

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st October 2020

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services what steps have been taken by DRHE in relation to Carman Hall to begin the process of finding alternative homeless accommodation and whether any conversations have begun with the Dioceses in relation to making the Hall available again for community use.

Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services that the pavement outside (*details supplied*) be repaired and the overgrown tree roots be addressed as the lifted and broken pavement presents a hazard to pedestrians, particularly those with mobility or sight limitations

Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether (*details supplied*) is owned by the local authority and if so, could we arrange a clean up of the site which has remained empty for some time and residents report problems with vermin due to the build up of rubbish. If it is not owned by the local authority could the Area Office take steps to report it to and follow up with the HSE?

Q4 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to ask our Planning Enforcement section for an update enforcement procedure initiated on 33-34 Island Street Dublin 8 ref 8194.

Q5 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services for an overview of the public realm and greening projects in the South West Inner City, including their current status and whether they have funding assigned.

Q6 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services the current status of the development of the Grand Canal cycle path from Portobello to Bluebell, and to arrange a meeting with Waterways Ireland and Councillors to discuss said development.

Q7 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to ask our Roads Maintenance Section whether they will resurface the road and repair the footpaths at Donore Road in Dublin 8. Residents report poor surface and breaks in the footpaths due to overgrown tree roots.

Q8 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services what steps need to be taken so as to facilitate SICODA to paint the building in which they are located (number 90 Meath street) given that it is located between 2 protected structures. (The Meath Street Church and Stiner school (Number 92)).

Q9 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether the regeneration review of our housing estates has been completed, and if so, whether a report on Michael Mallin House Dublin 8 is available, and if so, to provide said report to this Councillor.

Q10 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether the adult child of a tenant, already on the rent for the tenancy, can become the main tenant so as to avail of the tenant purchase scheme for that property or whether the adult child can gift to the parent, the main tenant, the monies necessary to avail of the scheme.

Q11 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the traffic situation on Jamestown Road, it was agreed at the last meeting that residents would be consulted with before any further restrictions were imposed.

Q12 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services that residents welcome DCCs actions to prohibit cars parking on the footpath along Tyrconnell Road, but residents have asked that the Covid Mobility Team consider moving the traffic barriers off the footpath and on to the road?

Q13 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on actions taken by DCC to prevent cars parking on footpaths in Drimnagh, as agreed in my motion passed at the September SCAC meeting?

Q14 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for a detailed update on the proposed construction of new dressing rooms in Brickfield Park.

Q15 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, with regard to outstanding maintenance issues at (*details supplied*), can she assure the tenant that these issues will followed up asap? The tenant informs me that he has been trying to have the repairs carried out for the last 10 years. The windows need to be inspected with view to replacing them. A new shower was installed but put in on wrong side and now a new safety rail needs to be installed. Needs a new bath.

Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to work with the Bluebell Environment Group and carry out the following works in Bluebell;

- a) clear the top layer of weeds off the green area near on Bluebell Road, at the entrance off Nass Road to Bernard Curtis House, and replace with thin layer of top soil. This will allow the environmental group plant flowers here.
- b) clear the weeds at the green space, on Bluebell Road by the entrance to the community centre, prevent grass from growing so as youth club can put in and mange flower boxes
- c) cut bushes back in front of shops at Huband Road
- d) cut back trees around community centre and clean the green areas.

Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to confirm if, as part of the contracts to cut grass in public parks and green spaces, private companies must prepare the parks by cleaning up rubbish first, trim edges and gather grass and rubbish once work is competed?

Q18 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services if there are plans to resurface Abercorn Terrace. Nearby streets were resurfaced roughly ten years ago, but Abercorn Terrace was excluded.

Q19 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Housing Maintenance section review the work needed at (*details supplied*) and to complete the works that was already started by Dublin City Council? There are issues with the windows and ceiling.

Q20 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Housing Maintenance section to inspect the rear windows in (*details supplied*).

Q21 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services to ask the Housing Maintenance section to inspect the front windows in (*details supplied*). The resident has raised the issues with DCC and is still awaiting a response. The windows are in need of repair.

Q22 Councillor Hazel De Nortúin

Can I request an update on the playing field that was promised to the De La Salle GAA club by the Brothers and the new developer? Has DCC been approached to facilitate this piece of land and is the developer within regulation by including a pitch area that is to be allocated to another entity within his 25% of green space within their planning application?

Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the following question that I asked last month. That Dublin City Council please look at the breach of planning with the unauthorised development of a garden shed into a rented dwelling at (*details supplied*). I have had a number of residents in the vicinity onto me in relation to the fact this development is now offered on DAFT.ie for €1,400 per month, access is through the main house. I am asking this be addressed without delay, with the serving of court papers, the ESB. I wish now to ask that the main dwelling is checked out for its suitability, with the number of private residents living here and I would ask that a visit from DCC take place to check its suitability. I am told by neighbours there are 9 rooms let out at €800 per month, with a shared kitchen with 4 chairs. The real concern I have is the potential of fires and anti-social behaviour with such a large multi occupancy dwelling on a residential road. Bins etc are now a feature in the front garden. I should point out to date the people living in the main house are fine, but this could change very easy with such a large number living here.

Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at the state of the public footpaths along the Crumlin Road, with particular attention on the stretch from the corner of Errigal Road and Crumlin Road fronting Our Lady's Hospital. The footpaths are very well used along here however, there is a need for full replacement. Over the years, the road surface was replaced, however the footpaths were never touched. I should point out a lot of footpaths along the Crumlin need replacing.

Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that I be given an update on the ongoing issue of addressing the anti-social behaviour at the playground at the new skateboard park at the Lawns Park, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Part of addressing the problem should be the construction of new railings, opening and closing times,

proper signage and an inter-agency approach. The facility, minus the anti-social behaviour offered thousands of children a lifeline after the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. The provision of railings is something many facilities offer, like the play facility in the Phoenix Park. If we get a 2nd round of lock down we need to be in a position where we can close off this facility. I am aware most of the problems happen after BYS staff leave the facility after dark.

Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please give me a full report on the ongoing delays on the commencement of the full redevelopment of Labre Park Travellers Development on Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. I am very worried that this project will again be left behind, to the detriment of families who have lived here in very poor conditions for many years. I would ask that the re-development look upon the full redevelopment of all adjoining sites to ensure a positive natural environment for all living here including local business and adjoining communities. The availability of large tracks of land here have become unmanageable over many years creating all sorts of problems in the area.

Q27 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please look upon the following complaint. A resident of Ballyfermot Crescent / Avenue has contacted me on a number of occasions in relation to the very poor state of the area, with weeds, waste needing attending and litter picking. In addition, the complainant tells me there is regularly a horse left in the front garden of (*details supplied*). I would ask we check out the matter and advise me of what can be done if it happens again.

Q28 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at following application to purchase their home (*details supplied*).

Q29 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look at the following housing request for (*details supplied*) that consideration be given to the housing of this applicant. She has lived at the above HAP tenancy for the past few years with her 2 children. She is hoping to be considered for a new vacancy which arises due to the purchase of No 15 Cleggan Road by DCC. I am aware she has current accommodation but she would love the permanency a dwelling provided by DCC would give her moving forward.

Q30 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council look upon the following - that the rent sought by DCC to the SOLAS Project for the new property at the Coombe, Dublin 8 be reduced from the annual of (*detail supplied*) a charge similar to the charge for another premises this youth organisation has from DCC. Due to the large expenditure of €25,000 to €30,000 for the refurbishment of the building, will DCC look upon helping out the organisation with some sort of help reflecting that the group is working with some of the most marginalised in the South West Inner City. Every young person supported here helps build a more sustainable community.

Q31 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please remove the large concrete slab left on the public footpath outside the Iceland Shopping Centre car park at Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Can Dublin City Council also please find out who is responsible for the lack of cleansing / care of the private car park fronting

the group of shops here including the Post Office etc. I saw a near accident with this concrete slab last week with a child coming off a scooter here. Thank God things looked up for the child. A group of local residents including myself, spent 4 hours cleaning all the waste and weeds from the road, however the concrete mentioned above was above out of our capabilities.

Q32 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services can Dublin City Council facilitate a small meeting with a group of residents I met over the summer in relation to the proposed pocket play-facility promised for the Elmdale Area of Cherry Orchard. This group display a strong community focus and are regularly involved in community clean-ups etc. They have mentioned they would be willing to take a lead role in the development of a play facility here.

Q33 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that Dublin City Council please have a look at the traffic mayhem along Gurteen Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. With children coming and going from school in the mornings and afternoons, some of the school community and local residents feel a one way system would facilitate the entry / exit of motor vehicles and there is serious concern of a potential accident here. With the large number of traffic movements, an observation between 2.25pm to 2.55pm will give an indication of the problem.

Q34 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, to outline the Covid mobility plan for Inchicore, what consultation took place and what is the timeframe for its implementation?

Q35 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the proposed redevelopment of Labre Park, including the Part 8 process?

Q36 Councillor Maire Devine

To ask the Director of services to provide a list (2017 -present) of requests for the South Central Area by owners of purpose built student accommodation, hotels and co living for a "Change Of Use" detailing what that change would be?

Q37 Councillor Maire Devine

To ask the Director of Services can details be provided as to the reasons why there was a decision to give a Social Housing Exemption Cert to the development of 42 housing units at Lawlor's Corner- 03/09/20?

Q38 Councillor Maire Devine

To ask the Director of Services when road and footpath upgrading is scheduled for Ceannt Fort with priority given to O Reilly Avenue. The present conditions pose slip/trip hazards. Residents are willing to facilitate access to their area for the planned duration of the works.

Q39 Councillor Maire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that significant localised flooding occurs at the Ceannt Fort Estate, most recently last July/August with heavy rain. As winter approaches, can a systematic cleaning and clearing of the drain network be carried out?

Q40 Councillor Maire Devine

To ask the Director of Services if there is a scheduled pruning in the Tree Strategy for Ceannt Fort.

- Q41 Councillor Maire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services can a ramp be installed alongside the 40 Steps at Mount Brown to ensure access for all?
- Q42 Councillor Maire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services can the details of requests by the public to the COVID Mobility Programme be broken down for the South Central Area?
- Q43 Councillor Maire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services to request that all suitable retail businesses receive support and guidance in setting up temporary outdoor spaces (public and private) to protect public health as we face several months of winter.
- Q44 Councillor Maire Devine**
To ask the Director of Services what recourse has this Area Committee got in supporting neighbours whose homes are negatively impacted upon by neglectful house owners resulting in damp, rodent infestation and overgrowth to their property?
- Q45 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the current state of play of the public realm plan for Dolphins Barn junction. This follows a previous question to the Director in July and the publication in September of the *New Dublin Area Bus Network* by Bus Connects. The junction is in need of major improvement, especially at the corner where the Masseys funeral home is, the railing and the narrow turn make it impossible for pedestrians to social distance.
- Q46 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services for a specific update on DCC's Covid Mobility Plans for the Inchicore/Kilmainham area. DCC has done excellent work across Dublin in making public realms more 'pandemic proof' but communities outside of the city-centre, such as Kilmainham/Inchicore have yet to be consulted or improved – Inchicore Community Development Group's ['To It, Not Through It'](#) plans for Inchicore village offer a good starting point. Can the Director of Services offer a progress report on plans for a Covid mobility plan for the Inchicore/Kilmainham area?
- Q47 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services for an update on the Part VIII plans for upgrades to Meath Street. What is the current timeline for the project? Has the Covid economic situation had any impact on the funding for the project?
- Q48 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services what DCC proposes to do to bring many derelict, empty and vacant commercial properties on Emmet Road, Inchicore back into use?
- Q49 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on the Hybreasal Estate/Paddocks parking situation. A local agreement, which had been in place for 11 years abruptly ended without prior consultation with residents. In email correspondence from July of this year, the Director confirmed the matter was being dealt with by Traffic. Can an update be provided please?
- Q50 Councillor Darragh Moriarty**
To ask the Director of Services if it would be possible to resurface the road in Abercorn Terrace, Inchicore. Residents say surrounding roads, Inchicore Parade and

St Patrick's Terrace, were resurfaced ten years ago but that their road has been untouched for some time. This has meant that the surface has considerably deteriorated by comparison. Residents have actively engaged the Council and been told 'next year' for some time. Could the Director provide a timeline for when resurfacing will be carried out?

Q51 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of services if DCC can offer any clarification as to which body will be responsible for cycle lanes from Lucan road, through Chapelizod and into the city centre. In a recent Bus Connects document it appears that this route will fall under the remit of the NTA, route 6 in their 'Cycle Network Plan' Documentation. If this is the case, will DCC have any input into design etc. and would there be a way for members of the public to make submissions. Can any other information, such as implementation timeframe etc., be offered by DCC?

Q52 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services if a speed survey has ever been carried out on the Lucan road, Chapelizod, of both east and west bound vehicles? If so, when was the survey carried out and what were the findings? If a speed survey has not been carried out, or was carried out a number of years ago, can a new speed survey be undertaken? If so, when will this take place? If the survey shows excessive speeding of vehicles, can traffic calming measures be investigated?

Q53 Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud

To ask the Director of Services what is the general plan to make Chapelizod a safer village to walk and cycle in the short term, the medium term and the long term?