



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2020

- 1 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 9th November 2020**
Order: Noted.

2 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held on 24th November 2020.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on Strand Road Cycle Trial.
Order: Noted.

3 **Culture, Recreation and Emergency Services Department Matters**

- i. Report on removal of trees from Donnybrook Cemetery.
Order: Noted.

4 **South East Area Office Matters**

- i. Report of the Director of Services, South City.
Order: Noted.

5 **Motions**

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a report from the Manager on the suggestions outlined in the below regarding the upgrade and increased potential for Sandymount Strand and Promenade including the establishing of an inter-disciplinary working group to consider options for improvements.

Structure

- There are five sets of steps leading down from the Promenade to the beach. There are a few metal handrails. At one side of each flight of steps there is a sloping ramp, which descends on the same gradient as the steps. The concrete of steps and ramps is mainly in poor condition. But most seriously, there is no visual indication of when the descent changes from steps to slope. In poor light, or for people not familiar with the area, this could be lethal. The concrete is the same colour on ramp as on steps,

and there are no marks indicating where the ramps begin. Anyone stepping unwarily onto a ramp would tumble down to the beach, or possibly even onto the rocks at the side. I would be amazed if this has not happened in the past. It could lead to serious injury, and to liability of the Council's part.

- Many years ago, the promenade was protected from the elements by the placing of thousands of tons of rocks on the seaward face. I think this has done its job, but over the years some smaller rocks have become displaced onto the beach itself. Many of these are partly buried in the sand, and constitute a hazard for unwary, elderly or poorly-sighted walkers on the beach. Within the last week we came across a couple in distress—the man had tripped on a protruding rock, fallen and injured his face, and was bleeding profusely.

Management

- There are bye-laws affecting the Strand and Promenade, but they are not well presented or enforced. The most blatant danger is caused by cyclists (adult) who use the Promenade, which is for pedestrians only, as a cycle route. There are some faded inscriptions on the tarmac prohibiting cycling and skating, but they are few and far between, and they are not backed up by signage at the entrances to the Promenade. Once again, the danger and general loss of amenity to walkers is serious. Most cyclists, when challenged, flip the finger and pedal on. The forthcoming development of the Strand Road Cycle Route will give such people a civilised alternative, but as we all know there are unfortunately those who don't think in such terms.
- Dog fouling is a persistent problem on Promenade and Strand. There is some signage, but in the absence of enforcement it is easily ignored by owners.
- Both illegal cycling and illegal dog fouling could be discouraged if there was an occasional warden presence, backed up by enforcement.
- The rocks on the edge of the beach are alive with rats. I know this is not an easy problem to deal with, but could more effective deterrence be put in place?

There's nothing new about any of these concerns. The problems have existed for years if not decades. Would it be possible for the Council to put together a small inter-disciplinary working group, including perhaps some local representatives as well as officials, to consider options for improvement?

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to seek to have public lighting installed, perhaps in conjunction with CIE on the laneway running from Oaklands Park towards Sandymount DART Station.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council call on the Temple Bar Company to promote a much needed municipal theatre and drama centre for the city and to that effect that they begin a dialogue with the present occupiers of the Smock Alley Theatre Complex with the view to creating this much needed municipal theatre complex that would come under the management and stewardship Dublin City Council.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC call on City Council management, Dublin City Council Housing section, and Dublin City council transport section to promote the use of

cycling within Dublin City Council's flat complex's and social housing estates. That this campaign begin with having a full audit of how many vehicles are being parked in these estates and flats. How many of our tenants own these vehicles? How many of our tenants are cyclists? And what safe parking for cycling, if any, are in these flat complexes.

It is important that we educate the children and indeed encourage these children to cycle within the city and within their own flat complexes and area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of DCC support the erection of a plaque to commemorate and honour the actions of Violet Gibson who shot Mussolini wounding him in 1926.

Born in Dalkey and raised in Merrion Square, Violet Gibson was a committed anti-fascist.

After Gibson's failed attempt, she was set upon by Mussolini's supporters, and would likely have been lynched had the police not stepped in and arrested her. She suffered various cruelties and indignities within the fascist prison system, and was then deported to England, sparing the Italians the embarrassment of a public trial. Her family had secretly arranged to have her committed to an asylum – St. Andrew's Hospital in Northampton, where Lucia Joyce, James Joyce's daughter, would later be committed.

Despite repeated pleas for her freedom, she spent the rest of her life in St. Andrew's, dying in 1956.

It suited both the British authorities and her family to have her seen as "insane" rather than as political.

