

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
18th January 2017

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our Housing Maintenance Department to repair the windows at our tenant's property 163 Clonard Road, Crumlin. The tenant reports that the windows are stuck and will not open, thus presenting a fire hazard.

Reply

Our Joinery Workshop reports that the window sashes are being refurbished and will be installed in the property next week.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankq.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

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To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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Q6 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

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Q7 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q8 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**
To ask the Area Manager *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q9 **Councillor Rebecca Moynihan**
To ask the Area Manager *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q10 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
To ask the Area Manager that a follow up call be made by *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q11 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
To ask the Area Manager to ask our Planning Department to provide this Councillor with a report of all complaints that have been made in relation to the construction sites at *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q12 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
To ask the Area Manager to ask the relevant Department whether any of our street cleaning teams operate in the vicinity of Blackpitts, Mill Street, Warrenmount Dublin 8 between the hours of 6 and 8am.

Reply

Waste Management Services have street cleaning carried out in the above mentioned area around 10 am when they are working there.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 2224240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q13 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
To ask the Area Manager to repair the windows which do not open at our tenants home at *(details supplied)*.

Reply

This has been logged on our repairs request system and the local area depot will make the necessary arrangements to have the windows repaired.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q14 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**
To ask the Area Manager to investigate and repair a suspected leak at our tenants home at *(details supplied)*.

Reply

Arrangements have been made to have a contractor call to the property to repair the leak and to make good any damages caused.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to repair the windows at our tenant's property (*detail supplied*).

Reply

Our Joinery Workshop reports that the window sashes are being refurbished and will be installed in the property next week.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

Tel: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the tender process for Chamber Park and if he can give a date for when the contractors will commence work.

Reply

The tender assessment is complete and a recommendation has been made to appoint a contractor. The standstill period ends Tuesday 17th January, if there are no challenges to the procurement process by that date, we hope to appoint the contractor. We would expect mobilisation of site works to commence a few weeks after appointment.

Contact: Peter Leonard, Executive Landscape Architect, Culture, Recreation and Economic Services

Tel: 222 3805

Email: peter.leonard@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q18 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q19 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q20 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to confirm if (*details supplied*) is on our housing list and if so what is his position.

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) made an application for social housing support in November 2014. According to our records the applicant is a home owner. The applicant submitted, with the application form a letter from the lender that the mortgage was in arrears. The City Council wrote to the applicant in November 2014 and asked the applicant for confirmation from the lender that the mortgage was deemed unsustainable by the lender and that there are no other alternative options such as mortgage to rent available to the applicant or if the applicant submitted a court order for the repossession of the property, the City Council would be able to determine the applicants eligibility. To date the applicant has not submitted any further documents regarding their home ownership.

(*Details Supplied*) is also an illegal occupier at (*details supplied 2*) and therefore, an application for social housing cannot be accepted from that address.

Contact: Mary Flynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.flynn@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q22 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager if he can supply (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q23 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to supply (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q24 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q25 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q26 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q27 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that the tree stump outside 16 Cloiginn Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, be removed and the footpath re- instated. I asked a few months ago and was told when a crew was available it would be done.

Reply

Parks and Landscape Services have notified the Paving Section to request that this location is included on their schedule of reinstatement works. The stump of the tree will be removed prior to reinstatement.

Contact: *Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department*

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Road Maintenance Services will arrange to repair and reinstate the footpath outside No 16 Cloiginn Road, Ballyfermot when the Parks Department remove the tree stump.

Contact: *Anthony Cullen, Operations Engineer, Road Maintenance Services*

Tel: 222 8812

Email: Anthony.cullen@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to look at the possibility of opening the walk way facing the Park at Cloiginn Road, numbers 1 to 13. The current situation is residents cannot park in their gardens and leaving your car outside your home restricts others passing by. The widening of this access, moving back of the railings and plinth wall and a break within the lane would stop through traffic here. The area is badly maintained by Dublin City Council and these works would allow an upgrade of the area.

Reply

Road Maintenance is not permitted to make an alteration to the layout of the access road at the location referred to above.

Contact: *Anthony Cullen, Operations Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.*

Tel: 222 8812

Email: anthony.cullen@dublincity.ie

The Roads and Traffic Department would be responsible for this walkway. The Parks and Landscape Services Division can facilitate a redesign of the area if work is programmed.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to ask the Parks Department to please look at the ongoing problem of horses and littering particularly at Le Fanu/Rossmore Drive entrance of the park. It is high time Dublin City Council took a more pro-active approach in tackling the horse and waste issue here. This beautiful park is becoming a no go area for most with stray horses etc. There is an urgent need for CCTV to tackle the dumping etc here.

Reply

Anti-social issues within our parks are highlighted at our Parks Health & Safety Sub Committee, which meets regularly at Eblana House. California Hills was discussed at length at our last gathering and a subsequent meeting was held on site in the park with local Gardaí from the Ballyfermot Station before Christmas. The Gardaí have agreed to focus patrols in the area and now have keys to access the park. Park Services work with The Control of Horses Section, regularly notifying this section when horses are present in the park. The park is cleaned on a regular basis, however dumping is a problem. Parks will contact the Litter Warden in the area to see if the addition of temporary cameras can be considered.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to look at the following (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to look at the ownership and management of the car-park at the Le Fanu Road Shopping Centre, Ballyfermot. The area is constantly strewn with litter, pot holes etc. Nowhere else would this situation be tolerated. Can we levy additional commercial rates and do the works needed with the proceeds.

Reply

The Valuation Office is an independent body responsible for the valuation of property in the state. Once a property is valued as List Rateable by the Commissioner of Valuation, Dublin City Council has no option but to collect rates as determined on the property. The City Council at the Statutory Budget meeting determine the general rate on valuation each year which is applied to the valuation of all rateable properties and from which commercial rates are determined. There is no provision in rating law to apply additional commercial rates.

Contact: Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting, Finance Department

Tel: 222 3206

Email: fintan.moran@dublincity.ie

The car park attached to this shopping complex is a private site and not in charge of Dublin City Council. The Council has no function in its maintenance and cannot direct the owner to carry out works on same.

Contact: John Behan, Administrative Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office
Tel. 222 4671
Email: john.behan@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to look at (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please look at fly dumping situation in the Barnville Park area of Cherry Orchard. Residents have told me serious dumping is now an ongoing issue in Cherry Orchard Crescent, Park, Parade. Perhaps an area wide survey needs to be done to try and find out the level of waste management compliance.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned areas are cleaned and monitored on a more regular basis to deal with the increased dumping there.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 222 4240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Area Manager look at who is responsible for (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Area Manager please look at the lighting situation in the Rossmore Avenue area, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, to see if the area needs an additional public lighting lamp standard particularly outside no 84 to 86.

Reply

There is no public lighting improvement programme for 2017, however the upgrade of lighting here will be considered for inclusion in a future programme of improvements, subject to finances made available. The installation of an additional public lighting standard between no.84 & 86 is not required.

Contact: Nicola O' Shea, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Section
Tel: 222 4452
Email: Nicola.oshea@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that the waste dumped at the Chapelizod Hill, Ballyfermot / Chapelizod, Dublin 10, prior to Christmas, be removed as a matter of urgency and that the area be patrolled for waste issues going forward.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the dumped waste removed from the above mentioned location on the 4th January 2017. We will monitor this location for dumping going forward.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager request the continuation of the footpath replacement along Gurteen Road toward the sports complex outside Mary Queen of Angels National School to include bollards to stop the practice of people parking along this busy Road. I am very grateful for the replacement of footpaths which happened in late September last.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has already carried out substantial footpath reconstruction works outside the National school on Gurteen Road. Further footpath reconstruction along Gurteen Road will be considered when formulating the 2018 Works Programme.

Contact: Anthony Cullen, Operations Engineer, Road Maintenance Services

Tel: 222 8812

Email: Anthony.cullen@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q41 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q42 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager to provide me with the following housing information. How many Dublin City Council housing units have been constructed in the South Central area since the year 2006 (directly constructed, excluding approved housing bodies and Part 5 provisions). How many have been provided from Part 5 of the Planning Act. How many have been refused that could have been provided from Part 5 of the Planning Act (including all instances where they can be refused/turned down). How many have been provided by Approved Housing Bodies. How many from any other sources, (eg. acquisitions, buy backs etc.)?

Reply

Since 2000 Approved Housing Bodies have provided 733 units in the South Central Area under the Capital Assistance Scheme, Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme and the Leasing Initiative for Approved Housing Bodies.

Constructions from 2006 to 2016 in the South Central Area

423 units

Acquisitions from 2006 to 2016 in the South Central Area 436 units
Part V Acquisitions from 2006 in the South Central Area 377 units
No Part V Units were refused.

Contact: Marguerite Staunton, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department
[Tel:222 2065](tel:2222065)
Email: marguerite.staunton@dublincity.ie

Q43 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)?

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q44 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans to hire apprentices for the necessary front line work Dublin City Council carry out over the short/medium term.

