Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee Meeting 12th October 2020

Q.1 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on measures taken since July in the Portobello area and Portobello Harbour to tackle anti-social behaviour; if cameras are to be installed around the plaza; for an update on relevant persons to enforce bye-laws; the number of people fined in relation to public urination in the area; if the hoarding around the building site can be cleaned by DCC staff as the smell is horrendous; if the residents of Portobello Harbour have been consulted on measures to be taken to tackle public urination on their doors; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.2 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on the public consultation on the future of Portobello; when this begin; how it will be conducted; what efforts will be made to ensure that every household has the opportunity to contribute; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.3 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update regarding the development on Portobello Harbour; if this is going to go ahead; if there has been any development on public toilets or large bins for the harbour/canal area; if DCC will ensure that the hoarding and site are cleaned up as the smell from public urination in the area is horrendous and the site hoarding is not being cleaned regularly; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.4 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if a business (details supplied) requires planning permission. Since Covid19 pandemic started the above has had to make changes to their work practices, layout of desks and staff in order to comply with Health Advice. As a result they have staff in a room which has no natural light or air and they are wondering do they need to seek planning permission to put a new window into this room or does DCC need to give permission or in fact do they need permission at all.

Q.5 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

To ask the Manager for an update on the plans to make the Cabbage Patch a safe and welcoming space for residents, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.6 <u>Councillor Daniel Ceitinn</u>

To ask the Manager for an update on what Dublin City Council is doing to tackle the ongoing the ongoing issue of rats in the Inner City, in both the flat complexes, public sewers, and, consequently, non-council estates and homes which they are accessing from public sewers and lands, following the Housing Manager's commitment to tackle this serious public health issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.7 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the manager to replace the plastic waist-high illuminated flecta traffic bollards in the central island on the road in Irishtown opposite the bookies as they are untidy and worn looking and take away from the ongoing fantastic work carried out by Ringsend and Irishtown Tidy Towns; and similarly if he will arrange for a repaint of the Sean Moore Road Roundabout near Deke's Diner as it is taking away from the fantastic work of the Tidy Towns committee.

Q.8 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager when the R131 approach road to the East Link and Sean Moore Road will be resurfaced as they are in serious need of repair due to the potholes which

cause the large number of trucks to shake and make significant noise which is constantly disturbing the residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.9 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the manager arrange to have the overgrown fenced- in planter at the entrance to Kerlogue Road cleared out as it will allow the Tidy Towns and residents install a small slow growing tree to commemorate those in the community who have passed away?

Q.10 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the manager put in place a school green zone or a drop off zone at the entrance to Scoil Caithriona on James Place East, Dublin 2, as the entrance is chaotic in the mornings with cars and children and building work taking place as children arrive and leave school and cars are regularly cutting clamps off their illegally parked cars?

Q.11 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager, given the concerning and increasing level of violence and antisocial behaviour in Eamonn Ceannt Park and given that it is open 24/7 it is more important now than ever that this park is lit up in the evenings and CCTV is installed to combat the increasing criminality in the park.

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will outline how it is intended to sweep the streets and roadside of Ranelagh in the locations where the new white bollards are now in place and if he will arrange for a clean sweep of the area.

Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if white line markings can be painted in the car park at The Crescent, Donnybrook.

Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will arrange for a thorough sweep of the Pembroke Cottages, /St. Brocs Cottages and Home Villas area of Donnybrook.

Q.15 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could respond positively to the issues raised below:

Parking at Milltown Shopping Centre (i.e. Spar shop, Daisychain crèche etc. opposite the old Glenmalure Park): In recent times, the council has taken away some of the parking spaces and the Spar shop has also enforced parking requirements in its private car park. This, aligned with increased business levels at the pharmacy, has led to a large number of vehicles driving/ parking on the pedestrianised area in front of the Daisychain crèche and the shops on either side and or parking illegally on the footpath in front of the Spar shop. This is a really busy pedestrian area, particularly with very young children walking or travelling on scooters and bikes to the Daisychain crèche. Some cars unfortunately pay little regard or attention to pedestrians and some in fact seem to assume that this area is in fact a car park. From a council perspective, allowing people to park here, when the designated area in front is metered, doesn't seem to make sense. More importantly, I fear that is only a matter of time before there is an accident involving a child and a car. Before that happens, proper parking arrangements should be put in place (e.g. perpendicular to the road, with metering) and/ or (as has happened elsewhere in the city over recent months) temporary bollards should be placed at appropriate points stopping cars using the pedestrian area as a car park.

Q.16 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager if Rathfarnham Road and Crumlin Road speed limit will be reduced to 40kmh, as it is currently 50kmh and was not included in the 30kmh map proposal.

