



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH, 2025

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.

- 1 **Minutes of meeting held on 19th February, 2025**
Order: Agreed.

- 2 **Questions to the Director of Services South Central** 5 - 16
Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.

- 3 **Environment and Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 25/02/25 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/02/25.
Order: 1. Report Noted.
2. Reports Noted.

- 4 **South Central Area Matters**
 1. Notification of initiation of Pre-Part 8 Circulation of Layout under Part 8 Planning and Development 2001 for proposed Residential Development at Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane, Dublin 12. **For information purposes only**
 2. Presentation - Road Maintenance - Roads Maintenance Services 2025 Works Programme Overview.
 3. Proposed CCTV Scheme at Bring Centre, Marrowbone Lane, D8.
 4. Derelict Sites Report.
 5. Naming proposal for a new development Ref: SHD0026/21Sub15 – C10, (ABP-31218-21). Located at Concorde Industrial Estate, Naas Road, Dublin 12.
 6. Director of Services Report.
Order: 1. Noted.
2. Presentation Noted.
3. Noted.
4. Report Noted.
5. Agreed.
6. Report Noted. Director of Services Report can be viewed at:
<https://www.dublincity.ie/council/council-explained/your-area/south-central-area/south-central-area-announcements>

- 5 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
 1. Sports and Recreation Report for March 2025 South Central Area.
Order: Report Noted.

6 **Planning & Property Development Matters**

1. With reference to the proposed grant of a 5 year lease at a site known as Cherry Orchard Green (Allotments) to Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership CLG.
- 2 With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's Title in the properties known as 13 and 14 Grattan Crescent, Dublin 8.
- 3 With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's estate and interests in the site known as Davitt Road (3 Plots), Drimnagh, Dublin 12.

**Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council.
2. Agreed. Recommend to Council.
3. Refer to South East Area.**

7 **Emergency Motions**

The order of business was suspended to deal with the following Emergency Motions:

Emergency Motion 1 - Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

This Area Committee is aware that there has been an increase of Anti-social behaviour, intimidation of the community and vandalism of public spaces within the Bluebell area. We as an area committee condemn this behaviour and we request that DCC's relevant departments meet with Cllrs to see where at a Local authority what can be done.

Order: Agreed.

Emergency Motion 2 - Councillor Ray Cunningham

The Springvale Grove housing complex was officially opened in May 2024 by Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste. The complex includes a community facility which is to have the 139th Chapelizod Scout Troop as anchor tenants. This facility has been ready to use since last May, and the council approved the lease at the beginning of October, and the Scouts were expecting to have the use of the facility before Christmas, but the handover has been subject to constant delays. All of these holdups have been on the council side, there has been no sense of urgency, no appreciation of the fact that there are people waiting to use this building.

The final handover was supposed to happen last week, but now there is another delay. A door that was visibly damaged when the complex was officially opened in May of last year has not been repaired, and the lease can't be signed until the repair is complete. It will be 12 months between the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the Scouts finally gaining access to the hall. Unless there is a further delay, which at this point would not surprise me.

This meeting deplores this series of delays, and urges everybody working on this project to hand over the facility as soon as possible.

Order: Agreed.

8 **March 2025 Motions**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th March, 2025

M064 Councillor Vincent Jackson

This Committee requests that as part of the Bus Connects project which will happen in Ballyfermot over the next 2 to 3 years, that DCC please ensure in tandem with these works, that the long awaited village improvement would happen at the same time, in order to improve the retail and amenity value of the shopping district. Bad planning by DCC over

many years has not helped the area and this will be a once in a generation opportunity to help improve the area.

Order: Agreed.

M065 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That this Committee request that the DCC owned lamp posts in the Ballyfermot area be repainted as its years since some have got a lick of paint, in particular lamp posts on Blackditch Road, Blackditch Drive, Cleggan Park, Cleggan Avenue and Cleggan Road Ballyfermot. Can the ESB be asked to look at their lampposts also as they are in very poor condition.

Order: Agreed.

