

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th OCTOBER 2016
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- 699.** Presentation on Greening Strategy for Grafton Street Quarter.
Order: Noted.
- 700.** Report on Proposed Part 8 for the construction of a new tearoom, upgrade of existing bandstand and ancillary landscape works at Bushy Park.
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.
- 701.** Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2016.
Order: Agreed.
- 702.** Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
- 703. Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
- i. Traffic Advisory Group Minutes of Meeting held 27th September 2016.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Update on Rutland Grove / Avenue Residents' Requests.
Order: Noted.
- 704. Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters**
- i. Report on proposed tree work, Eaton Square.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposal to install a mural at the Hive in Herbert Park.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Update on National Cultural Institutions and Neighbourhoods.
Order: Noted.
- 705. Housing and Residential Services Department Matters**
- i. Report on Part 8 St. Andrew's Court.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 706. Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
- i. Update on the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).
Order: Noted.

707. South East Area Matters

- i. Updates on the following:
 - Community Development Section.
 - Environmental Services Unit.
 - Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements.
 - Sport and Recreation Section.

Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on naming and numbering proposal for a development at Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

Order: Agreed.
- iii. Report on Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Stable Lane.

Order: Agreed to initiate the extinguishment of public right of way process.

Motions

708. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the Manager to identify an area of paving in the area which is heavily affected by dog fouling (e.g. outside Herzog Park or the junction of Claremont Road and Serpentine Road) and, after consultation with local residents and businesses, paint a large set of eyes (approx 3 to 5 metres wide) on the pavement that is clearly visible to passers-by.

There is considerable evidence to suggest that this would serve as a cheap but effective method of deterring anti-social behaviour such as dog fouling.

Below is the web address for the seminal paper on the subject by Ernst-Jones et al
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Order: Report to councillor.

709. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a full update from the Manager on current issues affecting the delay in preparing the Dodder Greenway and what works are presently being undertaken to prepare for it proceeding.

Order: Report to councillor.

710. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to retain the old green nameplates where possible and slow down the apparent programme of replacing these with the new blue signs.

Order: Report to councillor.

711. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the following cycleway be repaired and cycle lanes marks reinstated at Terenure Place as a matter of urgency:

- The surfacing of the cycle lane going south from Rathgar to Terenure is in very bad condition and parts of it need resurfacing where it is badly pitted and uneven.
- Terenure Road West was recently resurfaced right down to the traffic lights at the Bank of Ireland branch in Terenure.
- Going south when the road lines were repainted the cycle lane was left out from the lights at Bol to Eddie Rockets. There are two lanes of traffic - one for Templeogue Road and other Terenure Road West. When traffic is moving and busy it is very dangerous for cyclists as they are getting pushed off the road by vehicles accelerating onto Templeogue Road.
- Need a cycle lane to be marked onto the road or the concrete dishing into the car park of Eddie Rockets needs to be changed in some way.

Order: Moved by Councillor Lacey. Report to councillor.

712. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the DCC / SDCC be re-established as a matter of urgency. Tymon Park has run out of time. This relates to measures to prevent the Poddle River

from overflowing and this proposal was motivated by the 2011 flooding in Harold's Cross and beyond, which resulted in houses being, flooded the loss of life of a woman in a basement in Parnell Road. Currently house owners in the areas affected cannot get house insurance, and some have difficulty in selling their houses.

We have to see if it is possible to retrieve the process without having to start from scratch? At very least it is essential that Dublin City Council plays its part in progressing measures to make Harold's Cross a safer place to live and ensures that the Office of Public Works makes the available necessary funding for this tank.

Order: Moved by Councillor Lacey. Report to councillor.

713. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following the lack of progress subsequent to the letter from An Post to the Area manager [received by the SEA Office on 19 Feb. 2016 (attached)], given its social and strategic importance in the community, this Area Committee shall write to An Post calling on them to provide a further update since this letter and to facilitate the opening of a Post Office in Sandymount without delay.

Order: Agreed.

714. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That a no dog fouling sign be placed on number 4 lamppost on Leukos Road just next to the green area that many dog owners use as a toilet for their dog.

Order: Report to councillor.

715. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That work be carried out to ensure that the ongoing problems with Bishop Street being overrun with rats.

Order: Report to councillor.

716. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the Environmental Health and Planning Departments give an update on progress in addressing the ongoing issues residents in Grand Canal Docks area focusing on planning enforcement issues including out of hours permission work that is being carried out and noise.

Order: Report to councillor.

717. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area manager to install street lighting in Grand Canal Dock from the corner of Hanover Quay and Blood Stoney Road towards the locks as a matter of urgency. The lack of street lighting here is dangerous for the residents, particularly as the winter months are approaching and it is also contributing to some anti social behaviour in the area.

