

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th May 2020

Q1 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services will Dublin City Council consider the installation of security doors for each block of flats in Bluebell?

Reply

The cost of installing security doors is extremely expensive. A similar project was carried out in another DCC complex and Housing Maintenance ended up paying over €1k each month to have the doors repaired following damage caused by anti-social behaviour. Therefore it does not make good business sense to install security doors in other complexes.

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Q2 Councillor Daithí Doolan

In light of the increase in serious criminal activity in Bluebell will the Director of Services, in consultation with the Gardaí, install CCTV for the Bluebell area?

Reply

CCTV is already installed in four DCC housing complexes in the Bluebell area; Bernard Curtis House, Bernard Curtis Court, La Touche Court and Grand Canal View. CCTV is also operational in the Bluebell Community Centre covering the building and the outdoor pitches. In addition, the CCTV along the Grand Canal was installed some years ago in a joint collaboration between Waterways Ireland and ESB. It traverses Dublin City Council's administrative area including Bluebell, along with South Dublin County Council's administrative area. These systems were all installed prior to the introduction of GDPR in 2018, which has changed the requirements for any new installation. Before a new system is installed, the Data Controller needs to be able to justify the obtaining of personal data by means of a CCTV system. To do so it must be shown that data collected will be adequate, relevant and not excessive for the purpose for which it is collected. The location of the cameras must be carefully considered. For DCC purposes, areas covered by cameras would generally be common areas such as courtyards, public footpaths/roads, entrances to balconies etc. Before a new system is installed, it is recommended that a risk assessment, a privacy impact assessment and a specific Data Protection policy is drawn up for use of CCTV in a limited and defined set of circumstances be carried out. Part of the PIA consultation would include internal and external stakeholders including the local community. Evidence of ongoing behaviour, which requires the use of CCTV, should be provided. This evidence should include reports from An Garda Síochána and it needs to be shown that normal avenues to address this behaviour have not been effective.

Given that Bluebell consists of a mixture of DCC tenancies, private dwellings, commercial units, etc. and taking into consideration all the issues raised above, it would not be feasible to consider installing CCTV in such a large area and the cost would certainly be prohibitive.

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

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Q3 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services will Dublin City Council install bins in Camac Park. This will allow the current bins installed by local businesses to be moved to other areas of Camac Park?

Reply

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels in Camac Park to see if there is a requirement for litter bins there.

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

Tel: 222 4240.

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to please investigate and take immediate appropriate action regarding a report from residents of a serious rat infestation at (*details supplied*).

Reply

The HSE operate a Pest Control Unit on both the Southside and Northside of the City. The Southside Unit is contactable at 01 468 6375. Private residents/owners are responsible for dealing with rats and employing a private pest control company to deal with the issue.

Housing Maintenance have an agreement with the HSE that their Pest Control Units will deal with rats (only), in City Council Dwellings. The procedure is when a tenant reports the presence of rats in their dwelling this request is dealt with by Housing Maintenance where it is logged and faxed to Pest Control who will take the necessary steps to deal with the issue on our behalf. This procedure is for City Council dwellings only and in relation to rats only. Dealing with mice, ants, wasps etc is the responsibility of the tenant in the case of City Council dwellings.

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

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Q5 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Will the Director of Services please write on behalf of the South Central Area Committee to the Minister of Housing asking for a full update from the DPP on the recent report in to criminal gangs paying builders in the Cherry Orchard area?

Reply

The Government appointed Mr Patrick Butler S.C. on 9 November 2019, as an authorised person, under Section 224 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to prepare a report into the role of Dublin City Council and/or individual employees of the Council in the matter of alleged payment of protection money in respect of social housing sites in the Cherry Orchard area. Mr Butler completed his report and submitted it to the Minister on 18 December 2019. The Department has indicated that Mr Butler's report '*is under consideration and that a number of issues have to be finalised before the process will be fully completed.*'

The Chief Executive will write to the Department of Housing Planning & Local Government to enquire if there have been any developments in relation to Mr Butler's report.

Contact: Owen Keegan, Chief Executive, Dublin City Council
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Q6 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Will the Director of Services confirm, in light of recent reports of gunfire and other serious criminal activity in (details supplied) has Dublin City Council had any complaints relating to Dublin City Council tenants and have Dublin City Council taken any action against tenants?

