Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee Meeting 9th January 2017

Q.1 <u>Councillor Dermot Lacey</u>

To ask the Manager if she will arrange to have the area known as "The Drain" alongside Ringsend Park included in the weekly sweeping plan and have the same area examined for resurfacing.

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

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group to look at the possibility of installing a roundabout at the junction of Newbridge Avenue / Tritonville Road instead of the present confusing arrangements.

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

Further to question number 44 at the December area committee tabled by Councillor Paddy McCartan and bearing in mind that the specific question related to the fact that the site height at Dunluce is now between 300 - 700mm above the garden levels of neighbouring houses and that on the original drawing, which were submitted as part of the grant of planning, the site height was below neighbouring properties. This raises concerns for neighbours with surface water potentially draining into their properties from Dunluce.

The bigger issued raised is whether the actual building is now 700mm higher relative to other properties than the original grant of planning?

Can the manager respond to this?

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she can take action to have the serious rat problem to the rear of *details supplied investigated and dealt with through liaison of whatever state agency has responsibility, if not Dublin City Council.

Q.5 <u>Councillor Chris Andrews</u>

Will the manager agree to have a school lollipop person located at the junction of Hanover Street East and Creighton Street given the increased number of children using this point to get to city quay school along with the increased developments in the area that will dramatically increase the number of cars using this junction?

Q.6 <u>Councillor Chris Andrews</u>

Will the manager have the zebra crossing on Hanover Street East moved closer to junction with Creighton street and past the closest gate from Pearse House and close to Creighton Street when the development is complete, as a lot of children use that gate to go to school and will not walk back to use the crossing particularly when the Euro Spar is moved closer to Creighton Street?

Q.7 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager state how many cars have been clamped in Pearse House in 2016 and can a letter be sent around the residents in Pearse House to let them know the requirements re parking and visitors parking passes?

Q.8 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the maintenance issue in *details supplied fixed as a matter of urgency as water comes down the internal wall every time it rains and this has been going on for the last few years without it ever being properly fixed and the smell this causes from water rotting the floor is making it worse so can contractors be hired to fix this long running problem?

Q.9 <u>Councillor Chris Andrews</u>

Given that the bridge in Ringsend is particularly unsafe for pedestrians and that there are proposals/plans for the upgrading of the bridge why works cannot commence to make the bridge safer ahead of the Greenway project?

Q.10 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to examine the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing at Park Avenue, Sandymount adjacent to the number 1 bus terminus. Recently a constituent was knocked down as she attempted to cross the road on alighting from the number 1 bus. As there is a church and also a nursing home in close proximity this is now a safety issue and needs to be addressed.

Q.11 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

On Mespil Road, off Baggot Street Lower, office staff of adjoining premises smoke outside on the street and there are no bins provided for the disposal of butts. Thus the pavements are covered in cigarette butts. Has Dublin City Council (DCC) any role in ensuring companies provide bins and comply with the litter laws? Can DCC provide bins on that stretch of Mespil Road?

Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Can the manager clarify who is responsible in the situation outlined in the following: There are tall trees in the grounds of the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS), Burlington Road, which are never pruned or maintained? They encroach on Waterloo Lane and branches fall on driveways. There has been no response to the issue following written requests from residents to deal with the problem. As this is a health and safety issue, has Dublin City Council any power to intervene?

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with this issue on Erne Street Lower / Hanover Street East, as in the following photograph and email from a constituent:

"This morning I was cycling into work and I was coming down Erne Street Lower, taking a right turn on to Hanover Street East when I came off my bike. I was travelling at a reasonable speed. When taking the right turn the wheels on my bike slipped on the cobbles. My wrist is a bit sprained and I took a bang to the head; however, the helmet protected me from most of the impact.

It did leave me to wonder why on earth is there a square of cobbles in the middle of a junction for four tarmaced roads. Given the extent of the traffic on this road and how slippery the cobbles seemed this morning, I would think it in the interest to public safety that the junction surface be replaced with something less hazardous. I've attached a picture of the junction to demonstrate"



Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the issue of overflowing, unemptied bins left out on the pavement 24/7 at Sussex Road (the stretch between the Canal Bank Café and the Burlington Hotel).

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

There is an abandoned car at Sussex Road with an out of date tax disc and no insurance. It has a legal parking permit, but the vehicle is registered at a different address.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to examine the feasibility of installing traffic calming from the corner of Upper Leeson Street and onto Sussex Road, as vehicles fly around the corner at dangerous speeds. Traffic calming is needed from Leeson Street Bridge as far as the Burlington Hotel.

Q.17 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could the manager arrange for double yellow lines to be put down parallel to the river in Mount Argus Court in circumstances where lorries and cars are parking parallel to the river making the entrance to Mount Argus Court tight and hazardous for residents?

Q.18 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Could the manager arrange for the footpath outside *details supplied to be repaired?

Q.19 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the manager if the road markings to indicate 'NO ENTRY' can be repainted in Castlewood Park in circumstances where they have deteriorated and are now practically illegible, with a consequent effect on road safety in Castlewood Park.

Q.20 <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u> Can the park furniture, bridge railings etc. be repainted in Mount Argus Park?

Q.21 <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u> Can Lower Beechwood Avenue be cleaned?

Q.22 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a sign be erected at the entrance to Saint Kevin's Park in Dartry to indicate that children are at play?

Q.23 <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u> Can the potholes outside the front of 73 Garville Ave Upper be repaired?

Q.24 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Due to parking, generally by patrons of Bushy Park, in a manner that significantly encroaches on the entrance gates to houses at Rathdown Drive, and prevents residents exiting or exiting safely and readily, can double yellow lines - no more than 1 metre long – be put down at each side of the dished footpath area?

Q.25 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Would the manager consider putting more bins for dog waste on Ashdale Gardens as it is littered with dog foul to an appalling level?

Q.26 <u>Councillor Claire O'Connor</u>

Given the heavy footfall in and out of the hospital can Oaklands Drive and Crescent be cleaned more frequently?

Q.27 <u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u>

To ask the manager to see what can be done to address the constant build up of rubbish in Leinster Square from nearby fast food outlets. Residents are now starting to see rats in the area.

Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager or Traffic Department to investigate the possibility of putting a right turn light on Harold's Cross Bridge as you approach from the canal and are travelling towards Harold's Cross. It has been brought to my attention that there have been a few near accidents as a result of no filter light.

Q.29 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please respond to the substance of the motion tabled in December 2014 regarding large trucks in inner suburbs and danger to cyclists? The response below does not address this issue in the motion. While Respect is not explained, I expect this is about behaviour which does not address 5 axel trucks in our suburban roads.

Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill LAC December 2014

That the traffic engineers examine the safety implications for pedestrians and cyclists of very large delivery trucks moving around the inner suburbs of Dublin 4 and 6 and report back to this committee within the next 3 months. The recent tragic accidents Terenure and Ranelagh highlight the potential danger for pedestrians in the area.

The Area Engineers response is below:

"The behavioural change of both drivers and cyclists is an ongoing challenge for Dublin City Council to improve awareness and increased safety for all road users. Dublin City Council continues to promote sustainable transport by continually investing in cycle facilities to encourage cycling in a safer manner.

Dublin City Council's Road Safety Strategy 2016 – 2020 is currently being finalised. A key element to the Strategy under the education pillar will be a public awareness campaign 'RESPECT'. The 'RESPECT' campaign aims to educate and reinforce strong safety messages for all road users, including messaging to cyclists about rules of the road. The 'RESPECT' campaign is due to roll out in early 2017.

The operator of Coca-Cola Zero Dublin bikes has been contacted with regard to the proposal to initiate a public awareness campaign with regard to cycling in the city and will be communicated to members to coincide with commencement of similar safe cycling initiatives by Dublin City Council.

Recently Dublin City Council has carried out Public Consultation on proposed Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws, with particular regard to the extension of the 30km/h speed limit into further residential areas of our city. The proposed expansion of the 30 km/h zone is to ensure that the set speed limits are as safe and appropriate as possible for vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and cyclists. Under the 'Smart Dublin' initiative, Dublin City Council and Enterprise Ireland announced funding on Thursday 15th September to improve cycling in Dublin by supporting five smart projects using innovative technologies to solve city challenges which will improve the cycling experience and safety of bicycle users in urban areas. Smart Dublin is an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities to engage with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens to solve city challenges and improve city life.

Dublin City Council operates a Heavy Goods Vehicles Management Strategy for the city to encourage maximum use of the Port Tunnel by port-related traffic and to enhance the city centre environment. The HGV Strategy provides for a ban on 5+ axle vehicles during the hours of 07.00-19.00 seven days a week from a designated cordon area and provides a limited permit scheme for 5+ axle vehicles that need to load/unload within the city centre area. The HGV Strategy has resulted in dramatic reductions of 5+ axle vehicles within the city centre area of between 80 - 94% on different routes within the cordon area.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in reverting to you on this which was due to staff shortages coupled with a large volume of correspondence to be worked through.

Q.30 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have lights fixed in the tower of O'Carroll Villas flat complex. Block beside O'Callaghan's Hotel.

Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

On 15 November 2016 a resident e-mailed Road Maintenance with the following query:

"This morning I was cycling into work and I was coming down Erne Street Lower, taking a right turn on to Hannover Street East when I came off my bike. I was travelling at a reasonable speed. When taking the right turn the wheels on my bike slipped on the cobbles. My wrist is a bit sprained and I took a bang to the head; however, the helmet protected me from most of the impact.

It did leave me to wonder why on earth is there a square of cobbles in the middle of a junction for four tarmaced roads. Given the extent of the traffic on this road and how slippery the cobbles seemed this morning, I would think it in the interest o public safety that the junction surface be replaced with something less hazardous. I've attached a picture of the junction to demonstrate." (Photo attached)

The resident contacted me at the end of the month when he had not received a response.

To ask the Area Manager:

- (a) To provide a response to this query; and
- (b) To explain why the resident received no response to his query.

Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

As one emerges from the entrance to the Grove House apartment complex onto Milltown Road the line of vision in respect of oncoming traffic is extremely poor. Double yellow lines are required alongside the stretch of Milltown Road near this exit/the adjacent bus stop in order to ensure the safety of all road users. To ask the Area Manager to implement appropriate double yellow lines at this location.

Q.33 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to request that both Derelict Sites and Dangerous Buildings, as well as any other relevant council department investigate the status of the property at [details supplied] and require that appropriate remedial steps be taken in circumstances where the local residents' association reports as follows: *"The house had been unoccupied for about 8 years and is of great concern to nearby residents, particularly the adjoining house (no 95).* No 96 is not heated and is causing dampness in No 95. There is also a problem with rats... There is also the risk of squatters."

Q.34 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to install a pedestrian crossing at the top of Sandymount Avenue at the T-junction of Sandymount Avenue with Gilford Road. This crossing is used on a daily basis by large numbers of schoolchildren.

Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy

During the course of the recent footpath repair works on Ailesbury Park, the cement/surface material has set in such a way that the residents of *details supplied cannot open or close the gate which they rely upon for deliveries, bring in and out the bins, pedestrian access etc. To ask the Manager to resolve this without delay in circumstances where it has been caused entirely by the acts of the Council.

Q.36 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager organise for the traffic engineer call out to the principal of the Star of The Sea BNS to examine and consult with the school to address the traffic problem that has developed on Leahy Terrace outside the school particularly at drop off / pick up time there is severe congestion. I am concerned for the health and safety of pupils at these times and feel action is urgently required

Q.37 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the manager have the patio slabs to the rear and side of *details supplied repaired as they are dangerous and have been lifted as a result of the trees in the Park growing in under the resident's garden.

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many staff are dedicated to street cleaning, leaf removal and gully cleaning in the South East Area and how these compare to staffing levels in the same sections prior to 2008.

Q.39 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager how many complaints have been received by the council from tenants or occupants of council housing in relation to damp, condensation, and / or mould in their residences in the last 3 years, the details of the investigations that have been carried out in response to such complaints, the number of units which underwent each type of investigation, how many of these complaints led to action being taken, what action was taken to remedy the problem, how many units were remedied by means of these actions and what benefits have been seen as a result of the actions taken.

Q.40 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the plans for the pram sheds and bin storage solutions for Vincent Street South flats in Dublin 8.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager why the minutes of meetings that take place with council officials, councillors and local residents in relation to local issues in the South East Area are not circulated after such meetings, and if this practice can be implemented going forward.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she is aware of any proposals regarding Airbnb in the City in areas not zoned for commercial activity, if there are plans to introduce to requests for registrations of rentals and requests for change of use when sub letting properties through Airbnb, and if she can outline what the complaints procedure is for people living in apartment complexes experiencing difficulties with neighbours sub - letting their apartments through Airbnb.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she is aware that some casual traders on the Liffey Campshires who previously received electricity from the Dublin Docklands Authority are now finding difficulty in receiving electricity from Dublin City Council and can she please take steps to ensure that the supply is restored as a matter of urgency.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she could provide further details on the proposed Cultural Hub in Pigeon House Precinct as referenced in the draft Poolbeg West SDZ.

Q.45 <u>Councillor Patrick Costello</u>

To ask the manager to put a stop sign on where Harrisons Avenue joins Rathgar Avenue as currently cars trying to avoid traffic will sit blocking the footpath for pedestrians.

Q.46 Councillor Patrick Costello To ask the manager to fix the two broken street lights on Rathgar Avenue.

Q.47 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to repaint the double yellow lines on the lane behind Garville Avenue that were not replaced following repairs to the road.

Q.48 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to relocate the disabled car parking space from Highfield Road to the village centre in Rathgar.

Q.50 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager what discussions have taken place between the developers and the Parks Division re the public park area within Marianella?