Order: Report to councillor.

718. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area manager to improve the waiting times at the following pedestrian crossings

- The South Circular Road at Bloomfield Avenue
- Heytesbury Street at the junction of Long Lane / The Meath Hospital

The waiting times at these pedestrian crossings are too long and are not being observed as a result. This is also not in keeping with the council policy of prioritising the pedestrian.

Order: Report to councillor.

719. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this Area Committee calls on the traffic engineer to meet with residents Kimmage Grove and put forward measures that will tackle the ongoing parking problems that they are experiencing.

Order: Report to councillor.

Chairperson

Dated 10th October 2016

Attendance

Members

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

Councillors D. Lacey, K. Binchy, P. Costello, R. McGinley, C. Andrews, P. Smyth, A. Feeney, F. Kennedy, C. Byrne and M. Flynn.

Apologies: Councillors S. Stapleton and M. Freehill.

Officials

R. Kenny, Area manager, South East Area Office.

B. Hanney, Assistant Area manager, South East Area Office.

J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

F. O'Brien, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

M. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

C. Adamson, Environment & Transportation Department.

M. Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscaping Services Division.

B. Brady, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscaping Services Division.

M. Farrell, Senior Executive Planner, Planning and Property Development Department.

Non-officials

B. Seymour, Bernard Seymour Landscape Architects.

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to deal with pothole on Mayfield Road East.

Reply:

Road Maintenance will have the pothole filled on Mayfield Road East.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she would examine the possibility of providing street signs or directional signs for Elm Park Green as outlined in the email submitted with this question (details supplied).

Reply:

I understand that Elm Park Green is a private development and therefore Road Maintenance Services Division would not be in a position to put up a street nameplate.

Road Maintenance Services do not put up directional signs.

Q.3 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to re-assign the on street parking outside 26 - 30 Upper Rathmines Road (The Uppercross House Hotel) to allow for a loading bay with enough space available to park a coach overnight in order to facilitate coach tours to the area.

Reply:

The above request is listed as an appeal for examination and report by the area traffic engineer. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course

Q.4 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager (a) to install addition "No Cycling" signs stencilled onto the promenade on Sandymount Strand in circumstances where there are a number of points where cyclists can enter the promenade without seeing a no cycling sign, and (b) to arrange for the Parks Department to conduct a review of the extent of impermissible cycling which takes place on the promenade between 8 - 9am and 4.30 - 6pm on weekdays.

Reply:

(a) Road Markings are prescribed as per the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual; there is no provision for the installation of "No Cycling" road markings. Dublin City Council is currently finalising a Road Safety Strategy with the focus on public awareness education with particular reference to non-cycling on footpaths. The 'RESPECT' campaign is due to roll out in early 2017.

The operator of Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes has been contacted with regard to the proposal to initiate a public awareness campaign with regard to the rules of the road, with particular reference to non-cycling on footpaths. Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes members will be reminded to always obey the rules of the road and to never cycle on footpaths. This message is already on bike stands and online for members, and will be communicated to members to coincide with commencement of similar safe cycling initiatives by Dublin City Council.

- (b) Parks and Landscapes Service will review the issue of cycling at this location in conjunction with the Cycling and Walking promotions Officer.

Q.5 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Having regard to the serious litter problems at (a) Ringsend Park, Sean Moore Park and the road between the two parks; and (b) Sandymount beach and Irishtown Nature Park all the way to the South Wall, to ask the area manager to put in place the following measures:

- (a) To install more bins at these locations, in particular along the stretch from the walkway into Irishtown Nature Park (which begins at the meeting point of the end of the beach and the entrance to Sean Moore Park) and out to the South Wall where, with the exception of one blast cast iron bin which has been recently installed, there are no bins following an act of vandalism some time ago when bins were burned out; and
- (b) To introduce more scrutiny and imposition of fines for litterers at these locations.

Reply:

- (a) Waste Management Services will have a litter bin installed on the nature walk by the end of September 2016.
- (b) The areas mentioned were inspected last week and were all found to be in a relatively clean and litter-free condition. However, these areas will continue to be monitored and the number of public litter bins in the vicinity will also be looked at. Fines of €150 under the Litter Pollution legislation have very recently been issued in this area to some people who failed to clean up after their dogs.

Q.6 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area manager to install more bicycle racks / stands in Sandymount, especially at the location beside the Tesco on Sandymount Road. Bicycle racks / stands in Sandymount at present are insufficient to meet demand.

Reply:

The location will be assessed for the installation of additional cycle stands in due course based on the existing occupancy levels and the suitability of available footpath capacity to cater for additional stands.