Reply
Staffing requirements are constantly under review and vacancies that are deemed critical for filling are approved for filling by management. Any such vacancy must be provided for in the Council's budget.

In relation to the employment of apprentices, discussions are ongoing with the Craft Group of Unions.

Contact: Gerry Geraghty, Executive Manger, Human Resources Department
Tel: 222 2014
Email: Gerry.geraghty@dublincity.ie

Q45 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)?

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q46 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)?

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q47 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*)?

Reply
A report on (*details supplied*) was sent to the councillor.

Q48 **Councillor Paul Hand**
To ask the Area Manager for an update on the motion passed requesting welcome to Drimnagh signs and when these signs will be installed.

Reply

The Community Development team are planning to hold discussions with the local residents associations with a view to identifying suitable locations for such signage.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area.

Tel: 222 5508

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q49 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to carry out the following repairs at *(details supplied)*?

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q50 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager refer to The Area Managers Report as given on the 14th December wherein it was stated that in relation to St. Teresa's Gardens that both the boxing and football clubs could move into the new ground floor premises in December. As of 04/01/2017 the boxing club have not been given the keys. When can they now move in?

Reply

The slight delay is due to the specification for anti vandal lights specified by the Engineers. If the fittings arrive as promised I would anticipate a handover between 31st January and 3rd February.

Contact: Tony Smithers, A / Housing Manager, Saint Teresa's Gardens/Herberton Liberties Area.

Tel: 222 7322

Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q51 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask that our Community Development Section work with *(details supplied)*?

Reply

A report on *(details supplied)* was sent to the councillor.

Q52 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to request that a commitment from our Parks Section going back to September 2015 to remove a tree from outside *(details supplied)* be immediately acted upon.

Reply

This request may refer to no. 54 Windmill Park, as there is no tree outside no. 36. The tree outside no. 54 is programmed for removal before the end of February.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q53 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager if it is intended to monitor noise levels at sensitive locations and residential locations in the vicinity of Children's Hospital Site during construction.

Reply

The developer must submit a construction management plan for this project for approval by Dublin City Council. This plan must address their proposals to monitor noise levels at sensitive locations and residential locations in the vicinity during construction. In considering whether to approve this plan, Dublin City Council will have regard to the proposed monitoring methodologies, locations and reporting mechanisms.

Appendix 11-4 of the Project Environmental Impact Statement provides a measure of detail on the proposed methodologies and reporting mechanisms and does indicate that monitoring locations will have to be agreed with Dublin City Council.

*Contact: Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit
Tel: 222 3742
Email: martin.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie*

Q54 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager if it is intended to monitor dust deposition and direction at sensitive locations and residential locations in the vicinity of the Children's Hospital Site during construction.

Reply

The developer must submit a construction management plan for this project for approval by Dublin City Council. This plan must inter *alia* address their proposals to implement a range of environmental surveillance measures including dust deposition monitoring.

In considering whether to approve this plan, Dublin City Council will have regard to the proposed monitoring methodologies, locations and reporting mechanisms.

*Contact: Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit
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Q55 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager to outline in detail works and/or maintenance works and improvements carried out in conjunction with Waterways Ireland or other bodies along the Grand Canal in 2016.

Reply

With regard to the existing Grand Canal Cycleway, Dublin City Council in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) carrying out approximately 20m of cycle lane widening works at Charlemont Mall adjacent to The Barge Pub at Charlemont Bridge and this was completed in early 2016.

With regard to the proposed Grand Canal Cycleway from Blackhorse to Portobello, site investigation works were carried out along the proposed route in the first and last quarter of 2016.

*Contact: Patricia Reidy Senior Executive Engineer, Environment and Transportation Department
Tel: 222 2421
Email: patricia.reidy@dublincity.ie*

Q56 **Councillor Michael Mullooly**

To ask the Area Manager what steps are in train to deal with the persistent illegal dumping of bags of waste outside peoples houses in the Crumlin area. Is monitoring by mobile CCTV available? Have surveys been done to ascertain what residents have a waste provider? Is it intended to name and shame people who engage in illegal dumping?

Reply

Mobile CCTV monitoring may be carried out where other avenues of enforcement have been exhausted and have not addressed the issues of dumping. This type of installation has a significant cost attached and is most effective where vehicles are being used in committing the offences.

It is not possible to name and shame people engaged in illegal dumping or littering offences. In 2010 the Dept of the Environment directed local authorities to cease this practice as it was advised that to do so was a breach of the principles of the data protection as set out in the Data Protection Act.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management

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Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie