



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019

- 1 **Presentation: Docklands Bridges Update**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 11th November 2019**
Order: Agreed.
- 3 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 26th November 2019.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on Beta Project: Bike Stands.
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Planning and Economic Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on proposed disposal of freehold interest in site adjacent to 50 Stella Gardens to Mary and Cecilia Lester.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on Dublin City Council sites in the South East Area.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Update on proposed grant of a further licence of the crèche facility at Pearse Memorial Park, Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 5 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development at 59 Bushy Park Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6: 1 – 8 The Paddock.
Order: Agreed.
 - iii. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development at Lime Street, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Lime Court and Hanover Street East as Apts. 1 – 126, 1 Lime Street.
Order: Agreed.

- iv. Report on proposed naming and numbering of a development at 1 Annesley Park as 1 – 20 Annesley Gardens.
Order: Agreed.
- v. South East Area Discretionary Budget 2019.
Order: Noted.
- vi. Selection of a Councillor for the Commemorations and Naming Committee.
Order: Councillor Paddy McCartan was selected as nominee for the Commemorations and Naming Committee.
- vii. The nomination of a Councillor to sit on the selection panel for an artistic commission for the Fitzwilliam Cycleway. The selection meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th December from 2.00 to 4.30pm on the 3rd floor of The Lab, Foley Street, Dublin 1.
Order: Councillor Claire Byrne selected to sit on the selection panel for an artistic commission for the Fitzwilliam Cycleway.

6 Motions 9th December 2019

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an update on the flood protection measures planned for Strand Road / Beach Road, Sandymount in addition to the measures already approved for the southern end of the road and a time scale for all measures to be implemented along the entire length of both roads.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a traffic safety audit is carried out in College Green around Trinity College that focusses on safety for cyclists and pedestrians. There have been a considerable number of accidents sustained by both cyclists and pedestrians in this area. It seems that the problem may be to do with LUAS tracks.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That as a matter of urgency safety hand rails be erected along the steps of entrance to City Hall. When this issue was raised in the past, the reason given for no action was because it's a listed building. May I refer you to the 'South Georgian Dublin Townhouse re-Use Guidance Document' which addressed such challenges and found solutions for modern use of our listed buildings? The absence of hand rails makes the use of these steps lethal and requires to be urgently addressed.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn (taken with Motion 15)

That this meeting of DCC South East Area Committee calls on the BID Company / We Are Dublin Town to remove the offensive sign 'Welcome to the Grafton Quarter' that now hangs masquerading as Christmas decoration in Dublin's historic Grafton Street. There has been huge public outcry with regards this attempt at tacky rebranding of an entire area. This is over commercialisation and is not in keeping with the historic place names and the cultural identity of this area.

It is in breach of guidelines in relation to historical places and urban heritage and also in breach of the ARA Architectural conservation area.

Also, in future, that a pre-planning arrangement be made with DCC Planners prior to any Christmas lights being erected in any part of the city by the BID company as further examples of this blatant disregard for historical place and name is to be seen

in Henry Street where again the same company has tried to rebrand the area and re-commercialise the area as the Dublin 1 area again using the guise of Christmas decoration.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) and the Peter McVerry Trust to stand down their intended homeless accommodation intended for the Avalon House on Aungier Street. This initiative was conducted in entire secrecy. Very few people in the local neighbourhood knew about this or were consulted with regards the placing of one of the biggest homeless ad hoc facilities in the city.

In this area, we already have an over subscription of homeless / temporary accommodation services: Salvation Army, De Paul at Peter's Place and McVerry Trust at Bow Lane East. In the immediate vicinity we have Harcourt Street Simon and also the Iveagh Trust hostel on Bride Street. The area itself has many social issues that have yet to be addressed including poverty, drug abuse and addiction, rampant anti-social behaviour, aggressive begging to name but a few.

This homeless hostel is to be situated in close proximity to a junior school and crèche as well as the local church.

If this facility is to go ahead it will simply overwhelm the area and have a catastrophic impact on any progress, social or economic that this area can possibly make. The fact that there was no consultation here, that this facility is simply being dumped at this location in the South East Area beggars belief. It undermines trust in DRHE, and has led to a great distrust of the McVerry Trust and its operations.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting calls on the manager to formally write to Hines Ireland, to express this committee's grave concern with regards the attack the company made on the historic street traders of Grafton Street. All too often it is easy to pick on street traders and undermine their livelihood and their tradition. These traditions have to be protected and encouraged because they make a city. They add to a city. And they are very much a part of an essential Dublin. The culture of street trading is part of Dublin's cultural identity from Camden Street to Thomas Street to Moore Street to the Fruit and Veg. Market and indeed the Iveagh Market. There is a rich legacy. It is also part of Dublin's economy, in that this is an enterprise, a business. A livelihood for many. The properties and the social capital and the well being created by street traders be it the Christmas Market at Henry Street or the flea market is rich and vibrant and an attack on one is an attack on all.

It is high time that Dublin City Council defended casual trading, street trading, market trading and the right to exist and make a living alongside other forms of business.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Kevin Donoghue

That the area committee would invite the Inland Waterways Ireland Association of Ireland to make a presentation to the area committee on the work it does and the objectives it has for the future.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Tara Deacy

Following on from my motion at October's local area committee meeting regarding Kimmage village rejuvenation, I ask that this committee agrees a proportion of the Discretionary Funds be directed towards a feasibility study that could be advised by residents, businesses, and community groups in terms of Capital Programme and other improvements needed in Kimmage village. I ask in the meantime that this committee support implementing the Shop Front Scheme in Kimmage as has been implemented in other areas and begin the consultation process with interested parties.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Tara Deacy

In light of Bus Connects proposals and the proposed 20% of the roads budget being allocated to cycling, can this committee agree to support a motion for the Dublin Bikes Scheme to be extended to the Kimmage / Rathmines area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee, in light of the recent increase in toll fares for the Tom Clarke Bridge, calls on the Area Manager to investigate the possibility of introducing a concession for local residents, to explore how we can improve the pedestrian and cycling facilities on the bridge to make it safer, and to also look at increasing the community fund in line with the toll increase.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to review the response time of Housing Maintenance Section when issues such as water shortages occur in Dublin City Council housing complexes.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to bring a stop to the process of removing public bins as a solution to illegal dumping, and to instead look for alternative measures to address the problem.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Anne Feeney

That this Committee agrees that a (twice yearly at a minimum) scheduled 'deep clean' of kerbsides is advised to local Councillors by end of January 2020 and that Councillors are advised of the more regular road and pavement cleaning schedule for all roads in the Kimmage-Rathmines Local Electoral Area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillors Mary Freehill, Pat Dunne, Deirdre Conroy, Tara Deacy and Anne Feeney.

The City Council commitment to make a Local Area Plan for Harold's Cross area has been listed since 2011 in the Dublin City Development Plan, the reason for the listing was the number of planning decisions and potential applications that would considerably increase the population of Harold's Cross. Since then Harold's Cross is well on the way to having a population increase of 50%. So far no spatial assessment of the infrastructure of this medieval village has taken place to plan for the needs of this increased population and also to address movement of traffic in the area. It is therefore agreed that work will commence early in 2020 on the Local Area Plan for Harold's Cross.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Danny Byrne (taken with Motion 4)

That this council engages with all stakeholders to ensure that decisions to erect signs such as "Welcome to Grafton Quarters" are avoided in the future.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Pat Dunne

This area committee calls upon our Derelict Sites Section to inspect the Crumlin Shopping Centre site on the Crumlin Road with a view to establishing if the site can be considered derelict. This once thriving shopping centre has been run down for over a decade with most of the units empty. Work commenced on refurbishment but stopped in the summer of 2018. Since then the site has been surrounded by unsightly hoardings.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That this committee will agree to pausing the Poddle FAS scheme in order to avoid reduction of the park land, felling of trees and building a wall through the park, as the local community groups have requested an alternative preventative and mitigating measures in advance of this extensive proposed FAS scheme.

The local community group state that there is no trash screen or alarm assigned to Kimmage section of the Poddle River and request that these preventative and mitigating measures as well as basic maintenance to clear and clean the open channels, be put in place.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy

That this committee would agree to Protected Structure planning applications being uploaded first on to the online system, as they are currently uploaded c. 10 days before deadline for observation submission, due to the extent of documents involved. These applications are more complex than standard applications and include additional conservation reports, 10 copies are required rather than 6 copies for other applications and it is not possible for all those concerned to organize transport into Wood Quay and queue for access to the file.

Order: Refer to Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

7 **Questions to the Chief Executive 9th December 2019**
Order: Noted.

Chairperson
Monday 9 December 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
Kevin Donoghue
Mannix Flynn

Members:

Paddy McCartan
Danny Byrne
Patrick Costello
Pat Dunne
Mary Freehill

Members:

Claire O'Connor
Hazel Chu
Tara Deacy
Anne Feeney
James Geoghegan

Officers:

Mary Taylor

Brian Hanney

John MacEvilly

Brian Kirk
Jennifer Wall
Gerald McEntaggart
Marie Gavin
Gerard O'Connell

Paul McCann
Mary Ginnetty
Helen McNamara
Tim Linehan

Fiona O'Brien
Neil O'Donoghue
Oliver Hickey
Leah Johnson

Apologies:

Chris Andrews

Non-Officers:

Oliver Stross,
COWI

David Grant,
South Dublin County Council

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could report on the issues regarding Palmerston Park outlined in the email submitted with this question (details supplied).

Reply:

Dogs are to be on the lead as per the Park Bye-Laws and the Dog Wardens will be requested to visit the park and ensure that dog owners are adhering to them.

I wasn't aware that cycling was a particular problem in Palmerston Park as it doesn't appear to be a short cut to anywhere. The only place I have ever seen cyclists using the park is via the pathway which divides the two sides of the park and connects Palmerston Road with Orchard Road South. This path has been used regularly by pedestrians and cyclists, and cyclists must give due care to other park users as is indicated in the current signage. The signs will be reviewed to see if they require updating.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to respond to the following regarding Castlewood Terrace:

As you are probably aware, Castlewood Terrace is connected to the main parking and delivery entrance into the Swan Centre. While the development of this centre has commercially benefited the area, the road surface on Castlewood Terrace has been significantly damaged due to increased traffic and HGVs. It was extremely disappointing that the surface on Castlewood Park was recently resurfaced but Castlewood Terrace wasn't. While new markings were placed on Castlewood Terrace, the surface remains damaged.

Reply:

This road surface will be inspected and considered for resurfacing or repairs as appropriate.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could write to the management of the Swan Centre regarding the following:

The exit of the Swan Centre carpark should contain a Yield sign as cars drive out regularly and assume that one is driving into the centre. People may not be aware that this is a residential terrace. Can the Council ask the management of the Swan Centre to appoint a liaison person for residents on the terrace? Other issues such as staff smoking outside and cigarette butts is an ongoing problem.

To ask the Manager if he could respond to the following issues:

Overgrown weeds, illegal dumping and dog faeces are ongoing issues on Castlewood Terrace. Other areas in Dublin 6 and in close proximity benefit from DCC flower boxes, illegal dumping warning signs and signs about cleaning up after one's canine. Can I ask that the above are made available to Castlewood Terrace?

The area can be a hotspot for anti-social behaviour. I would ask that either CCTV or a stronger Garda presence be made available in the area?

Reply:

This is an issue for the management of the Swan Centre as the yield sign is for exiting their property and would need to go on the wall of the building.

The South East Area has conveyed your request to the management of the Swan Centre.

The Litter Warden will monitor the area around the Swan Centre and address any contraventions of the Litter Pollution Act identified.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

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Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have weeding carried out here. Also arrangements have been made to put in place "No dumping" and anti-dog fouling signs at this location. This office installs CCTV cameras only where footage can be captured when a vehicle is involved in an alleged littering offence.

The provision of planter boxes comes under the Vibrant Village Enhancement Scheme, the budget for which is now exhausted for 2019. The Community Team have plans to meet a number of interested groups from the Rathmines area in 2020 with a view to establishing a pilot Rathmines Tidy Towns initiative. Should this group progress and with sufficient funding available, we will consider additional planter boxes for Rathmines Village including Castlewood Terrace.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for action to be taken before this question is reached on the following submitted with this Question.

Reply:

Drainage Construction Section is examining options to improve the road drainage at this location and will forward proposals to Road Maintenance Section shortly for approval. Under Operation 'Open City' there is currently an embargo on new road works commencing during the Christmas period and consequently, when approved, the earliest work could start is the new year.

Q.6 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the serious ceiling leak above the bay window of the kitchen details supplied* repaired as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

The repair request has been now been logged. We have asked the depot to attend as a matter of urgency.

Q.7 Councillor Tara Deacy

In September I raised the issue of illegal parking at the junction of Aughavanagh and Clogher Roads. It was highlighted at the time that this would be monitored and if it were to persist further action would be taken. Locals have sent me photos on number of occasions and the issue has indeed persisted and in fact gotten worse. Can we now look at the installation of planters as was discussed as soon as possible so we can avoid a serious accident in the near future?

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services have been asked to monitor this location and to take enforcement action where necessary.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for a positive response to the request as submitted below for the resurfacing of Lansdowne Road, bearing in mind the significant development levies paid.

"We have been trying to have Lansdowne Road resurfaced, as parts of it are in need of urgent repair and are very uneven.

We have asked the City Council's Roads department but they have said they haven't been allocated a budget.

They recently completed an excellent resurfacing job on Shelbourne Road.

I understand the financial contribution for Lansdowne Place is in excess of €2m."

Reply:

Lansdowne Road will be examined and considered for resurfacing or repairs as required.

Q.9 Councillor Claire O'Connor

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the leaves to be swept on both the footpaths and the road surface (including car parking spaces) of Elmwood Avenue (Lower and Upper), Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had this work carried out during the last week of November 2019.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the bottom half of Herbert Park Road and all of Wellington Road examined for potholes and for subsequent repair.

Reply:

These locations will be examined and repairs scheduled as required.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager have the trees pruned in the back garden and the surrounding area of *details supplied? This property was listed in the works to be done at the close of summer and an undertaking was given to prune the very large tree at the back of this house this autumn.

Reply:

The maintaining, pruning and removing of trees from a tenant's own garden is the responsibility of the tenant themselves as per Dublin City Council tenant's handbook.

As a commitment was given to this couple we will ensure that it is pruned. This job has been scheduled for the week of 2nd December

There are no health and safety issues involved for the tenants of this dwelling.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the public lighting fixed at Stephen Street Upper just beside Ship Street? There is a building site here and the public lighting system has been out for some time.

Reply:

We have no reports of multiple lights out at this location.

Further information is required in relation to the light in question that is out, as there are four lights located in the vicinity of the junction of Ship Street and Stephen Street Upper and also three lights near the building site on Stephen Street.

The information required for reporting lights out are:

1. The number of the light in question. This is either shown on the pole the light is on or beside/under a wall light.
2. The street name where the light is located.
3. The nearest house number(s).
4. The quantity of lights involved.

When the requested information is provided, the light will be checked and any repairs necessary will be carried out.

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have a full appraisal of the cobblestones in the Temple Bar area that would lead to the initiation of full repair works within the entire area? Many of the cobbles and footpaths are dislodged and broken and in a very dangerous state of disrepair.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services log any defects reported in our Asset Management System and they are then prioritised according to location and severity. Repairs will then be scheduled accordingly. However, repairs in the Temple Bar area are often more difficult to schedule than other locations due to technical issues (many utilities are not buried as deep as they should be) and local access requirements (Road Closure Orders are often required and these have a long lead-in period).

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have all the locks removed from the Ha'penny Bridge? Also would it be possible to put up a sign asking people not to put locks on the bridge because of the damage it is causing.

Reply:

We have arranged for locks to be removed from the railings and overhead arches that support the lighting lanterns. However, due to safety concerns it is more difficult to remove the locks that are attached to the electrical conduits (for the power supply to the overhead lighting). We will consult with the Public Lighting Division to assess if it is practical to remove the locks from the electrical conduits.

In relation to signage we have in the past erected A4 size laminated signs. However, they had no impact. It should be noted that when the signs were in place we got a request for the signs to be removed as they were defacing the bridge.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards what contact took place, if any, with the residents of New Street Gardens with regards the extent of the hoarding and the building of accommodation by the McVerry Trust in partnership with Dublin City Council on the Clanbrassil Street site? Many residents here are dismayed with the lack of any contact or liaison with regards the impact that this development and the massive hoarding and site works will have on this small community here.

Reply:

Dublin City Council received a hoarding application from Moston Construction Ltd. for New Street South in connection with a four storey apartment block for the Peter McVerry Trust. New Street Gardens is not yet in charge to Dublin City Council and does not require a hoarding licence from this unit.

Planning permission for the development of 8 units at 26 New Street South, Dublin 8 was granted on 3rd July 2018, no objections were received.

Following completion of public procurement process a main contractor was appointed in the final week of October. The project design team and main contractor were then in a position to review the need for site compound and a provisional draft was drawn up.

On 13th November Peter McVerry Trust carried a leaflet drop to residents at New Street Gardens, Atkinson House and New Street South. The leaflet drop included cover letter detailing project plans and history and providing contact details for PMVT, encouraging residents to contact the charity if they wished to speak about the project and / or details of the proposed site compound and hoarding which was included in the leaflet drop.

PMVT has met with five households in New Street Gardens since 13th November and spoken directly with the residents regarding their concerns. These concerns have, in so far as feasible without preventing the project continuing, been incorporated into a revised license application for hoarding and site compound.

Peter McVerry Trust has repeatedly stressed to residents their willingness to meet on an ongoing basis to address any issues arising and additional contact details for PMVT staff have been made available.

The City Council has advised PMVT to keep the residents of New Street South informed of ongoing works.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please have a complete and utter deep clean on a regular basis for Leinster Square, Rathmines? Many residents in this square have contacted me with regards the amount of litter and dirt that is now accumulating in and around the square on a regular basis. Indeed, many of the residents have now taken to cleaning this square because of the amount of neglect. They are now seeking a full schedule of cleaning works on a regular basis for their area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had a deep clean carried out in Leinster Square on the 21st November 2019. We will ensure that this area is monitored and cleaned on a more regular basis.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager as a matter of urgency have the trees on Redmond's Hill pruned immediately? This area has a clutter of trees many of which are overgrown and are impacting on the buses that are passing. Further, this is a main bus stop with many hundreds of people getting on and off buses. The trees darken the area and there are far too many at this location. It is also impacting on the light of many homes in the flats on Digges Street. This grass verge here is now being used for a bus shelter. Most recently it was infested with rats because of the general lack of upkeep.

This area needs to be planted with flowers etc. It is a great opportunity at Redmond's Hill for vibrant greenery of different varieties.

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Services Division has listed the trees for pruning in early 2010. The grass sward under the trees is currently been maintained to a satisfactory condition and is not considered to be contributing to a rat infestation. There are currently no proposals to install flower beds at this location.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager direct the furniture license unit to do a sweep of Camden Street Wexford Street area? Many public houses and eateries here are extending their tables and chairs further and further onto the footpath particularly in the evening times. It is almost impossible for a person to get by at certain points. There are still many using illegal sandwich boards etc.

Also, can the manager look at curtailing the amount of motor bikes that are on the footpath at the beginning of Wexford Street. These bikes are for sale and they are from a shop. This area is almost impassable at times and for visually impaired and wheelchair users it is almost impossible for them to get through without obstruction.

Also, can the manager supply me with any contractual agreement of license permit that the motor bike shop in question has that allows them place so many commercial bikes for sale on our footpath.

Reply:

Camden Street was inspected on 27th November 2019 and all premises with street furniture licenses were found to be within their licensed area at the time of the inspection.

The Inspectors in the Licensing Unit will prioritise a nighttime sweep of ad boards and will photograph street furniture for investigation and enforcement of conditions of the licence.

The commercial bikes for sale are illegally parked on the footpath on Wexford Street. The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit has approached the owner and issued a number of warnings for him to relocate his vehicles. The final warning has been issued and clamping of these bikes will take place if they are not removed from the footpath.

Q.19 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if there could be additional cleaning carried out in the South Lotts area, in particular along the roads adjoining Barrow Street. The litter build up in the area has become substantial.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the South Lotts area swept five days a week, Monday to Friday. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this area to see what improvements can be made within this cleaning schedule.

Q.20 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if a sign for cycling direction that was installed on the corner of Harcourt Terrace and Charlemont could be moved. The already very thin gap for cyclists is now very difficult for cyclists to navigate.

Reply:

Dublin City Council received complaints from local residents in relation to motorbikes traveling at speed through the opening at Harcourt Terrace / Charlemont Place. As a result, a reflective bollard was trialled, in order to reduce the opening width and slow any potential speeding motorbikes down.

The reflective bollard will be removed and a more appropriate, permanent solution will be examined in Q1 2020.

Q.21 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if the Litter Warden could increase patrols along City Quay; there is a high level of litter along the area as a result of people smoking and drinking from coffee cups in the area.

Reply:

The Litter Warden for the area will monitor City Quay and take appropriate action with regarding to littering.

Q.22 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if there is cleaning planned along the Grand Canal to address the build-up of leaves in the past few weeks.

Reply:

Waste Management Services Division is currently operating a leaves removal programme throughout the city and this will continue until all the leaves have fallen. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaves removal is labour intensive and time consuming, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Also some resident groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their areas. We will ensure that the area along the Grand Canal, including the cycle route, is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

Q.23 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can I get an update from the Manager about the proposed car park spaces adjacent to Lourdes Celtic Football Club (Crumlin), as were discussed under supported motions at the previous local area committee?

Reply:

There is currently existing informal on street car parking along Clogher Road on the approach to the park entrance. It is noted that there are also traffic management measures in place in the form of double yellow lines which prohibit parking at the bend in the road and along Rutland Grove. The existing parking is parallel to the kerb which is a much safer layout than the perpendicular parking that has been proposed. Perpendicular parking along from the junction to the bend would not be feasible nor safe to provide. Having regard to above, there are no proposals to provide a new parking layout at this location.

In light of this response from our Traffic Section and the fact that this is a recurring question or Motion at Area Committee I asked our Parks Section who had initiated the Part 8 if they intended to proceed with any plans for parking at this location.

They have responded by stating that they regard the Traffic reply as the definitive reply and have nothing further to add.

Q.24 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager state when the remaining painting will be carried out in Bishop Street flats?

Reply:

This is part of the paint programme for 2019. The remaining work in this flat complex will be completed in the New Year.

Q.25 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have the bins in Bishop Street Flats made more secure, similar to Mercer House in order to prevent illegal dumping by non-residents?

Reply:

The funding for the bin chamber in Mercer House was approved by councillors through the discretionary fund in the local area.

The discretionary fund could also be used in the Bishop Street flat complex towards the installation of a secure bin chamber and this can be looked at in the New Year

Q.26 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager state how many cars have been clamped in the last 6 months in Bishop Street?

Reply:

We have requested the information from the clamping. I will forward the information directly to the Councillor when it comes in.

Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will Bishop Street be having a caretaker?

Reply:

The Bishop Street complex will not be losing a caretaker.

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager arrange to have the leak at details supplied* repaired as a matter of urgency as her bedroom and bathroom are flooded every time it rains from water overflowing from the down pipe.

Reply:

Work is scheduled for 4th and 5th December to repair the leak in this property.

Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager state how many homeless hostels are in Dublin 4 and how many homeless beds are in these hostels?

Reply:

There are no homeless hostels in Dublin 4. There is emergency accommodation for families.

Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews

In light of the recent burglary in the large block in Mercer House can the Manager arrange to install electric gates at the entrances so residents will have more safety in their homes?

Reply:

Due to health and safety concerns we can no longer install electric / automated gates. However we will contact Pearse Street Garda Station and bring the security concerns to their attention of the Gardaí and follow-up on anti-social behavior complaints.

Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Manager give to residents in Pembroke Road, Irishtown, Dublin 4 and Bayview a list of those who voted for a vote to be carried out on these roads for disc parking and can the engineer explain the logic of the double yellow lines (DYLs) all along the Bayview Terrace if you can't put DYLs outside vehicular entrances? It would mean a stop start of DYLs along this part of the road and there is no need for disc parking at Bayview given there isn't enough room for disc parking bays between the vehicular entrances?

Reply:

It is not policy of the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit to divulge the names and addresses of the people who voted for a ballot to take place for pay and display parking. We have checked the names of those who voted for a ballot for Pembroke Road against the register for electors and are satisfied they are resident on the road. I have discussed concerns raised by residents with the engineers who look after this area of the city. The engineer involved has gone out on site on Bayview again and with the knowledge of information from some residents considered a different configuration of yellow lines. Therefore, if the ballot were to be voted yes, we would not enforce the double yellow lines as outlined in the map that has gone to vote. We have drawn up a second map as a possible option regarding the double yellow lines on Bayview, but this will not come into play unless

the vote for the pay and display will be yes. This will involve further consultation with residents. The date by which residents votes have to be received by us is 13th December 2019.

Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could please provide details of Thornton's decision to cease domestic waste collection service in the South East Inner City, can he please outline what alternative are available for residents affected by this decision?

Reply:

Dublin City Council has not been made aware of any decision made by any authorised waste collector to cease providing a domestic waste collection service to any part of the city.

The City Council has contacted the waste collector to ascertain whether they have ceased providing services to any part of the city.

The waste collector confirmed that the service was being discontinued in the South East Inner City Area and that each customer had been informed of this through correspondence and also given the option to transfer to another prominent waste collection company operating in the area. This transfer was to be carried out only with the customer's consent.

Alternative waste collectors are available for the collection of domestic waste. A full list of authorised waste collectors providing a door to door collection of household waste can be found at www.nwcpc.ie. The City Council also provides for the disposal of all types of domestic waste streams at its civic amenity facility at Pigeon House Road in the south east inner city area.

Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask The Area Manager can he please provide details of the meeting that took place regarding George Reynolds House on October 3rd this year, what were the key issues raised and what plans are in place to address these issues. Can the Manager please provide a timeline for these works?

Reply:

Initial enquiries made with both our Housing and Community teams indicate that we are not aware of a meeting regarding George Reynolds House held on October 3rd this year. If you have any further information then we will make further enquiries?

Q.34 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he is aware of the removal of bike stands from Duke Street, whether he is aware that bikes were still attached to the bike stands when they were removed, can he outline why this happened, who is responsible for this, whether any action is being taken to address the problem, what is being done to retrieve those bikes and when will the bike stands be replaced.

Reply:

The bike stands were removed from Duke Street as they were causing an obstruction to the footpath. Prior to removing the stands No Parking notices were put up on all stands explaining that the stands were due to be removed. Any bikes that remained locked to the stands when the stands were removed were taken into secure storage by our Traffic Officers. Where the owners of these bikes have contacted Dublin City Council, the bikes have been returned.

It is not intended to replace the stands as the location was unsuitable. However there is an on-going programme installing cycle parking around the city and this year alone over 900 new stands will be installed in the city.

Q.35 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what happened to bollards along the Lombard Street East contra flow cycle lane, will these bollards be reinstated in order to protect the safety of the cyclists, and if so when will this take place?

Reply:

Following the completion of the works on Lombard Street East, funding became available unexpectedly from the National Transport Authority to re-surface the street. In order to re-surface the road it was necessary to remove the flexible bollards temporarily.

The bollards have now been re-instated.

Q.36 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a detailed breakdown of the 2019 discretionary funding, outlining how much has been spent to date, what the fund has been spent on and how much is currently remains in the fund?

Reply:

A detailed breakdown of spending from the 2019 South East Area discretionary fund is included in the agenda for this meeting.

Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager could he please request that the cleansing staff stop to dumping collected leaves on the Grand Canal Cycle route as it is dangerous for cyclists.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that all leaves are removed as they clear them along the Grand Canal Cycle Route and that they don't leave dabs of collected leaves along there for later collection, causing obstacles for cyclists.

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is the purpose of the yellow bollard / orca wand that has been placed at the junction of the Grand Canal Cycle Route and Harcourt Terrace, and could the manager consider replacing this with an alternative way to direct cyclists as this is causing an obstruction to cyclists on what is a very narrow passageway?

Reply:

Dublin City Council received complaints from local residents in relation to motorbikes traveling at speed through the opening at Harcourt Terrace / Charlemont Place. As a result, a reflective bollard was trialled, in order to reduce the opening width and slow any potential speeding motorbikes down.

The reflective bollard will be removed and a more appropriate, permanent solution will be examined in Q1 2020.

Q.39 Councillor Chris Andrews

In the context of the response below I understand that algae is a part of the biodiversity but can the Manager confirm that this huge quantity of algae is an unusually large amount this year and the increased volume is as a result of the ongoing release of waste water into Dublin Bay by Irish Water?

"Q.25 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to outline why there is dark brown seaweed on Sandymount Strand for over two months bearing in mind it has a very strong unpleasant odour and outline why it is allowed sit there preventing many from the public afraid to use the strand. Can you please arrange to have it removed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Bay has a considerable quantity of vegetation growing on its sea bed. This particular dark brown seaweed material is currently both floating in the sea water and washing up onto our beaches during high tides and elsewhere along the coastline. This material is a naturally occurring seaweed or macro algae called Ectocarpus. There is no foul or sewage effluent on the beaches but it is actually this Ectocarpus at various stages of decay.

Ectocarpus siliculosus is considered to be a naturally occurring nuisance species. Typically growing on the seabed from early springtime until the end of its lifecycle in the autumn when it dies out. At this time of year the seaweed is decaying and becoming uprooted from the sea bed and washing ashore at various locations along Dublin bay.

When ectocarpus begins to physically degrade, it can produce a malodour (not dissimilar to sewage), as experienced by the complainant, in this instance. Also its colour dissipates from a healthy green colour to light then dark brown as it continues to decay in the water or beaches or marsh, (visually not dissimilar to sewage either). Furthermore, when the weed washes ashore onto the beach, then the seaweed dries out and may be incorrectly identified as caked sewage. This is a natural process within Dublin bay's rich bio-diversity and for various environmental and legal reasons may not be removed from its environment.

With regard to allaying the public's fears, DCC recently distributed an information bulletin to all Elected Representatives outlining what ectocarpus is so as assist with disseminating information to the public should they enquire.

Furthermore, the Drainage Department has erected the same ectocarpus 'Information Bulletin' at all of DCC's notice boards located adjacent to designated beaches along our coastline. This includes both Sandymount and Merrion Strands.

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Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Division.
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Reply:

The quantity of ectocarpus washing up on our shoreline this year is a frequent experience and the Environment Department has observed and recorded blooms of ectocarpus of similar quantities over the past 15 years. In responding to the Councilors question, we have reviewed of records as far back as 2008 and we attach some images of previous algae blooms at various south side beaches since that time to visually convey how this naturally occurring algae has been annually present in our Dublin Bay biosphere. Please see Appendix A for photos.

In relation to the question raised regarding a link between the quantity of ectocarpus and a correlation with discharges at the Ringsend Waste Water Treatment Plant (RWWTP); Professor James G. Wilson (TCD) undertook an investigation specifically into to the circumstantial link between ectocarpus blooms and discharges at the RWWTP which the professor reported on in 2010. The report is comprehensive in detail and nutritional analysis at various water course locations approaching and within Dublin bay, including in the River Liffey upstream of Ringsend. In brief the following is an excerpt of that report setting out the conclusions of that study:

Conclusions:

1. *Stable isotope signatures of N from SPM and from DIN showed little difference among sites in and around the Liffey estuary.*
2. *There was no clear or strong signal from the STP (sewage treatment plant) at Ringsend in any of the N signatures.*
3. *Neither dissolved N nor particulate N (nitrogen) signatures showed enrichment typical of sewage values.*
4. *The ^{15}N signature of Ectocarpus from just outside the mouth of the Liffey estuary shows no enrichment from the Ringsend STP.¹*

Accumulative expertise has reported over the past decade a range of factors which influence the nature of annual ectocarpus blooms, factors including seawater salinity, pluvial nutrients within water courses upstream of the RWWTP entering Dublin Bay, tides/ sea currents, varying water temperatures, sunlight exposure. No conclusive evidence is available to support the assertion that RWWTP discharges influence the growth of ectocarpus in Dublin Bay.

In summary, the quantity of algae is not an unusually large amount this year and evidence available from research concludes that there is no correlation between activities at the Ringsend Waste Water Treatment Plant and the ectocarpus bloom from year to year.

References:

1. Prof. James G. Wilson, BSc, PhD, MIEEM, CEnv, FTCD. 2010. Upgrading of Dublin STP: N sources for the macroalga *Ectocarpus*

Q.40 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange as a matter of urgency for a thorough clean-up of autumn leaves from pavements, roads, kerbs and gutters in the following areas in particular, where there are many trees and a difficulty for many residents to deal with the scale of the problem. In addition the heavy rain has made the leaves slippery and treacherous for pedestrians.

- Eaton Square and adjoining roads
- Terenure Road East, Rathgar Road, Frankfort Ave, Garville Avenue, Kenilworth Square and all adjoining roads
- Palmerston Park, Cowper Road, Cowper Downs and adjoining roads
- Larkfield roads including Larkfield Park, Mount Tallant and all adjoining roads

And all other areas in the LEA where there a large number of trees overhanging onto pavements.

Reply:

Waste Management Services are currently operating a leaves removal programme throughout the city and this will continue until all the leaves have fallen. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaves removal is a labour intensive and time consuming task, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Also some resident groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their areas. We will ensure that the above mentioned areas are included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

Q.41 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review the traffic plan for construction traffic at Marianella Building site, 75 Orwell Road, Dublin 6. There are large numbers of construction vehicles delivering material to this site. Cars are parked on both sides of the road from very early morning, leading to traffic congestion for long periods of the day as well as potentially dangerous situations at certain times of day for students from local schools.

Reply:

Roadworks Control Unit contacted Cairn Homes in relation to an incident of 19/11/2019 and received a report 29/11/2019, as follows

“The incident was unacceptable. It arose as a result of a misunderstanding of the concrete batching plant who inadvertently dispatched lorries to the site ahead of works commencement time of 8am, on the day in question. A number lorries arrived before 8am and we only had capacity to have 3 lorries parked off-road in front of our site entrance off Orwell Rd which lead to concrete lorries parking up on Orwell Rd. Since this incident we have undertaken a widening of the set-back and off-road area waiting area in front of our site gates, to facilitate a greater number of spaces for truck queuing in the unlikely event of unplanned arrival of lorries ahead of our permitted site opening hours – see photo below. We have also spoken with our concrete supplier Kilsaran about this issue to ensure that it is not repeated, and their responsibility with respect to other road users on Orwell Road. Please accept our apologies for this incident and our assurance that we will use our best endeavours to avoid a reoccurrence. Our Project Manager has issued his personal contact details to local resident’s representatives, such that he can be contacted immediately in the event of any issues arising including poor parking of site related vehicles etc. We have a process of ongoing monitoring of the road condition (including road sweeping) in place under the auspices of our Site Safety Officer and our Gateman. We will remain vigilant in this regard, in particular with respect to mitigating issues that could affect vulnerable road users in the vicinity of the site entrance.”

This request has been sent to the Area Engineer who will assess the location and a report will be sent to the Councillor on completion of this assessment (ref. 7012785).

Q.42 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for repair work to be carried out on Louis Lane, Off Leinster Road. There is a large slab of slightly raised concrete on the surface of the ground on this lane that has been a bit loose for some time and dangerous but now is much looser and can actually be tipped to a small degree. With heavy rainfall, it often can’t be seen and so is more hazardous. A large number of children and parents pass through this lane going to and from school.

Reply:

This will be inspected and repairs scheduled as required.

Q.43 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the issue of illegal parking taking place on Orwell Road at Rathgar Village. There are multiple cars parked on the footpath and double yellow lines leaving the footpath unpassable for buggies or wheelchairs. This is a very busy road without cars blocking pedestrians and traffic. Could bollards be placed on the pavement as is the case around the corner outside the AIB on Terenure Road East?

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit will ask an inspector to investigate illegal parking on Orwell Road at Rathgar Village. Following investigation the Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce any illegal parking taking place at this location.

This request has been referred to the area engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group (Ref 7012749). The Councillor will be informed when a decision has been made by the Traffic Advisory Group.

In the meantime Dublin City Councils parking enforcement contractor Dublin Street Parking Services will be instructed to monitor the location and take enforcement action where necessary. Illegal parking can also be reported directly to Dublin Street Parking Services tel.: 6022 500 or the local Gardaí, for enforcement under the law.

Q.44 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for the clean-up of the pavement around Bushy Park. The perimeter bushes and overhang of trees extend over the footpath and there now is a build-up of wet leaves on what remains of the path, presenting a real danger of slipping for the many users of the park.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will have this work carried out in early December 2019.

Parks Services will liaise with our colleagues in Waste Management Services Division to arrange for the footpaths and roadway to be cleared of leaves at this location.

Q.45 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for a deep clean of kerbsides and footpaths on Ravensdale, Poddle Park, Captain's Road and adjoining roads.

Reply:

Waste Management Services are currently operating a leaves removal programme throughout the city and this will continue until all the leaves have fallen. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaves removal is a labour intensive and time consuming task, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Also some resident groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their areas.

We had the leaves cleared from the pavement around Bushy Park on the 28th November 2019. We will ensure that the above mentioned location is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

Q.46 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to review the traffic light signalling and traffic flows (or lack of) from Kimmage Cross Road to Terenure village. The back-up of traffic due to the sequencing of lights at the busy junction on Terenure Place is a major issue at all times of day and every day of the week including Sundays. At present cars from Terenure Road West, only get to move onto Terenure Place every second change of lights. In addition, this back-up situation (with little option for traffic to turn off TRW to get to the village or TRN from this main road) is contributing to the case by Bus Connects to diminish the bus service (15A and 17) for the significant catchment area of Terenure Road West.

Reply:

Kimmage Road West / Terenure Road West

This junction is a four arm signalised junction and contains three slips. There are four phases at this junction and the typical cycle length is 120 seconds. There are bus priority measures in operation which provide priority to buses through this junction. The main phase facilitates the north / south movements with east / west movements receiving the second highest amount of priority and the remaining two phases receiving the remaining time left in the cycle length releasing traffic from Kimmage Road West and Kimmage Road in a southbound direction. Minor changes have been made to optimise the junction whereby the total cycle length will be slightly reduced.

The distribution of time for the different movements are appropriate considering Kimmage Road is an arterial route and Kimmage Road West / Terenure Road West is an orbital route. I reviewed the traffic volumes at this junction and the volumes are significantly higher compared to earlier in the year and last year. When comparing total volumes through the junction in the AM peak for a typical weekday in November 2018 to November 2019 the volumes have increased by 24%. Traffic volumes travelling Northbound from Fortfield Road

into town during a typical weekday in November have increased by 18% in the AM peak when compared to a typical weekday back in September earlier this year. This demonstrates that the increased congestion is a result of the increase in volumes of traffic and the demand is exceeding the capacity at this junction.

This junction operates under our Traffic Management System SCATS. SCATS is an Adaptive Traffic Management System responding to real time traffic demand and adjusting signals where appropriate using predefined plans. Due to the increasing volumes of traffic approaching this junction the junction is over capacity and SCATS is optimising the junction and attributing time based on available capacity of which there is very little. From an onsite visit it was also observed that the high number of right turners create blocking back.

Bus Connects proposal for this junction include an upgrade to provide greater bus priority and enhanced pedestrian and cycle facilities. This upgrade would represent a positive impact on the operation of the junction. The expectation is that Bus Connects would result in reduced car use and modal shift to sustainable modes resulting in a more efficient junction at this location.

Terenure Road West / Terenure Place / Templeogue Road

As noted in your question I can confirm that the priority provided is essentially every second time the green signal at Terenure Road West is shown it will coincide with the green signal at Terenure Cross, and similarly the green signal at Templeogue Road will coincide with Terenure Cross every second time it runs. The operation of these signalised junctions are considered in parallel and not in isolation. The “every second change of lights” functionality is a result of the proximity between the two junctions, the limited capacity and high demand at these junctions.

The operation of this junction does not serve as a means to diminish bus services. The NTA is responsible for determining the planning of future bus services through Bus Connects and the Dublin bus network route redesign is a matter for the NTA.

At present there are bus priority measures in place at the following junctions to facilitate the 15a, 17, and 17D:

- KCR;
- TRW / Greenlea Road; and
- Templeogue Road / TRW.

Q.47 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager how many fines have been issued and collected for dog-fouling in the Kimmage-Rathmines, Pembroke and South East Inner City Local Electoral Areas.

Reply:

Since 1 January 2017, three (3) litter fines were issued under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts to people who did not clean-up immediately after their dogs. All three (3) litter fines were paid.

Q.48 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to install some bike stands outside the row of shops (including the bicycle shop) beside the Garda Station on St. Agnes Road, Crumlin.

Reply:

This will be investigated and if a suitable location can be found it will be included in a future batch of cycle parking.

Q.49 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager about the housing position of *details supplied.

Reply:

The applicant is currently on the Transfer Older Person's list with the following position:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area B	1	70

It is noted on the applicant's file that they have recently applied for a medical priority on three separate occasions, 5/7/2016, 12/10/2016 and most recently 17/04/2019 all of which were unsuccessful.

If the applicant wishes to appeal the most recent decision, please advise her to submit new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision.

Q.50 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

The principal of St. Louis' School, Rathmines states that their sports facilities are limited, and that funding the outdoor works on sports ground is beyond their fundraising capabilities. As they have funded a lot of repair already. They applied to the Dept. of Education for funding. They also hire out the Swan Leisure centre for various sporting activities at considerable cost to the school. They were not successful in their application for funding to repair the sports ground. They seek support from Dublin City Council on appeal to the Minister or funding. Is this possible?

Reply:

The funding of schools for repair of sports grounds is a matter for the Dept. of Education and Skills. However the Area Manager will write to the Dept. of Education and Skills outlining that the matter was raised as a question at Area Committee meeting.

Q.51 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

In what regard is the Transport SPC engaged with Bus Connects on the alteration of bus routes through Dublin South and South West? There are many queries on saving existing bus routes, including St. Louis High School, the only all-girls' post-primary voluntary sector school in Dublin 6. There is a diverse student population, with students travelling from many Dublin suburbs and coming from a wide range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. This is one of the many strengths as a school community. The proposed changes will affect, in particular, the following bus routes: 15A, 15B, 18 and 83 and combined, will impact on approximately 40-50% of the school population.

Resident groups and schools do not want these bus routes changed. What will City Council do to retain these bus routes for the City Council community?

Reply:

Bus Connects network redesign has had its consultation time extended and any elected member and member of the public is encouraged to make a submission to the NTA on this matter.

At the next meeting of the Transportation SPC the NTA will be presenting on the Bus Connects project and will also be deciding on setting up a Public Transport Sub Committee.

Q.52 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to passage of the amended Report No. 320/2019 on the 18th of November 2019 if he can confirm by reference to each of the following codes, B0302, B03036, B0402 and B0406 the total euro amount that shall be allocated to the South East Area for the improvement and maintenance of cycle infrastructure.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services is in the process of preparing its Annual Works Programme for 2020. This will be presented to the Area Committees in January / February 2020 and will include details of budget allocations.

Q.53 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager if the second area to be assessed for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme after Eblana / Island Villas, which is taking place in November 2019, will be Marlborough Road / Belmont Avenue on account of the continued and ongoing threat of a serious accident occurring on Belmont Avenue which has a busy national school located on its road.

Reply:

The Belmont Avenue and Marlborough Road areas are currently being assessed by the Neighbourhood Transport Engineer. Once all the areas for consideration in this scheme have been assessed, Councillors in the South East and South Central Area will be notified of the order the areas have been ranked.

Areas which are ranked at the top of the list will be deemed to be in most need of intervention and will be put forward to Phase 3 which will involve the development of a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme.

Q.54 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to passage of the amended Report No. 320/2019 on the 18th of November 2019 if he can confirm in euro amounts the total amount of the area office Discretionary Fund that shall be allocated to the South East Area.

Reply:

The allocation of this fund will be considered at the meeting of the Corporate Policy Group on 13th December.

Q.55 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to passage of the amended Report No. 320/2019 on the 18th of November 2019 if he can confirm whether funding is available for works to light / enhance the main entrance archway at Ranelagh Gardens referred to in the report of the Director of Services dated 6th of November 2019.

Reply:

Works to light / enhance the main entrance archway at Ranelagh Gardens are being considered for 2020 from the discretionary fund and costings are currently being sought for this work. However, the disbursement of the Discretionary Fund for 2020 in the South East Area has yet to be agreed.

Q.56 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to passage of the amended Report No. 320/2019 on the 18th of November 2019 if he can confirm whether funding is available for proposed improvement for pedestrian crossing at Morehampton Road, Donnybrook referred to by the engineer at the last South East Area meeting on the 11th of November 2019.

Reply:

The Area Engineer is working on the assessment of this junction to see if the pedestrian crossing is warranted or not. The area recommendation has also to be assessed in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Traffic Engineer.

This query is on the TAM's system and the Councillor will be informed in due course.

Q.57 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to the passage of Motion 15 (re height strategy) on the 11th of November 2019 if he can confirm which South East Area meeting is it proposed for this to occur and if suggested invitees can be supplied to your office in addition to Dublin City Council officials from the relevant division.

Reply:

The proposed review of the City wide height strategy is a matter for the Planning & Urban Form SPC in the first instance. This SPC comprises of both Councillors and representatives from the build environment professions including the RIAI. This work will input into the drafting of the City Development Plan, for which the formal review process will commence in Q3 next year.

Meanwhile, it is proposed to bring a presentation to the January Area Committee setting out the main aspects of the recent Height Guidelines issued by the DHPLG in order to frame a discussion for future policies on height in the City.

Q.58 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to the passage of Motion 16 on the 11th of November 2019 (re Scully's Field) if he can confirm which South East Area meeting is it proposed for this to occur and if suggested invitees can be supplied to your office in addition to Dublin City Council officials from the relevant division.

Reply:

Scully's Field is privately owned and not in the charge of Dublin City Council so engaging with the public to make a proposal that the council is not currently in a position to implement would be premature as it could create a false expectation of possible action that cannot be followed through at this stage.

Q.59 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager, further to question 67 on the 11th of November 2019, given that cars are already dividing into two lanes at the junction between Ashfield Road and Ranelagh Road during busy periods, if he can advise is there any remedy to regulate this occurrence in a more efficient manner notwithstanding the distances.

Reply:

A possible solution for the junction between Ashfield Road and Ranelagh Road is to consider narrowing the carriageway and consider the introduction of bollards.

Another option would be the introduction of on street cycle parking facilities in front of Antica Venezia. This would help to narrow the exit to one lane and remove driving on the footpath.

This would have to be assessed by the Area Engineer and also required to liaise with the Clonskeagh - Ranelagh - City Centre Cycle scheme.

This enquiry will be added into the TAMS system and the Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

Q.60 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area Manager further to question 85 of the 4th of November 2019 to the Chief Executive if representations could be made to see that Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road are included in the 2020 Annual Resurfacing Programme given the state of disrepair as a result of the construction trucks driving on the road to build the Devlin hotel and where local residents had been promised that the sizeable developmental levy contributions from that hotel would assist in ensuring these roads would be resurfaced following the completion of that construction.

Reply:

These roads will be put forward for consideration for inclusion our 2020 Annual Resurfacing Programme which will be drawn up for approval by the end of the year.

Road Maintenance Services is not aware of any commitment made to local residents previously regarding resurfacing of these roads.