Q.7 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager why was the lease for 1 Scarlet Row (Temple Bar) granted to an ice cream and waffle restaurant where the competitive tender application was clearly marked no food retailers need apply?

Reply:

This commercial retail unit was formally put on the Market in April 2016 by Temple Bar Cultural Trust (TBCT). The original advertisement for this vacant unit is still on-line and the advertisement does not restrict or state food ventures are prohibited. The advertisement states current planning permission for this unit (1 Scarlet Row) is for retail and retail use. The Temple-Bar project team engaged Owens Commercials, Estate Agents with the assistance of the Chief Valuers office in Dublin City Council and neither of these offices gave an instruction to the agent to restrict any interest in this unit, including food or stating food/café interest should be prohibited.

The successful applicant was aware of the current planning permission (retail) when his proposal for this venture was accepted by the TBCT board. This issue (relevant

planning permission) has been formally captured in the lease between TBCT and the tenant. The tenant has been made responsible for any planning issues/risks and to regularise them with Dublin City Council's planning department. The lease is subject to the tenant getting full planning permission for a change of use for the premises, and to use the premises as an ice cream shop will require permission from the Planning Authority.

The Board of TBCT in making the decision on this tender process was keen to achieve a business which would create increased foot-fall and animation for the area. In making this decision the Board was advised by the Temple Bar Project Team and the City Valuer's Office. Any premature development work at the premises prior to Planning Permission will be subject to enforcement proceedings.

There was one other contender in the final phase of the tendering process.

The other unit mentioned at 1 Pudding Row was previously awarded to an Italian business family following a tender process. The original planning permission was for retail and the tenant formally secured a change of use to operate as a restaurant/Italian cookery school, where there are regular cookery classes during the week and on Saturday mornings. I understand the Italian business family employed a number of Irish contractors to assist them with the fit out of the premises. The investment by the tenant at this previously troublesome corner site has been significant and it has made a big difference in visual terms to the area.

The original developmental guide for this west end part of Temple-Bar includes retail, culture, media, offices and food/café units. The mix includes culture and heritage but is not limited to culture and heritage. Over the last 3 years a number of bespoke operators have surrendered their leases in a number of units in this area which has resulted in a high turnover of new tenants. These lettings reflected the economic reality a number of years ago and the difficulties of operating in the West End for small bespoke businesses.

As such the mix in the area has changed due to these difficulties, as recently presented by a tenant in this area, who vacated a unit in August due to a lack of foot-fall and difficulty in making the business work from a financial perspective.

Q.8 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager (a) to provide an update on and (b) to grant the application by [Details supplied].

Reply:

A decision was made on 15/9/2016 regarding this applicant's request to be considered under the Exceptional Social Grounds Scheme. No priority was recommended in this case.

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on the Transfer list for two bed accommodation with the following position:

Area B (Coolock /Darndale) Position 211

Unfortunately, Dublin City Council are now allocating 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.

Q.9 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager whether it would be possible for [details supplied].

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is on the housing list in Band 2, for a two bedroom unit in Area M. No. 159 for Area M (City Quay, Irishtown, Mount Street, Pearse Street, Ballsbridge, Ringsend, Donnybrook and Georges Quay).

Unfortunately, it is not possible to give an indication of when the applicant may be reached for an offer as No. 159 is not a high position on the list. However, it has been noted on (details supplied) file that she wishes to live away from her current location. In order to expand her areas of choice, the applicant needs to add further areas to her application. She can do so by calling to speak to a Housing Advisor in Housing Allocations or by sending her request in writing to Housing Allocations, Block 2, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

Q.10 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Having regard to the serious problem of litter, dumping and graffiti in South East Docklands Area, especially along the Liffey campshire, and the obvious need for more bins, bottle banks, more frequent and regular bin collections, clearing and sweeping of footpaths and campshire areas, eye-catching posters and surveillance by wardens on foot or on bicycle along the quays (especially at the campshires) followed by consequences for offenders, to ask the Area manager to coordinate an effective and imaginative programme to deal with these issues involving cooperation between Dublin City Council, the OPW, the Gardaí and community institutions such as libraries and schools.

Reply:

An Inspection of this area last week showed the areas mentioned to be in a clean and litter free condition and with sufficient public litterbins that are regularly serviced. This area is not suitable for bottle banks. It is proposed to launch a "Think Don't Tag" video on social media in November and this will be rolled out to schools and other relevant areas through various Dublin City Council staff and the Gardaí.

Q.11 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager to address the problem of abandoned cars on Oaklands Park and Drive, off Serpentine Avenue, which is becoming a serious issue? Residents have recently counted four such cars which have been parked at this location for at least the last six months. These cars have no up to date tax or insurance and some have neither. There is one car with UK registration which has been at the location for approximately a year.

Reply:

The four cars in question were inspected on the 27th September 2016.

Car registration no. 1 has current tax disc displayed and so could not be deemed abandoned.

Car registration no. 2 has been inspected and the owner contacted. I am happy that this vehicle is not abandoned.

Car registration no. 3 has been inspected on two previous occasions and the owner contacted. Again I am happy that vehicle is not abandoned.

Car registration no. 4 - the owner has been written to for clarification of status.

Q.12 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager to arrange for the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church) to be cleaned as it is currently very dirty. This question refers in particular to the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council cleaned on the 27th September 2016. Contact will be made with Irish Rail to ensure that they clean up their property at this location.

Q.13 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the area manager to put in place the following arrangements to address the problem of coaches on Burgh Quay:

- (a) To write to all coach operators who stop at Burgh Quay and request that they instruct their drivers to switch off the engine when stopped to allow passengers to board and disembark in order to reduce noise pollution and vibration of adjacent buildings;
- (b) To require coach operators to provide a waiting area for patrons (as City Link on Crampton Quay provide), or for the Council to build a shelter to prevent passengers from using the entrances and steps of adjacent buildings as a waiting area; and
- (c) To provide a report on what the "additional bus priority measures" for Burgh Quay referred to in the College Green Traffic Management plan entail.

Reply:

In response to each item:

- (a) Please see Q84 and its reply from September 2016 meeting:
"Tail pipe and sound emissions are an inherent consequence of operating a bus fleet. The buses are licensed to pick up and set down passengers at this location. If they are overstaying in contravention of their license condition, with the subsequent running of their engines, it is a matter for enforcement of the license conditions. To request the turning off of engines while picking up or dropping off passengers might only encourage a longer stay by buses at this location, contrary to their existing permission for the boarding and alighting of passengers only. These issues fall outside the remit of the Air Pollution Act 1987 and the Environmental Protection Act 1992."
- (b) The provision of bus shelters is not within the remit of Dublin City Council. Dublin City Council has the role of assessing planning applications for the provision of bus shelter when submitted.
- (c) In relation to our proposal to introduce additional bus priority measures on Burgh Quay, as referred to in our 'College Green Traffic Management Measures', no detail has been concluded. Any proposal which may be developed will be subject to public consultation as part of the overall project.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have area around Kerlogue Road, Ringsend cleared of weeds and growth, see photo attached.

Reply:

The second round of weed-spraying throughout the South East Area commenced at the end of September. Kerlogue Road, Ringsend is included in the spraying schedule.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the road at the entrance to Mount Sandford, Milltown Road resurfaced. This section of the road is under the remit of Dublin City Council and has become very uneven with potholes.

Reply:

This area of carriageway is not in charge. The area which is in charge runs along the line of the boundary wall. It does not include the road entrance to the private gates.

This area appears to be private and as such does not come under the city council's remit. However, further enquiries are being made to establish the ownership.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

- a) To ask the manager to arrange with Dublin Bus to have a Real Time sign erected outward bound at Pearse Street, Stop number 351, Opposite Pearse Street Library.
(b) To ask the manager to arrange with Dublin Bus to have a Real Time sign erected outward bound at Ringsend, stop number 356, adjacent to the charity shop.

Reply:

The provision of Real Time Information signs is a function of the National Transport Authority (NTA). This question has been referred to the NTA for consideration and a report will issue to the Councillor when a reply is received

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the area around the Seaman's Monument cleared and cleaned. It is located on the green area at the entrance to the Seán Moore Road, Ringsend.

Reply:

This area has been added to the works programme and will be attended to over the coming weeks.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to undertake meaningful temporary repairs at Chatham Street, Dublin 2, adjacent to Neary's Pub. This area has been in a dreadful state of repair for the last two years. Businesses in the area are aware of the planned upgrading of this area, but in the interim, temporary measures need to be implemented.

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected Chatham Street and carried out temporary repairs by removing loose bricks and replacing them with tarmac. More permanent repairs will be carried out when a crew becomes available.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager what is being done with the reports of rat infestation on Sandymount Strand, and has poison been laid recently to eradicate the vermin.

Reply:

There is a natural rat population who live along the shoreline and which scavenge on food and material washed in with the tides and shelter in the rocks in this area. Parks and Landscape Service will continue to monitor the situation in conjunction with the Public Domain Officer with the intention of laying bait where the population becomes excessive.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

The pathway leading up to the Sea Scouts, Pigeon House Road is unusable due to overgrowth. Could the manager arrange to have the pathway cleaned and brought back into use? See photo attached.

