

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th March 2019

Q1 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to urgently arrange for the repair to a shore that has collapsed outside (*details supplied*). This shore and path needs to be made safe today.

Reply

The South City Maintenance (SCM) Construction Inspector visited the site in question and could not find any issues with the shore. The query may refer to the state of the Eircom covers on the footpath. I rang Eircom's 'Dangerous Plant Team' to report the issue on Tel: 1850 245 424. They suggested that the issue be reported to them directly by the customer.

Contact: Ross Flanagan, Executive Engineer, Drainage & Wastewater Services

Tel: 222 2183

Email: ross.flanagan@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a continuous double yellow line outside (*details supplied*). This gentleman is 80 year of age and twice in the last 6 months his gates have been damaged by cars/vans parking outside his home. He feels double yellow lines would help this problem.

Reply

A request for double yellow lines at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

Tel: 222 2523

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of the green on (*details supplied*) and have the black area on the green reseeded with grass seed and the trees on the green checked and pruned etc. Also could we arrange for the weeds growing on the kerb removed.

Reply

The grass at this location will be cut this week and the blackened area will be reseeded over the next 2 weeks. The trees were inspected but would not be considered a priority for pruning at the present time. The weeds will be sprayed a little later in the season as part of the usual maintenance regime for open spaces in the area.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the island and bollards be upgraded at (*details supplied*), cars are turning at these bollards and are causing a dangerous situation.

Reply

The Area Engineer will assess the island and bollards on (*details supplied*). The Area Engineer will observe to see if there are illegal crossings by vehicles crossing the hatch markings beside the bollards. The engineer will assess to see if further traffic calming measures are required. The road hatch markings and traffic bollards will be inspected and maintained.

Contact: Neil O Donoghue, South City Senior Executive Engineer

Tel: 222 2542

Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of the constant smell of sewerage at the junction of (*details supplied*). This I believe is a health hazard and needs to be addressed.

Reply

South City Maintenance (SCM) visited the site in question. The public sewer was inspected at (*details supplied*), but also the opposite end, at the junction of (*details supplied*). The mains were running clear and in a good state. There were no odours present at the time of inspection. The SCM inspector talked to two residents to gauge their knowledge of smells in the area – both said they were unaware of any ongoing issues. We will monitor the Irish Water work orders coming through Maximo to see if the issue arises again.

Contact: Ross Flanagan, Executive Engineer, Drainage & Wastewater Services

Tel: 222 2183

Email: ross.flanagan@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to inform this councillor when the windows at (*details supplied*) will be replaced. This resident is waiting over 4 years.

Reply

New double-glazed windows will be installed in this dwelling within the next 8-10 weeks by Housing Maintenance.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a general clean-up of (*details supplied*). I feel this area needs regular cleaning.

Reply

Waste Management Services have (*details supplied*) cleaned on a weekly basis and we will continue to do all we can to keep this cul-de-sac as clean as possible.

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

Tel 222 4240 Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

The play area has been sprayed for weeds and will be cleaned up and as soon as the weed killer has taken effect. We are looking getting a once of clean-up of the estate carried out but it is not viable to put in place a regular cleaning programme. We intend meeting with residents shortly to discuss a potential Precinct Improvement Programme and to try and get them involved in environmental improvement projects which can be supported by the Area Office.

Contact: Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office

Tel: 222 5512

Email: chris.butler@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to address the following issues at (*details supplied1*):-

1. Arrange for the footpath outside (*details supplied2*) be repaired urgently.
2. To examine the large trees that are uprooting and causing damage in this area.
3. The removal of graffiti from the wall at the entrance to the estate.

Reply

Trees are causing some damage to the path however it would not justify the complete removal of the trees here. Parks have requested the Paving Section to inspect the area for possible repair.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Public Domain and the Housing Department are currently surveying (*details supplied 2*) to identify precinct improvement works needed in this estate. Any finalised programme would naturally include all relevant departments such as Road Maintenance and Parks. The Graffiti has already been scheduled for removal. A full report will issue in due course.

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

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Upon inspection I can inform to you that the carriageway is in charge of DCC but the paved footpaths are not in the charge of DCC.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an examination of the road calming measures on (*details supplied*) with a view to increasing height to slow down traffic which is a problem on this road.

Reply

The request to increase the height of the speed ramps at this location is not recommended as the height of ramps is predetermined by Dublin City Council specifications.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group. Tel: 222 2523
Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for an inspection of the parking on (*details supplied*). Residents are complaining of non-residents parking on a daily basis.

Reply

There are currently no parking controls located on the road (*details supplied*) and provided motorists park legally no action can be taken.

Dublin City Council can consider the introduction of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on the road and if recommended arrange for subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road (*details supplied*). A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents on some roads.

Brick paved areas within (*details supplied*), including areas of indented parking are not in charge of the Environment and Transportation Department and cannot be enforced by Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor. These areas cannot be included in any proposed scheme.

Contact: Christopher Carroll, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement
Tel: 222 2501
Email: christopher.carroll@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the examination of (*details supplied*). This road is being used as a rat run. Residents are very concerned for the safety of their children out playing and for senior citizens. Traffic calming, a one-way system, or Children at Play signs would go some way to addressing the concerns of residents.

Reply

A request for traffic calming measures, a one-way system or Children at Play signs at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

Tel: 222 2523

Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Public Domain Unit to address the problem of the trees on Donore Road. The roots of the trees have come up through the footpath causing the pavement to crack. This presents a hazard for path users, particularly those with mobility issues. These trees are not suitable for this road and need to be replaced. Please provide this Councillor with a full report.

Reply

There are two trees on this street causing damage to the footpaths. The trees would not be considered a priority for removal at the present time however they can be added to our list for removal and replacement in 2020.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask our Area Manager to ask our Planning Department how we might address the issue of buildings on Hamilton Street who are rented out on Air BnB and who are using the laneway behind the buildings for access.

Reply

This matter will be investigated and a response issued directly to the Councillor in due course.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager

Tel: 222 3465

Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the provision of pedestrian crossing at Herberton Road.

Reply

The upgrade of the Dolphin Road/Herberton Road and Parnell Road/Clogher Road junctions is to be incorporated into the South Grand Canal Cycle Lane Improvement Scheme. As part of Phase 1, Dublin City Council will be resurfacing the stretch from Crumlin Road to Mespil Road (leaving out the junctions) in the second quarter of 2019.

Phase 2 will entail the provision of protected cycling facilities at all the junctions along the route. Dublin City Council will appoint a consultant to prepare the design and contract administration for the construction of the scheme. It is anticipated that the City Council will appoint a consultant in the second quarter of 2019, and that construction will commence in 2020.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
Tel: 222 2523
Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to request a bin for the area around the Blackpitts Mosque.

Reply

It is not the policy of Waste Management Services to install litter bins in residential areas such as the above mentioned location. Our policy is to ensure that the bins are located in close proximity to significant litter generators and in areas of high pedestrian footfall. There are two litter bins on the adjoining street in Mill Street to cater for the college situated there. However, we will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned location to ensure that there are no specific litter issues there.

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

Q16 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager if she could arrange for cycle lane along Dolphins Barn which has significant potholes in it to be resurfaced.

Reply

The location has been examined. Arrangements will be made to repair pot hole near Tesco and the surround to the utility box in the cycle lane will be referred to the service provider for repair.

Contact: Martin Jordan, SEE Road Maintenance Services
Tel: 222 2568
Email: martin.jordan@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to install designated parking bays along O'Donovan Road. Currently residents park with two wheels on the footpath to ensure that pedestrians have footpath access that the bus can safely get by. However, recently residents have received notices to say it is illegal to park on the footpath and they will be clamped. There is a need to have residential parking along this road and designated parking bays could be installed (similar to parking bays along Reuben Street by Herberton apartments), which will ensure there is safe parking without blocking pedestrian access. To further ask the area Traffic Engineer to meet with residents to come to a long term parking solution for residents.