Reply

Although this is primarily a Garda matter, Dublin City Council did receive complaints about tenants. Dublin City Council has taken the appropriate action in accordance with the Anti-social Strategy.

Contact: John Paul McCabe, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office
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Q7 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Director of Services confirm when a decision will be made on CBL in Tyrone Place?

Reply

Dublin City Council had eight units available under the CBL scheme in Tyrone Place. The selection process has taken place in accordance with the scheme of lettings. All successful candidates will be notified in the coming days.

Contact: Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, South Central Area
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Q8 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Director of Services please pass on this councillor's thanks to staff in public domain for their continuing positive and speedy response to requests to remove illegal dumping?

Reply

I will be happy to pass on your thanks to our Public Domain staff.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Director of Services
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Q9 **Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Will the Director of Services organise for the illegal dumping at the rear of, (details supplied) be removed as soon as possible?

Reply

The Public Domain Officer has investigated the owner of the land where the illegal dumping is located and it is on a steep embankment of the Camac River to the rear of (details supplied) however it is not easily accessible. When Covid-19 restrictions have eased Parks Dept. and Public Domain will work together to have this illegal dumping cleared.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
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Q10 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can you give an indication when (*details supplied*) will be housed and when can she expect a response to the family's application for priority?

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 12/08/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	3	17
Area K	3	49

It is noted on the applicant's file that they previously applied for a Medical Priority on 20/05/2019 which was unsuccessful. The applicant has recently submitted another application for consideration for Medical Priority which is currently being reviewed by the Chief Medical Officer, upon a decision being made the applicant will be informed. The applicant has been actively engaging with the Medical Section in Allocations in respect of their Medical application.

Based on the applicant's current position for each area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants 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
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Q11 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to give us a definite date the €11,000 will be paid to the specific micro project on Resilience and restorative practices agreed between Brendan Kenny and the Canal Policing Forum with the Drimnagh Crumlin policing Forum?

Reply

Since the agreement was made, Covid-19 has arrived, which has had an enormous negative effect on Dublin City Council services and financial standing. All discretionary financial commitments now require reconsideration. We will make contact with the group in due course.

Contact: Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services
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Q12 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to reverse the decision to withdraw the position of (*details supplied*) as a part-time coordinator South Central Area Local Policing Forums.

Reply

The contract for part time coordinator of some of the SC Area Local Policing Fora has been extended for three months in order to allow consideration to the best way forward.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Director of Services, South City

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Q13 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to review the possibility of on street electric cars charging facilities in Chapelizod and in the Crumlin area in or around the Childrens Hospital. To tell us where are the four projects on trialling of on-street EV charge points installed in Q4 2019?

Reply

The Council is currently rolling out 4 EV chargerpoints in the Docklands area(Sir John Rogersons Quay) on a trial basis. The commissioning of same has been delayed due to waiting on an upgraded ESB electrical connection. The outcome of this trial will inform future Council policies regarding EV chargepoints. Currently the Council has no plans to roll out EV chargers in the Chapelizod or Crumlin areas. The Council is currently liaising with the ESB in identifying potential locations for public EV chargers for ESB chargepoints. A list of potential locations is currently being assessed by the ESB.

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

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It should be noted that there are existing EV charging points in Crumlin Village (at the Credit Union) and on the Crumlin Road (outside the Garda Station).

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

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Q14 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to work with An Garda Síochána to find a permanent solution of cars parking on double yellow lines on Slievebloom Road in Drimnagh. The exit of the basement car park of Landsdown Valley Apartments on Slievebloom is blocked by cars causing major delays for the apartment residents. The same for the emergency entrance being constantly blocked by cars parked on double yellow lines. What permanent solution could we find?

Reply

The parking policy and enforcement section will ask an inspector to investigate this location to advise on what may be required to solve this problem. The Dublin Street Parking Services will be notified to enforce against illegal parking at this location aslo.

Contact: *Hugh Fahey, Administrative Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement*
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You may be aware that DCC has begun implementing COVID-19 social distancing measures at a variety of locations across the city. We are aware of the issue described above and the matter has been referred to the Area Engineer for further investigation.

Some of the measures at our disposal include the installation of Orcas and Bollards to allow pedestrians to respect social distancing recommendations. Local knowledge of this location would suggest that the solution is more likely to arrive from targeted enforcement of illegal parking. However, as stated above, we will investigate further and make recommendations in the coming days.

If you have any other locations which you would like to bring to our attention you are welcome to log them at: <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor>

Contact: *Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group*
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Q15 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if any investigation was carried out on the River Camac and what appears to be oil covering the surface around the 16th of April. Oil was spotted in the river near Bow Bridge. I have informed the council on the 17th of April about it. Do we know anything about such pollution? Are tests being carried out on a regular basis especially when illegal dumping is seen everywhere and in rivers as well.

Reply

The Drainage Department received a report of a pollution incident in the Camac River, in the vicinity of Bow Lane, Dublin 8, on the 17th April. An Inspector and Engineer from Water Pollution Control attended the location to undertake an investigation within an hour of receiving the complaint. A number of locations along the Camac River were included in this incident investigation, including at Kilmainham (S.C.R.), Lady Lane, Kearn's Place, Mount Brown, Bow Lane and Huston Station. We were unable to identify the reported oil spill or other contaminants. A follow up inspection was undertaken on Monday 20th April without identifying any contaminants on that occasion either.

The Water Pollution Section of Dublin City Council responds to all pollution incidents affecting watercourses in our administrative area, including illegal dumping. We also continue to undertake monthly water quality sampling from a number of Dublin City watercourses, including eleven locations along the Camac River for monitoring purposes under the Water Framework Directive.

Contact: *Roy O'Connor, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Pollution Control*
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Q16 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to work on tactical urbanism solutions to help cyclists and walkers and joggers to keep the 2 metres social distance along the River Liffey

Walk/ cycle path from Chapelizod to the War Memorial Gardens. Could a temporary sign posts be installed?

Reply

The Walk and Cycle path from Chapelizod to the War Memorial Gardens is not under the charge of DCC and therefor DCC cannot install any additional signage along the route. The area engineer will investigate if it would be appropriate for additional measures to be implemented to assist in social distancing when accessing and egressing from the route.

If the councillor has any further requests for social distancing, they are welcome to log them at <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor>

Contact: Martina Halpin, Administrative Officer, Traffic Advisory Group

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Q17 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services to use tactical urbanism solution to help walkers around the entrance of Walkinstown Park on Walkinstown Road. Cars are parked on the footpath and pedestrians have to walk on the road to respect the 2 metres social distancing. Could temporary bollards be installed to stop cars from parking at this location?

Reply

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Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that Dublin City Council carry out the following repairs / replacement to the electric shower at (*details supplied*). It was only fixed in the last few weeks and is again broken. The tenant at this house has ongoing health difficulties and needs this shower facility.

Reply

Housing Maintenance attended to this issue on 1st May and the shower is now in working order.

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

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Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That the Director of Services look at a far more cost-effective model of placing CCTV at various litter blackspots around our communities and City. Our communities are plagued with dumping, and anti-social behaviour, which needs ongoing attention to reduce / deter this behaviour. Wireless technology is common on domestic. CCTV systems this type of system could aid our fight.

Reply

Dublin City Council has in place a contract for the provision of CCTV services for the purposes of enforcement. This contract includes the provision of up to date CCTV technology that has been procured in a manner consistent with obtaining the most economically advantageous provision of service to the council and provides for a number of different solutions that may be deployed depending on the site that is required to be monitored.

Contact: Simon Brock, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services

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Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services why do grass-cutting contractors never cut the weeds at the boundary of our fenced Parks such as the Civic Park next to Ballyfermot Civic Centre. Residents cannot understand why when grass is cut the weeds and nettles which protract onto the public footpath are just left to grow sometimes up to 5 to 6 feet.

Reply

The area described above is hard to reach with a mower and would traditionally have been sprayed with weed killer. Dublin City Council Parks Department has ceased using glyphosate to treat weeds, in accordance with our Biodiversity Action Plan (2015-2020), and are actively changing the way open spaces and parks are managed to promote biodiversity. In addition, Parks are looking at ways to reduce the amount of mowing and introduce the gradual 'wilding' of amenity grassland in its parks, open spaces, roadside verges and graveyards to allow wildflowers, which in the past have been considered weeds, to flower and seed. Although this means that 'weeds' will be more evident, wild flowers are an essential food source for bees and many insects which in turn feed into a wider ecosystem.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to consider the installation of a few dog poo bins in Bunting Park, Walkinstown, Dublin 12. Residents have contacted me asking if these could be provided as they regularly see dog poo left hanging in bags at trees due to the lack of bins and little civic pride by some in our communities. Children play

extensively here and a serious health hazard is in the making if something is not done. In addition, some resident said they would consider paying for bins if this was acceptable to DCC. Could we pilot a scheme of bins here?

Reply

The installation of dog fouling bins has ceased as they were being used for both general litter and dog foul and their limited capacity meant that this led to the regular overflowing of the bins between servicing. Dog walkers can use the standard litter bin to dispose of their dog waste. As the Covid-19 restrictions begin to ease over the coming weeks, we can look at the possibility of installing some litter bins outside this park.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
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Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can Dublin City Council look to the Dept. of Justice Equality & Law reform for the provision of a full CCTV system for the Bluebell Area, to include the Grand Canal, in order to detect and deter those responsible for serious anti-social behaviour? I regret we don't seem to have the Garda resources to deter this ongoing destructive behaviour. Hence the need to assist by the provision of technology.

Reply

Requests for CCTV should go to the Joint Policing Committee. Funding from the Department of Justice and Law Reform is very limited and would not be sufficient to provide such a system and it is unlikely that funding will be available from another source.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Director of Services, South City
Tel: 222 5112
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CCTV is already installed in four DCC housing complexes in the Bluebell area, Bernard Curtis House, Bernard Curtis Court, La Touche Court and Grand Canal View. CCTV is also operational in the Bluebell Community Centre covering the building and the outdoor pitches. In addition, the CCTV along the Grand Canal was installed some years ago in a joint collaboration between Waterways Ireland and ESB. It traverses Dublin City Council's administrative area including Bluebell, along with South Dublin County Council's administrative area. These systems were all installed prior to the introduction of GDPR in 2018, which has changed the requirements for any new installation. Before a new system is installed, the Data Controller needs to be able to justify the obtaining of personal data by means of a CCTV system. To do so it must be shown that data collected will be adequate, relevant and not excessive for the purpose for which it is collected. The location of the cameras must be carefully considered. For DCC purposes, areas covered by cameras would generally be common areas such as courtyards, public footpaths/roads, entrances to balconies etc. Before a new system is installed, it is recommended that a risk assessment, a privacy impact assessment and a specific Data Protection policy is drawn up for use of CCTV in a limited and defined set of circumstances be carried out. Part of the PIA consultation would include internal and external stakeholders including the local community. Evidence of ongoing behaviour, which requires the use of CCTV, should be provided. This evidence should include

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Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Ballyfermot Youth Service at 41 Decies Road Ballyfermot has had dumping ongoing outside their premises and in the adjoining lane for the past few years. They have cleaned the lane on numerous occasions costing hundreds in skips and getting gates fixed. To ask the Director of Services is there any assistance DCC can give and if they allow dumped materials remain who will remove same? I feel the Youth Service is taking too much responsibility for the actions of a few.

Reply

The Lane, though gated, appears to be in the charge of Dublin City Council. Public Domain will look further in to this and come back to you with a more detailed response. However, if there are any issues with other property owners accessing the lane that are not disposing of their waste in an appropriate manner that could be investigated and enforcement measures taken. Public Domain may assist community groups in joint environmental initiatives to address litter and illegal dumping impacting on public spaces. Dublin City Council continues to support the Ballyfermot Youth Services and acknowledges their contribution to the community.

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

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Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to have the vegetation removed from the small park outside houses 26 to 36 Clifden Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Residents have witnessed serious anti-social behaviour with ongoing issues of various levels. They would like the area cleared, excluding the trees, here. If it's of help, one of the residents who is qualified in horticulture will remove and clear if DCC removes the waste.

Reply

Parks currently have no plans to remove the shrubs at the location above. The shrubs are low growing. Anti-social behaviour is a matter for the gardai to deal with.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3144

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the reports of anti-social behaviour at (*details supplied*) including parties, people staying over and noise of people coming and going, which has destroyed the quality of life for many here. A few years ago DCC let many younger people, some with complex issues live here. We used to have a warden service here. Is that no longer available? Why are the gates never

closed, allowing youths now congregate in the stairwells etc.? I would be grateful for a full report on the management and operation of this old scheme.

Reply

Any complaints of illegal occupiers will be fully investigated if the number of the property is given, this also applies for anti-social behaviour. There is no such thing as a warden service anymore. The gates were subject to a safety audit were they were deemed not safe for use. Housing Maintenance are engaging with contractors in order to have them brought back up to a safe standard.

Contact: John Paul McCabe, Area Housing Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office

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Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that the bin outside the main entrance of St Johns College, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, be removed for a few months to deter the ongoing dumping of domestic waste. Some local residents have seen cars, taxi's etc. pulling up and dumping here.

Reply

During the current Covid-19 pandemic there has been an increase citywide of illegal dumping at litter bins and every effort is being made to deal with this problem. We will continue to monitor closely the usage of the above mentioned litter bin. Any evidence found in the illegally dumped rubbish will result in the issuing of fines. We view the removal of litter bins due to illegal dumping very much as a last resort.

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

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Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that footpaths in poor condition alongside Mary Queen of Angels School boundary at Drumfinn Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, be repaired / replaced. Residents find the badly worn surface very dangerous.

Reply

Road Maintenance visited this location today at the access/egress to the school on Drumfinn Road and note that the footpath is showing signs of wear and tear. This defect will be added to our works list for repair. Please note that Road Maintenance are currently only dealing with emergency repairs up until the 18th May 2020 as per the current government guidelines.

Contact: Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer.

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Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to request that trees damaged / missing be replaced at Gurteen Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, in the next tree planting season. This road has lost a few trees in the past few years and now needs a replacement programme.

Reply

There is one stump on Gurteen Park which can be replanted with an appropriate tree species once the root dies. Parks will look to organise additional tree planting on the small green at the top of Gurteen Park in the coming tree planting season.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent*

Tel: 222 3144

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Q29 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services what the time frame is for replacing the very old and unsuitable windows at (*details supplied*). I understand that it being such an old building makes it more complicated.

Reply

Thomas Court is a listed building and therefore the windows need planning permission in order to upgrade them. This is a very laborious and expensive undertaking. There are approx. 90 windows and each one needs to be taken out, restored and reinstalled, while the window is out and being restored, a replacement window needs to be installed temporarily.

The cost of doing this work is exuberant and Housing Maintenance does not have a budget for this work in the current climate.

Contact: *Frank d'Arcy*

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Email: 222-3517

Q30 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services have the security measures suggested by residents of (*details supplied 1*) been considered? The residents are very concerned at the increase in the level of Anti-social behaviour in the park. Their suggestions are as follows (*details supplied 2*).

Reply

The Area Office and Parks & Landscaping Services are working to make ongoing improvements to (*details supplied 1*) to revitalise the park and make it more accessible and used by local residents. It is intended to relocate 9 no. gravestones from the existing cluster on the east side to other locations within the park. Preparatory work, including archaeological permits and a conservation methodology had been completed in March but work could not proceed at that time due to Covid-19 emergency related restrictions. Once these works are completed additional landscaping will also be undertaken. There are no plans to raise the height of the existing railings. It is proposed to significantly increase opening hours of the park to facilitate its use by the public at weekends in particular.

Anti-social behaviour in the park continues to be monitored and the Area Office and Parks staff continue to liaise with An Garda Síochána to address this. It is considered that promoting greater public use of the park and improving the quality of the amenity will push out less desirable behaviour.

Contact: *Stephen Coyne, Public Realm Projects South West Inner City*

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Parks are working in collaboration with the Area Office, on improving the features in (*details supplied 1*). As part of these works nine gravestones are proposed to be moved from their current locations. Preparatory work, including archaeological permits and a conservation methodology were completed in March, but the works could not proceed at the time due to Covid-19 restrictions. Once the headstones have been moved, additional landscaping is proposed.

There are no plans to raise the height of the existing railings. It is proposed to significantly increase opening hours of the park to facilitate its use by the public at weekends in particular. Anti-social behaviour in the park continues to be monitored and the Area Office and Parks staff continue to liaise with An Garda Síochána to address this. It is considered that promoting greater public use of the park and improving sightlines across the space and improving the quality of the amenity will push out less desirable behaviour.

*Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent
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Email: parks@dublincity.ie*

Q31 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services will each Local Authority site have a designated officer to ensure that the site is COVID-19 restriction measures compliant.

Reply

Dublin City Council have carried out appropriate health & safety checks in relation to the Covid 19 restrictions to ensure full compliance on all our sites. Each Contractor for each site have appointed designated Covid 19 Officers. Proper on going checks and site visits will be carried out also by DCC to ensure guidelines are being followed.

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Q32 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to clarify the new guidelines re the reopening of allotments? Can consideration be given to allowing Local Authority Allotments to reopen on the condition of strict social distancing and adherence to guidelines? If this cannot be allowed could limited access be considered? These gardens/allotments are of huge benefit physically but in particular mental health wise to the users.

Reply

Phase 1 of the Government's Roadmap states that allotments can open on 18th May.

*Contact: Mary Taylor Director of Services South City
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Parks intend opening the allotments under their remit, i.e. St. Anne's and Meakstown on the 18th May.

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Q33 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services when work will resume on the St Teresa's Gardens regeneration site.

Reply

In line with Government plans to relax restrictions, construction on St Theresa Gardens is to commence back on Monday the 18th Of May 2020. All relevant social distancing guidelines will be adhered to as per the HSE guidelines.

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Q34 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services can consideration be given to reducing the time frame for the demolition of the long block in Dolphin House? Residents are very concerned that it could be next year before demolition is completed.

Reply

The demolition of the Dolphin House long blocks was initially programmed to commence in August 2020 and be completed by the end of December 2020. The project programme has been impacted by the Covid-19 emergency and it is now expected that the works will commence in October 2020 and be completed by the end of March 2021. The current project programme is a realistic representation of the time required to obtain planning permission, carry out design and investigation works, produce a robust package of tender documents, tender the work to Contractors and the time for them to carry out the demolition and site clearance works. The current project programme is subject to change depending on how Covid-19 continues to impact the construction sector

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Q35 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director Of Services what engagements has taken place with her regarding the loss of revenue to DCC arising from COVID-19 restrictions; how this loss of revenue is affecting day to day running service delivery; whether additional funding or advance funding is being made to DCC and if so by how much.

Reply

The measures taken to address the Covid 19 pandemic have had considerable economic impact. Many businesses have been prohibited to physically trade. The consequence of these circumstances is that the payment of rates has declined sharply. At the end of April 2020, Dublin City Council has receipted €28m less in rates payments than in 2019. Both the Head of Finance and the Chief Executive are in regular ongoing contact with the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government. Also, Dublin City Council has contributed to sectoral position papers on this issue, which have been submitted to the Minister.

On 2nd May the Government announced a series of measures aimed at supporting businesses impacted by the pandemic. Dublin City Council awaits regulations from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on the detail of how these measures will be applied.

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Q36 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services to update me on the planning application for (*details supplied*).

Reply

Planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála. A report was sent to the councillor.

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Q37 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services what services are in place for tenants who are self-isolating to access emergency maintenance to their home.

Reply

Emergency repairs are being carried out. If a tenant who requires an emergency repair is self-isolating the tenant is obliged to inform Dublin City Council of this and an appropriate risk assessment will determine how the repair will be carried out.

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Q38 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Director of Services regarding the anti-social behaviour in some flat complexes and, in particular, (*details supplied*). Tenants have contacted me saying the level of anti-social behaviour is out of hand and that drugs normally purchased outside on the streets is now being done in house in the complex.

Reply

Dublin City Council has seen an increase in ASB in some of our complexes during the government guidelines re- Covid 19 restrictions on the movement of citizens. Dublin City Council works closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to any reports of ASB or drug dealing within our complexes. Dublin City Council have a state of the art CC-TV system operating within our housing complexes and this works very effectively working in collaboration with An Garda Síochána. DCC are interviewing tenants in complexes either on the phone or at the door regarding any complaints under breach of tenancy. If any of our tenants in any of the complexes wish to speak to DCC or An Garda Síochána in confidence regarding ASB or drug dealing within our complexes, please contact the numbers below.

Fiona O'Shea 01-2227323 fiona.oshea@dublincity.ie Dolphin House.
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Veronica hand 01-2225190 veronica.halpin@dublincity.ie STG, Herberton and surrounds.

Garda Confidential Line
Telephone: 1800 666 111

The Garda Confidential line allows the public to call with confidential information relating to matters of crime or other activities.

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