

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
16th October 2019

Q1 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to report on the following: -

(1) Under what remit does Dublin City Council give contracts to the private landscape companies who manage public green spaces in the Dublin 8 area, particularly *(details supplied)*.

(2) Who are they? Presently, these companies are using slash and burn methods, creating "green deserts." Showing no implementation of or regard for Biodiversity, Irelands "All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015/20" which Dublin City Council have agreed to abide.

Reply

1) While our parks are maintained by direct labour there are a number of open spaces maintained by contract, this is an arrangement that has been in place for a number of years, which is satisfactory.

The contractors were appointed following an E-Tenders competition held under the remit of E.U. procurement rules. The Contract award notice can be viewed at <https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/PublicTenders/ViewNotice/190484>

2) The landscape contractors are primarily in place to maintain grassed areas and keep them cut. Dublin City Council is a partner to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, which is a national plan to prevent the decline in our pollinator species. As part of the Parks Service's commitment to the programme, we have stopped using herbicide, which has knock on benefits to biodiversity

Parks can contact the councillor directly to discuss specific areas, which may benefit from re-wilding.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

The Area Office with the Parks Department has also added a number of flower planted areas including Dolphin's Barn (linear strip) and Pimlico and is trialling the use of wildflowers at other locations (such as St. Catherine's Graveyard Park).

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Programme Manager, Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative

Tel: 222 5180

Email: stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the badly maintained area fronting *(details supplied)* be cleaned up, that the weeds etc. be removed and re-surfacing be included in the coming year's works plan. Residents on this tiny strip, which fronts the small pocket park off Ballyfermot Road, say it's never swept or maintained even though hundreds of pedestrians use this small area on a daily basis walking to school, public transport, shops etc. Can I ask for it to be included in a cleansing schedule?

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected this stretch of footpath at this location and will consider for possible inclusion in our 2020 minor works footpath contract. This will be dependent on funding being available for Road Maintenance.

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

E-mail: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Tel: 2228812

Waste Management Services had this part of (*details supplied*) cleaned on the 7th October 2019 and we will ensure that it is included in the regular cleaning schedule for this area.

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

Tel: 2224240

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please request from (*details supplied*) that the exterior of their property be re-painted. Residents along Landen Road have shown me from their homes the poor state of the exterior walls of the above development, which needs regular maintenance.

Reply

The Ballyfermot Area Office will write to the management company and request that they paint the exterior walls. We have no power to make them carry out this work.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Director of Services, South City

Tel: 222 5112

Email: mary.taylor@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into the following (*details supplied 1*). Dublin City Council in the early part of the 2000`S increased the width of the small access road fronting (*details supplied 1*). This was a great success and the residents are able to keep the open green clean and tidy. However, 4 years ago (*details supplied 2*) was sold. The new owners have 4 cars and a van and have recently erected an illegal sign on the wall outside their home, telling others they cannot park here, despite the fact they have a very large and vehicle accessible back garden. Can I ask Dublin City Council to remove the illegal sign. If we allow same all will start doing this. The sign was erected only last Saturday.

Reply

Signage was removed from (*details supplied*) on the 04/10/19.

Contact: Michael J O'Brien, Traffic Officer

Tel: 222 2773.

Email: michael.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Vincent Jackson

In view of the horrific images of Luas staff tackling a passenger at the Bluebell, Dublin 12 Luas stop, can we inquire from the Luas Operator if this is now the standard practice when tackling possible fare evasion etc.? I am well aware security staff can have a difficult job, however this behaviour is more akin to something from despotic totalitarian regimes.

Reply

This question is not a “*matter of administration of the City Council for which the Director of Services is responsible*”. Transdev can be contacted at The Red Cow, Naas Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, Tel. 01 4614910 or emailed at info@luas.ie.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Director of Services, South City
Tel: 222 5112
Email: mary.taylor@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please give me an indication of what can be done, if anything, to deter residents from the keeping of equine in the front and rear gardens of their privately owned homes in communities like Ballyfermot / Bluebell etc. I find it hard to understand how we can allow this practice exist. If we are to build sustainable communities, it is essential some ground rules exist to ensure people can live side by side. I regret many of these houses allow the same horses use our Parks / Open spaces in the evenings / weekends.