Reply:

This pathway will be cleared of all overgrowth and brought back to condition suitable for use.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the issue of uneven and broken paving stones outside the Radisson Hotel and the Argentinian restaurant on Golden Lane, Dublin 8.

Reply:

These repairs will be put on Road Maintenance Services works list to be carried out when a crew is available in this area.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue: A lime tree in front of 14 and 16 Irishtown Road needs to be trimmed and cut back. There are cracks in the path at the base of the tree. Residents do not want the tree removed, but they do not want to be overshadowed either. Photo attached.

Reply:

This work has been included in our works programme and will be undertaken over the coming four to six weeks.

Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the following four abandoned cars on Oaklands, off Serpentine Avenue, Sandymount removed. See pictures in email to follow.

Reply:

The four cars in question were inspected on the 27th September 2016.

Car registration no. 1 has current tax disc displayed and so could not be deemed abandoned.

Car registration no. 2 has been inspected and the owner contacted. I am happy that this vehicle is not abandoned.

Car registration no. 3 has been inspected on two previous occasions and the owner contacted. Again I am happy that vehicle is not abandoned.

Car registration no. 4 - the owner has been written to for clarification of status.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to have a row of planes trees trimmed at Cambridge Square, Ringsend. Currently, due to their height and density, they are overlooking and shading the apartments at the Cambridge Court residential complex.

Reply:

The trees at this location have been included in our works programme for the area and will be pruned over the coming four to six weeks.

Q.25 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Are there plans for a Local Area Plan for Harold's Cross?

Reply:

The Dublin City Development Plan was adopted at a Special Council meeting on the 23rd of September 2016. The plan will come into effect on the 21st October 2016.

Harold's Cross has been added to Table F which sets out the proposed Statutory Local Area Plan (LAP) / Strategic Development Zones to deliver the core strategy. The ordering of the delivery of such LAPs to be determined by city councillors.

Q.26 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the city manager whether double yellow lines can be installed on both sides of the laneway behind the houses at 11 - 29 Ormond Road. Such lines are needed as a fire engine was not able to get down the laneway in order to extinguish a fire during the summer.

Reply:

The request for double yellow lines on the laneway behind house numbers 11 - 29 Ormond Road has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.27 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager arrange for the graffiti to be removed from Larkfield Gardens?

Reply:

No graffiti was visible in the vicinity of *details supplied as per an inspection of the area carried out on Wednesday 5th October 2016.

Q.28 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the footpath outside 65 Lavarna Grove be repaired?

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected the footpath outside 65 Lavarna Grove. This section of footpath has been added to our works programme. These works will be carried out when a crew becomes available.

Q.29 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the trees on Edenvale Road be replaced?

Reply:

The pavements in Edenvale Avenue are very narrow and replacement planting would require the excavation of the footpath. This would be costly and will be considered in the context of future works programmes. There will be no provision for this however in 2017.

Q.30 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager explain and set out the objective criteria behind why certain residents on Casimir Road are given dual parking permits to park on adjoining streets?

Reply:

It is the policy of the council to include an additional road on a Resident Parking Permit, upon request from a resident, where the applicant resides in a dwelling adjoining the additional road being sought.

Other than residents whose dwelling satisfies the above requirement, the inclusion of an additional road on any Resident Parking Permit is considered strictly on a case by case basis, and will only be considered where the council is satisfied that there is very high demand on the road on which the applicant resides and that there is sufficient spare capacity remaining on the road being sought to cater for the additional demand for parking.

There are 90 Pay and Display and Permit Parking spaces on Casimir Road and currently 89 Resident Parking Permits issued to residents of the road. Of these, 15 have been issued with a permit that also includes an additional road, 5 with Casimir Avenue, 9 with Sion Hill Avenue and 1 with Wilfrid Road.

Q.31 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the ramp outside Number 6 Larkfield Gardens be replaced?

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected the ramp at 6 Larkfield Gardens and found it to be serviceable. No works are programmed for this ramp.

Q.32 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager arrange for the light outside Number 42 Gulistan Road to be repaired?

Reply:

The light on pole no. 6 located here was repaired 06/10/16.

Q.33 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager arrange for more street lighting to be installed on Mountain View Road to facilitate visitors to the community centre?

Reply:

An additional light standard was installed here and all of the lighting was upgraded as part of our 2011 programme of improvement works. We have no plans to install any further lighting here but will arrange for the lamps to be replaced and lanterns cleaned to improve the overall light output.

Q.34 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the drains outside 6 Derravaragh Road be unblocked?

Reply:

The blocked shore at this location has been cleared.