It is now time to bring Violet Gibson into the public's eye and give her rightful place in the history of Irish women and in the rich history of the Irish nation and its people.

Order: Agreed and refer to Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of DCC call on Dublin City Council management to install an electrical vehicle charging point at the Mansion House for future use for the Lord Mayor's electric car.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee requests that the suburbs (areas outside the canals) are prioritised in the introduction of new innovative initiatives by DCC, Smart Dublin and DCC Beta.

Initiatives such as Dublin Bikes, Smart areas, Bike Bunkers, Circle City Bins, Covid mobility and greening strategies focus on areas within the canal and many suburbs like Kimmage/Crumlin areas have not seen any signs of these initiatives. The recent news that Dublin 8 was selected as the next area to introduce Smart technologies only serves to highlight this inequality.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee support ask that the Crumlin/Kimmage be considered as the next location for segregated circle city bins that are currently being trailed in the city centre.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillors Mary Freehill, Tara Deacy, Deirdre Conroy, Pat Dunne, Carolyn Moore, Anne Feeney

That the City Council takes back in charge the South side portion of Shamrock Villas, Harold's Cross.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Deirdre Conroy

That this committee agrees that city council would set up an online meeting in December – this week - with Terenure - Rathdown Residents who have requested a meeting since September. Although I'm given a reason that Traffic staff are too busy in Covid to join the meeting, many councillors are also very busy trying to get their own work done on top of the quadruple amount of council work and meetings in Covid. Meetings have been held with other communities, including Crumlin and outdoor meeting in Sandymount Green and a walk in the area. This is simply an online meeting for residents to discuss, explain and receive feedback on what can be done to make the roads off Bushy Park safer.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Pat Dunne

This Area Committee requests that our Public Domain Section engages in a public information campaign to discourage residents scattering waste food items for gulls and other such animals. The use of local leaflets and signage should be considered. This public information campaign should explain to residents the health and safety issues associated with this practice including attracting rodents and other such scavengers.

Taken with motions 17 and 19. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would communicate with construction / cement companies to ensure that the funnels on their trucks are properly fitted. There have been many instances in recent months of trucks losing material in the Grand Canal Dock, Ringsend and Irishtown areas.



Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would write to Eircom asking them to replace or remove if not required the 2 phone boxes by the Library in Ringsend. These phone boxes are in a very poor condition and take away from the excellent work being done by the Ringsend & Irishtown Tidy Towns & Environment group to improve and maintain the aesthetics of Ringsend.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Danny Byrne

That this area committee would formally write to each tidy towns group operating in the South East area thanking them for their tremendous work which is a brilliant asset in the community and a great assistance to the work of the council.

I refer to the following groups and any others groups or individuals in the South east area:

Ringsend and Irishtown Tidy Towns and Environment Group,
Portobello & St. Kevin's Tidy Towns Association,
Grand Canal Dock Community Clean -Up,
Friends of the Grand Canal,
Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association,
Ranelagh Tidy Towns,
Donnybrook Tidy Towns,
Terenure Tidy Towns,
Crumlin Community Clean-up,
Beech Hill Residents' Environmental Committee,
Dartmouth Square Environmental Group,
George Reynolds Residents' Group - Friends of Green Spaces,
Heskin Court Environment Group,
Lansdowne Park Friends of Green Spaces,
Northbrook Avenue Community Group,
Oxford Court Environmental Group,
Verschoyle Court Friends of Green Spaces.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Mary Freehill

This committee requests that the Planning Enforcement Dept. reports on what steps can be taken in this planning enforcement case ref E0917/20. While the enforcement notice was only issued on 18th Nov I think the Dept. need to take account of the following issues:

Since these builders went on site earlier this year they have shown very little consideration for the residents of Fitzpatrick's Cottages. Hoarding was erected only feet away from their front doors and Health & Safety Regulations are not being practised. The following is an outline of the impact of actions by Anthony Neville Homes.

There are a number of ongoing issues with Anthony Neville Homes and the development at the Rosie O'Grady site that I would be grateful if you could raise with DCC.

DCC wrote to me in a letter dated 18th November regarding the hoarding which has been erected front of homes at Fitzpatrick Cottages. (Reference EO917/20) I note that DCC has initiated enforcement proceedings in accordance with Part VII of the Planning and Development Acts 2000.

There are a number of safety issues related to the hoarding that are posing on-going risks and dangers to the community at Fitzpatrick Cottages that I would like to bring to your urgent attention.

1. There is a pedestrian entrance to the building site through a door in the hoarding which is situated approximately 2 metres in front of the houses in Fitzpatrick Cottages. Photos of door to the hoarding to follow.
This door is left unlocked all day. Anyone could easily open the door and walk into the site. My 5 year old child opened the door last week and I had to stop him walking in. Are there any obligations on Anthony Neville Homes to provide that access is secured?
Furthermore, the door in the hoarding opens **outwards** into the laneway at Fitzpatrick Cottages. Last week the door was opened by one of the workers as I was walking past and almost hit me. This is unacceptable from a health and safety point of view and poses a risk to residents.
2. The builders on the site do not wear masks and do not practice social distancing when working either on the building site or in their offices, adjacent to the Printing Depot in Harold's Cross. Workers enter and exit the building site through the doorway in the hoarding at Fitzpatrick Cottages. Many of the residents of Fitzpatrick Cottages are elderly people. They have spent the last months in lockdown and isolation and it is completely

unacceptable that workers, unmasked, are coming and going barely 2 metres from the front of their houses without consideration for their safety. It is unacceptable that the developers are allowing their employees to breach public health guidelines and posing a risk to the wider community.

3. Anthony Neville Homes knocked down a section of the wall in front of Fitzpatrick Cottages. The remaining section of wall has, not surprisingly started to crumble due to the ongoing works being carried out right beside it. I have photos and video footage of the work being carried out right beside the wall and can provide as necessary. Anthony Neville Homes have stated that they will not rebuild the remaining section of the wall. They have stated that they will 'make good' any damage to the wall. At the moment there is no timeline being advanced by the developers for this. Can you please advise if Anthony Neville Homes will be permitted by DCC to only partly rebuild the wall? It is due to their actions that the remaining wall is crumbling and it is no doubt being further damaged by the ongoing works. Photos of wall to follow.
4. On numerous occasions, the pedestrian entrance to Fitzpatrick Cottage was partially blocked by machinery and myself and my son had to walk through a narrow gap past a cement mixer to get out to school. Again, this is completely unacceptable from a health and safety point of view. Photos to follow.
5. The laneway up to Fitzpatrick Cottages is in a dreadful state of disrepair due to the volume of large vehicles accessing the road and is a health and safety hazard. Photos to follow.
6. Anthony Neville Homes carried out a condition survey prior to the start of the works. When I requested the photos of my property, I was first of all refused. When I complained I was sent a we -transfer file with photos of all the properties in Fitzpatrick Cottages and the format was only visible for 24 hours. When I asked for photos of my property only I was told this was not possible. This is yet another example of the obstructionist and unhelpful manner of the developers since the building works initiated.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 16 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Ranelagh Gales be afforded playing times in Dartry Park. Furthermore that the Council accommodate this club by increasing playing facilities locally. Both Rathmines and Ranelagh have no publicly owned playing pitches and therefore the club needs to be accommodated in the wider area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Tara Deacy

That this committee agree to support the implementation of a local campaign through DCC social media to address the increase in the disposal of food and other compostable waste in public areas that is unfortunately attracting seagulls and is also causing an increase in vermin in many of our local communities.

Taken with motions 11 and 19. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That as part of the city council's efforts to provide more public toilets, the public toilet at the kiosk at 116B Orwell Road, Rathgar, would be urgently brought back into service, and that the area managers for the South East Area would seek to identify other existing public toilets not currently in use, provide this committee with information on the number of public toilets not currently in use and the reasons they are not in use, and work to refurbish and bring them back into service as soon as possible.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

That this committee will examine in more detail the need for a public awareness campaign around the dangers of dumping of food, including feasibility and costings for a leaflet drop in areas where this has been identified as an issue, and looking at options for signage that may include a treatment under the utility box scheme or involving local schools.

Taken with motions 11 and 17. Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 20 from Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Councillors Claire Byrne and Carolyn Moore

That this Area Committee rejects the proposal for a 'fully glazed' Kripsy Kreme doughnut outlet in the Central Bank Plaza. A fast food chain such as this is not suitable for this location and consideration should be given to wider context of this iconic landmark building, the surrounding area and the plans to pedestrianise the locality.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 21 from Councillor Anne Feeney moved by Cllr. Lacey.

To ask this committee to call on the Manager to replace the LED light bulbs on street lighting (with sodium or other effective bulbs) where the lights are obscured by trees. Over the last few years, street lighting bulbs have been replaced with LED light bulbs and while these are more cost efficient and more environmentally friendly, they are not effective where they are surrounded by overgrown trees, which are not being pruned to allow the light to shine through. This is causing a potential danger to pedestrians both in terms of potential trip hazards and crime at many locations where there are dark stretches of street and even if accidents or crime does not occur, people feel vulnerable and unsafe when they should not if the lighting was effective.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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Questions to the Chief Executive 14th December 2020

Order: Noted

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Monday 14 December 2020

Members:

Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Claire Byrne
Deirdre Conroy
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Mary Freehill
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Danny Byrne
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James Geoghegan
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Members:

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Tara Deacy
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Paddy McCartan

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Patricia Reidy

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Bernard Brady
Brendan O'Brien

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David Quearney

Apologies:

Anne Feeney

Non-Members:

Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 14th December 2020

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will indicate when the long promised resurfacing of Waterloo Lane, Dublin 4 will take place. The current surface is dangerous to traffic and pedestrians.

Reply:

Waterloo Lane will be put forward for consideration for our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could arrange for a positive response to the request in this question regarding Strand Terrace, Milltown, Dublin 6 as a matter of urgency and before this question is reached for reply.

With the extra pedestrian traffic on Strand Terrace since the Covid pandemic, the ground has become muddy and pot-holed with a lot of water retention.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Strand Terrace cleaned on the 12th November 2020 and will monitor the cleanliness there to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

Strand Terrace will be inspected and any repairs that are necessary will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a thorough sweep of Brendan Road, Donnybrook and in particular a removal of the over growing weeds at the car parking spot at the Donnybrook end of the road.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Brendan Road cleaned as requested on the 24th November 2020.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will ask the relevant section to review the appropriateness of the properties * details supplied being included in the derelict sites list.

Reply:

There are no active derelict sites files on these sites. The Derelict Sites Unit will arrange for site inspections and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of their condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the councillor.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to ensure that action is taken to prevent this ongoing damage to the grass areas along Sandymount Promenade and that the damage already done is repaired.



Reply:

There are three car parks along Sandymount Promenade which have been adequate in the past to cater for the numbers of vehicles visiting this area of the promenade and we are hoping that this may be a temporary problem due to COVID related travel restrictions.

As requested, we will take measures to stop car parking in this area as a matter of urgency as a sustained period of car parking on a grassed surface, particularly over the winter months, will result in long term damage to the surface

Q.6 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards fees, if any, that are charged where street furniture is on a private landing i.e. over a cellar, on a footpath, a grate or an opening? Also, has any premises ever been charged fees in error, and if so, what is the process of refunding?

Reply:

The Street Furniture Licensing Unit does not issue licences or charge fees for furniture on private landings. Furniture on private landings may require planning permission and is a matter for the Planning Dept.

A small number of premises have been charged fees in error having not indicated a private landing on their applications. In these cases the fees are refunded from our Treasury Dept.

Q.7 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards any outstanding planning enforcement issues on the Brewery bar/restaurant, Rathmines?

Reply:

The Planning Enforcement Section is not familiar with "The Brewery Bar/Restaurant in Rathmines". If the Councillor is aware of the address of this property and the specific concerns that he may have relating to the premises he can send these details by e-mail to planningenforcement@dublincity.ie and the matter will be fully investigated.

Q.8 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager examine the possibility of urgently resurfacing the Long Lane carriageway? This road is now a very busy road and it is in a very dangerous and dilapidated state.

Reply:

We plan to resurface Long Lane as part of our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme budget permitting. In the meantime, temporary repairs will be carried out.

Q.9 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the discrimination that tenants face in the Marianella Apartment Blocks, Rathgar? Many of our tenants here have been excluded from the amenities that come with the building of this apartment complex. DCC availed of a number of apartments under the Part 5 scheme and these apartments are being run by an approved housing body, Fold Housing. Councillors were unaware that in accepting these apartments that they would be facilitating discrimination and social exclusion for our tenants. Dublin City Council needs to explain what sort of thinking was behind this practice and what is to be done going forward. We simply cannot have our tenants being treated as second class citizens and undermined in their housing rights by Dublin City Council's actions.

Reply:

Dublin City Council purchased 19 units in this development under Part V and entered onto a service level agreement with FOLD Housing to manage and maintain these units on behalf of Dublin City Council.

The tenants pay rent to Fold Housing this rent is calculated based on the Dublin City Council differential rent scheme, and tenants pay approximately 15% of their income in rent.

Dublin City Council pays services charges for the usual amenities when we purchase in a multi-unit development (e.g. waste or heating) but we do not pay service charges for amenities such as gyms or cinemas, which may be on offer in a very small number of developments.