Q.17 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Manager [again] if some safety signage, posters can be posted on Rathmines Road due to the pairs of joggers on narrow footpaths. As I have been notified about elderly people being jeopardised, endangered by the movement, breath, coughing, spitting.

Q.18 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Manager if Mount Argus Mill Apartment is in tandem with its planning permission to have put electric keypads on all the gates and bike locking of 'harris fencing' along the length of Mount Argus car park. The enquirer requests that the German property company should not be allowed construct 'a prison' in the heart of Harold's Cross.

Q.19 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Manager that City Council visits to advise the construction workers at 280-288 Harold's Cross Road [Rosie O'Grady's] to stop parking on the laneways of a residential suburb, which is causing obstruction and damage to local residents.

From c. 6am. trucks and cars are parking illegally, due to the extensive developments on this road, including the convent site, the cinema site and the pub site. The development site must have its own parking space and must avoid the detrimental negative impact on the local area.

Q.20 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Manager to arrange an online consultation meeting with Rathdown residents about the tree felling and parking issues on the road outside Bushy Park.

Q.21 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent living on Estate Avenue, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4:

"As with the growing number of bikes and cars on the road, I'm finding it a hazard to turn right, a yellow box is badly needed at the end of the road, and not many people are courteous to let you out, so it is a case of driving out and hopefully the cars coming will stop, I would appreciate something can be sorted to overcome this problem."

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

There is road subsidence at Castle Drive, Sandymount in four locations. To ask the manager to deal with this issue as a matter of urgency.



Q.23 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have bins installed at the two entrances to Herbert Park at Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

There is a narrow pathway that runs between Oaklands Park and Sandymount DART station, which is frequently used by pedestrians. Could extra lighting be installed and CCTV camera positioned along the lane way as it is potentially dangerous when darkness falls?

Q.25 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

Would it be possible to get a children's playing sign on Wilfield Road, Sandymount positioned approximately halfway down the road? There is a pole adjacent to number 66, which is a suitable location.

Q.26 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

To ask the area manager to make available a small/suitable type tree specimen to householders living in areas where roadside planting is unsuitable (due to narrowness of road/footpath) to plant on their own property which planting residents would contribute positively to the lack of greenery in such localities.

Q.27 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the area manager to add the laneway between Windmill Park and Crumlin Village and also the public area outside the post office to be cleaned on a weekly basis as it is a destination for illegal dumping.

Q.28 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

That broken railings on the green space on Cashel Road are replaced as people are using it as a way to illegally dump food on the green space and the hedge around the green on Cashel Road is cut back now that the nesting season is completed.

Q.29 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

To ask that ramps and other traffic calming measures are installed on the section of Lismore Road between Ferns Road and Bangor Road. During the summer, a young kid was knocked over by a car. The road is quite narrow, bends and has many cars parked on paths reducing visibility for children playing in the evening and weekends. The other section of Lismore Road and all surrounding roads (Stannaway, Bangor, Clonmacnoise, Durrow, and Ferns) have ramps. This leads to the road being used as a shortcut by drivers trying to avoid ramps on other streets. Leighlin Road, which is designed with a similar shape and length, contains ramps too, so there is a precedence in the area.

Q.30 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager to support the work being undertaken by the organisers of the D12 Bike Bus, and to urgently implement measures that will make it safe for children to cycle from this local area to Riverview Educate Together National School in Dublin 12. These measures include:

- Providing segregated cycling on the existing bike lane on Cork Street, Dolphin's Barn and the Crumlin Road.
- Continuation and physical protection of the bike lane through Crumlin Village, along St. Agnes' Road and through Crumlin Cross.
- Priority lighting sequences at junctions Crumlin Children's Hospital and Crumlin Cross in particular for cyclists and pedestrians (e.g. flashing amber bike lights to show during pedestrian crossing)
- Removal of 'kissing gates from parks so children can cycle through.

Q.31 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager if litterbins can be provided in Mount Pleasant Park, which is now frequented by people eating and drinking outdoors, with no bins available for rubbish.

Q.32 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to ensure that the following improvements to mowing practices are implemented in the local area, in keeping with the terms of the mowing contracts laid out below:

- Prevent the shredding of rubbish and litter by council mowing operations by ensuring that rubbish is collected before the grass is cut. When rubbish is shredded by the mowers, it worsens the appearance of litter and means that instead of collecting one object, people have to pick up 20 smaller pieces of the object. The council's grass cutting contract requires that grass should be cut once every two weeks, weather permitting, all year around. The contract requires the removal of incidental litter during each site visit and prior to mowing to prevent shredding. This is not happening in this local area. (see photo attached)
- Prevent the spreading of grass along adjoining streets and paths after it has been cut. The contract states: "In the event of grass mowing being deposited on footpaths, roadways, the contractor shall collect the mowings and leave the area in a neat and tidy condition." This is not happening consistently in this local area.