Reply

Dublin City Council’s contractors are not authorised to seize horses from privately owned homes. If a horse is using our parks or is in the public domain, it should be reported to the Licensing Unit and arrangements will be made to seize the horse. If there is an indication that a horse is being mistreated the DSPCA should be contacted. An Garda Síochána may also be able to assist.

Contact: Patricia Colfer, Administrative Officer, Licensing Unit.
Tel: 222 6710
Email: patricia.colfer@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that serious consideration be given to the large family from (*details supplied 1*) be given a transfer to the large Dublin City Council bought property at (*details supplied 2*). This family tragically lost a son 2 years ago to illness at the age of 12 years and they need a serious break.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 18/06/2008, the applicant was awarded Welfare Priority on 17/10/2018, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area B	3	26
Area B	4	5
Area B	5	1
Area E	3	33
Area E	4	5

Dublin City Council acknowledge the untimely passing of the applicant’s son and offer their condolences in this regard. It has been noted on the applicant’s file of their interest in the property at (*details supplied 2*). Dublin City Council allocate 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.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please look into the following housing application (*details supplied*). Can Dublin City Council please indicate they can be considered for a house in Ballyfermot as a matter of urgency. The stress of travelling over to Ballyfermot every day for school is putting this them under terrible stress.

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) is on Band 2 of the Housing list for two and three bedroom accommodation with the following positions: -

- 87 for Area B (Kilbarrack/Darndale) – 2 Bed
- 171 for Area B (Kilbarrack/Darndale) – 3 Bed
- 56 for Area K (Crumlin/Walkinstown) – 2 Bed
- 120 for Area K (Crumlin/Walkinstown) – 3 Bed
- 50 for Area J (Ballyfermot/Bluebell) – 2 Bed
- 74 for Area J (Ballyfermot/Bluebell) – 3 Bed

I understand the household have been in contact with Central Placement in regard to a move into emergency accommodation in the Ballyfermot area. This has been noted and the Central Placement Service will contact the household if a placement becomes available in this area.

Under the adopted Scheme of Lettings allocations are made 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.

I can confirm that the household is eligible for the "Household Assistance Payment" (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist you in accessing the private rental market. This means that the household is eligible to be considered for one month's advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council.

Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on placefinders@dublincity.ie or 222 6955.

The applicant can contact the Homeless Allocations Section on 01 222 2205 at any time to discuss her application.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Allocations & Transfers

Tel: 222 2062

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Director of Services please ensure that planned re-development of Ballyfermot Civic Centre, as promised last year, commences as a matter of urgency

and the possible re-location of services, which has the potential to ensure this fine building continues to be relevant and grow into the future.

Reply

An audit of existing facilities in Ballyfermot Community & Civic Centre is currently being undertaken. To date, a mechanical and electrical survey has been completed and an inspection report has been submitted to City Architects for consideration. In addition, a fire safety assessment, access audit and structural inspection has also been completed. When all reports have been submitted to City Architects, an appraisal of the information received will be carried out to decide how to proceed. In conjunction with these audits, regular meetings are being held with the building occupiers to keep them updated on any changes that may be required as part of this upgrade.

Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot and Drimnagh Local Area Manager

Tel: 222 4667

Email: kay.noonancork@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council, CDET B and Tesco Ballyfermot come up with a cleansing / maintenance plan for the jointly owned car park facing their property. I regret with the bottle bank, clothing bank and fly dumping, the area can sometimes look in a very poor state and doesn't do the area any good.

Reply

Waste Management staff visit this site daily to clean the site and remove any waste material. The contractors, Glassco and Textile Recycling Limited, also remove any waste in the vicinity when servicing the banks.

In an effort to maintain this site Dublin City Council have installed CCTV cameras at these bottle banks.

Contact: Fionnghuala Ryan, Exec. Environmental Scientific Officer

Tel: 222 4562,

Email: fionnghuala.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services why it is taking so long to accommodate (*details supplied*). He is number 1 on the older persons transfer list and has been for some time. He has expressed an interest in suitable voids in Memorial Court (units that are void for some time now) but has still not been reached. He did refuse an offer a few months ago and was also shown a unit but the offer had to be redrawn as there were too many stairs and no lift.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Older Person's Housing List with an application date of 01/07/1997, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area J	1	1
Area L	1	1

The applicant has recently refused two offers of accommodation this year, firstly on 24/04/2019 at 22 Bulfin Court and secondly on 29/05/2019 at 8 Garden View. The applicant's interest in Memorial Court and 5 Gardenvue Court is noted on his file. There is no medical information on the applicant's file to support his need for a ground floor accommodation. It would be advised that the applicant submit supporting medical documentation in this regard. 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.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
Tel: 222 2061
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to list the units at (*details supplied*) and state how long these units have been void? The date keys were handed back, timeframe for reallocation and if they will be turned around via framework or in-house?

Reply

We currently have two properties at (*details supplied*) that are being refurbished under Direct Labour, one is now ready to let and the other should be completed within the next 3 weeks.

Contact: Frank Darcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 222 3517
Email: frank.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to inspect the walls at (*details supplied*). The dwelling was recently damp proofed but tenant reports that the walls are damp, cold and smelly again.

Reply

Dublin City Council will arrange for an Engineer from our Maintenance Section to call and inspect the property.

Contact: Frank Darcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Tel: 222 3517
Email: frank.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to put in place a system where everyone who applies for a choice based lettings unit gets a reply stating yes you have been successful or no on this occasion you have not been successful? More and more people are contacting me frustrated that they don't hear back on their application if they are not successful.

Reply

When the advertisement for Choice Based Lettings is released it is noted on the advertisement that only successful candidates will be notified within 4 weeks of the closing date. Currently Dublin City Council are dependent on utilising a manual system when processing Choice Based Lettings and due to the large amount of applications for choice based lettings it is not feasible to notify each unsuccessful applicant. Dublin City Council anticipate the introduction of a new I.T. system, which

will allow them to utilise a more user friendly system when processing Choice Based Lettings applications.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to list the voids for (*details supplied*) and the length of time they have been void.

Reply

The following are the available properties which are currently vacant in the South Central Area. All of these are currently being refurbished under the Term Maintenance Framework or by Direct Labour:

Property	No. Beds	Total
House	0 bed: 1 1 bed: 5 2 bed: 25 3 bed: 15 4 bed: 2	48
Apartment	0 bed: 6 1 bed: 16 2 bed: 44	66
Senior Citizens	0 bed: 9 1 bed: 16 2 bed: 2 3 bed: 1	28
Total		142

The properties have been vacant for the following timeframes:

Time	Number
0 to less than 4 months	69
4 to less than 8 months	61
Greater than 8 months to less than 12 months	12
Total	142

To date in 2019, 274 properties have been refurbished and re-let in the South Central Area including 99 houses, 128 apartments and 48 senior citizens' units. Exact addresses are not provided but a list of locations has been sent to the Councillor by mail.

Contact: Frank Darcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance

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Email: frank.darcy@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services who owns/is responsible for the footpaths/roads outside the visitor's entrance to (*details supplied*). Who is responsible for the operating of the horse drawn carriages outside (*details supplied*)? There has been an increase in the carriages operating from there with what seems to be no rules or regulations.

Reply

1) The streets at (*details supplied*) are 'in charge'.

Contact: Ronnie Hamilton, Senior Executive Technician, Roads & Traffic

Tel: 222 2546

Email: ronnie.hamilton@dublincity.ie

2) There currently exists a 'legal lacuna' in relation to the Dublin City Council Control of Horse Drawn Carriages bye-laws. The Law Agent advised that the Council's Bye-laws were invalid as primary legislation existed which gave An Garda Síochána responsibility for regulating operations. The Environment & Transportation Department has met with the An Garda Síochána and separately with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) on a number of occasions in an attempt to regularise the current situation. DTTAS have reverted (September 2019) regarding arranging another meeting to include the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government. It is anticipated that this meeting will take place in October.

Contact: Kevin Meade, Senior Executive Officer, Environment & Transportation Department.

Tel: 222 2109

Email kevin.meade@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services what action has been taken regarding the request for a traffic safety audit around the St. Teresa's Gardens building site?

Reply

Roadworks Control Unit (RWC) do not carry out traffic safety audits and are not aware of a request for a safety audit around St Teresa's Gardens.

However, whenever RWC are notified of a particular construction traffic safety problem we refer the matter to the construction site manager to investigate and take necessary action to address the problem and report back to RWC.

Contact: Conrad Rennicks, Senior Staff Officer, Roadworks Control Unit

Tel: 222 2281.

Email: conrad.rennicks@dublincity.ie

The TAG section aren't aware of a request for a traffic safety audit around the St. Teresa's Gardens building site but the Area Engineer has met with the Area Executive Manager on site and are looking at the possibility of introducing parking restrictions to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow along Donore Avenue. If Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh has any further questions or any more information on the issue, please feel free to contact me

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control

Tel: 222 6393 Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to repair the footpath outside Parish of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fatima, Rialto, Dublin 8?

Reply

Road Maintenance surveyed the footpath outside the Parish of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fatima in Rialto and one defect has been added to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer.

Tel: 2228812.

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to repair the footpath outside Liberty Court, Clanbrassil Street Lower, Dublin 8.

Reply

I visited the location on Friday and noted that this defect is currently on our works list and will be repaired within the coming month.

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

E-mail: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Tel: 2228812

Q20 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to install a yellow traffic box on Old Kilmainham, Dublin 8 at the junction with Brookfield Road.

Reply

The request for a Yellow Box at the above location has been added to the agenda of Transport Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer, Enquiry No 7011708 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control

Tel: 01-2226393

Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to install more public lighting on Connolly Gardens, Inchicore, Dublin 8.

Reply

The existing low pressure sodium (orange coloured) lights here, which are mounted on ESB Network poles, are due to be upgraded to LED lighting. Prior to upgrading the lights, the ESB are due to carry out some minor works on their poles, and we are unable to change the lights until this work is finished. The installation of additional lighting will be investigated as part of a future project, subject to finances made available.

Contact: Dale Donnelly, Assistant Engineer, Public Lighting

Tel: 222 4682

Email: dale.donnelly@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to repair the road and footpaths on Bulfin Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8.

Reply

Road Maintenance has previously surveyed the footpaths on Bulfin Road and the defects that were recorded have been included on our works list for repair.

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

Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintennace@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to install a right turn filter light on South Circular Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8 at the junction with Bulfin Road, when coming Kilmainham towards the canal.

Reply

The Intelligent Transport Systems Section will carry out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at this junction and issue a follow up response in due course.

Contact: *Liam O'Brien, Executive ITS Officer*

Tel: 222 3836

Email: liam.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to review the junction outside 169 Herberton Road as road changes have made it dangerous for the resident to access her driveway with car.

Reply

The request to review the junction at the above location has been added to the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under enquiry no. 7011710. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: *Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control*

Tel: 01-2226393

Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to install traffic calming on Greenville Avenue, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

Reply

The request for traffic calming at the above location has been added to the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under Enquiry No. 7009006. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: *Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control*

Tel: 01-2226393

Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to resurface the road on St. Mary's Drive, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

Reply

Road Maintenance has previously surveyed the footpaths and carriageway on St. Mary's Drive and the defects that were recorded have been included on our works list for repair.

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

Tel: 222 8812.

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to review the junction where O'Donoghue Street meets Ring Street, Inchicore, Dublin 8.

Reply

Following a recent site visit from the Area Traffic Engineer to the junction of Ring Street/O'Donoghue Street it was noticed that there are speed ramps on O'Donoghue Street and Ring Street which are measured approx. 85 metres and 78 metres apart and are in accordance with best practice. There are two "Stop" signs with associated road markings. Failure to stop at a "Stop" sign is illegal and therefore, is a matter for enforcement by An Garda Síochána.

Ref. No. 7010415

Contact: Martina Halpin, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group

Tel: 222 2528

Email: martina.halpin@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services if it is possible to introduce recycling facilities, including glass recycling, to all public housing complexes in the South Central area.