Reply

The Area Engineer monitored O'Donovan Road and would not be in favour of installing indented parking bays similar to Reuben Street by narrowing pedestrian footpaths. Dublin City Council Corporate policy place the pedestrian at the highest level of priority in transportation planning followed by cycling, public transport, goods and other vehicles. As a result, it does not take out / narrow existing footpaths to improve traffic flow. However, If the residents want designated parking bays then they should contact parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council could proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on the residential roads and subsequent ballot of residents

where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road (details supplied). A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

Entitlement to a Resident Parking Permit is for the road on which the resident resides only. Inclusion of an additional road on a permit can be considered by the Council but will only be granted where the Council is satisfied that parking on the residents own road is severely restricted and there is sufficient spare capacity remaining on the additional road being sought. Applications for inclusion of an additional road are therefore considered on a case by case basis only.

At present, there is no requirement for the Area Engineer to meet the residents on site.

Contact: Neil O Donoghue, Senior South City Executive, Environment & Transportation

Tel: 222 2542

Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure the windows at (*details supplied*) are installed without further delay. There has been an unacceptably long delay and a series of broken appointments and still no windows installed. Can the windows be installed as soon as possible?

Reply

New double-glazed windows have been manufactured for this dwelling. However, when Housing Maintenance arranged to have the windows fitted there were drainage issues in the back garden and decking fitted which prevented the work going ahead. These drainage issues are currently being resolved by the City Council. When complete the windows will be installed.

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

Phone: 222 3517

Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for a progress report of the Drimnagh Task Force established to tackle the causes and consequences of anti-social behaviour in the Drimnagh area. Please include who is on the task force and when have they met?

Reply

A preliminary meeting of the Task Force was held on 5th March, and a further meeting is scheduled for early April. The Task Force is chaired by Mick O'Reilly and the current membership is Brian Murphy, Bosco Youth Services, local residents Liam Fitzgerald and Peter Burke, Inspector Paul Sargeant, Garda Siochána and Mary Taylor, Dublin City Council. The purpose of the group is to examine the situation and come up with recommendations to deal with it. The membership may be added to in order to ensure that solutions can be implemented through a partnership approach.

It appears that there are two separate but related issues, the immediate one being the high level of anti-social behaviour last Halloween and the need for a comprehensive plan to deal with it in the future, and the ongoing issue of youths being recruited into anti-social behaviour.

*Contact: Mary Taylor, Area Manager, South Central Area
Tel: 2225512
Email: mary.taylor@dublincity.ie*

Q20 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager has the Council requested a meeting with the owners of the (*details supplied*) and if so what was the response?

Reply

Arrangements are being made to meet again with the new owners of this property/land and we will inform local Councillors of the outcome of that meeting.

*Contact: Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive
Tel: 222 2010
Email: Brendan.kenny@dublincity.ie*

Q21 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure the lane way between (*details supplied*) is regularly cleaned.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 7th March 2019. We will ensure that this laneway is monitored on a regular basis and cleaned when necessary.

*Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie*

Q22 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager does she expect the Rapid 2 at Elmdale to be delivered on time and to outline the timeframe for allocations.

Reply

There are 19 additional "rapid" houses (2 & 3 bedroom) under construction in the 2nd phase of Elmdale at Elmdale, Cherry Orchard. It is anticipated that these units will be completed and handed over to DCC on a phased basis in Q2/Q3 2019. We will advise the councillors further once a final programme for the handovers of these units is advised to us by the contractor.

*Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Residential Services
Tel: 222 6114 Email: Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie*

Q23 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to outline in tabular form the number of burnt out cars collected in Dublin South Central for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 & so far in 2019?

Reply

We are unable to provide these figures on an area basis. There was 164 burnt out cars removed citywide in 2016, 158 burnt out cars removed citywide in 2017 and 125 burnt out cars removed citywide in 2018. Figures for the first quarter of 2019 are not available yet. This work is carried out on a cost neutral basis.

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

Tel: 222 4240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to outline in tabular form the amount of illegal waste collected, the cost of collection and disposal in Dublin South Central for years 2016, 2017, 2018 & so far in 2019 and to outline what are the areas that suffer most from illegal dumping?

Reply

The most recent assessment of the quantity and cost of removal and disposal of illegally dumped waste in Dublin City for 2016 – 2018 is set out in the table below.

It is not possible to break this estimate down on an administrative area basis or into electoral areas or post codes.

Year	Fleet & Fuel	Labour	Disposal	Tonnes	Total
2016	€255,253	€602,172	€109,238	3115	€ 966,663
2017	€352,611	€637,328	€110,485	3156	€1,100,424
2018	€356,465	€637,328	€165,426	3932	€1,159,219
2019 (Jan only)	€ 28,909	€ 53,110	€ 19,004	367	€ 101,023

CRM reports for the last 12 months show that reports of illegal dumping received are broken down in the following way across the 5 administrative areas.

Area	Complaints Received	Percentage of Total
Central	3498	30%
North Central	1057	9%
North West	2397	21%
South Central	2538	22%
South East	2054	18%

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4237

Email: simon.brock@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager can she ensure the pitches at Liffey Gaels are regularly cut as they are currently in a dangerous condition for younger players?

Reply

One pitch was cut last week however conditions were too soft to cut the second pitch. This will be completed as soon as conditions improve.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager can she provide the councillor with a report on the development at the Cornamona site, outlining the time frame of events to date, all correspondence with the Department of Housing pertaining to the site's development and why there is such a delay in starting the development of this site?

Reply

The Part 8 process for the Cornamona Development was initiated at the July 2017 meeting of the South Central Area Committee and the proposal was approved by the City Council at its meeting on 6th November 2017. Detailed design and a bill of quantities was subsequently prepared and the DHPLG approved the commencement of the tender process in July 2018. Tenders for the development were then advertised in August 2018 and completed tenders were received at the end of October 2018. A preferred bidder was selected from the tender process in January 2019 and approval was then sought from the DHPLG to appoint a contractor to this development. Further discussions and clarifications on aspects of the proposed works as tendered have since taken place between the DHPLG and DCC and we are currently awaiting approval from the Department so that we may award a contract for this development. Subject to approval being received from the Department and statutory procurement timeframes being complied with we would anticipate that a contractor will be in a position to commence works on site in April 2019.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Residential Services

Tel: 222 6114

Email: Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to outline a timeframe for the construction and completion of the extension to the Orchard Centre?

Reply

The active tender for the proposed builder is currently with the approved building framework of companies and submissions are to be returned for costings by March 15th 2019. Subject to timeframes as per detailed within tender, an assessment group will meet soon thereafter, select preferred company and move to a schedule of works with same. Regards timeframes, a build of such a nature has been estimated at taking up to 6 months' duration. If funding allows, a build of such a nature has an estimated completion by 2019-year end.

Contact: David O'Donovan, Cherry Orchard Project Manager

Tel: 222 6410

Email: dave.odonovan@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that Dublin City Council look at tidying up the grounds of the Conradh Na Gaeilge / Naoinra at Grattan Crescent, Inchicore, Dublin 8. This group, who promote the Irish Language with cultural events, the Naoinra, are finding the looking after of the grounds impossible. They need a little support with a clean-up and a one off help from time to time to sort out same. The centre is surrounded by Grattan Crescent Park.

Reply

Public Domain would certainly be interested in working with Naoinra with a view to assistance through interdepartmental or community initiative. The Public Domain Officer will survey the grounds and meet with Naoinra with a view to achieving this.

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

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that Dublin City Council's Housing Department look into the following (*details supplied*).

Reply:

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager request the Parks Department to please ensure the heating system in the Long Meadows Pitch and Putt Club House is repaired to a reasonable standard and working effectively. For the past few months and despite numerous attempts to repair same, it is still not heating this building, resulting in large electric bills as the centre is heated by electrical fires / appliances.

Reply

Parks and Landscape Services are presently working on resolving the problem with the heating system at this location as a matter of urgency.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can Dublin City Council please ensure that the Cornamona Site on Kylemore Road next to Kylemore College and the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption is cleaned of waste. Neighbours in the vicinity are fed up with illegal dumping at this location. I am aware it will not be properly solved until the housing construction commences here at this location, which I believe is to start before the end of May this year 2019.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer arranged for the site to be cleaned at the end of January 2019. 5 tons of domestic Waste and household junk was removed at the end of January. Housing Development provided the funding. No Dumping signage was erected at the site to deter further dumping. The Ballyfermot area office and Public domain team monitor the site frequently. The site was inspected on the 11th March 2019 and remains clear of waste.

Contact: *Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Residential Services*

Tel: 222 6114

Email: Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can Dublin City Council please look into the chronic living conditions of (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

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

Tel: 222 2062

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that the following be looked at as a matter of urgency (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

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

Tel: 222 2062

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please outline the eligibility criteria for Housing Supports for both DCC owned properties and privately owned dwellings to include supports for:

- Windows
- Heating
- External Wall Insulation

Do we currently have an application form in which citizens can apply for supports and if so can I have one?

Reply

Dublin City Council's Housing Aid for Older People grant scheme is designed to meet the needs of private homeowners where everyone in the household is over 66 years of age living in extremely poor conditions. The types of work grant aided under the scheme include re-wiring, the provision of central heating (where none exists) and the replacement of a boiler when broken beyond repair.

Dublin City Council has not included the replacement of windows and doors under the terms of its current Housing Aid for Older People grant scheme but in certain circumstances where people are living in extremely poor housing conditions we may make an exception. A grant for window replacement can only be given if the windows are in extremely poor condition and the applicant is in such financial difficulty that they cannot access the funding required to do the work without the support of a grant. This scheme would not cover any insulation works.

Contact: Teresa Conlon, Administrative Officer, Housing Dept
Tel: 222 5138
Email: teresa.conlon@dublincity.ie

Housing Maintenance does not provide financial supports to tenants of City Council owned properties. DCC, Housing Maintenance provide heating systems (gas central heating) in City Council owned dwellings for tenants. If a tenant has a breakdown or any maintenance issue with their heating, Housing Maintenance will arrange an inspection and any necessary repairs. Tenants pay €4 per week boiler maintenance and service charge.

In relation to windows, Housing Maintenance will attend a City Council owned dwelling to repair where required and if necessary assess/list for replacement. Housing Maintenance have commenced Phase 2 of our Retro-fitting/Insulation Programme for DCC tenancies. This programme is being rolled out on a citywide basis with all areas included. It operates on the basis of roads or groups of houses in any one area being selected for works. Dwellings are not selected on a one off/individual basis. Tenants are contacted prior to works commencing in their area.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
Phone: 222 3517
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please look into the following housing application request (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Homeless Allocations
Tel: 222 2062
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please report on the following (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Homeless Allocations
Tel: 222 2062
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to please indicate the level of litter fines in the South Central Area and the resources available to staff to try and enforce bye-laws and local initiatives etc.

Reply

The Public Domain Team is under resourced and as a result enforcement is limited to weekend door to door campaigns. The current campaign is in Dublin 8. A full briefing will be made available to Area Committee on completion. If there is an issue in a particular blackspot an ad hoc campaign can be requested pending funding and availability of staff. Public Domain continue to provide a vigorous response to any breach of 2013 Bye Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial waste as reported to or witnessed by Public Domain. Please advise that all incidents reports etc can be logged on the Dublin City Council Self Service Portal or emailed direct to southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

A total of 191 litter fines were issued in the South Central Area in 2018. 26 were cancelled on appeal and 79 were paid. Prosecutions were initiated for 79 unpaid fines and 4 convictions were obtained in court.

Waste Management Services can provide 2 Litter Wardens, Monday to Friday and up to 4 Litter Wardens at weekends to enforce Bye-Laws and local initiatives etc.

Contact: Bernie Lillis, Litter Prevention Officer

Tel: 222 4243

Email: Bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager what criteria are used to determine where a pedestrian crossing is placed and where a location is not suitable for a pedestrian crossing.

Reply

The following is the general process that is used by to check if a site is suitable for a pedestrian crossing. It is important to consider volume of traffic, amount and type of pedestrians, the wait time for pedestrian crossings and suitable location such as safe sight lines.

Process involved in approving a pedestrian crossing by the Traffic Advisory Group

1. The query is received from member of the public, Councillors or Public representative through the email traffic@dublincity.ie, and the query is logged on the system TAMS with attention to the Area Engineer for the assessment

2. The Area Engineer makes a preliminary desktop evaluation appraisal of the site location, where the pedestrian crossing has been requested.

During the onsite visit, a pedestrian count survey is conducted during the time when the demand for pedestrian facilities is at its greatest

From this evaluation data the Area Engineer determines the difficulty of crossing for pedestrian based on the waiting time for the pedestrian to cross the road safely.

From this assessment, the best possible location for the placement of the pedestrian crossing is determined.

3. If the pedestrian crossing is recommended, The pedestrian crossing is awarded a prioritising rating, (low, medium, high) the Area Engineer liaises with the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and The Bus Priority Section to see if they approve the placement of the pedestrian crossing.

4. After this the Area Engineer send the recommendation to the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for the approval by the elected representatives at Area Committee Meeting. With this approval the request is sent under Statutory Procedure to the Garda Síochána for approval.

5. The request is passed onto the Future Works Programme and when the funding becomes available, the Area Engineer prepares the detailed design of the pedestrian crossing with the road safety audits. Then the job is passed through a tender process to be built, and once the pedestrian crossing is completed and operating the enquiry is closed from the TAMS system.

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Q39 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager when the next phase of the development of walking and cycling infrastructure along the Grand Canal between Sally's Bridge, Clogher Road and Inchicore is to take place and if it going out to public consultation.

Reply

The Grand Canal Cycle route is currently at preliminary design stage. At the request of the National Transport Authority (NTA), the proposed route from Blackhorse to Portobello is currently on hold to facilitate the carrying out of a feasibility study to review the options surrounding Harold Cross Bridge. To progress the scheme improvements are needed at the bridge to facilitate cyclists, pedestrians and vulnerable road users and to improve general safety. It is anticipated that a Consultant will be commissioned in Q2 subject to NTA approval.

Once a design for Harold's Cross Bridge has been developed and approved it will be incorporated into the main scheme and the preliminary design for the entire scheme will be finalised. At that state a statutory public consultation process will be conducted as part of the planning process.

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Q40 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager when the repair and resurfacing works to the Lower Kimmage Road, for which money has been allocated, are due to begin, whether these works will include (details supplied), a small cul-de-sac off the Lower Kimmage Road, which is in a desperate state of disrepair.

Reply

The resurfacing works on Kimmage Road Lower are to start at Kimmage Court and progress northwards towards city centre. The section of Kimmage Road Lower adjacent to (details supplied) was completed a few years ago. (Details supplied) does not form part of the resurfacing works in 2019. The resurfacing works are likely to be carried out in Q3/Q4 2019 (Tender Documents are being prepared at present).

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Q41 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager what traffic control measures and parking measures are proposed for Drimnagh given the increased traffic, rat running and parking issues in the area.

Reply

Dublin City Council can consider the introduction of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on the road and if recommended arrange for subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of each of the roads concerned. A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the

opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents on some roads.

*Contact: Christopher Carroll, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy & Enforcement
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Could the Public Representative please send the specific details / locations where there are issues with parking and rat running so the Area Engineer could consider for review.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, South City Senior Executive Engineer.

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Q42 Councillor Michael Mullooly

To ask the Area Manager what is the protocol where Irish Water carry out works and fail to reinstate roads and footpaths to a proper standard. Does Dublin City Council carry out inspections? Where roads and footpaths have not been reinstated to a proper standard does DCC require Irish Water to carry out further remedial work? Is there a sign off procedure where DCC signs off on the reinstatement works as being of a proper standard? In Dublin 12, where there are a number of examples of poor reinstatement works by Irish Water, has DCC had cause to require Irish Water to carry out further reinstatement works?

Reply

Irish Water regularly attend meetings with Road Maintenance Services. Irish Water appointed a contractor in Q3, 2018 to permanently reinstate temporary openings within the Dublin City Council administrative area. There are still a number of temporary openings that are awaiting permanent reinstatement by Irish Water. All permanent reinstatements, as directed by Dublin City Council, must comply with the "Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads" published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. Road Maintenance Services carried out over 30,000 inspections in 2018 on reinstatements. Dublin City Council has communicated and will notify the above issue with Irish Water and will review the progress of these repairs at the next meeting on April 4th 2019.

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Q43 Councillor Críona Ní Dhalaigh

To ask the Area Manager to list the voids in area L.

Reply

There are currently 116 properties bring refurbished in the South Central Area. The breakdown of these units are as follows:

Houses

2 Bed	21
3 Bed	14
4 Bed	1
5 Bed	1
Total	37

Apartments

0 Bed	1
1 Bed	14
2 Bed	35
3 Bed	2
Total	52

Senior Citizens

0 Bed	10
1 Bed	16
2 Bed	1
Total	27

280 vacant properties were refurbished and brought back to productive use in 2018. As we established a new Term Maintenance Framework in November 2018 we would envisage that this figure will be exceeded in 2019.

A list of the properties has been sent to Councillor Ní Dhálaigh by post.

Contact: Frank D'Arcy, SEO, Housing Maintenance

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Q44 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to give a time frame for *(details supplied)*.

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

Contact: Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 5049

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q45 **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh**

To ask the Area Manager to update this Councillor on the anti-social behaviour in *(details supplied)* and what is being done to address it?

Reply

Dublin City Council will investigate all complaints of anti-social behaviour as stated in our Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, which is currently under review. There has been a number of complaints made to the local office and they have been referred to the central unit for investigation. This unit has interviewed a number of tenants in *(details supplied)* and the process is ongoing, at this point they do not want to make any

further statement in case it might prejudice any future decision that Dublin City Council will make.

Contact: Michael Clarke, Area Housing Manager
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Dublin City Council is taking measures to discourage anti-social behaviour in the new build in (*details supplied*), for example, strengthening security doors, locks on internal doors, increased CCTV coverage, better signage and deadening of plug sockets in communal areas.

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Q46 Councillor Críona Ní Dhalaigh

To ask the Area Manager to update this Councillor on the plans for (*details supplied*)

Reply

Following last year's centenary celebrations of the construction of (*details supplied*) a number of residents requested that Dublin City Council carry out some landscaping work on a corner plot of ground adjacent (*details supplied*) which attracts some anti-social activity.

Community Development, Public Domain and the Play Development Officer are proposing creating a playful space for the use of the younger children in the area. An agreed plan and timeframe for the works has not yet been established but it is expected the area will be upgraded later this year.

Contact: Mary Noonan, Community Development Officer, South Central Area
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Q47 Councillor Críona Ní Dhalaigh

To ask the Area Manager to outline in tabular form the amount of illegal waste collected, the cost of collection and disposal in Dublin 8 for the past 5 years.

Reply

It is not possible to provide figures for the cost and quantity of waste collected in postal districts or electoral areas. The most recent estimate of the costs and quantities of illegally dumped waste removed from the Dublin City Area in the years 2016 – 2019 is set out in the table below.

Year	Fleet & Fuel	Labour	Disposal	Tonnes	Total
2016	€255,253	€602,172	€109,238	3115	€ 966,663
2017	€352,611	€637,328	€110,485	3156	€1,100,424
2018	€356,465	€637,328	€165,426	3932	€1,159,219
2019 (Jan only)	€ 28,909	€ 53,110	€ 19,004	367	€ 101,023

Figures are not available for the years prior to 2016. At that time an estimate of the cost was made which has now been improved upon by carrying out a more thorough analysis of the costs of vehicles, fuel, labour and disposal of waste for those resources that are assigned to dealing with the removal and disposal of illegal dumping.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
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Q48 Councillor Críona Ní Dhalaigh

To ask the Area Manager to report on the following (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
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Q49 Councillor Críona Ní Dhalaigh

To ask the Area Manager to update this Councillor on the planning application for (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

Contact: Rhona Naughton, Senior Planner
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Q50 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to confirm ownership of the piece of vacant land *at (details supplied)* and if the Manager intends to do anything with the site? Also can the area be cleared of illegally dumped waste and litter?

Reply

The plot of ground in question is in private ownership. It was at one time owned by Dublin City Council but on foot of an application to purchase it by an adjoining property owner it was disposed of to that party in 2007.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer
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The Public Domain Officer has requested a title deed search on the vacant site at (*details supplied*). Property Development disposed of the land over 10 years ago and it is likely to have been sold on. (*Details supplied*) is in the remit of Dublin City Council and as such is monitored frequently for littering and illegal dumping etc. by the Public Domain Officer. When the site was inspected on 11th March 2019, the public footpath/road was free from litter. Littering visible from a public space is an offence under the Litter Act and the property owner must make every effort to keep the site clean. I will follow up with the Law Department and make contact with the owner to resolve any public domain issues.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
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Q51 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to replace the tarmac path at (*details supplied*) with concrete? This has been an eyesore for many years and to replace it with concrete will give the area an uplift.

Reply

The macadam footpath at the location opposite (*details supplied*) has been inspected and is considered serviceable. Road Maintenance Services do not plan to reconstruct at this time.

Contact: Martin Jordan, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services
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Q52 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have the bushes and shrubbery on the boundary wall on Rafter's Avenue, Dublin 12 removed. Residents complain of rats and illegal dumping at and around these bushes.

Reply

In most cases Parks and Landscape Services will not remove shrubbery due to the reasons outlined above. Rats are usually drawn to rubbish and in many cases this issue can be solved once the dumping of household rubbish ceases. The shrubbery is an important natural amenity to the area and it also disguises a concrete wall. If there is a consensus from all residents facing the wall, then this request can be reconsidered, however removal of shrubbery is not carried out during the bird nesting season- (1st March- 31st August).

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q53 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ensure that the grass cutting on local greens in Dublin 12 is carried out professionally and regularly this year, and that the edges are also cut to avoid the growth of weeds. Residents complain that this service has dis-improved in recent years since this work has been contracted out. Can the Area Manager also ensure that the growth of weeds on our footpaths and kerbsides is properly dealt with?

Reply

Public Domain oversees the annual weed spray in the area. The contract is managed by Environment & Transportation. I will ensure all areas treated are checked. It is virtually impossible to eliminate all weed growth. Landscaped areas and paving where there are tree pits are not sprayed in compliance with our Bio diversity plan. Public Domain continues to support communities who wish to enhance local areas by removing litter and carrying out manual weed removal. Equipment can be obtained by emailing southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
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Grass cutting has commenced in most areas however problems with soft wet ground has delayed work in some locations. Our regular maintenance regime will start in all areas as soon as conditions improve.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q54 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Roads Traffic Section to extend the double yellow lines in the cul-de-sac at (*details supplied*) to the front of this house so as to deter non-residents all day parking at this location. This householder reports that his vision when exiting from his driveway is blocked by parked cars and on a recent occasion damage was caused to his gate by a non-resident motorist.

Reply

A request for double yellow lines at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Mary Boyle, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
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Q55 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Roads and Traffic Section to install road ramps or other traffic calming measures on Derry Road, Crumlin. If not possible can Children at Play signs be erected?

Reply

A request for traffic calming measures or Children at Play signs at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer
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Q56 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Roads Department to resurface the roadways on Clonard Road between Armagh and Stannaway Road. Also Derry Road is bad coming out onto Cashel Road. The 3 tonne limit is not enforced and heavy trucks are using some roads for short cuts damaging the roadways.

Reply

The defects on the carriageway will be examined at the locations identified and logged onto our list of repairs to be carried out.

Contact: *Martin Jordan, SEE Road Maintenance Services*
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The enforcement of the 3 tonne limit is a matter for An Garda Síochana

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