Dublin City Council negotiated a reduction in the high annual management fees associated with this development and the reduced management fee negotiated did not cover use of the 24 hour concierge service and access to the private gym.

In line with Part V legislation it is Dublin City Council's policy to acquire units on site in the first instance, and there is a balance to be struck between the delivery of mixed tenure development and the additional management fees associated with some developments.

There is a lack of social housing in this area and it is the view of the Housing Department that on-site delivery was preferable in this case. Dublin City Council will continue to pursue the delivery of Part V units on site, and will negotiate reasonable sustainable management fees.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full update with regards the progress made on development in the South East Area since the last DCC Development Plan? This report to include what has been implemented? What has been progressed with regards major infrastructures and development? It is very important that we get sight of this information as we begin the process of the next Dublin City Council development plan.

Reply:

A comprehensive 2 year review of the current Dublin City Development Plan was published in October 2018 and circulated to the elected members. This provides an update of progress on key policies and objectives set out in the Development Plan 2016-2022.

The formal review of the current Dublin City Development Plan will commence on the 15th of December 2020. A Strategic Issues Paper will be published which will highlight key achievements and developments that have occurred in the city over the last plan period. Objectives of the plan are for the most part implemented at a city-wide level rather than by area. Further information meetings and workshops will be held with the elected representatives during the Development Plan Review Process, where more detailed information can be discussed.

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please write to EIR with regards the footpath on their property being used as a skateboarding facility in Temple Bar? This small wall is across the road from the apartment block Crampton Buildings. Many skateboarders and now using this wall as a skate ramp causing huge annoyance and a noise nuisance for the nearby tenants.

Reply:

A letter was sent to Eir on 30th November 2020 as requested.

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full breakdown report as to what portion of the outstanding rent arrears of 30 odd million euros is attributed to the South East Area and which estates etc.?

Reply:

The rent arrears balance for the South East Area is €2,874,659 arrears owed which represents 8% of the overall arrears balance. Of the 3472 tenancies in the area 2209 are in arrears.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent: Would it be possible to resurface a small amount of footpath between Brabazon House gates on Gilford road Sandymount and Strand Road?

Reply:

The footpath at this location will be inspected and any repairs that are necessary will be scheduled.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the bearings on the exercise bike adjacent to the Martello Tower Sandymount repaired.

Reply:

The outdoor exercise bicycle on Sandymount Promenade has been inspected and as requested the repairs have been carried out.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have the signal changed on the pedestrian crossing at Bridge Street, Ringsend adjacent to the church as the waiting time for pedestrians has increased in recent months and people are inclined to cross the street without waiting for the green man.

Reply:

The operation of the traffic signals have been checked, currently the average longest wait time is 31 seconds which a reduction on the pre Covid levels of 80 seconds. We have asked our contractor to visit site to ensure that the push buttons are working correctly.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

In September 2019 the following request was made and a year and a quarter later I am still seeking a response.

To ask the Manager to have the junction of Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, adjacent to Bridge Street, examined with a view to installing traffic lights. This has become a dangerous and extremely busy junction.

Reply:

The request for traffic signals at the above location has been added to the agenda of the Transport Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. Enquiry No. 7011172 refers. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Reply:

Thorncastle Street is part of the Options Selection Route for the proposed Dodder Greenway. It is anticipated that the design development for this scheme will commence later in 2021

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager what the plans are for Sandymount Castle Park Drive as a resident has been informed by Irish Water that pipe laying is to commence shortly. Is DCC liaising with Irish Water in this regard as I recently had a query about road resurfacing on the road?

Reply:

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @Irish Water
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to confirm that DCC has opted not to acquire four apartments at the Bolands Mills Development site for social housing but would instead buy three units elsewhere within the electoral area. Where are these apartments located?

Reply:

Dublin City Council agreed to acquire 3 units off-site as Part V compliance for Boland Mills, Dublin 4. The Part V entitlement at Boland Mills was 3 units. These units are within the electoral area, situated at Ropewalk Place, Ringsend, Dublin 4, Fitzwilliam Point, Fitzwilliam Quay, Dublin 4 and Alexandra Quay, Ringsend, Dublin 4.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent: I am a resident in the Upper Leeson Street/Burlington Road part of your constituency and as part of my effort to protect the environment and encourage Government policy I purchased an electric car. Unfortunately my residence does not have off street parking so I am solely reliant on the street chargers of which the nearest one is on a freeway on Chelmsford Road, Ranelagh. This has therefore very limited availability. I understand that Dublin City Council has funding to install more on street chargers and would be grateful if you could assist in the placing of a charger on Burlington Road, near the Upper Leeson Street end.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the city by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the city, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the council can play its part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin local authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The study is due for completion in Q4 2020, at which stage a presentation can be made to the elected representatives of Dublin City Council.