M066 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That this Committee, in view of the constant scourge of scrambler bikes in our communities, what effective measures are DCC looking to bring in to address this problem before someone is killed walking / playing in our Parks. Residents cannot believe that we won't put in security cameras etc. to try and address the situation.

Order: Agreed.

M067 Councillor Ray Cunningham

This Committee notes, when Drimnagh was built, every street in the area was lined with trees. These trees helped clean the air, provided shade, and were a support to local wildlife. They also made the streets more attractive and made people feel like the area was being looked after. Over the years, many of the original trees have been lost, to age, disease, or accident, as is to be expected. But these trees are not being replaced when lost, and Drimnagh is being progressively denuded of trees. The local environmental group, Tidy Drimnagh, has volunteers who would like to help replace and look after the trees, and have even raised funds to help pay for these trees. This Committee asks the Parks Department and Public Realm to work with Tidy Drimnagh to identify locations where trees can be replaced, and varieties suitable for those locations, and to replant as many as possible this coming winter.

Order: Report Noted.

M068 Councillor Ray Cunningham & Cllr Michael Pidgeon

This Committee notes the serious, ongoing traffic issues in Chapelizod village, that are endangering pedestrians and cyclists, including the many children going to school in the village. In 2022, an AECOM Traffic Report was commissioned by DCC and it suggested the only solution for the through road via the village is a one-way system which would effectively block off access to motorised vehicles wishing to proceed from the Castleknock area down Knockmaroon Hill and on toward the city centre. This plan has the support of the Chapelizod steering committee, and was supposed to have a six-month trial last year. This Committee calls on the council to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the trial happens this year, starting in September.

Order: Agreed.

M069 Councillor Ciaran Ó Meachair

This Area Committee notes that there are to be a total of 137 public housing apartments in the new Emmet Road development. There has been an indication now that 91 of these will be in Block C. Consultation to this point has suggested that social homes would be dispersed throughout the whole development and there would be no segregation (i.e. pepper-

potting of housing). This Area Committee calls for pepper-potting to be done as part of this development and confirmation from Dublin City Council that this will be the case. Furthermore, residents have requested that the hoarding to be erected around the site would be permeable at the canal end of the site as there is some concern for public safety if the hoarding causes a visual blackspot.

Order: Report Noted.

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Attendance

Members:

Vincent Jackson (Chairperson)

Michael Pidgeon (Vice Chair)

Ammar Ali

Darragh Moriarty

Philip Sutcliffe

Ray Cunningham

Daithí Doolan

Hazel de Nortúin

Ciarán Ó'Meachair

Lesley Byrne

Officers:

Bernard Kelly, Executive Manager, South Central;

Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, SWIC Area Office;

Alice Corbett, Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;

Dave O'Donovan, Administrative Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office;

Bríd Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent, Culture, Recreation & Economic Services;

Colm Ennis, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department;

Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;

Bláthnaid Conlon, Senior Staff Officer, Planning & Development;

Margaret Mooney, Administrative Officer, Planning & Development;

Sean Moylan, Senior Architect, City Architects;

Collette Egan, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Regeneration;

David Coyle, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;

Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer, Litter Management Office;

Daragh Jacques, Staff Officer, Litter Management Office;

Melanie Lambert, Area Housing Manager, SWIC;

Frank Murphy, Administrative Officer, SWIC;

Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, SWIC;

Liam Hendrick, Public Domain Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office;

David Quearney, Environmental Liaison Officer, SWIC;

Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;

Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
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Q1 Councillor Ray Cunningham

To ask the Director of Services if a pedestrian crossing will be installed between Lidl and Walkinstown Park on Walkinstown Avenue. This was being investigated last year, but there has been no update since. If a pedestrian crossing is not going to be installed, could the council install bollards or planters outside the park? The footpath is regularly blocked by illegal parking, forcing wheelchair users and parents with buggies to walk on a very busy road to access the park. Parking enforcement at this location is non-existent, a physical barrier is required to keep the path clear.

Reply

Dublin City Council are currently rolling out Lot 1 of the Pedestrian and Zebra Crossings as part of the Pedestrian and Zebra Crossings 2024 project. A Pedestrian Crossing on Walkinstown Ave is on the list of Crossings for Lot 2 of this project. This proposed Crossing is to be located adjacent to the park entrance beside the Lidl Supermarket and footpath works are to be included as part of the design.