Q.35 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager put double yellow lines on the corners of Mount Argus Close in circumstances where there is poor visibility caused by parked cars?

Reply:

The request for double yellow lines on the corners of Mount Argos Close has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the dampness on the exterior and interior of *details supplied. On the outside wall the dampness can clearly be seen running down the wall and at this stage it is leading to moss growing at this point.

Reply:

Clarification has been sought from the councillor. The matter will be investigated on receipt of the clarification sought.

Q.37 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have gates installed to the rear of 4 – 5 - 6 - 7 Leukos Road as there is serious antisocial behaviour taking place as can be seen in photo attached?

Reply:

No photo was attached with the councillor's question. The area was inspected on 5/10/2016 there was no evidence of anti social behaviour. There were a number of paving stones apparently being stored in the laneway which allegedly belong to one of the households with access to the laneway. The rear gate of one the houses is also in a poor state of repair. There is no record in the area office or knowledge of any complaints of anti social behaviour in this laneway. The housing section does not propose to erect a gate to this narrow area of land which is a part of a larger laneway however there would be no objection if residents decided by consensus with the relevant households to erect a gate at the location at their own expense.

Efforts are being made to have the paving stones removed and the gate in question repaired.

Q.38 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the tree stump outside *details supplied removed and the pavement repaired as there is now a large stump after a tree was removed and it is a serious trip hazard

Reply:

The removal of the tree stump at this location has been added to our works programme and it is proposed to have it removed over the coming weeks.

These repairs will be put on Road Maintenance Services works list to be carried out when a crew is available in this area.

Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have gates installed in lane to the rear of *details supplied as there is considerable local dumping and anti social behaviour taking place

Reply:

The laneway was inspected on 5/10/16. There was no evidence of anti social behaviour or illegal dumping. However, the office is aware of issues in the past with illegal dumping in this area.

The laneway in question is accessed from three pathways which provide access to approximately thirteen houses, a number of which are in private ownership. A raised

grass area runs along the boundary of the wall of the laneway which makes it accessible at almost any point along this boundary wall. A gate or even three gates at each access point is not recommended, as the entire length of the laneway would remain accessible from the raised grassed area. It should be noted that if households wish to continue to pursue the closure of the laneway they may have to do so formally in accordance with the procedures laid out in Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews

There was a fire in a house on Arnott Street last night - 25th Sept. The fire engines had difficulty passing the parked cars. Have the parking arrangements on this street been reviewed by Dublin Fire Brigade? The engines did eventually manage to clear the cars on the corner, but if they had not the consequences should be obvious.

Reply:

The existing parking arrangements on Arnott Street are in accordance with the current Dublin City Council requirements. A minimum width of 6.5m is necessary to accommodate double sided parking and 4.6m for single sided parking. The South end of Arnott Street has an average width of 7m and has double sided parking arrangements. The North end of Arnott Street has an average width of 5.9m and has single sided parking on the Western side and double yellow lines on the East. There are parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines around the corner of Arnott Street.

Parking issues when identified by Dublin Fire Brigade are referred to the Roads and Traffic Department. Illegal parking can delay Fire Brigade response. In an emergency if access is required by the Fire Brigade and is blocked by parked vehicles the offending vehicles will be moved by whatever means is necessary by the responding Fire Brigade Units.

Q.41 Councillor Chris Andrews

The junction of Harrington Street, South Circular Road, Heytesbury Street and Stamer Street is dangerous. Several incidents have occurred here recently to our knowledge - a cyclist was knocked off his bike by a car breaking the lights at this junction. It is not unusual to have to jump out of the way of cars breaking the pedestrian lights, and a child was knocked off his bike and run over on the way to school in the last couple of weeks. Cars (and bikes and pedestrians) regularly ignore the lights and yellow box at this junction. I would like to ask for more enforcement from the Gardaí, and also an upgrade of the junction. It has a pedestrian crossing at only two sides and this should be upgraded to all four sides?

Reply:

The matter regarding dangerous driver behaviour will be referred to the Gardaí at the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting. The junction will be assessed and considered for its suitability to incorporate a full wrap around pedestrian phase.

The request to upgrade the pedestrian crossing at the above junction has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please bring a report to the October meeting of the Committee with details including mapping show all sites within the Pembroke South Dock Area that are proposed for inclusion on the Vacant Sites Register under the

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 and that may be subject to a 3% annual levy on their value.

Reply:

Under the new Urban Regeneration and Housing Act the council has a requirement to produce a Vacant Site Register. A report on the preparation and production of this register was brought to the SPC meeting for discussion and was agreed.

