\_year=2030&pathway=rcp45&p</u> <u>ercentile=p50&refresh=true&return\_level=return\_level\_1&rl\_model=gtsr&slr\_model=</u> <u>kopp\_2014</u>) and taking into account how long it took Dublin City to deal with the Dodder river flood relief works I think it is safe to say we don't have much time on this one.





Note this projection is for 2030.



Looking at Dublin City's "CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2019-2024" it seems a bit light on action that needs to happen ASAP. It is 128 pages long so I could have missed some relevant bits.

The plan talks about an average 4 to 4mm rise, which is miniscule (unless I am missing something here)

Sea Level Rise	Sea Level Rise	Seas and oceans surrounding Ireland are rising and will keep doing so	High	Future projections indicate a sea level rise of an average of 3-4 mm per year worldwide, but a 6-7 mm rise per year in Dublin Bay was recorded between the years 2000 and 2016
	Wave Heights	Sea waves and wave height are determined by wind speed and direction. As wind speeds and wind storms become more frequent, wave heights also increase	Medium	Projected changes in wave heights remain uncertain. However, significant wave heights (the mean height of the highest 1/3 of waves) show an increasing trend of 14 cm per decade
	Tides	Increasing sea levels are resulting in record high tides (greater than 2.9 metres)	High	Sea levels will continue to rise and will result in increased levels of high tides
	Storm Surges	Surges can become more frequent as extreme weather events, such as intense rainfall and high wind speeds, become more frequent	Low	The frequency of intense cyclones and strong winds is expected to rise in the north-east Atiantic. By 2050, storm surge heights between 50 and 100 cm are likely to increase in frequency

But this article <u>https://www.wired.com/story/an-abandoned-arctic-military-base-just-spilled-a-scientific-</u>

<u>secret/?utm\_source=linkedin&utm\_medium=social&utm\_brand=wired&utm\_social-type=owned&utm\_content=linkedin-newsletter</u> would indicate a higher sea levels can be expected.

"Previously, scientists reckoned that Greenland iced over some 2.5 million years ago, and has been that way since. In 2021, Bierman and his colleagues determined that it

was actually ice-free sometime in the past million years. Now, they've dated the tundra ecosystem captured in the Camp Century core to a mere 416,000 years ago—so north western Greenland couldn't have been locked in ice then.

Scientists also know that at that time, global temperatures were similar or slightly warmer than what they are today. However, back then, atmospheric concentrations of planet-warming carbon dioxide were about 280 parts per million, compared to today's 422 parts per million—a number that continues to skyrocket. Because humans have so dramatically and rapidly warmed the climate, we're exceeding the conditions that had previously led to the wide-scale melting of Greenland's ice sheet and gave rise to the tundra ecosystem. "It's a forewarning," says Utah State University geoscientist Tammy Rittenour, a co-author of the new paper. "This can happen under much lower CO2 conditions than our current state."

That melting could be incredibly perilous. The new study finds that the Greenland ice melt 400,000 years ago caused at least 5 feet of sea level rise, but perhaps as much as 20 feet. "These findings raise additional concern that we could be coming perilously close to the threshold for collapse of the Greenland ice sheet and massive additional sea level rise of a meter or more," says University of Pennsylvania climate scientist Michael Mann, who wasn't involved in the research. Today, less than a foot of global sea level rise is already causing serious flooding and storm surge problems for coastal cities—and that's without the potential for an additional 20 feet."

If we delay too long, we may find we don't have the necessary resources (man power), materials or the tools necessary for a project as big as this and this would truly be a large project by Irish standards.

What action is being taken now to protect our properties and city infrastructure against increases in sea level?

### Q.3 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the Manager if he could give a comprehensive answer and positive response to the issues contained in the email relating to Holyrood Park submitted with this question (details supplied).

## Q4. Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager for cleansing to be carried out in the Ringsend Irishtown areas, as the paths have become quite dirty.

### Q.5 <u>Councillor Hazel Chu</u>

To ask the Manager for a status update on the traffic light crossing promised on Chelmsford Road at the crossroads with Ranelagh Road. Drop pin location <u>https://scanner.topsec.com/?d=1962&r=show&u=https%3A%2F%2Fmaps.app.goo.gl%2Fo1nXxpD5G6SbuPiK6&t=d6fb2ed3faeea195885493735d0cfef43581a16f</u>

This pedestrian light has been asked and promised for quite a while and recently saw further near misses of pedestrians crossing the road. The elderly and those with buggies, wheelchairs or small children find it almost impossible to cross safely there. I would urge the Manager to try install a crossing here as a matter of urgency.

# Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to have the sea wall along the stretch between Gilford Avenue and Lea Road examined and appropriate repairs carried out as residents believe the current condition to seriously compromise the safety and flood protection of the area and to further report on where we are at in relation to the full implementation of the full Flood Protection Scheme for Sandymount strand.

## Q.7 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to upgrade the lighting on Arranmore Road, Donnybrook to LED lighting.

## Q.8 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to repair the footpaths in Pembroke Gardens, Ballsbridge many of which are in a dangerous state causing trip hazards to residents and to replace the footpath outside details supplied, where a tree was removed several years ago but the footpath was not restored.

## Q.9 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to reinstate the lights on the bridge over the Dodder at Ballsbridge, as they were removed some time ago.

## Q.10 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could you please put forward a complaint about the weeds in the Dodderview Cottages and surrounding areas (Dodder walk, Beatty's Avenue Ballsbridge Avenue) the area is a disgrace? I have already complained to Dublin City Council on their web page but got no response. We had this issue last year and after lots of complaining it eventually was done. This is an ongoing problem and they need to do it on a regular basis. Also the overgrowth on the Dodder Banks from the bridge itself to Lansdowne Station needs to be managed as it will eventually cause another flood.

## Q.11 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to write to TFI and request a bus shelter to be installed on Morehampton Road / Mount Eden Road junction, Donnybrook.

### Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to include Sandymount Court in the weeding schedule for Sandymount.

### Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to investigate and mitigate against the ongoing flooding issues on Shelbourne Avenue at its junction with Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge as a matter of urgency, before inclement autumn and winter weather causes further problems.

## Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to prioritise the repair of the footpaths and road surface at Cullenswood Park Ranelagh, as it is in extremely poor condition, and further deteriorating due to the road being used as a vehicular short cut to Ranelagh village.

# Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to carry out resurfacing on Nutley Lane Donnybrook, which is in a very poor state of repair.

### Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to add Northbrook Road, Ranelagh to the schedule of road resurfacing.

## Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with an issue in Ranelagh that I raised 4 and a half years ago.

The constituent writes:

"I realise it is 4 and a half years since I last spoke to you re the absolute appalling state of the concrete lampposts on Lower Beachwood Avenue in Ranelagh. Nothing has changed, except the situation is even worse. More black plastic bags and Clingfilm are being employed by DCC to hold them together.

Are there any plans in place to sort this out? Before a chunk of concrete falls off and kills a passing pedestrian?"

## Q.18 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) to examine removing one car parking space on Greenfield Park at the entrance to Donnybrook Gardens and one space at the entrance to Greenfield Manor to improve the safe access to and exit from same.

## Q.19 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the lights at the back walkway of Bremen Avenue, along the pathway down to Irishtown stadium to be repaired as a matter of urgency?

# Q.20 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange to remove the double yellow lines opposite (details supplied), or put a yellow box outside this property's gate to force traffic to give way and allow this resident access to his home.

## Q.21 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manger can he arrange for the playground to be reinstated into Gloucester Street South Complex, Dublin 2?

### Q.22 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the double yellow lines outside a location (details supplied) to be removed as these were not requested by the residents nor were they consulted in the process.

# Q.23 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manger if he has considered segregated cycle lanes on Harold's Cross Road between Harold's Cross Park and the canal.