The design for this Crossing is due to be completed in Q3 of 2025. However, currently there is no available funding for the installation of all Crossings in Lot 2 but once funding is obtained this program will be implemented.

Contact: Andrew Duff, Executive Engineer, City Centre Projects (South)
Email: Andrew.Duff@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Ray Cunningham

To ask the Director of Services to install additional barriers on the footpath on Cromwellsfort Road opposite the Ashleaf. The existing barriers are not enough to stop delivery drivers parking on the footpath all through the day, causing an obstruction for pedestrians.

Reply

Pedestrian barriers are not favoured in preventing parking on the footpath. It is illegal to park on the footpath under Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 section 36:2:i "A vehicle shall not be parked - on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;"

Instances of illegal or obstructive parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS (email info@dsps.ie or tel. no. 01 602 2500) or an Garda Síochána for enforcement. **TAMS Ref. No. 7044891**

Contact: Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager (Traffic).
Email: brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Ray Cunningham

To ask the Director of Services to investigate adding double-yellow lines to one side of Hughes Lane in Walkinstown, to ensure that the lane is kept clear.

Reply

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. **TAMS Ref. No. 7044727**

Contact: *Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager (Traffic).*

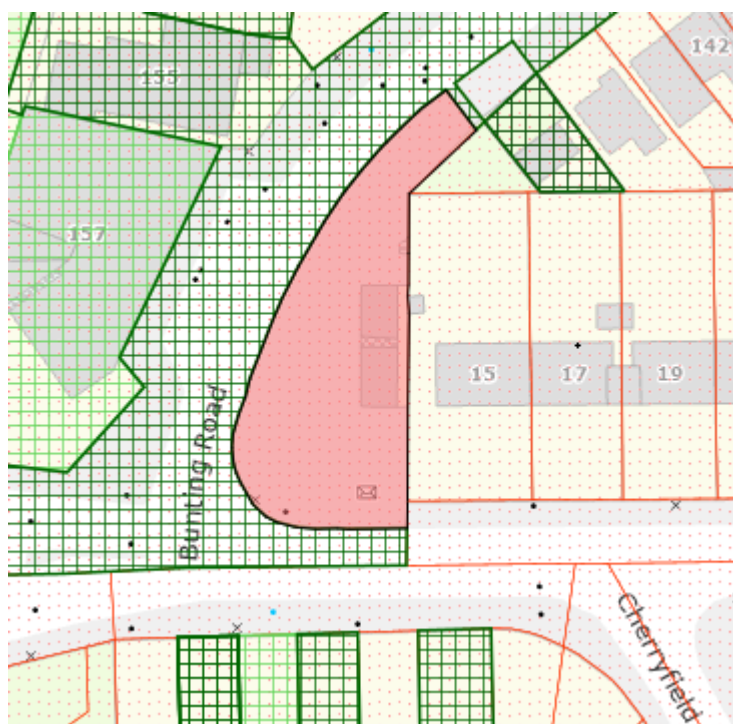
Email: brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Ray Cunningham

To ask the Director of Services if there are plans for the commercial premises at the corner of Bunting Road and Cromwellsfort Road.

Reply

For clarity indicated below is the Folio map understood to be the area as described above that the commercial units occupy. Dublin City Council have no title interest in the area shaded red. The area is in private ownership.



Contact: *Sheila Hennessy Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Property Development*

Email: Sheila.hennessy@dublincity.ie

There are currently no planning applications for these sites.

Contact: *Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South West Inner City*

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Lesley Byrne

To ask the Director of Services to carry out a Traffic Speed Survey on Cork Street/St Lukes Avenue/Dolphin's Barn corridor please?

Reply

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. **TAMS Ref. No. 7044691**

Contact: *Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager, Roads & Traffic Department*

Email: brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Ray Cunningham

To ask the Director of Services that a business in Walkinstown (*details supplied*) appears to be in breach of both planning conditions and building control regulations, and has been for several years. How much time is given to the business to rectify these breaches, and what further steps will the council take if it fails to do so?

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q7 Councillor Ciarán Ó Meachair

To ask the Director of Services if he can ensure more frequent cleaning and monitoring of St. Anthony's Road/Reuben walk junction for rubbish as the area has become a magnet for illegal dumping.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned junction is monitored and cleaned on a more regular basis.

Contact: *Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)*

Email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Ciarán Ó Meachair

To ask the Director of Services for an indication as to when the walkway beside the LUAS at James' Walk/Rialto Bridge will be reopened. At a recent meeting involving Residents around the new NCH and a representative of BAM, it was indicated that BAM have no objection to the walkway reopening now as they have finished works at that side of the hospital. Could a timeframe for reopening be outlined?

Reply

Parks have made contact with BAM to arrange a site visit to review the status of the external areas that will come back into Parks charge. The above request can be raised at this meeting. Once this meeting has happened the councillor will be updated.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Senior Executive Parks Officer*

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Ciarán Ó Meachair

To ask the Director of Services if he will engage with the Dublin Concert Band regarding the potential usage of a site in the South Central Area for meetings (*details supplied*).

Reply

The South West Inner City Community and Social Development team will engage with the Dublin Concert Band to understand their specific requirements and will provide guidance on potential suitable venues in the area for their use.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South West Inner City

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Ciarán Ó Meachair

To ask the Director of Services for confirmation that tendering documents have been issued for works to take place on Donore Community Centre.

Reply

The Architect led Integrated Design Team appointed to the Donore Youth and Community Centre refurbishment committed to having the tenders ready to be issued for 10th March.

Unfortunately the design team wrote to Dublin City Council on 4th March to inform the Council that they would miss this deadline and the tender documents would not be ready for issuing until 19th March.

The Design Team have ensured they will not miss the new date.

Contact: Don Daly, Project Manager, Sports Project Office

Email: don.daly@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Ciarán Ó Meachair

To ask the Director of Services if DCC could ensure that the area around Heuston Station could be made more pedestrian and cycling friendly, and to outline plans to create the high quality Western Gateway to the city with new urban plazas such as Heuston Square as set out in the Development Plan.

Reply

The guiding principles set out in SDRA 7 – Heuston and Environs of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 recognises the importance of improving the public realm and transport interchange improvements to the lands to the front of Heuston Station as well as improving the pedestrian and cycling connections in this area.

The Planning Authority will work closely with Irish Rail, National Transport Authority (NTA) and Transport Infrastructure (TII) and other relevant stakeholders to facilitate such improvements to this area.

The Planning GIS system indicates that there are no current planning applications for any such development in this area. The record of any relevant S.247 pre-application meetings including details of attendees and key issues raised shall be placed on the public planning file should a relevant planning application be submitted in due course.

Contact: Sheila Hennessy, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development Dept

Email: sheila.hennessy@dublincity.ie

Active Travel will continue to liaise with our Planning & Public Realm Team with regard to any proposals for development of urban plazas.

Contact: Christopher K Manzira, Senior Transportation Officer
Email: activetraveloffice@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Ciarán Ó Meachair

To ask the Director of Services if DCC could ensure more public waste bins are installed along the Grand Canal walkway at Goldenbridge Walk and engage with Waterways Ireland on this if needs be.

Reply

The Goldenbridge Grand Canal walkway is looked after by Waterways Ireland and any request for litter bins there should be made directly to them.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)
Email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Ciarán Ó Meachair

To ask the Director of Services if Dublin City Council operate a 'residents only' parking rule anywhere, and if DCC would be open to trialling this at a location (*details supplied*).

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q14 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of services (**details supplied**)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q15 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of services for on an update on the progress of the painting of green lamp posts along the South Circular Road (From SCR Dolphins Barn to SCR Leonard's Conner). In October South Central Area Committee meeting, I was informed that it will be on the list for painting in 2025, when will the painting work begin?

Reply

It was agreed, as mentioned in the question above, that the green lampposts along South Circular Road from Dolphin Barns Road to Leonards Corner would be added to the list for painting in 2025.

An exact timeframe cannot be provided at present except to say that it is intended to carry out the painting of the lampposts during the summer months.

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

Q16 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of services to conduct a traffic survey of Walkinstown Drive and Walkinstown Parade, Walkinstown, Dublin 12 to assess the extent of speeding vehicles in the area and the effectiveness of the traffic calming in the area; and to improve traffic calming in the area if any speeding is detected.

Reply

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. **TAMS Ref. No. 7044857**

Contact: Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager (Traffic).

Email: brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of services to provide information on any plans to manage increased traffic flow and an increase in speeding vehicles on Walkinstown Drive and Walkinstown Parade, Walkinstown, Dublin 12 following implementation of the Bus Connects proposals.

Reply

This request will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

The Councillor will be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group in due course. **TAMS Ref. No. 7044857**

Contact: Seán Daly, South Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.

Email: sean.daly@dublincity.ie

Works on the Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor scheme have not yet commenced.

Once construction work on the Core Bus Corridors commences Dublin City Council and the National Transport Authority will work closely in monitoring the surrounding areas and develop any necessary plans to reduce the impact of traffic changes on residents.

Contact: Niall Bolger, Senior Exec ITS Officer

Email: niall.bolger@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Ammar Ali

To ask the Director of services to arrange regular litter and leaves cleaning of Harcourt Lodge Bulfin Estate, Dublin 8.

Reply

Public Domain requested a thorough clean of loose litter and leaves. This was completed on 5th March. Community Clean-Up bags for litter and leaves can be obtained from Public Domain, Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane. Residents can request Community Clean-Up collections via Dublin City Council Citizen Hub Portal <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie> Street Clean requests and the waste management cleaning schedule is also available on this hub.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South West Inner City

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services will ensure Harcourt Lodge receives more regular litter and leaves cleaning.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)

Email: barry.woods@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services does DCC have any plans to establish a dog park in Walkinstown Park?

Reply

Parks do not have plans to establish a dog park in Walkinstown Park. The park is laid out predominantly with pitches, leaving insufficient area for a dog run.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services what progress has been made in the proposed employment of a regeneration worker for Bluebell?

Reply

DCC Housing Development have set out a business case and applied to the DHLGH for funding for the position of a regeneration worker. Once approval for the position is granted a recruitment process will be undertaken to identify a suitable candidate for this role.

Contact: Glen Murray, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Development

Email: glen.murray@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to give an update on traffic calming measures for Chapelizod, in particular, those plans for the immediate area around the national school.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group (TAG) are actively considering all available options for the Chapelizod area given the recent meeting with local representatives.

The traffic signals at the junction of Main Street and Chapelizod Road (Mullingar House junction) have been adjusted to provide an all-stop for pedestrians. The damaged barrier at this location has been repaired and all line marking in the vicinity of the junction has been scheduled for renewal. Following recent speed surveys taken in the area, vehicular speeds were found to be within the enforceable limit. Double yellow lines will be put in place at several narrow pinch-points to reduce vehicles mounting footpaths, damaging parked vehicles and poor driver behaviour. However, adjustments to parking and other measures to keep vehicle speeds low are being developed.

TAG and the DCC Traffic Section will continue to keep Councillors updated on all developments and to work with them regarding the traffic situation in Chapelizod.

TAMS Ref. No. 7043470

Contact: Seán Daly, South Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group.
Email: sean.daly@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to erect 30km traffic signs along Cherry Orchard Avenue.

Reply

Repeater speed limit traffic signs are not provided by Dublin City Council. Speed limit signage is provided in every instance where the speed limit changes and the nearest corresponding signage for Cherry Orchard Avenue can be found at the junction of Kylemore Avenue and Kylemore Road to the east and the junction of Ballyfermot Road and Clifden Road to the north.

However, noting that these signs are quite far from Cherry Orchard Avenue, "30kph roundel" road markings are recommended on Cherry Orchard Avenue: one at the junction of Cedarbrook Way / Cherry Orchard Green and Cherry Orchard Avenue and the second at the junction of Raheen Park and Cloverhill Road / Cherry Orchard Avenue. **TAMS Ref. No. 7044863**

Contact: Contact: Brendan O'Brien, Executive Manager (Traffic).
Email: brendan.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a report into what happened with the planning process concerning the Curlew Road public health care centre, whereby a 'glitch' in the system excluded some planning observations were submitted and has the 'glitch' effected the processes surrounding other planning permissions that were sought.

Reply

We did experience an IT glitch around that period which resulted in one of the observations for Planning Application Web2678/24 (*Curlew Road Health Centre, Mother McAuley Day Care Centre, and Alzheimer's Society of Ireland at Curlew Road, Dublin 12*) not being brought across to our system. But we run a daily report that shows the online observations that were submitted the previous day. This report also identifies any issues that may have arisen with the submission of an observation, which allows us to contact the person who experienced the problem. In this case, we contacted the applicant and requested that they submit their observation via email. They consequently submitted their observation which was processed, published online and taken into consideration by the relevant Planner dealing with the Planning Application.

This would also apply to all other planning applications.

Contact: Sheila Hennessy, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development Dept
Email: sheila.hennessy@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to outline in detail how does DCC intend to spend the €300,000, agreed as part of the DCC Capital Budget, on redevelopment of Ballyfermot Crescent green and how will residents be consulted with?

Reply

The area office carried out engagement with the local residents and got a very clear overview of what their priorities are for the open space. The area office is working with the Parks Department to develop a design that reflects those views with the budget available. It is intended to involve the local community in the planting when it takes place.

Contact: Alice Corbett, Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office

Email: alice.corbett@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a progress report on the proposed development of Cherry Orchard Park.

Reply

Parks, Landscape & Biodiversity Services intend to present the park plan for consultation in Q2 2025.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a detailed progress report on the proposed housing plan for Sons of Divine Providence?

Reply

The project currently has stage 1 funding approval under SHIP. Agreement regarding the land is required in order for the project to progress to stage 2. The proposed terms and conditions for an agreement between Dublin City Council and the Sons of Divine Providence continue to be negotiated. Meaningful engagement is ongoing and both parties met on 25th February 2025 to discuss the proposal. The discussions are being led by the City Valuers Office in collaboration with the Housing Development Section.

Contact: Aisling Browne, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services

Email: aisling.browne@dublincity.ie

Q 27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to arrange a hand rail outside Ballyfermot Civic Centre next to the Doctors Surgery / Pharmacy to help create a safe environment for person going down the steps at the Civic Centre, this issue has come up on a number of occasions at the Local Safety forum in Ballyfermot.

Reply

The local area office will seek a costing for the work and progress the issue, subject to budget restrictions

Contact: Alice Corbett, Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office

Email: alice.corbett@dublincity.ie

Q 28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for a leaflet be circulated in the following area (details supplied)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q 29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for the Housing Department please look into the following transfer application (**details supplied**)

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q 30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can the Housing Department please explain why people waiting years for accommodation are never contacted regarding possible vacancies? Are we satisfied our current system of allocations approved by the elected members gives those waiting years living in parent's houses a fair chance of accommodation or would they be better presenting at homeless services looking for emergency placements. Can the manager indicate why it's not possible to give a rough indication of when someone will be in contention for suitable accommodation having waited year on the list?

Reply

Dublin City Council advertises the majority of available properties through the Choice Based Letting system. All housing applicants on the waiting list were informed of this in writing and given the details for the Website link. So far the feedback from applicants and elected members has been positive. There are some available properties where DCC Allocations will contact an applicant directly with an offer, in the main this applies to properties designated for older persons, accessible / adapted properties and in areas with specific demands. As previously notified to the Housing SPC, DCC has increased the number of properties advertised on Choice Based Lettings, in line with the Department of Housing policy.

DCC is satisfied that the Scheme of Lettings priorities is operated fairly and all properties are let in accordance with the Scheme, based on time on the list.

Unfortunately, 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. Applicants can check their position on list on line via DCC Housing Online portal. I have included below for information, the waiting times on list for current applicants broken down by area and bedroom requirements.

If an applicant is successful in being selected for a property they will be contacted by a member of the Housing Allocations team.

January 2024 Housing List Figures by Bedsize requirement and Time on List										TABLE 5 (a)		
Size	Years	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
One bed	0 ot 1 year	450	133	203	125	126	114	72	51	71	13	1358
	1 to 5 years	1084	247	593	505	359	365	316	233	249	105	4056
	5 to 10 years	556	118	277	255	176	176	150	131	141	33	2013
	over 10 years	356	61	256	161	116	127	119	98	158	46	1498
One Bed Total		2446	559	1329	1046	777	782	657	513	619	197	8925
Two Bed	0 ot 1 year	214	52	94	31	59	64	14	11	21	6	566
	1 to 5 years	551	143	277	106	232	142	66	53	55	16	1641
	5 to 10 years	197	32	95	34	79	79	26	31	43	10	626
	over 10 years	83	9	52	17	53	62	13	27	36	7	359
Two bed Total		1045	236	518	188	423	347	119	122	155	39	3192
Three Bed	0 ot 1 year	41	8	30	12	7	11	3	5	6	1	124
	1 to 5 years	124	24	40	37	26	40	22	10	26	8	357
	5 to 10 years	91	17	51	23	26	44	14	14	14	2	296
	over 10 years	119	22	80	30	66	56	15	16	26	11	441
Three Bed Total		375	71	201	102	125	151	54	45	72	22	1218
Four Bed	0 ot 1 year	3		3	2	1	1	2		1		13
	1 to 5 years	21	4	7	8	5	9	4	2	3	2	65
	5 to 10 years	4	2		6	2	6		2	2		24
	over 10 years	7	5	14	3	4	13	4	2	7	2	61
Four bed Total		35	11	24	19	12	29	10	6	13	4	163
Five Bed	0 ot 1 year				2		1					3
	1 to 5 years	4			2							6
	5 to 10 years		1		1		1					3
	over 10 years			3		2	1		1			7
Five Bed Total		4	1	3	5	2	3		1			19
Grand Total		3905	878	2075	1360	1339	1312	840	687	859	262	13517

Contact: Bevin Herbert, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department
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Q 31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please ensure that the paths in Spiddle Park, Ballyfermot and the green at Drumfinn Park, Ballyfermot have the paths kept clear of overgrowth weeds etc. All too often the areas can become run down with little maintenance.

Reply

Parks can arrange treatment of the paths at the above mentioned parks to clear weeds etc.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q 32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services and Dublin City Council once and for all take action against the management company operating the shops at (*details supplied*) It must rank as the worst spot in Dublin for poor waste management and residents are fed up with so little action in maintaining the area from the property owners.

Reply

Reply sent directly to Councillor.

Q 33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to note that we are still awaiting our on-site meeting with traffic personnel for the Chapelizod area of Dublin 20. I am aware there is no easy solution, however residents, school personnel want all to see at first-hand what happens here on a daily basis.

Reply

The Area Office will liaise with traffic personnel to follow up on arranging the meeting.

Contact: Alice Corbett, Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office

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Q 34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at trying to provide a bring centre for the Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Chapelizod area of Dublin West? For years people have been looking for such a service without success if Ireland is to reach re-cycling targets we need to re-use items many currently throw out in skips etc.

Reply

Waste Management Services currently provides a Bring Centre on Kylemore Park North, Dublin 10. Waste Management Services have previously attempted to identify a site suitable for the development of a larger facility in the area but have been unsuccessful to date.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting).

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Q35 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for an update to March 2024 question in relation to installation of public bins or dog waste bins along the canal between Blackhorse and Suir Rd. The response from March 2024 stated: "Waste Management Services will survey the bin needs of the above mentioned area and install some bins where appropriate." Can the details of this survey please be shared and the outcome?

Reply

The above mentioned canal walkway is looked after by Waterways Ireland and any request for litter bins there should be made directly to them.

Contact: Barry Woods, Head of Waste Management (Acting)

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