

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
17th January 2024

Q1 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for the Council to provide a detailed breakdown in tabular form of the timelines, milestones and expected completion dates of those milestones with respect to the refurbishment of Donore Avenue Community Centre, Dublin 8. Numerous incomplete updates have been given to Councillors, none of which clearly state **when** DCC expects to have the centre open and in operation for community use.

Reply

As outlined previously it is as yet not possible to provide an accurate date for the reopening of Donore Community Centre. DCC have been working with the Design Team led by Cotter & Naessens Architects to ensure delivery of the project within the earliest timeframe, within the context of a significantly complex reinstatement project. All surveys, stabilisation works and weather proofing of the building have now been completed and the design team will be in a position to provide a greater level of detail of the scope of works required and also consequently the duration of these works. This information will be available by the end of February.

The next stage will include the development and completion of a tender package between March and May, following which tenders will be issued to the market in June. It is anticipated that a contract will be awarded in August. As highlighted above the duration of the works will only become clear once the scope has been established. The reinstatement of Donore Community Centre is of the highest priority to DCC and we will continue with any and all efforts to progress with the implementation of the programme with the greatest efficiency.

Contact: Trevor Higgins, Administrative Officer, Sports and Recreation Services
Email: trevor.higgins@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the St Pats proposed development in Inchicore?

Reply

Dublin City Council have written to St. Patricks AFC requesting an update. The Councillor will be provided with this update when received.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with St Catherine's Church, Meath St to express an interest in rebuilding the "old famine school" with a view to develop it and the adjacent green site for community use?

Reply

This site can be referred to the Planning & Property Development Department and the City Valuers Office for assessment of its development potential and the feasibility

and practicality of its acquisition by the City Council. However, to date we are not aware of any approaches from the Archdiocese of Dublin to dispose of the property.

The Area Office is currently already committed to a number of capital projects to invest in community and community development spaces in SWIC including the refurbishment and return to use of Donore Community Centre and the fit out of community development/ enterprise units at Cork Street, Bonham Street and Bridgefoot Court.

Contact: *Stephen Coyne, South Central Area Office SWIC*
Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a site visit be arranged by Traffic Department to meet a delegation of Cameron Square, D8 residents?

Reply

The South Central Area Office can organise a meeting with the resident's representatives please contact the South Central Office on southcentral@dublincity.ie to facilitate this meeting. The Traffic Advisory Group and Parking Enforcement will attend this meeting. An agenda and details of any issues of concern would assist in making the meeting successful.

Contact: *Neil O'Donoghue, South City Executive*
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services when will the remaining playground items destroyed by arson some months back, be installed to complete the replacement of equipment at Weaver Park, Cork Street?

Reply

Parks are exploring options with the supplier of the original play equipment for suitable replacement pieces.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a survey, report and recommendations be compiled to determine the optimum/suitable illumination and greening of the laneway running at the rear of SCR/Brookfield St (behind Mace-(see map) to improve permeability, visibility, safety and security at this well-trodden area for pedestrians?"

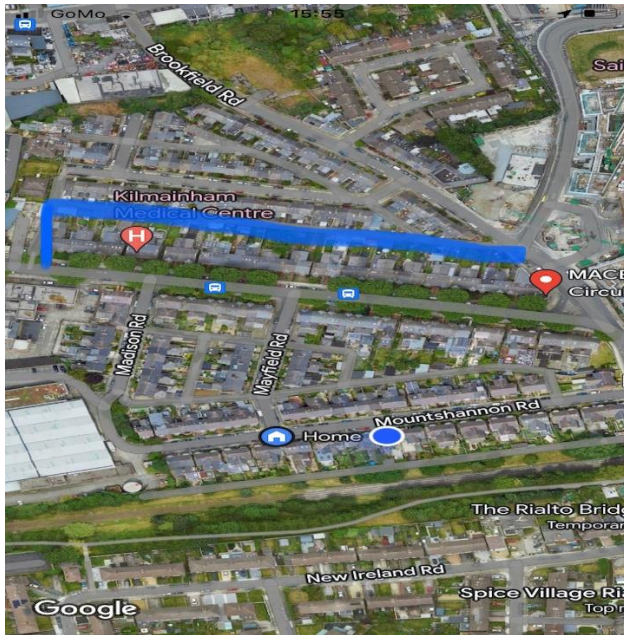
Reply

Street lighting isn't provided in rear entry laneways except in cases where Mews houses front onto the lane.