Q.33 <u>Councillor Carolyn Moore</u>

To ask the area manager if the following provisions can be made to ensure prompt and effectual cleaning of greens and public areas after Halloween:

- That the council should arrange to place skips on greens or in estates in advance of Halloween to allow residents to legally get rid of household rubbish that might otherwise be burned.
- That the council would liaise with companies situated in industrial units, which are known to be a source of waste in an effort to help reduce the possibility of large quantities of industrial waste being collected here, such as those on Stannaway Road and Clonard Road, where much of the material for the Lismore Road bonfire is collected.
- That the council would liaise with local clean up groups and RAs to coordinate the removal of bonfire material
- That the council would undertake to ensure that when the green areas are cleaned, that they are cleared of all nails, sharp glass, and metal left after the bonfire. In the past, the larger material was removed, leaving behind smaller debris, dangerous to children.
- That the council would undertake to dig the soil up where grass has been scorched and replant grass seed immediately after Halloween.

Q.34 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following individual with sourcing alternative accommodation. This lady is a single mum who lives with her daughter currently in this rented accommodation through HAP; however, the apartment is very sub-standard. There is just one bed, no kitchen, it is very cold and damp with a lot of mould, and the mother suffers with many respiratory health problems as a result, which has been confirmed by medical professionals. Can the Manager please investigate this property and try to find a solution for this family.

Q.35 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager for a full report on what is being done/has been done about serious and on-going breaches of health and safety guidelines at Monarch Steelworks, Clogher Road, putting nearby residents and their properties in danger, including:

- Long, heavy lengths of steel being transported on a forklift, overhanging property boundaries, adjacent to where children play.
- Failure to secure heavy loads or install an adequate safety screen to prevent them falling into or on adjoining properties.
- Welding taking place on the grounds of the premises with resultant fumes, sparks and debris travelling into adjacent gardens.
- Irregular hours of operation causing disruption to nearby residents.

Q.36 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for an update re serious overcrowding in the home of details supplied and if alternative accommodation can be found.

Q.37 <u>Councillor Danny Byrne</u>

To ask the manager if the depot serving the Dublin 2 area has been changed recently. Residents report a deterioration in the street cleaning / maintaining, service.

Q.38 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the footpaths at 56 Kells Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12 immediately repaired and reinstated as a matter of urgency?

There has been many trips and falls here as the path is completely broken and crumbling. This footpath needs to be repaired/replaced and a proper dish put at this location. It was reported to me that a child had tumbled out of a pram here. See photos attached.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issue of the anti-social behaviour and fireworks attacks that are happening in and around Glovers Court and the York Street Area? This report to include all correspondence with An Garda Siochána and DCC estate management. Also, a full break down of what CCTV footage has been captured in and around York Street and the Glovers Court flat complex. Also, who monitors this CCTV footage? And what reporting mechanisms and responses are in place to deal with such incidents like fireworks being deliberately thrown into peoples' homes, passing vehicles and passers- by from Dublin City Council's housing estate?

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have regular checks conducted in the Camden Street/Wexford Street/Grantham Street area regarding illegal street furniture? Also, where there is legal street furniture licences that these premises are now putting out extra tables and chairs that are simply taking over the footpath. See photos attached.

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report about the removal of litterbins from Camden Row and also Heytesbury Street and also what provisions are to be made for the reinstatement of litterbins in this area? Can this report also include the list of locations where bins have been removed and where there have been replacements in the SEA in the past number of years?

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give an update on the report that I called for regarding the number of vehicles, motor cars vans parked in flat complexes and DCC housing estates in the SEA?

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full report with regards the intended demolition and regeneration of the Glovers Court flat complex? This report to include a full statement of intent from DCC as to the future of this block of dilapidated and unfit housing at this location.

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager conduct a feasibility study with regards improvements for Elizabeth O Farrell Park at City Quay?

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please address the issue of illegal dumping on a plot of derelict land at the west side of Lombard Street East? This site has had furniture and bags of rubbish dumped on it on a regular basis.

Can the manager confirm whether this land is owned by DCC?

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the makeup of the membership of the SEA Drug Task Force, the south central area drug task force and the central area drug task force?

Q.47 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager how many permits have been granted to construction companies to derogate from the regularly permitted construction hours in the South East Inner City.

Q.48 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager is there have been reports of drainage issues at (details supplied) and if the council has plans to do anything about it.

Q.49 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager for an update regarding the Cabbage Patch.

Q.50 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager to fix the broken railing along (details supplied)

Q.51 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager if it would be possible to provide planters or additional planting boxes for Whelan & O'Rahilly House in Ringsend.

Q.52 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if we could look to improve facilities at Elizabeth O Farrell Park including the introduction of benches and the dog waste facilities.

