

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the service request made by constituent (*details supplied*) to carry out improvement works to the pavements on the Inchicore Road and to note our support for same.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance recently inspected the footpaths on the Inchicore Road in mid-October 2018. 14 defects were added to our works list for repair. These defects are classified as being between priorities 5 to 7 of a 1 to 8 scale. At present Road Maintenance currently has 897 defects in the South Central Area. Unfortunately, with the restricted hours of Open City/ Freeflow approaching in a few days along with upcoming demands for night time winter maintenance duties these repairs will not be carried out until at least a few months into the new year.

*Contact: Carl Ryan- Operations & South Central Area Engineer.*

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**Q2 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q3 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager (*details supplied*). Can this family be considered for one of the new houses at Balfe Road? They were on the housing list for over 15 years and now homeless.

**Reply**

The applicant (*details supplied*) is currently on the housing waiting list in Band 2 for two bedroom accommodation with the following positions:

- 8 for two bedroom accommodation in Area J (Ballyfermot, Inchicore)
- 13 for two bedroom accommodation in Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage)
- 2 for two bedroom accommodation in Area N (Ranelagh, Rathmines)

Dublin City Council are 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. The nominations for Balfe Road have been done. The applicant has been advised to submit a copy of the notice of termination for 130 Walkinstown Avenue.

*Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations*

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*Email: [mary.hayes@dublincity.ie](mailto:mary.hayes@dublincity.ie)*

**Q4 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to report on the progress made to-date on the request for the formation of a monitoring committee for the South West Inner City.

**Reply**

The South Central Area Office continues to facilitate Planning Information meetings which provide clarification and additional details in relation to planning applications. Councillors should contact this office to request such meetings in relation to new planning application in the South West Inner City.

*Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area Office*

*Tel: 222 5245*

*Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie*

**Q5 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to have the area around the 40 steps deep cleaned and more regular cleansing of the area.

**Reply**

The Area Office is advancing a proposal to improve the surface and appearance of the 40 Steps/Cromwell Quarters and hopes to tender for these works in spring 2019. The Area Office will also work with Public Lighting Section to upgrade lighting along the steps. The most significant impact on the public domain of the steps is the two vacant sites running along the eastside of Cromwell Quarters. Both these sites have planning permissions in place for their redevelopment, and the Area Office continues to engage with site owners to encourage implementation of these permissions. It may not be possible to have a deep clean prior to the improvement works however every effort will be made ensure the 40 Steps is swept and kept free of debris and litter.

*Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area*

*Tel: 222 5117*

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Waste Management Services clean the above mentioned area once a week. We have a deep clean carried out there every four to six weeks. We also remove dumped items from this area when necessary to do so. We will continue to do all we can to keep this area as clean as possible.

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

*Tel: 222 4240*

*Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie.*

**Q6 Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of the wall in the rear garden of our property at (*details supplied*) this wall was damaged in a recent storm.

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance have made arrangements to carry out an inspection of the wall in the next 3/5 working days. The result of this inspection will determine the course of action required.

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

*Tel: 222 3517*

*Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie*

**Q7**     **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager that consideration be given to replacement of poorly maintained footpaths on Loretto Road, Maryland, Dublin 8. I often call into elderly friends along this short road and am shocked with the poor footpath surface. I know from one resident it is years since any works were done. The whole area needs new footpaths and some tree planting.

**Reply**

Further to your correspondence Road Maintenance has visited and surveyed Loretto Road, all defects found have been logged and added to our works list for repair.

*Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer.*

*Tel: 222 8812*

*E-mail: [roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie](mailto:roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie)*

Opportunities for new tree planting on this street are very limited, as many of the houses need access to driveways. There are 9 existing Hornbeam trees which will enhance the street as they mature.

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

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**Q8**     **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager that the poorly maintained raised bed at the large green angle on Drumfinn Ave, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, be tidied up in order to allow locals take ownership of the area once again. This area used to have bonfires etc. however, when residents done this area up with the support of URBAN 2 funding this transformed the area.

**Reply**

This bed has been left for the local residents to maintain. If the group is unable to keep the standard of the bed to a high standard in the long term Park Services can reduce or remove it and return the area to grass. The group can contact the local Foreman to discuss- Donal O'Connor on 086 8150544.

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

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**Q9**     **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

Can the Area Manager please ensure an engineer calls out to see at first hand with me the needs of residents from (*details supplied*) who are looking for proper access to their homes next to the Ballyfermot Civic Centre Park.

**Reply**

The issue will have to be investigated with the Area Office to arrange a meeting with residents, South Central Area Traffic Engineer and the Parks Department and the Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

*Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Engineer.*

*Tel: 222 2542.*

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Ballyfermot Area office has no difficulty in facilitating an on-site meeting with the residents, South Central Traffic Engineer and the Parks Department to discuss the issues outlined.

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Parks Service are happy to participate in such a meeting.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Parks Superintendent  
Tel: 222 3396  
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**Q10 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

Can the Area Manager please ask Eircom to remove the old Phone Kiosks from outside the Stafford's Funeral Home, Ballyfermot Road, next to Drumfinn Road and, in addition, look at the public phones along Ballyfermot Road facing McLoughlin's Butchers. These phone kiosks are no longer used and are a blight on the landscape.

**Reply**

EIR will be removing the two sets of payphones on Ballyfermot Road as part of EIR's removals Programme. In the meantime, EIR will respond to any maintenance issues that arise

Contact: Deri Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, IMU, Road Maintenance Services  
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Email: [deri.flood@dublincity.ie](mailto:deri.flood@dublincity.ie)

**Q11 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council look at what supports are available to replace the windows at the following (*details supplied*).

**Reply**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for the windows to be inspected at this property in the next 7/10 working days. The result of this inspection will determine the course of action necessary.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section  
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Email: [frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie](mailto:frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie)

**Q12 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council look at upgrading / replacement of the sports pavilion in Brickfields Park, Drimnagh, Dublin 12, similar to the standard of the recent redeveloped changing rooms in Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, and provision be made available for works when resources become available. Can I ask that we include some resources in the 2019 / 2020 estimates to enable works commence with support from the National Lottery Capital funding for sports.

**Reply**

Park Services are presently drawing up plans for the redevelopment of the dressing rooms at Brickfields Park to facilitate discussions between the various user groups

and to gain an understanding of costs. The project can then be considered in the context of our Capital Works Programme.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

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**Q13 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to look at the recent planning application for the re-development of (*details supplied1*) That it must come with serious health warnings. The idea of placing (*details supplied2*) I am all for the re-development of the site however adequate car-parking must be part and parcel of the application.

**Reply**

There is a current planning application on this site at Blackditch Road – ref. No. 4008/18. The application is for development comprising of (i) phased demolition of the existing single storey, flat roof, community centre; (ii) construction of 4 no. three-storey apartment blocks comprising 32 apartments (8 no. one-bedroom and 24 no. two-bedroom) over ground floor (street level) mixed-use development (1046 sq.m) comprising new Ballyfermot United Sports & Social Club with ancillary bar and function room and ancillary use's with 11 no. car parking spaces and 15 no. bicycle parking spaces to serve entire development. The apartment blocks will be provided with private balconies and access to a communal landscaped open space situated at first floor level; and (iii) landscaping; boundary treatments; SuDS drainage; and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development. This application is subject to a request for further information on three items, dated 16<sup>th</sup> November. As this is a current application, the Planning Department cannot comment further on any issues relating to the proposed development.

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**Q14 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager that regular maintenance of the green areas at Drumfinn Park and Kylemore Avenue, Ballyfermot takes place. The perimeter of these areas needs cutting back and regular maintenance.

**Reply**

Drumfinn Park is cleaned on a weekly basis and grass cut during the growing season. Kylemore Park is cleaned daily as there are play units in this park. The boundary vegetation in both parks is cut back when needed, and this work is scheduled over the winter time.

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**Q15 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to please give us an update on the proposed Library development for the Ard Scoil Enna Site on the Crumlin Road, Dublin 12. The people of Drimnagh have long sought the addition of a high-quality public library. This opportunity to develop housing / community services is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the area to get some badly needed facilities and they must be a cornerstone on any future development here.

**Reply**

Libraries, in consultation with Housing, propose to locate a new library on the old Scoil Éanna site, incorporating the existing protected structure and a new building. City Architects are liaising with the contracted conservation architect with a view drafting indicative plans. An initial sum has been provided in the Libraries' capital programme to cover the cost of investigations and feasibility studies.

*Contact: Brendan Teeling, City Librarian (Acting), Dublin Public Libraries*

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**Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to look upon the request from a number of Ballyfermot residents to have a very small memorial plot erected in the Civic Centre Park Ballyfermot Road in memory of all those who died in the cause of peace duties, whether on oversea missions or the emergency services here in Ireland.

**Reply**

Park Services have guidelines on memorials in our parks. In general terms a tree or bench can be permitted as per the guidelines (copied below). All other requests must go through the Council's Commemorative Naming Committee for consideration.

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**GUIDELINES ON MEMORIAL DEDICATION OF BENCHES AND TREES  
IN DUBLIN CITY PARKS**

Dublin City Council supports the principle of allowing memorial benches and trees in its parks, however, parks are not cemeteries and will not duplicate their commemorative function. The Council is mindful that the public use and enjoy these spaces for a range of reasons and it is important therefore to ensure that the issue is managed and regulated for the mutual benefit of all.

Significant memorials such as the naming of parks, open spaces or other infrastructure in parks will require an application in writing to the Chairperson, Commemorative Naming Committee, Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. All such requests will be processed through the Commemorative Committee.

For benches and tree planting, the Parks Service will accept contributions (subject to the availability of suitable locations), under the following conditions:

Trees.

The location of the tree and selection of tree species shall be at the discretion of the Parks Service who shall be responsible for the planting and maintenance. A fee will be charged as a contribution to the cost of this work including administration.

Plaques or memorabilia will not be permitted in the vicinity of the tree.

The sponsor shall be required to meet the cost of the work for which there are three options depending on the preferred size of tree:

A €250 14-16cm stem girth

B €350 16-18cm stem girth

C €450 20-25cm stem girth

In the event of vandalism or failure (within 18 months of planting), the Parks Service will arrange on a one-off basis for a replacement.

Benches.

The Council will attempt to accommodate the wishes of the applicants in relation to the selection of the bench type, its location, installation and style of plaque. However, consideration has to be given to the ambiance and management plan for any particular park so the final decision on these issues will be at the discretion of the Parks Service.

Inscriptions

The inscription on the plaque will be required to be non-denominational and prose of a spiritual and uplifting nature. Dates that indicate lifetime may not be used. Wording must be approved by the Parks Service.

Examples:

Come sit with me

Brisk walks – thoughtful talks

And rest awhile

Rest easy Jake Smith

Peter Smith

Still enjoying Life's simple pleasures

The plaque shall be maintained for the lifetime of the bench or alternatively, it will be stored by the Parks Service or returned to the family on request. There is also the option of renewing/replacing the bench if so requested.

The applicant shall be required to contribute to the cost of purchasing and installing the bench. The current fee is set at €950 including administration.

Other Commemorative Memorials.

Without being overly prescriptive, the Parks Service will consider other types of commemoration where it is considered that they contribute to a 'sense of place'. The conditions under which these will be permitted will be broadly in accordance with the conditions set out above.

General Conditions:

The Parks Service reserves the right to remove or relocate a bench or tree at any time should it be considered necessary.

The Council will maintain responsibility for the bench and associated plaque for a minimum of 5 years. This will include any preservation, treatment, repair works and replacement of the memorial where required due to normal wear and tear or vandalism.

Should a bench become unsafe, the Council reserves the right to remove it immediately in the interest of public safety until repairs or replacement can take place. A bench that has been damaged and is in the view of the Council beyond economic repair will not be replaced 5 years after the date of installation.

The Council accepts no liability for damage to any benches, trees or shrubs from vandals, third parties or whilst the Council carries out routine maintenance in the park.

The Council will not accept applications for memorial benches to pets.

No additional memorabilia e.g. vases, statues, flowers, wreaths, balloons or other ornamentation etc., shall be permitted on or around the bench. These shall be removed without reference to the original applicant.

Applications should be sent in writing to Administrative Officer, Parks Service, Culture, Recreation and Amenity, Block 4 Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 or by email to [parcs@dublincity.ie](mailto:parcs@dublincity.ie)

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**Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

To ask the Area Manager to please report on the proposals for the Village Improvement Scheme for Ballyfermot Road, which was mooted over 2 years ago and for which we held public meetings and got outlined plans drawn up for same. Both residents and business people are asking when we will see this project progress.

**Reply**

The proposals to upgrade the public realm and the attendant commercial/residential area from the Church to the Civic Centre are currently being re-evaluated in the light of the proposed initiative and public consultations on the Bus Connects / Core Bus Corridor Project from the National Transport Authority.

Area Management remain committed however to improve what is effectively the village centre of Ballyfermot and are exploring what works can be carried out by the National Transportation Authority through the implementation of the Core Bus Corridor Project. In addition, we are currently identifying the works that will be required to be implemented by the City Council and the works that could be carried out on a phased and incremental basis without prejudice to the final decisions on the National Transport Authority plans.

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**Q18 Councillor Greg Kelly**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange a new door for (*details supplied*). This is now an urgent case as they have had the door measured twice but only a new seal was put in. The door is still leaking every time it rains.

**Reply**

A replacement door will be sourced and installed early in 2019 at this property.

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

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*Email: [frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie](mailto:frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie)*

**Q19 Councillor Greg Kelly**

To ask the Area Manager for a full report for (*details supplied*). There is a major leak in her roof and every time it rains water comes through the roof to the bathroom and through the electrical fittings in the bedrooms. If an inspection has been carried out can I have a copy of the report and the recommendations of what will be done. If no inspection has taken place can one be carried out ASAP.

**Reply**

Our Ballyfermot Housing Maintenance Depot have had a roofer call to this property on four occasions and on each occasion they were unable to gain access to carry out roof repairs. On the last visit on 30.11.18 they were told by the resident that there was no issue with the roof.

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**Q20 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Parks Section to prune the trees on St. Teresa's Road, Crumlin, in such a way as to protect the trees in order to sustain their long term life. Can this work be done over the current winter pruning season?

**Reply**

Some of the cherry trees on St. Teresa's Road are reaching the end of their natural lives and are declining. There is a long term plan to remove and replace these trees. Some pruning can be carried out on other healthier trees on the street over the winter time.

*Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent*

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**Q21 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager ask both our Road Maintenance Section and our Drainage Section to investigate reports of a broken sewer at (*details supplied*). Residents report that as a result of this break between the pathway and the roadway that, rats are coming up between the grass verge and the footpath.

**Reply**

DCC Drainage inspected its sewerage assets in the vicinity of (*details supplied*) on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. The nearest foul sewer to the dwelling is c. 30m distant. A CCTV survey showed this sewer to be fully intact and absent defects. Similarly, the nearest surface water sewer was found to be intact and absent defects. On that basis the matter is not considered a public sewer network issue and has been referred to DCC Road Maintenance and Parks for investigation/response.

*Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Division*

*Tel: 222 2702*

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The Area Engineer will visit the site to investigate and will reply to the Councillor in question.

*Contact: Carl Ryan, Area Engineer, South Central Area*

*Tel: 222 8812.*

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**Q22 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager ask our Parks Section and Road Maintenance Sections to put in place measures to prevent cars and vehicles parking on the green area near the end of Kildare Road in Crumlin. Residents report constant parking on this green space which is destroying the grass and reducing the attractiveness of the green. Can the kerb be raised or an alternative be tried. In addition, can the street light be replaced with an ornamental type pole similar to that on Lismore green.

**Reply**

Poles 5 and 7 Kildare Road will not be replaced with decorative poles.

*Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division.*

*Tel: 222 4539*

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We don't provide bollards to prevent parking on footpaths or grass as this is already covered under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (i), it is illegal to park on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip" Infringements of the Act should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services Ph.6022500 for enforcement under the law.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Engineer, Environment & Transportation

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**Q23 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a list of current voids, with bedroom sizes, including acquisitions in Area K showing if they are with the depot or contractors and the expected date for them to be completed and available for allocation. Please ensure that this is a detailed list showing each property and not just a summary.

**Reply**

There are currently 152 void properties in the South Central Area. Of these properties, 108 have been assigned to contractors for refurbishment and 16 are being refurbished by Direct Labour. These properties are expected to be completed and ready for allocation by mid-January 2019.

28 properties have been refurbished and are available for letting and await allocation.

A detailed list of all properties will follow on to the Councillor.

Contact: Frank Darcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section.

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**Q24 Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager can the railings surrounding the green on Cashel Road be repaired and painted. Many sections of it are badly damaged.

**Reply**

It would not be economically viable to repair and repaint the damaged railings at this location. Ideally the railing would be removed completely, and the area redesigned without a boundary, similar to other successful green spaces in the area. There is no allocation of funds to carry out these improvements at present.

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**Q25 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Manager for a progress update on the Cherry Orchard LAP and when will the report be ready?

**Reply**

Work is on-going on the Park West- Cherry Orchard Draft LAP and environmental assessments. There were many suggestions and ideas forwarded at the original consultation, and these are being carefully considered in order to put together a coherent long term plan to improve the area. The draft plan will be presented to the local Councillors as soon as it is complete and prior to the statutory consultation period which is now likely to be early in the new year.

Contact: John O'Hara, City Planner  
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Email: [john.ohara@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.ohara@dublincity.ie)

**Q26 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

To ask the Area Manager will DCC work with residents and the management company on Cedarbrook to curtail the rat run through Cedarbrook?

**Reply**

The Area Engineer will meet with the management company and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

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