### Q.24 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager are there any plans for external insulation to be done to the duplexes at City Quay and Lombard Court, Dublin 2.

## Q.25 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

To ask the Manager can he arrange for a ramp to be installed at the front entrance to Pearse Street Library to allow better access to users who have mobility issues and for parents with buggies.

### Q.26 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

To ask the Manger if he can arrange for the steps at Ringsend Library plaza to be made trip-proof and more visible in an effort to avoid any more falls from occurring.

# Q.27 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for an Electric Charging Point be installed in the car park of George Reynolds House, Irishtown Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4 for use by all the residents of the complex.

# Q.28 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for the trees on Irishtown Road to be pruned following the nesting season, in particular those opposite the credit union.

### Q.29 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for public realm improvements for Howard Street South, including road cleaning, resurfacing, and the placement of shores in the footpath for drainage from roofs.

### Q.30 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the status of the school zone application for Clyde Lane, Dublin 4.

### Q.31 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the status of rodent infestation in Ranelagh Park and the schedule for sanitation during infestation.

## Q.32 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the wall capping by the bottle banks on Clanbrassil Street can be property fixed, capping is loose.

## Q.33 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for placement of double yellow lines on the side closest to Crosbie House between details supplied and Crosbie House.

### Q.34 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager on the status of the rebuilding of the collapsed archway at Ranelagh Road and Price's Place.

### Q.35 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the constant flooding on the junction of Carlton Mews, Shelbourne Avenue and for DCC to work with Irish Water to upgrade the drainage at that junction.

### Q.36 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Housing Department in regard to enquirer to have house restored on Kildare Road in Crumlin.

The property at details supplied 1 is vacant and boarded-up since 2020. Enquirer states that Dublin City Council purchased it from the Criminal Assets Bureau at this time. It had previously been owned by details supplied 2.

A query to DCC in October 2022 received this response from the Housing Maintenance Section:

"The unit at details supplied 1 was issued to a contractor for works to be completed under the refurbishment maintenance framework. The contractor cannot begin work on site as there are safety concerns. This project will not continue until site safety can be secured."

The property could provide a good home. It would be helpful if DCC's Housing Maintenance Section could elaborate on the nature of the 'safety concerns', and when it is planned to address those concerns.

# Q.37 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to enquirer questions on traffic lights on Orwell Road.

Orwell Road from the Dodder up the hill to the lights, once had a double yellow line on it but since it was resurfaced, cars are parking on both sides and it has become dangerous for everyone.

There are often times when two cars can't pass each other because of the parking, and cyclists are being squeezed into the middle of the road. Trucks and buses simply can't pass until traffic clears.

The enquirer states that there is ample parking up the other side of the hill that wouldn't disrupt anyone.

### Q.38 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Area Manager and Derelict Sites staff, the enquirer and neighbours have provided an issue of a run-down building in Terenure (details supplied).

#### Enquirer states that:

"The rear of the property was extensively damaged by fire in January of this year. The rear garden is very overgrown. Had the fire not been quickly brought under control by Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB), it could have easily spread to trees and extended the fire to adjoining properties (see photo attached). Neighbours are also extremely concerned about the foxes and vermin now occupying the property from the rear."

The enquirer requests a meeting with Area manager or staff with his neighbours to see what further action can be taken to deem this property dangerous and derelict, in order to be restored and re-used.

### Q.39 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Traffic Department in regard to an enquiry about the traffic lights on the section of Rathmines towards Rathmines Road Upper and towards Rathgar, enquirer asks:

"What happened to the traffic lights as you head south from the city? You have lights if you are turning left towards Dartry but nothing if you are heading to Terenure..."

Enquirer states he was: "in a panic when he found a truck turning left and he was heading straight but had no visual sight of a red, amber or green light."



I include an image of the road section here and the point where driving goes both ways.

# Q.40 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department, in regard to the enquirer, and many other enquiries brought on in the past re the necessity for Harold's Cross Road to have safe walking distance for children going to school and elderly walking.

### The enquirer states:

"That since 2019, we still cannot bring our children safely to school or participate in active travel in the Harold's Cross area. Harold's Cross Road is a wide road that includes St. Clare's National School and the Educate Together. The road also serves people coming from Ballinteer, Rathfarnham, Rathgar, Terenure and Kimmage. There is huge potential to make this road safe and accessible for families and workers to choose public transport and active travel over car use."

## Q.41 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to enquiry on Aideen Drive / Aideen Avenue junction, Dublin 6W, and to ensure that majority of residents required this alteration.

## The enquirer states:

"Opinion that Aideen Drive should be converted to a cul de sac, and closed at the Aideen Avenue end. Countless houses have been purchased in the last number of years on Aideen Drive and the number of young children playing on the road is increasing rapidly. The corner from Aideen Avenue right onto Aideen drive is extremely narrow. Very often, to turn left off Aideen Drive, onto Aideen Avenue to drive out to Kimmage Road, motorists have come from Kimmage Road onto Aideen Avenue and take the right onto Aideen Drive on the wrong side of the road at excessive speed.

When heading City Centre bound, there is no right turn allowed off Kimmage Road right onto Aideen Avenue Mon-Sat 7am-10am. This is blatantly ignored by hundreds of motorists every morning. In the past few months a small Garda presence here policing the law during those hours, however it has not reduced the problem. I think that making Aideen Drive a cul de sac at the Aideen Avenue end would deter motorists from using this rat run slightly.

It is worth noting that being able to drive from Kimmage Road, east-bound through this residential area and onto Harold's Cross Road, and vice versa, is very handy for residents. By closing Aideen Drive at the Aideen Avenue end, this would still be possible and would not completely cut half of the residents off from the other side.

### Q.42 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to enquirer on replacement parking on Parnell Court in Harold's Cross.

### The enquirer states:

"The estate we are in is free parking (driveways and street). We are located with no house directly across from us just the opposite footpath so it attracts everyone to park here. On doing this, it is really impacting us trying to get in and out of our own driveway even when everyone on the estate has a driveway, and also they can park on the footpath at their own house if more than one vehicle. As a result of this, my partner is having to reverse a van up the whole estate round corners as we cannot directly come out of our driveway and turn right to exit."

Enquirer asks:

"Is there any way we can apply to put a cone out due to having large construction vehicles in our driveway that don't have back windows so it's extremely hard and also dangerous to reverse the whole estate?"



# Q.43 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Area Manager and Roads Department, in regard to enquiry from Rutland Grove.

Rutland Grove Residents Association request that Dublin City Council must seek: "a resolution to this ongoing, unsafe and annoying problem on the continuous reports of the illegal parking of large commercial vehicles, at the entrance to our estate, and they continue to return on a weekly basis."

It is noted that Rutland Grove RA have forwarded many documents and images in the area, to Dublin City Council, therefore, as a councillor, I would appreciate what can be done to make the area safe.

# Q.44 Councillor Tara Deacy

Why was the seating from outside Leo Burdocks / Butler's coffee shop / Hanna's bookshop in Rathmines removed? Are there plans to reinstall them or install proper seated area there? Could DCC expand the pedestrian pathway to take in that cordoned off section also?

### Q.45 Councillor Tara Deacy

Given the distinct lack of pedestrianised areas within Rathmines, would it be possible to pedestrianize Wynnefield Road? It has very little traffic on it, and yet is surrounded by many restaurants / cafés. It would make a great amenity for the area, could this be considered?

# Q.46 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could I get clarity regarding the disparities in residential parking permit costs across the four councils?

Dublin city:	80 for 2 years
Fingal:	30 for 2 years
DLRC:	75 for 2 years
SDCC:	40 for 2 years

On what basis are these costs derived?

# Q.47 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

The property at details supplied is vacant and boarded-up since 2020. A query to DCC in October 2022 received this response from the Housing Maintenance Section: "The unit at details supplied was issued to a contractor for works to be completed under the refurbishment maintenance framework. The contractor cannot begin work on site as there are safety concerns. This project with not continue until site safety can be secured."

Can I get an update on when this house will be ready for occupants?

## Q.48 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Can I get a rough date as to when the footpath outside details supplied will be repaired; the resident is a wheelchair user and finds the path difficult to navigate at present

# Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give an update in relation to the intending lighting upgrade for the St. Kevin's Parade area? This also to include the Long Lane area. Both areas are suffering from anti-social behavior, illegal dumping and acts of vandalism and could well do with lighting upgrade.

# Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with the ongoing redesign and planning for the environmental improvements in and around the Bishop Street flats area? This report to include any contributions from the development company that are on the old Kevin Street technology site.

## Q.51 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report regarding all negotiations, meetings, building assessments and evaluations, structural assessments and dilapidation assessments including architectural conservation reports that are associated with the Werburgh Street Church, taken in charge and upgrade report. This report also to include a real time, realistic financial valuation on the costs of all of these works. Also, a detailed plan as to how DCC's cultural company or any other entity intend to manage and run this facility and what involvement, if any, will the local community have in engaging with this building as a potential community centre resource.

### Q.52 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report with regards the ongoing vermin infestation at Glovers Court and how DCC along with the Health Services Executive intend to deal with this issue?

# Q.53 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give an update with regards the derelict building (details supplied)? This building has been vacant and dilapidated for over 20 years and is an absolute disgrace. The owners have made no effort whatsoever to address the many ongoing issues relating to this building including the fact that DCC halted works 20 odd years ago that were illegal regarding this building and instructed the owner to make good the damage caused to this listed structure.

In recent years a request was made by myself that DCC compulsory purchase the building bearing in mind its significance to the street as being a 17<sup>th</sup> century intact structure on par with The Staircase building which is on the record of monuments and listed protected structures.

It is imperative the DCC take action here as the delay in dealing with this building is having a negative impact on the redevelopment of a set of 4 buildings on this street which are being refurbished and renovated by the Merlin Hotel and are being brought back into use for residents as residential. Indeed, the Swan Bar public house is also in the process of making their overhead floors suitable for accommodation but works are sporadic because of the dereliction and negative impact of details supplied.

This report to include, what contact DCC have had with the owners. What vacancy levies have been applied to this building and collected? What progress, if any, has been made by DCC in acquiring this building by way of compulsory purchase order?

# Q.54 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can DCC write to An Garda Síochána and the Minister for Justice requesting that they include fireworks and unlawful possession of fireworks in the same footing as a fire arms offence? In recent years, fireworks have been used to assault people under the guise of a bit of harmless fun and have resulted in individuals being seriously injured. There was a serious attack on the canal area recently which is being well documented in the media and with Halloween fast approaching, its time that the seriousness of the use of fireworks as a weapon be appropriately dealt with.

# Q.55 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report as to the costs to DCC regarding the facilitating of the American football event in DCC's centre Temple Bar?

# Q.56 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report regarding the closing of the Meeting House Square market to facilitate the USA football event in the city? This report to include: what contact was made with the traders? What redress, if any, was offered to the traders for the inconvenience caused and who was responsible for the management of this particular issue regarding the closing down of the market?

# Q.57 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give an update and progress report regarding the school zones initiative for St. Enda's School, Whitefriar Street? This safe schools zoning was agreed some time back and it would appear there is very little progress in this matter. This report also to include any progress on the greening initiative that was also agreed for this environment and area.

# Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager why the following (details supplied) were refused a Dublin City Council loan and can he outline what other options are available to this couple in securing a home

### Q.59 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager who owns the land outside the old Beggars Bush Barracks? If it is the ownership of Dublin City Council, could they liaise with the local residents to explore planting trees here and to turn it into a public green space for the local community?

### Q.60 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a report on the Ringsend allotments? Can the Manager outline when will a survey of the allotments be carried out to assess which plots are underused and what is the situation with the waiting list?

# Q.61 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager when will the footpath upgrades to Havelock square be completed?

# Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager why the historic the gas vent pole which was directly in front of the St. Patrick's Rowing Club in Ringsend has been removed. It had been in situ from 1909.

# Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when will there be decision on the taking in charge application by Camden Lock apartment complex in Ringsend.

# Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can the weeds along the footpath on Camden Row at the corner with New Bride Street be tended to? They are unsightly and tend to trap litter which adds to their unsightly nature.

# Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is the Council's policy is concerning a Council tenant who goes into a nursing home on a long term basis, as they are unable to care for themselves. Does the property go back to the Council to be given to another person on the housing list?

# Q.66 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager can he please install "plaque / tablet / stone" at the Syria memorial tree that was planted in Merrion Square.

# Q.67 <u>Councillor Danny Byrne</u>

To ask the Manager for an update on the housing position of details supplied.

# Q.68 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the below can be carried out please?

Along by Portobello Harbour and in front of the new hotel (that is under construction), as you head away from town, the no-cycling signs have nearly faded away on the footpath. Lots of families, buggies, young children etc. walking along there and bikes are flying past. It is a disaster waiting to happen. Can these no cycling signs on the footpath be repainted please?

# Q.69 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to please write, on behalf of this committee, to the CEO of Eir, to request the urgent removal or remediation of a disused double Eir phone kiosk which has fallen into a state of extreme disrepair on Leinster Road, opposite the turn to Grosvenor Square, in Rathmines. (See image attached)



# Q.70 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the Area Manager if the following streets / estates can be prioritised for inclusion on the schedule of deep cleans, including cleaning, weed treatment and graffiti removal:

Greenmount Avenue, Greenmount Court, Greenmount Lane, Limekiln Lane, Harold's Cross Cottages, Darley Street, Drummond Place, Ashworth Place.

## Q.71 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager what is the current status of the outdoor seating area outside Leo Burdocks and Butler's cafe at 268 Rathmines Road? The outdoor seating here has recently been removed from the former loading bay - can the Manager let this committee know if the loading bay is being reinstated, if the outdoor seating license has been revoked, or if these premises no longer require access to outdoor seating?

### Q.72 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager to outline the specific nature of the safety concerns which are currently preventing the refurbishment for habitation of a council-owned property at (details supplied), and an estimated timeline for when the safety of the site can be secured so that work can commence? The house occupies a corner position at the junction of three residential streets, and asides from being an eyesore in its current boarded up state, every effort should be made to bring this house back into residential use.

## Q.73 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if a litter bin can be installed to service the through roads of Harold's Cross Cottages and / or Mount Drummond Avenue, which is used by dog walkers, in addition to the many pedestrians that use this route to cut through from Harold's Cross village to Grosvenor Square, or vice versa? No bin or dog poo bin is currently available in this enclave.

### Q.74 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the concrete traffic islands on Kildare Road (2 x traffic islands at the junction with Clogher Road and 1 x traffic island at the junction with Cashel Road) can have a permanent greening treatment applied, similar to the biodiverse mixed planting applied to the traffic island outside Busáras? Even if these islands are not suitable for tree planting due to underground services / road visibility, some low level planting would help counteract the deficit of street trees in this area

### Q.75 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if Aughavanagh Road, which currently has no street trees, can be considered for a 'green wall' treatment, similar to that recently planted on Cork Street. This road has no trees, and a long, bare wall running behind the cemetery and alongside Scoil Íosagáin. A greening treatment here would improve biodiversity, counteract the deficit of street trees, and provide visual amenity on a busy school route

# Q.76 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the Area Manager if a mattress collection event could be run before Halloween whereby mattresses could be collected for recycling? These have proven popular in recent years and have reduced the level of dumping at Halloween.

# Q.77 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to tackle the litter issues caused in Harold's Cross Cottages and surrounding streets by individuals and householders leaving bagged bins out on a Friday evening for a Monday collection day? Residents

report this is a consistent and ongoing problem, as bags are ripped open by gulls and foxes across the weekend.

Can the litter warden be instructed to visit Harold's Cross Cottages (details supplied) to observe the extent of the problem, and can DCC arrange a leaflet drop reminding householders of the litter bye-laws and the fines for littering and dumping?

## Q.78 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if bicycle traffic lights can be added to the main lights at the T-junction of Harold's Cross Road and Mount Drummond Avenue to ensure that the pedestrian crossing here is prioritised and can be used safely.

## Q.79 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager outline what the process would be for the residents of Devenish Road to have bollards creating a cul de sac effect installed? Is there provision for a plebiscite and what percentage of residents need to agree?

Currently many residents complain that the road is being used as a rat-run to and from Bangor Road, where motorists come through Devenish to avoid the traffic lights at the Bangor Stannaway junction.

# Q.80 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Manager outline what the process would be for the residents of Ferns Road to have bollards creating a cul de Sac effect installed? Is there provision for a plebiscite and what percentage of residents need to agree?

Currently many residents complain that the road is being used as a rat-run to and from Stannaway Road, where motorists come through Devenish to avoid the traffic lights at the Stannaway / Sundrive junction and the new traffic lights on Sundrive Road which are close to the end of Ferns Road.

The no left hand turn that was installed at the Ferns / Stannaway junction which was installed to prevent rat-running at peak morning times has been ignored by many motorists and has not solved the problem.

### Q.81 <u>Councillor Pat Dunne</u>

Can the Manager confirm that enhancement works to improve the laneway from St. Agnes Road (Crumlin Village) to Windmill Park will be completed this year and can he outline the description of these works?

# Q.82 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Road Maintenance Section replace the road ramp on Larkfield Gardens, the one close to the grass bank? This is one of the old redbrick ramps and is currently in a bad state of repair and is a danger to road users. Can other similar road ramps in the area be inspected and repaired if necessary?

### Q.83 <u>Councillor Pat Dunne</u>

Can the vacant and void house at details supplied be brought back into stock and can recently painted graffiti along the garden wall be removed immediately? The reason given for the delay in having this house refurbished was a security issue; it's now past time for these works to be started.

# Q.84 <u>Councillor Pat Dunne</u>

The cycle stand outside of Tesco on Lower Kimmage Road was crashed into by a car and badly damaged over the last week or so. Can it be replaced - and ideally with an extra cycle stand or two added? See photo below.



# Q.85 Councillor Pat Dunne

When will the promised resurfacing of the roadway on Monasterboice Road be done. This was originally scheduled for 2022 and is still undone. There are also empty tree pits along this road can suitable new trees be planted there when the road is been resurfaced.

# Q.86 Councillor Pat Dunne

Regarding Sundrive Road - beside Capri takeaway; at the pedestrian crossing outside Capri takeaway on Sundrive Road, cars are driving from the small parking area directly through the pedestrian crossing path area. The area has been left wide enough for cars to get through - a bollard would prevent this significant danger to pedestrians occurring. Cars are parking on the new buildout path / pedestrian area outside Perfect Pizza (Sundrive Road) due to a lack of bollards or greening to prevent this.



# Q.87 Councillor Pat Dunne

Regarding Clogher Road, Sundrive Road and Kildare Road; a lot of litter at the Kildare Road end of Clogher Road - the shops and businesses on Sundrive Road opposite Ceannt Park could do more and should all have bins outside.

Can our Public domain officer seek a solution to this problem?

# Q.88 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the uneven footpath from the Eir / telecom network upgrade be repaired? This work is required as a result of poor reinstatement of path work outside (details supplied)?