Q.53 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if there is an update on the use of grafstop in the area and if there have been more trials approved.

Q.54 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager if there is an update on the application for the development of the old DIT Kevin Street site.

Q.55 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can I have a report please regarding the upgrading/refurbishment of our Older Persons' accommodation at Ravensdale Close?

Q.56 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Kells Road, Leighlin Road Green be considered for improvements including planting and footpath upgrade as part of the discretionary fund?

Q.57 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can a welcome to Crumlin stone sign be installed on the triangular pocket park on the Crumlin/Old County Road?

Q.58 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can I have a report please on the plans by the Crumlin Area Office to ensure that bonfires are kept to a minimum and that where there have been bonfires that a full clean-up be carried out in the immediate aftermath?

Q.59 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the delivery of the Fitzwilliam Cycle Route

Q.60 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the CEO when can we expect a report on the following trial Covid Mobility measures and can the CEO confirm whether these were successful and whether they will be made permanent:

- Grafton Street Quarter Pedestrianisation Trial
- Pigeon House Road mobility measures

Q.61 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following: The family are living in a very overcrowded situation in the two bedroom flat, and the youngest has epilepsy and behavioural issues, which are compounded by the living situation. Can the Area Manager please work to find more suitable accommodation in the area or close by for this family?

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please respond to the following constituent questions in relation to the current works being carried out on the upper lawn on St Patrick's Park:

1: Who came up with concept?

2: When did this person come up with the concept?

3: Who established there was a need for this design instead of keeping the existing lawn?

- 4: What were the details of the need/requirement?
- 5: When was the tender advertised?
- 6: How long was the tender process?
- 7: How many companies were involved in the tender process?
- 8: Who won the tender process?
- 9: What was the budget?
- 10: When was the design signed off?
- 11: Who signed it off?

12: Was a consultation programme carried out with the local community?

13: Was notice of work advertised within the park or elsewhere?

14: Was notice of work advertised on the internet or social networks associated to Dublin City Council?

15: Was any local impact assessment carried out?

16: Was any consideration given to the timing of the work being carried out due to Covid19 restrictions?

17: Who is responsible for delivering the work?

18: Are there costs involved in the upkeep of the sculpture garden? If so, what are they?

Q.63 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide an update on the development of the Poolbeg West SDZ, in particular in relation to the competitive process for the Irish Glass Bottle Site, and can the Area Manager confirm whether the commercial agreement has been agreed between DCC and the Department given we have a new Minister for Housing.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please review the kissing gate on Sean Moore Park as it is causing accessibility issues for many people.

Q.65 <u>Councillor Claire Byrne</u>

To ask the Area Manager could he please examine the following regarding the segregated cycle route on Wexford Street / Camden Row:

'They've installed wands on the east side of Wexford Street (which is great)... but they've extended them, beyond the right turn (west) down Camden Row. So basically, if you're trying to turn right on a bike, you can't, as it only becomes clear in front of Fresh. Photo attached is it makes it any clearer.'

Q.66 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the South East Area manager to consider the following submission from the Ailesbury Road Residents' Association and consider what works can be done.

"Ailesbury Road is used by a constant flow of pedestrians, joggers, cyclists, schoolchildren and traffic. As winter approaches the lighting along the road is greatly reduced thereby affecting the safety of all of these people. This has been an issue constantly raised by residents, which we have tried to address from time to time over decades. We have been told the lights are being replaced by LED as the need arises but it really is totally inadequate and we ask that it be reviewed by an expert before the darkness sets in.

In tandem with this we find that traffic functions much better when the road lines and junctions are freshly painted - in particular the yellow boxes at the notorious Donnybrook junction. We also believe that a clear positioning arrow at the bottom of the road to turn right onto Merrion Road would ease the blocking of those cars wanting to drive straight ahead - likewise from the Sydney Parade or the Ballsbridge direction at that same crossroads.

From the residents point of view it would also be a safety improvement if the ends of designated parking on the road were not so close to the gates of the affected homes. There is considerable construction related traffic constantly parked on the road and it is very difficult to see past these vehicles if they are right up against the entrance/exit. It is a huge worry that a cyclist or vehicle is coming that cannot be seen and often we have to guess if the way is clear. A small amount of extra space at the

outer limits would enhance visibility. We ask that an engineer or appropriate expert review this as it is very evident upon visiting the road during work hours."

Q.67

<u>Councillor Anne Feeney</u> To ask the Manager to repair the pothole outside (details supplied) and to advise the Councillor as to when Mayfield Road East and Hannaville Park roads will be resurfaced.

Q.68 **Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the manager if he will investigate Leeson Street Bridge where the shores are sinking causing a very dangerous situation for motorists and cyclists.