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

The Council is not resourced to undertake environmental improvements to laneways in residential areas. Any greening or improvements here would need to be initiated, undertaken and maintained by local residents or a residents' association. The Area Office's community development officers would be happy to engage with the local residents' association to direct them to support funding/ grants such as the local Community Development Fund or other funding initiatives as may arise.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, South Central Area Office SWIC
Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie



Q7 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the illegally dumped materials, that are a frequent occurrence at the bollards in Basin Lane /James's Walk, be investigated and quickly removed to prevent hazards to the hundreds of children accessing the 3 schools located here?

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that the dumped rubbish is investigated and removed from the above mentioned location in as timely a manner as possible.

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

Q8 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the regular flooding be investigated and remedied at Goldenbridge Walk between the Drimnagh LUAS stop and Sliver Swan Nursing Home (please see photo attached.)



Reply

Representatives of the South Central Area Office, the Flood Defence Projects Office, Waterways Ireland and Roads Maintenance met on site regarding a previous flooding problem; on 13th May 2022. The problem appeared to be drainage pipes from this area owned by Waterways Ireland were blocked mainly with leaves, soil and other debris. These were subsequently cleared by Waterways Ireland which seemed to solve the problem at the time. If Waterways Ireland agreed to let Dublin City Council clear these pipes and remove the debris off-site this might solve the problem on a more regular basis.

This is the only drainage system in the area. There are a number of high voltage ESB cables and trees in the area which would make any new drainage system to the Camac river very costly, probably a significant six figure sum. Putting a higher surface on the canal walk would also cost a six figure sum.

Dublin City Council will engage with Waterways Ireland to try reach a resolution on the appropriate maintenance plan for the area.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Senior Engineer, Flood Defence Projects Office
Email: gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie

Q9 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services that a designated parks officer be (re)allocated to assist the residents involved in developing and maintaining the green space known as “Devoy Pitch” in Bulfin Estate, Inchicore?

Reply

The contact that was previously involved in the project is still working in the area and available in a support capacity for any proposals the residents may wish to develop.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what is the time frame for the survey of residents in Lissadel Maisonettes and when will the promised repair work commence?

Reply

It is anticipated that Housing Maintenance will carry out the new assessments in the first quarter of 2024.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to carry out the necessary work in Tyrone Place to ensure residents have a full and proper water supply in to their homes. Residents were left without water on Dec 24th, Dec 31st and Jan 2nd.

Reply

Water supply to a number of units in Tyrone Place was affected over the Christmas period due to loss of pressure as a result of works being carried out in the area by Uisce Éireann. Housing Maintenance carried out remedial work over a number of days and supply has been restored.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to ensure proper signage is installed on Kilworth Road & Lansdowne Valley Crescent.

The confusion is that it appears that a portion of Kilworth Road, on the northern end, is officially named Lansdowne Valley Crescent. But the sign for Kilworth Road is outside these houses, but there is no sign to indicate that these houses are in fact Lansdowne Valley Crescent. This existing signage incorrectly labels 1-14 Lansdowne Valley Crescent as 1-14 Kilworth Road. Further down the road are the properties which are actually 1-14 Kilworth Road.

Reply

Lansdowne Valley Crescent is a development located on Kilworth Road and Cooley Road and these are the names of those two roads. Lansdowne Valley Crescent is actually a development and not a road. The signage associated with this development would be the responsibility of the management company for the development Lansdowne Valley Crescent. Since we have the nameplate manufactured and being fitted with a stand we will mount it at the Davitt road side of the development but I will maintain the Kilworth Road nameplates as is, as their positions are correct.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer
Email: roadmaintenace@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when will people be notified of the Springvale allocations?

Reply

The successful applicants will be notified by the end of January and will be subject to the standard background checks prior to an actual offer being made.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on progress and the details of the properties planned for the site at Sons of Divine Providence.

Reply

Dublin City Council collaborated extensively with the Sons of Divine Providence and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to agree a pathway that allowed the project progress. Substantial progress was made on identifying and resolving issues with a number of Council Departments involved at various stages. A development agreement will include Title Exchange and allow the project advance to stage 2.

The identified proposal is a 176 unit development in three blocks. The proposal allows for one block of 60 sheltered units to be owned and managed by the Sons of Divine Providence (an AHB) with Dublin City Council operating intergenerational social housing from the other two blocks. Dublin City Council would retain nomination rights for all 176 dwellings in this proposal.

In December 2023, a new Housing Delivery Project Manager was appointed to oversee this project. Their evaluation of project files has been initiated and recommenced in earnest following the Christmas break. A meeting of the Sarsfield Working Group is expected to be convened in the first quarter of 2024.

Contact: Aisling Browne, A/Senior Executive Officer
Email: aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the planned redevelopment of The Liffey Gaels/East Timor Park on Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot.

Reply

Proposals for the Liffey Gaels are progressing. When a finalised design is available it will be brought for public consultation

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services the following- in light of the many new developments across Drimnagh and Crumlin Road, will DCC draft and implement a comprehensive traffic plan for the area?

Reply

Transportation Planning:

There is no objective under the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 to prepare a traffic/transport plan for the Drimnagh Crumlin area. However table 2-14 related to objective CS04 below references Drimnagh in the category of Other Local Area Plans/Village Improvement Plans.

It is an Objective of Dublin City Council:	
CS04	Programme for the Preparation of Local Area Plans/Village Improvement Plans To implement a programme for the preparation of Local Area Plans/Village Improvement Plans and to prioritise areas in accordance with the strategic objectives of the core strategy including those areas which are experiencing or likely to experience large scale development and regeneration.

Also, table 2-15 related to objective CS05 below references Crumlin – Kimmage in the category of Local Environmental Improvement Plans.

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CS05	Programme for the Preparation of Local Environmental Improvement Plans To implement a programme for the preparation of Local Environmental Improvement Plans and to prioritise areas in accordance with the strategic objectives of the core strategy.

Crumlin and Drimnagh are served by an existing Quality Bus Corridor along Drimnagh/Crumlin Road which is proposed to be upgraded to a Bus Connects route (Tallaght Clondalkin to City Centre), an application for which has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála. This will provide an improved environment for cyclists as well as bus priority and additional pedestrian crossings. The area is also served by the red Luas line.

Contact: Edel Kelly, Senior Transportation Officer, Transportation Planning Division.
Email: edel.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for the regular street cleaning of Harcourt Lodge, Bufen Estate, Inchicore, which residents have repeatedly asked for but found themselves ignored.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that Harcourt Lodge is included in the street cleaning schedules for this area.

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

Q18 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if the breakdown in the piped connection from the double gully at entrance to Camac Park near to BOC gases/Flying Elephant warehouse to the public sewer has been added to the Division's repair list. Has the work started? When will it start? What is the timeline for the work?

Reply

Repair works to the above gully pipeline connections at Camac Park were completed in December 2023. These are now in good working order.

Contact: Aongus Bates, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Surface Water & Flood Management Operations Division

Email: aongus.bates@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services what is the situation with **(Details Supplied)**. Is it on the list of voids? What is the time frame? How many bedrooms there?

Reply

This property is in private ownership.

Contact: Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to install bicycle parking in the vicinity of the Ashleaf Centre. There is a new gym there and existing shops on the DCC side like the pharmacy, it is impossible to find a way to park a bicycle.