Reply

Dublin City Council is committed to ensuring waste is disposed of in the correct manner at all council owned complexes. A project is underway to introduce both Green (mixed dry recyclables) and Brown (food waste) bins at all complexes. This project is initially focusing on the South East Area and it is expected that this area will be complete by the end of 2019.

It is anticipated that the South Central Area will see the introduction of recycle bins at the beginning of 2020. Residents will be invited to a recycle workshop delivered by the environmental charity Voice Ireland prior to the delivery of recycle bins at their complex.

At present, there are no plans to introduce glass recycle bins at any housing complexes. Residents are encouraged to avail of the network of 84 Bottle Banks located across the city.

Contact: Seamus Brady, Public Domain Officer, Waste Management Services

Tel: 222 4306

Email: seamus.brady@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services what laws are in place to regulate horse carriages now that the Dublin Carriage Act is gone?

Reply

There currently exists a 'legal lacuna' in relation to the Dublin City Council Control of Horse Drawn Carriages bye-laws. The Law Agent advised that the Council's Bye-laws were invalid as primary legislation existed which gave An Garda Síochána responsibility for regulating operations. The Environment & Transportation Department has met with the An Garda Síochána and separately with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) on a number of occasions in an attempt to regularise the current situation. DTTAS have reverted (September 2019) regarding arranging another meeting to include the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government. It is anticipated that this meeting will take place in October.

Contact: Kevin Meade, Senior Executive Officer, Environment & Transportation Department.

Tel: 222 2109

Email kevin.meade@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services how many fines have been issued re road traffic violations by horse carriage drivers in the past 5 years and is it illegal to ride a horse through the city without a nappy sac and if so have any fines been issued re this?

Reply

Fines relating to road traffic violations would be a matter for An Garda Síochána. There is currently no legislation requiring the use of nappy sacs in the Dublin City Council administrative area.

Contact: Kevin Meade, Senior Executive Officer, Environment & Transportation Department.

Tel: 222 2109

Email kevin.meade@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services what is the timeframe for allocating (*details supplied*) and how many units will be available.

Reply

(*Details supplied*) will be ready for allocation before the end of the year. There will be a total of 39 units available.

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

Tel: 222 6114

Email: Dymphna.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to consider whether the trees on Donore Road, Dublin 8 are suitable for this road as residents have expressed concern that they may be blocking street lighting and / or interfering with overhead wires, and to consider either cutting them back or replacing them.

Reply

There are streetlights on one side of the above mentioned street. Two of these lights are located in the vicinity of trees, whose canopy do not grow under the light. The overhead wires are a matter for the ESB to deal with. It is the Park's Department opinion that the trees do not require pruning or replacing at this time.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Exec. Parks Superintendent, Parks Department*

Tel: 222 5276

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the status of (details supplied), who is on our housing list.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with an application date of 10/08/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area L	1	214
Area M	1	162
Area P	1	109

It is noted on the applicant's file that the applicant applied for a Medical Priority on two occasions and was unsuccessful on the following dates 20/11/2017 and 12/08/2019 respectively. The applicant has the option to appeal this decision.

Dublin City Council allocate 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.

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

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether (*details supplied*) is the property of the Local Authority and if not, could it be put on our derelict sites list and could action be taken to address its dereliction.

Reply

This site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the Councillor will be replied to directly.

Contact: *Bernie Mills, Senior Staff Officer, Derelict Sites Section*

Tel: 222 2330

Email: bernie.mills@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the development of the park at Bridgefoot Street.

Reply

The tenders for construction of a new park at Bridgefoot Street have been returned and the contractor is expected on site by the end of the year.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Park Superintendent, Parks Department

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the discussions between our Development Department and Martin Keane as to the development of the Iveagh Markets.

Reply

The City Council is still actively pursuing the most efficient means available to it to ensure that the Iveagh Market Building is refurbished and returned to beneficial use. Mr Keane was advised that the estimated cost of the stabilisation works would be in the region of €13m. The entire project has been estimated at circa €30m which has not been provided for in the Council's Capital Programme. We are therefore awaiting his comments on the projected financial costs of the project before taking further action.

Contact: Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development

Tel: 222 3488

Email: helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie