

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 9th March 2020

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to request the relevant section to investigate dumping at details supplied:

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the following could be investigated, details supplied:

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a proper front door to be installed at *details supplied* and not the type that has now had to be already replaced that according to the resident is an inside door not suitable for exposure to the elements.

Q.4 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue. To have the pavement outside 8 Gilford Drive, Sandymount, Dublin 4 repaired as it has become uplifted and is in generally in a poor state.

Q.5 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a new street light installed on Belmont Park, Donnybrook, as the road is very dark and there have been a number of robberies. The poor lighting is a contributory factor.

Q.6 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give a further update on continuing issues of anti-social behaviour affecting Eastmoreland Lane. This issue had been previously raised last November by a constituent who now writes:

"We are still having issues with anti-social behaviour coming from customers of Searsons pub. They are in breach of planning by allowing access on to the Eastmoreland Lane, displaying advertising and they permanently store over flowing waste on the lane.

Please can you advise why Searsons are consistently disregarding the council and the residents?

Q.7 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to arrange to have rubbish and debris cleared from the walk way adjacent to Lansdowne Road DART station.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Chief Executive if there can be a reduction in the quite excessive charge being levied on these residents for the removal of a parking bay details supplied

Q.9 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to introduce traffic calming measures along Long Lane in Dublin 8. Traffic is travelling at high speed and residents are concerned it might be doing damage to their cars.

Q.10 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Can the manager explain why, despite the potential danger of flooding posed to residents, the flood gates near the Aviva Stadium were closed the day before and the day after the rugby match on February 8th? Was there not a fear that flooding could

occur, as it has in the past? And if there had been damage to residential property caused by any negligence on the part of Dublin City, who would the residents have made the insurance claim against?

These gates were put in place to protect residents. Flooding tides were reported to be up to the top of the Tennis Club walls. If there had been flooding, as has occurred in the past, it could have caused serious damage.

Q.11 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Recently, graffiti was removed from the wall of the pumping house station where it looks onto Mary Aikenhead Terrace and it was graffitied again just two days after it was removed. Can the manager arrange for this graffiti to be removed again please?

Q.12 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Can the manager arrange to have the drains in Mount Drummond Court cleared as when it rains the courtyard / parking area is flooded?

Q.13 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Can the manager arrange to have the rear entrance in Hall 18 in new York Street Apartments repaired as it has been broken for over a week now?

Q.14 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Can the manager arrange a report on the cost to install public lighting in Herbert Park, Sundrive Park and Eamon Ceannt Park as it would reduce anti-social behaviour and allow parks to be accessible after dark?

Q.15 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Can a "No Dumping" sign be installed at the entrance to St. Kevin's Parade, off Clanbrassil Street as there is an ongoing trend of rubbish being dumped here and also can cameras be installed (even if only on a temporary basis) to identify those dumping?

Q.16 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Can the manager state why the drains at a residence *details supplied are constantly blocking and can the manager state why the pipes causing the blockage have not been repaired as a matter of urgency and in the interim have the blockage cleared on a weekly basis?

Q.17 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Can the manager carry out a fire safety audit on the rear windows of the flats on Bride Street, Ross Road and Nicholas Street as a matter of urgency as residents are concerned they do not meet fire safety regulations?

Q.18 Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Can the manager arrange for a situation at a dwelling *details supplied regarding raw sewage leakage to be resolved?

Q.19 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to investigate the feasibility of introducing Permit Parking on Rostrevor Road, Dartry. This road has ongoing problem with congestion and the road being used as for all-day parking by commuters and residents of Marianella (who have insufficient parking provision for the number of residential units). An initial survey of residents has taken place with 28 of the 38 house owners signing the survey.

Q.20 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to carry out a survey of roads (with particular emphasis on main roads) in the SEA area, to identify dangerous pot holes and collapsing of road surfaces

with a view to prioritising repair works. Some of these potholes present a real danger to cyclists, scooter users and also cause tyre damage to car and commercial vehicles.

Q.21 Councillor Daniel Céidinn

Following on from the submission of a petition by residents in the houses on Cambridge Park for disc parking, can the manager outline what the status of the request, as requested by residents, is for the installation of disc parking on Cambridge Park in Ringsend, Dublin 4?

Q.22 Councillor Daniel Céidinn

Can the manager arrange to improve the lighting in Rutland Grove as lighting in Rutland Grove has the yellow poor lighting and residents would like it brighter which will make it feel safer?

Q.23 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he will please carry out a traffic assessment and consider introducing traffic calming measures along Long Lane, Dublin 8. Cars travel at very high speeds here and a number of residents have had their wing mirrors clipped recently

Q.24 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he clarify whether planning permission is required for external insulation on house extensions. Can the Area Manager please provide written guidelines, with example and criteria, for what External Wall Insulation is normally exempt from planning permission?

Q.25 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask Dublin City Council Traffic Department whether they will consider the introduction of a slip road from Sean Moore Road to improve the access and egress of local traffic to Pine Road and Leukos Road which is increasingly difficult as traffic backs up on the approach to the round about on Sean Moore Road, heading to the Eastlink Bridge.

Q.26 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install an additional street light close to details supplied. The street is very dark close to this property.

Q.27 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please increase the level of cleaning of the lanes to the rear of the houses on Leukos Road, Ringsend, which is regularly fully of litter and illegally dumped material.

Q.28 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager are there any restrictions on An Post using their post-boxes in the South Georgian Core to advertise their products and services as they currently do? If there are, how are these restrictions monitored and enforced?

Q.29 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide assistance for details supplied. This gentleman and his family are living in an extremely overcrowded situation, and his elderly mother is finding it very difficult to access their flat without a lift. Could the Area Manager explore the possibility of providing a bigger ground floor flat or to relocate to one with a lift or a house?

Q.30 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he can please review the waiting times of the pedestrian lights on St. Stephen's Green. Pedestrians are having to wait a long time to cross at key junctions and cars seem to be given priority here which goes against the transport hierarchy.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ask the CEO to explain how three licensed premises at the northern end of Dame Court, Dublin 2 (Stags Head, Dame Tavern and JT Pim's) have been operating outdoor enclosures without having the required street furniture licences. In two of these three cases for the past several years, and also to explain the circumstances under which the lower section of Dame Court for a distance of 20-24 metres, was designated a pedestrian zone from 19 00 to 06.00 every night. What steps does he propose to take to regularise the situation and will he commission a survey of all licensed premises in Dublin 2 to establish whether they have the required street furniture licenses?

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager request that the unsightly hoarding that is boarding up the entrance to the rates office in Castle Street be removed? This is one of the city's most unique buildings. It is presently empty and is to undergo a series of repairs but it is wholly unacceptable that the building be simply boarded up and left in this state without any proper public notification. Many members of the public have complained to me about the disgraceful treatment of this building which is in the hands of Dublin City Council and is an architectural gem.

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manger initiate a full clean-up program of all the graffiti along the eastern side of Aungier Street? This vandalising of a unique street by spray painters and taggers are acts of criminal vandalism. There is no consent on record here for anyone to spray paint under the general name of street art. This kind of graffiti and spray painting can undermine and ghettoise entire neighbourhoods and communities.

Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to why the lights along the boardwalk are constantly out of order and not working?

Q.35 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the ongoing issues at Avalon House? This report to include architectural conservation reports on the protect structures. The fire reports. When will the premises be brought into use for Homeless Services? What evaluation reports, if any, have been carried out with regards the impact that this facility will have on the surrounding community.

Q.36 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards how many hotels and B and B's are being used in the South East area to accommodate homeless individuals and families and to what areas and streets these hotels are located in.

Q.37 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the areas of tiling and roofing which fell off the York Street apartment complex in the past few weeks? Residents have report to me that areas of the roofing and tiling have been falling from the building. Please see photos included.

Q.38 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please have the graffiti removed from the gable walls of Boyne Street flats?

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a full report with regards the tiling on the stairways and landings in the Boyne Street flat complex? Many of these tiles are broken and dilapidated and are lethally slippery. They are a dangerous trip-hazard and need to be removed and replaced with safer flooring with non-slip surface. Also can the manager do a thorough cleaning of the stairs as they are currently covered in moss?

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report on Cambridge Court Senior Citizens' Complex? This report to include what social amenities are provided. What is the break-down of tenants i.e. male/female and what security measures are in place, CCTV cameras etc.? What security is in place for the protection and safety of the tenants?

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager place further bollards along the footpath line at St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Park in order to stop trucks and vans using the wide footpath here in front of the cathedral as a parking and delivery zone from the early morning throughout the day. This is causing a serious danger to pedestrians and indeed road users. See photos attached.

Q.42 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if cleaning can be done at the back gate of Meath Primary School on Arnott Street. A mattress and some other debris has been left there.

Q.43 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to fix the road at the corner of City Quay and Lombard Street. A dip has appeared in the road and motorists are swerving to avoid it.

Q.44 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to have the number of patrols for the litter warden at City Quay to be increased as residents have reported a high number of littering instances in recent times.

Q.45 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager the number of applications made for Air BnB style letting in the South East Area and the number that have been granted or refused.

Q.46 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if they know anything about Thornton's Recycling ceasing service in Herbert Lane.

Q.47 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if he could address the clogged gutters on Pearse Street between Macken Street and Erne Street.

Q.48 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if they could assess loose paving stones outside the house at *details supplied.

Q.49 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager when it is likely the first village clean of Ranelagh will take place following the passage of the discretionary budget.

- Q.50 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the South East Area manager when it is likely the new works on Ranelagh Gardens will be completed following the passage of the discretionary budget.
- Q.51 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the South East Area manager for an update on timeline for the Clonskeagh to City Centre segregated cycle route.
- Q.52 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the South East Area manager for an update on timeline for Dodder Greenway.
- Q.53 Councillor James Geoghegan**
To ask the South East Area manager for an update on discussions in respect of the potential sale/purchase of Martello Tower.
- Q.54 Councillor Pat Dunne**
Can the Area Manager arrange for an inspection of the footpath around the tree pit adjacent to details supplied? This section of footpath has been described as a trip hazard.
- Q.55 Councillor Hazel Chu**
To ask the Manager what provisions of maintenance, clean up and monitoring would be provided to parks such as Dartmouth Square that would no longer have restricted access hours.
- Q.56 Councillor Hazel Chu**
To ask the Manager if there is any update on the cycle lanes in Ranelagh being converted to 24 hours?
- Q.57 Councillor Hazel Chu**
To ask the Manager to introduce a campaign where local shop owners would be contacted to ask that their delivery vehicles not pull up outside the shops as to block traffic and restrict pedestrian access and also cycle path. Clear examples of this would be SuperValu in Ranelagh. The shops are vital to the communities but so are the individuals trying to commute to the shops.
- Q.58 Councillor Hazel Chu**
To ask the Manager an update of the traffic assessment for Belmont Avenue and Marlborough road, currently both roads suffer congestion issues since there's simply not enough space (with parked cars) to allow traffic on both roads to pass.
- Q.59 Councillor Hazel Chu**
To ask the Manager once again for a pedestrian crossing at Rathmines Road and Portobello Bridge (at the part that's missing a crossing).
- Q.60 Councillor Tara Deacy**
Is there anything that can be done about the water pool that builds up in the gap on Ravensdale Park going into the adjoining housing estate (across the road from the Four Provinces)? Even a small amount of rainfall results in a large pool building up of about 2/3 inches.
- Q.61 Councillor Carolyn Moore**
To ask the Director of Services to review the use of "Kissing Gates" at parks, notably at Eamon Ceannt Park. While designed to limit the use of scramblers, kissing gates are preventing wheelchair users, mobility scooters and cargo bikes gaining access to

parks. They also leave cyclists vulnerable to attack if they have to dismount at a designated spot (as demonstrated by attacks on the Grand Canal Greenway).

Q.62 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services or the parks department if the perimeter wall of the green at 18-42 Kildare Road can be raised and if extra plants and bushes can be planted on it to combat the frequent parking of vehicles on the green, damaging the grass and causing difficulties for local residents.

Q.63 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director or Services or Roads Department if there is a schedule for repairs to the kerb on Fergus Road in Terenure. A number of sections - notably outside No.6 - are broken and present a trip hazard to the public.

Q.64 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if the residents of Ashdale Road can install planters and 'slow' signs to improve the street and calm traffic, and to appoint a traffic engineer to conduct a review of traffic on Ashdale Road and surrounding streets in Terenure, where residents wish to see traffic calming measures implemented to discourage the use of these streets as 'rat runs'.

Q.65 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if there is a timeline for delivery of additional lighting in the laneways around Eaton Square, which residents were informed had gone out to tender. Residents note the lanes are used for illegal dumping and suffer from anti-social behaviour, and a person died by suicide in a darkened lane here recently.

Q.66 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if there are plans to add a cycle lane to Sundrive Road.

Q.67 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Director of Services if sections of public grass can be designated as 'no mow' areas and allowed to develop as meadow to support insect populations and encourage biodiversity.

Q.68 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if there are means by which apartment dwellers can be given priority on waiting lists for allotments due to the fact that they may not have access to any space suitable for the growing of food, whereas a house dweller may have access to a garden.