Reply

The Environment and Transportation Department will contact Parking Enforcement seeking permission to rescind Pay & Display Parking in the car park adjacent to St Agnes Road in order to reallocate the space to cycle parking.

Should permission be received cycle parking will be installed as part of the On-Street Cycle Parking Programme in 2024.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation

Email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services how DCC can help Solas to find premises to operate in the D12 area? The Bosco centre is full and they require premises.

Reply

If a representative of Solas sends details of the size of premises required and desirable locations the area manager will make enquiries with the Planning & Property Management team in relation to whether or not Dublin City Council has any suitable premises available

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Office

Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q22 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services if **(Details Supplied)**

Reply

Thank you for your query relating to the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme. Due to the volume of properties involved, which is 12,000 houses approximately, it is a roll out programme and areas/estates must be targeted in their entirety from both an operational and magnitude/economies of scale perspective. The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion. Consequently, it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area/estate citywide. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible. We are not currently working in this area, however, I can confirm that this area is on our list for survey and inclusion, if eligible, when works commence in this area in the future.

Unfortunately it is not possible under this programme to insulate the attic only as requested. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme does not permit single measures such as attics only to be installed, all measures on a property must be actioned in one installation under the programme rules issued from the Dept.

We have no record of any issue with the door, but we will log this now for the tenant and any necessary works will be carried out.

Contact: *Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance*
Email: ursula.donnellan@dublincity.ie

Q23 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services how many trees will be replanted at St Mary's Crescent and when? One was removed about a year ago and two more removed over the last few months. Other trees in the area have been removed even longer and have not been replaced.

Reply

Parks will look to plant into grass verges in this estate where adequate space is available.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr Exec Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q24 **Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**
To ask the Director of Services to replace street lighting with new LED light in and around Ring Street, Nash Street area?

Reply

The street lights on Ring Street and Ring Terrace will be upgraded to LED street lights in the next 6 months or so under the Lighting Upgrade Project. With regard to Nash Street whilst these street lights will also be upgraded to LED street lights under the upgrade project an exact timeframe for the upgrade of these lights cannot be provided at present.

In the meantime all existing street lights on these streets will continue to be maintained in accordance with current maintenance regimes.

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

Q25 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services what is the position of **(Details Supplied)**

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List in Band 2, with an application date of 31/03/2022, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
K	2	440
L	2	270
N	2	277

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list 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.

Dublin City Council are increasing the number of units that are being allocated through the Choice Based Letting Scheme, such vacancies are advertised on the DCC website. If there are no properties available at present, nothing will be advertised. Applicants can only apply for properties in their chosen areas that meet the size requirement of their household.

Contact: Sandra Barry A/Allocations Officer, Housing & Community Services
Email: sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to fix the public light on Suir Road as it stays on 24h/7. Location is <https://maps.app.goo.gl/VXXZaTPaVUyGmUVt5> (light N-E of the bridge)

Reply

A maintenance visit was carried out to light 8 on Suir Road and the light was found to be operating all day and night, i.e. day burning. It wasn't possible to repair the light at the time of the visit due to traffic in the area. Another site will be arranged in the next couple of weeks off hours to attend to this.

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

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please address the street signage issue at Lansdowne Valley Crescent Drimnagh Dublin 12 / Kilworth Road. The sign for Kilworth Road is outside these houses but there is no sign to indicate are a subsection of

Kilworth Road names Lansdowne Valley Crescent. The current signage incorrectly labels 1 to 14 Lansdowne Valley Crescent, Kilworth Road as 1 to 14 Kilworth Road but further down the Road houses are numbered the same 1 to 14 Kilworth Road can be address this urgently.

Reply

Lansdowne Valley Crescent is a development located on Kilworth Road and Cooley Road and these are the names of those two roads. Lansdowne Valley Crescent is actually a development and not a road. The signage associated with this development would be the responsibility of the management company for the development Lansdowne Valley Crescent. Since we have the nameplate manufactured and being fitted with a stand we will mount it at the Davitt road side of the development but I will maintain the Kilworth Road nameplates as is, as their positions are correct.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South, Central Area Engineer
Email: roadmaintenace@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please facilitate **(details supplied)**

Reply

If the member or the housing applicant makes contact with the Area Housing Manager a meeting will be arranged.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Office
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services when new developments are being officially opened can Dublin City Council ensure all the various players / neighbours who supported / facilitated the developments are invited to the official openings. I recently had two groups very disappointed that there were no official invites sent to them even though they gave huge support to the project whilst under construction.

Reply

The City Council is always keen to acknowledge those who have supported social housing developments and regrets any oversights in this regard and will do everything possible to ensure that all relevant people and organisations are invited to official openings.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Office
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the poor verges along Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot from Kylemore Road, Train Bridge to the Church of the Assumption. The verges need levelling in certain areas and the removal of large weeds which restrict grass cutting in the growing season. One location particularly bad is the junction of Landen Road and Kylemore Road - it is becoming a large hill and needs levelling.

Reply

Parks will carry out an inspection of the verges mentioned above and if work is deemed necessary will arrange the necessary repairs.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can all waste management providers of bins be asked to explain how/why when waste is collected from domestic dwellings huge levels of spill over is left on our streets this is going on for years now.

Reply

Waste Enforcement would only have involvement with regard to receiving specific complaints e.g. operators, incidents, times, dates and locations for us to investigate from a Waste Enforcement perspective.

We can't answer the question posed by Cllr. Jackson currently but with more specific information we could however reach out to individual collectors. If Cllr. Jackson has any further information he can contact myself and Waste Enforcement would be happy to assist

Contact: Padraic Lalor, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Enforcement
Email: Padraic.lalor@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services the following - I would welcome the co-operation of DCC to bring forward a local plan to improve the public areas along Ballyfermot's Retail heart and a shop fronting painting initiative similar to other areas to promote a cleaning shopping environment.

Reply

The local area office will conduct a pilot shop front improvement grant scheme in 2024, subject to funding being provided in the discretionary fund as is the case in other areas

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Office
Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can Drumfinn Park and Claddagh Green open spaces be maintained to a high standard? Every year I need to ask a number of questions just to ensure they get minimum.

Reply

Drumfinn Park receives the same level of maintenance as other parks in the area. The trees in Claddagh Green have recently been inspected and have been found to not require any work at this time.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can the Traffic Division/engineers please come and meet me on a certain morning toward the end of January to look at the serious Traffic Parking issues in relation to schools at Dominican Primary Schools Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot Dublin 10. The area needs something done before we have a major incident at this location.

Reply

Could the Councillor contact the South Central Office on southcentral@dublincity.ie to facilitate this meeting. The Traffic Advisory Group and Parking Enforcement and school zone team and sustainable mobility will attend this meeting. An agenda and details of any issues of concern would assist in making the meeting successful.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue South City Executive

Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

The Schools Mobility Team is currently working through a list of schools identified by the Department of Transport as priority schools to receive School Zones as part of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme, funded by the National Transport Authority. At the moment these are the only schools that we have funding for so we don't have capacity to work with any schools outside this list. Once we have cleared through this list we hope to be in a position to engage with schools on our waiting list, as well as re-opening applications for new schools who are interested in applying for a School Zone, subject to the availability of staffing and resources. In the meantime if there are other transport measures that may help to improve the situation on Kylemore Road they can be applied for through the [Transport Service Request Form](#).

Contact: Deirdre Kelly, Acting Administrative Officer

Email: Deirdre.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure that the old Inchicore Library is retained for community use. I am aware over the years the building was promised to the Inchicore Kilmainham Historical Group. If it's not being used by our Library, serious consideration should be given for its future use to this great group of people.

Reply

The City Council has given a commitment to the local community that the former library will be refurbished and made available for community use. The Council views this building as an important future community resource that will provide opportunities for as many groups as possible including the Inchicore/ Kilmainham Historical Group.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, A/ Executive Manager, South Central Area

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