The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act makes provision for a vacant sites levy in areas in which housing is required and in areas in need of renewal. The draft Dublin City Council Development Plan clearly defines these areas within the Council's functional area. Each Planning Authority is to establish and maintain a vacant sites register from 1st January 2017 as the owner is to be notified before 1st June 2017 that their site is on the register and the levy is payable in arrears. Each site must be surveyed, mapped and its market value and ownership ascertained. The Act outlines the procedure for sites on the register, appropriate notices, market value, appeals, the amount of the levy etc.

As part of this programme the survey for the inner city area is nearing completion. The Active Land Management team is systematically progressing through the rest of the city to create a complete register of vacant sites within the functional area of Dublin City Council.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to examine what options might be available to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists at the junction of Harrington Street, South Circular Road, Heytesbury Street and Stamer Street as several incidents have occurred here recently. Perhaps extending the pedestrian crossing to all four sides might be a solution.

Reply:

The matter regarding dangerous driver behaviour will be referred to the Gardaí at the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting. The junction will be assessed and considered for its suitability to incorporate a full wrap around pedestrian phase.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what can be done to ensure that Emergency Services have sufficient access to the houses in Arnott Street, Portobello and whether the street has been reviewed by Dublin Fire Brigade recently as the cars parked on street proved to be an obstruction when fire services were trying to attend a fire on the street last month.

Reply:

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offending vehicles will be moved by whatever means is necessary by the responding Fire Brigade Units.

Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to please clean the gullies on Gordon Street as a matter of urgency and if she could also carry out an inspection and analysis of all the shores in the area as the streets are at high risk of flooding.

Reply:

14 of the 15 gullies on Gordon Street were cleared on 30/9/16.

Q.46 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what is the purpose of the bollards on Grafton Street, if there are plans to repaint them in the near future as the paint is chipping off despite only being in place for just over a year, and if not would the Manager consider removing them altogether.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will liaise with the Road Maintenance Services Division regarding repainting the bollards in the 2017 works programme.

Q.47 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager whether *details supplied may be eligible for a rates exemption as they are they have not for profit status and are a registered charity.

Reply:

Details supplied is subject to commercial rates. Commercial rates are based on the valuation of the relevant property determined by the Valuation Office which is an independent statutory body. Dublin City Council has no function in the determination of valuations.

The matter should be referred to the Valuation Office to determine if it is eligible for exemption.

Q.48 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager whether the replacement planting in Merrion Square has been completed, if not how many trees have yet to be planted and when that planting will be completed.

Reply:

85 trees were planted this year and there will be further planting next year.

The improvement to the park will continue for at least two more years and the planting of natural, naturalised, and ornamental trees will continue subject to available funding.

Q.49 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager why there are no public recycling facilities in the city centre and if she could please consider re - installing bottle banks in the city centre.

Reply:

The issue of bottle banks in the city centre is one that we are currently examining. However finding an appropriate location in the city centre is a challenge. Any bottle bank site has to fit three criteria:

1. Access for a truck to remove full containers.
2. Ensuring no overhead electrical wires are present.
3. There is a minimum 50 meter distance rule from residential property, save with the consent in writing of the owner or occupier.

We would be delighted to examine any suggested locations for suitability, in the meantime please be advised that we have centrally located bottle banks at the following locations:

- North Strand Civic Amenity Site, Shamrock Terrace, Dublin 1.
- Parkgate Street, Dublin 7.
- Smithfield, St. Mary's Car Park, Michen Street (beside the fruit market), Dublin 7.
- Civic Offices, Winetavern Street, Dublin 8.

Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she would consider removing some of the parking spaces on Pembroke Street Upper from Fitzwilliam Square South to Leeson Street Lower and to replace them with a cycle lane in order improve safety conditions for cyclists along this stretch of road.

Reply:

Pembroke Street Upper is not included on the National Transport Authority's (NTA's) Greater Dublin Cycle Network Plan. The Cycle Network Plan includes the cycle schemes which Dublin City Council is dealing with at present. It is understood that the NTA will be conducting a feasibility study on a proposed Cycleway, located on-street inside parked vehicles ('parking protected' cycleway), from Fitzwilliam Place to Holles Street. In light of the above, there are no proposals to remove parking along Pembroke Street Upper.

Q.51 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the issue of abandoned cars on Oaklands, off Serpentine Avenue, Dublin 4 as per details attached in email to be forwarded separately.

Reply:

The four cars in question were inspected on the 27th September 2016.

Car registration no. 1 has current tax disc displayed and so could not be deemed abandoned.

Car registration no. 2 has been inspected and the owner contacted. I am happy that this vehicle is not abandoned.

Car registration no. 3 has been inspected on two previous occasions and the owner contacted. Again I am happy that vehicle is not abandoned.

Car registration no. 4 - the owner has been written to for clarification of status.

Q.52 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the following lighting issues *details supplied.

Reply:

The lighting on details supplied was out due to the loss of electrical supply. The power has since been restored to five of the seven light standards here. A night

inspection of the lighting along Sir John Rogerson's Quay is scheduled on 06/10/16. Any faults recorded will be repaired as soon as possible.

Q.53 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to pro-actively tackle the litter problem in the following areas *details supplied.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that the roads and footpaths in the above mentioned areas are kept as clean as possible.

The areas mentioned were inspected last week and were all found to be in a relatively clean and litter-free condition. However, these areas will continue to be monitored and the number of public litter bins in the vicinity will also be looked at. Fines of €150 under the Litter Pollution legislation have very recently been issued in this area to some people who failed to clean up after their dogs.

The above mentioned Parks are cleaned regularly and litter removed from site. I will arrange to have them monitored.

Q.54 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to investigate the following issue, and to provide a full report on same:

Reply:

This commercial retail unit was formally put on the market in April 2016 by Temple Bar Cultural Trust (TBCT). The original advertisement for this vacant unit is still on-line and the advertisement does not restrict or state food ventures are prohibited. The advertisement states current planning permission for this unit (1 Scarlet Row) is for retail and retail use. The Temple-Bar project team engaged Owens Commercials, Estate Agents with the assistance of the Chief Valuer's Office in Dublin City Council and neither of these offices gave an instruction to the agent to restrict any interest in this unit, including food or stating food/café interest should be prohibited.

The successful applicant was aware of the current planning permission (retail) when his proposal for this venture was accepted by the TBCT board. This issue (relevant planning permission) has been formally captured in the lease between TBCT and the tenant. The tenant has been made responsible for any planning issues/risks and to regularise them with Dublin City Council's planning department. The lease is subject to the tenant getting full planning permission for a change of use for the premises, and to use the premises as an ice cream shop will require permission from the Planning Authority.

The Board of TBCT in making the decision on this tender process was keen to achieve a business which would create increased foot-fall and animation for the area. In making this decision the Board was advised by the Temple Bar Project Team and the City Valuer's Office. Any premature development work at the premises prior to Planning Permission will be subject to enforcement proceedings.

There was one other contender in the final phase of the tendering process.

The other unit mentioned at 1 Pudding Row was previously awarded to an Italian business family following a tender process. The original planning permission was for retail and the tenant formally secured a change of use to operate as a restaurant/Italian cookery school, where there are regular cookery classes during the

week and on Saturday mornings. I understand the Italian business family employed a number of Irish contractors to assist them with the fit out of the premises. The investment by the tenant at this previously troublesome corner site has been significant and it has made a big difference in visual terms to the area.

The original developmental guide for this west end part of Temple-Bar includes retail, culture, media, offices and food/café units. The mix includes culture and heritage but is not limited to culture and heritage. Over the last 3 years a number of bespoke operators have surrendered their leases in a number of units in this area which has resulted in a high turnover of new tenants. These lettings reflected the economic reality a number of years ago and the difficulties of operating in the West End for small bespoke businesses.

As such the mix in the area has changed due to these difficulties, as recently presented by a tenant in this area, who vacated a unit in August due to a lack of foot-fall and difficulty in making the business work from a financial perspective.

Q.55 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for an update on the provision of a disabled parking space on Cambridge Avenue, Ringsend.

Reply:

The criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay outside a private residence on Cambridge Avenue was forwarded to the resident on 29th June, 2016. No further correspondence has been received to date by the City Council in relation to this matter.

Q.56 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the issue of fruit falling from the trees on Carlisle Street and Emorville in Portobello, in the short term by ensuring adequate street cleaning, and in the long term by replacing the trees with the agreement of the residents.

Reply:

Waste Management Services Division operates a leaves and fruit removal programme during the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. We will ensure that the above mentioned streets are included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

These trees are a particularly heavy cropping variety of pear tree (*Pyrus* sps.) and I am willing to arrange for their removal and replacement with a more appropriate species subject to receipt of written consent from the local residents association and / or a petition for their removal from residents on the streets.

Q.57 Councillor Chris Andrews

To ask the area manager to ensure that the shower that has been sanctioned is put into *details supplied as a matter of urgency given the very bad health of the tenant.

Reply:

The provision of a shower under our Scheme for persons with Disabilities was approved for this tenant in July 2016. These works, together with approximately 30 other similar works are currently being tendered for.

When the tenders have been examined and accepted, a contractor will be selected to carry out all the shower adaptations on the tender.

It is not possible to give a date of commencement until a contractor has been appointed, however this work is scheduled to be carried out relatively soon.