Q.20 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the manager to arrange the changing of the yellow public lighting on the following streets to white brighter lighting - Devenish Road, Windmill Road, Ravensdale Drive, Cashel Road, Armagh Road and Clonard Road? Residents from these areas have been in touch around their ineffectiveness in terms of not being bright enough, many have raised this as far back as 3 years ago?

Reply:

The lighting on Clonard Road was upgraded to LED in 2017. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here.

The lighting on Devenish Road, Windmill Road, Ravensdale Drive, Cashel Road and Armagh Road will be included on a future LED upgrade project.

Q.21 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the manager that the drainage department look at a comprehensive clearing of gullies in the Crumlin/Kimmage area.

Reply:

Attached please find reports for gully cleaning in Crumlin/Kimmage for the last 6 months. If there is a particular gully or gullies that need extra attention, please notify us of the exact location and we can get our Gully Cleaning Crew to take action.

Q.22 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask the manager to consider the installation of a dog run in a suitable location in one of the parks in the Crumlin/Kimmage area.

Reply:

Parks do not have plans at this time to install a dedicated dog run in the parks in the Crumlin/Kimmage area as they do not have sufficient space for the area required to facilitate a dog run.

Q.23 Councillor Tara Deacy

To ask for a full breakdown and location of public/benches and outdoor seating in the Crumlin/Kimmage area and state any plans for additional installation over the next year.

Reply:

Currently the bench numbers in parks in Crumlin/Kimmage are as follows:

- Eamonn Ceannt Park: 12
- Brickfields: 7
- Stannaway: 3
- Willie Pearse: 3

Parks have ordered additional benches for Eamonn Ceannt Park (3 number) and will install these in the New Year. There are also a number of 'Lord Mayor' benches to come to the district in the New Year. The location for these benches is still being decided. If there are requests for additional benches, parks will try to facilitate, if the councillor would like to submit suggestions.

Road Maintenance Services does not have an inventory of public seating in the Crumlin/Kimmage area nor does Road Maintenance Services have any plans to install new public seating.

The Area Office is willing to consider proposals for seating in the Villages of Crumlin or Kimmage if suitable locations can be agreed and subject to funding being available.

Q.24 Councillor Tara Deacy

Junction of Aughavannagh and Clogher Road – I raised this issue last year and highlighted the risk of a serious accident due to the lack of visibility as cars continue to park dangerously. I asked back then if planters could be placed here, I was told it would be reviewed, could said planters be placed there as soon as possible, several residents have been in touch about this bend.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's traffic engineer will assess to see what traffic calming measures are possible on Aughavannagh Road and Clogher Road.

Under the Road Traffic Act, it is illegal to park within 5m of a junction. Also if there are vehicles parking on the footpath then this is a matter for Parking Enforcement and they have been informed.

The area traffic engineer will make a decision on the use of planters as this may further cause visibility issues.

A report will be sent to the councillor after assessment has been completed.

Q.25 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager about the area of public green space adjoining the disputed, illegal entrance and unauthorised use by the developer located on Church Park Avenue. The enquirer has been in correspondence with DCC since May 2019 (Ref: E0353/19)

Further to enquirer request under FOI Act 2014, for access to records held by Dublin City Council, enquirer is advised by Property Management Section that ... "This land was never in the ownership of Dublin City Council." It is now registered in the Land Registry to Mount Argus Monastery Ventures Limited.

According to the enquirer, for the past 26 years local residents have understood this green space to be publicly owned and states that it has been "maintained by DCC at the taxpayers' expense for the 25 years prior to 2019, but it is now in private ownership. Additionally, it has its own Folio No, adjoins the roadway & is quite separate from the adjoining property." Enquirer requests information on when this piece of green space went into private ownership.

Reply:

The Development Department has confirmed the information provided under Freedom of Information legislation that Dublin City Council was never the owner of the land in question and consequently it was never in public ownership.

The fact that the plot of ground has its own folio number is a matter for the Property Registration Authority and Dublin City Council is unable to comment on this.

Q.26 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager if the Parks Department [or sports/recreation section] are in a position to bring additional boules grounds in some green space community areas. This is a modest sport with a Dublin City Council boules ground in Bushy Park. Due to Covid-19 this year, the vast majority of people are spending time outdoors, and many sportsgrounds are closed. This provision would bring positive outdoor modest activity within communities, for all age groups. I have addressed a local organisation for information. The average size of the ground is 15m x 4m with a surround. I enclose a photo of the Bushy Park, Terenure, petanque/boules ground, with benches on the boundary.



Reply:

There are currently two petanque/boules grounds located in the South East Area one in Bushy Park which is well used and the other in Herbert Park which is less so.

The request to facilitate additional boules/petanque playing areas will be considered in the context of the appropriateness of the location and support for this recreational activity coming from the local community.

Q.27 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the manager, if planning enforcement can request the developer to remove this railing boundary on a public right of way from Shamrock Villas to Mountain View Avenue, Harold's Cross, despite whether the developer is seeking retention.

The enquirer has submitted a planning enforcement application and is requesting urgent attention and states that this is an "ancient, important and safe pedestrian route accessing shops, schools, homes and the Park in the heart of the village. It is particularly relevant in the context of the Bus Connects proposals at both ends of this route."

Photographs provided by enquirer.



Reply:

Dublin City Council at the monthly meeting on the 7th December 2009 in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 extinguished the public right of way over a section of the laneway known as Shamrock Villas, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W. The extent of the

extinguishment is shown on the attached drawing no. R.M. 25347. The area in question is no longer in charge of Dublin City Council.

There is an arm-mounted barrier on one end of the section of laneway that is now private and bollards across the pathway at the other end.

This matter is currently under investigation. A response will issue to the Councillor in due course once the facts have been established in this case.

Q.28 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will pursue the installation of cycle parking racks in the vicinity of the Shelly Banks and the start of the Great South Wall.

Reply:

The area will be investigated and if a suitable location can be identified cycle parking will be installed as part of the next batch of cycle parking.

Q.29 Councillor Tara Deacy

There have been on going issues around traffic/parking in Rathmines Close, which DCC may already be aware of. Residents' cars are being clamped while parked on an area of tarmac in the cul de sac, which has been used by residents for some time, can this practice be discontinued? Residents have also sought 'Children at play' signs due to the speed of vehicles in the cul de sac. Finally as residents exit the cul de sac visibility is incredibly difficult and is causing problems. Can the double yellow signs be extended to the end of the road to allow safe exit? Could some plan be out in place to address these ongoing issues and work with residents to come up with some solutions?

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit have instructed the Dublin Street Parking Services to not clamp any vehicles parked on the area of tarmac in the cul de sac. However, if a vehicle is parked on this area and also on the footpath area surrounding the tarmac area it will be clamped for illegally parking on a footpath.

Dublin City Council's traffic engineer investigated Rathmines Close and a 'Children at Play' sign is not recommended at the entrance of Rathmines Close, since there is an existing cul-de-sac sign in place, which identifies that the road has no other outlet for motorists.

It should also be noted that a 30 km/h speed limit has been proposed for Rathmines Close as part of phase 4 of the Dublin City Council Speed Limit Review 2020.

Rathmines Close is wide enough to enable single-sided parking. Parking acts as a traffic calming measure. It reduces carriage-way width and raises driver awareness. Therefore, it is not recommended to extend double yellow lines on the south side of Rathmines Close.

Q.30 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the manager to arrange to resurface the footpaths and road on Glenealy, Aughavanagh and Rathdrum Roads, Crumlin.

Reply:

The carriageway and footpaths on these roads shall be inspected and put forward for consideration for our 2021 Major Works Programmes as appropriate.

Q.31 Councillor Pat Dunne

Could the manager organise the repainting of the lighting poles on Windmill Road, Bangor Drive, Bangor Road, Clonard Road, Cashel Road, Derry Road?

Reply:

We will examine the public lighting columns on the streets listed above and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

Q.32 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the manager to write to NTA to highlight the lack of clear information on the net effects that Bus Connects will have on the area in between the Kimmage and Crumlin Road Bus corridors. The current consultation lacks combined traffic flow data to allow residents to make a considered response and they are being asked blindly to support the current proposals before 16th December.

Reply:

The questions raised are associated with the BusConnects Greenhills to City Centre Core Bus Corridor and Kimmage to City Centre Core Bus Corridor, and both proposals are currently the subject of a non-statutory public consultation by the National Transport Authority. As it is a matter for the National Transport Authority, such questions should be directed to the authority. This can be done via their web site, email, calls and digital media. There are also virtual rooms to access the drawings/information which also provides a 'call back' facility to allow members of the public to talk to the engineer designers regarding their queries, via the cbc@busconnects.ie or also to their postal address.

It should be noted that the Environment Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Traffic Impact Assessment Report (TIAR) are currently 'work in progress' and when issued should address the overall effects the BusConnects will have on the area.

Also these consultations at present are non-statutory and when the Bus Connects schema go to An Bord Pleanála a full statutory consultation process where all information will have to be made available via the EIAR and TIAR.

Q.33 Councillor Pat Dunne

With an expected 500 cars travelling down Downpatrick Road, Kildare Road Stannaway Road due to Bus Connects, can the manager look at what traffic calming measures can be put into the following roads that do not currently have ramps or any traffic calming measures - Raleigh Square, Saul Road, Lismore Road(partial), Monasterboice Road, Slane Road? These roads don't currently fit into the criteria for the installation of ramps but with the additional traffic and rat-running expected, traffic calming measures should be prior to the expected increase in traffic.

Reply:

A speed restriction of 30km/h is currently set in place for the following roads: Raleigh Square, Saul Road, Lismore Road, Monasterboice Road, and Slane Road. However, a speed survey will be recommended to take place for each of these roads. At the completion of the speed survey assessments, the Area Engineer will advise if further traffic calming measures are required on the aforementioned roads. A report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.34 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for a list and updates on all the planned greening and public realm upgrade projects for the South East Inner City L.E.A.

Reply:

Projects	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
<p>Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan</p> <p>Chatham Street, Harry Street and Balfe Street area</p> <p>Clarendon Street:- Phase 4</p> <p>Clarendon Row: Phase 4 A</p> <p>South Anne Street / Duke Street Area Phase 5</p> <p>Suffolk Street Phase 6</p>	<p>This Project is complete</p> <p>This project is complete with only some minor works remaining.</p> <p>Detailed design works are nearing completion and a tender process should commence before the end of the year. It is planned to be in a position to commence works after completion of the major private development currently under construction and affecting Clarendon Row. This was expected in Q1 2021 but was delayed by Covid-19 and is now expected in Q2 2021.</p> <p>Preliminary design works are continuing. Following internal and external consultations, a Part 8 Planning Application will be submitted as soon as possible.</p> <p>Preliminary design works are continuing. Following internal and external consultations, a Part 8 Planning Application will be submitted as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>Dublin Docklands SDZ Public Realm Plan</p>	<p>Ongoing liaison with Developers, the Port, Waterways Ireland in delivering spaces/animation in the public realm. Shertzer Pedestrian and Cycle Bridges officially opened in January 2020. Blood Stoney Bridge refused by ABP. Detailed appraisal for South Campshire is being prepared with the appointment of a Design Team to follow. Project will include cycleway and flood defence project to be led by Docklands Office with Public Realm multidisciplinary team. Sequencing of projects is a high priority.</p>	<p>Ongoing engagement in Community Forum and with developers for delivery of objectives including trials and enhancements</p>

Project	Progress in Previous Quarter	Next Stage
College Green	The review of this project is ongoing and discussions are continuing with the NTA regarding relevant transport issues, including Bus Connects and the recently published Bus Network Redesign. This will inform the preparation of a new College Green proposal and the intended re-submission of an appropriate planning application as soon as possible. As part of the preparation of a revised proposal, it is intended to bring a report to the upcoming Transportation SPC meeting and to commence a short public consultation process thereafter. Dame St east will be included in a new application.	Work ongoing
Castle Street/ Cork Hill	Part 8 in place. Two phases to project 1. Accessibility of City Hall /Rates Office by City Architects at design detail to go to tender for construction with support from Fáilte Ireland. The two projects are intrinsically linked and ideally should be progressed together with an amalgamated budget to achieve a solution. . Works currently underway in Dublin Castle by OPW are nearly complete. Logistically issue to be agreed. 2. Castle St/ Cork Hill managed by Roads Construction includes cobbles and Road Carriage Significant design work undertaken to include input of OPW Conservation, SUDS measures and pilot for city street location. There is now an agreed design approach and design detail complete. However, the project is subject to funding.	Construction tender review and procurement.
Temple Bar Public Realm Plan	Upgrade to water network complete, cobbles removed and temporary surface applied. Detailed design review underway in order to inform final project details/ tender documentation. Project attracts EU funding which is time sensitive.	Project work continuing for next stage.
Greening strategy and Spaces Grafton Street Quarter Greening Strategy Peace Garden Christchurch	<p>This is a phased implementation being rolled out through the public realm improvement project delivery programme. It identifies opportunities for greening and tree planting and incorporates these elements into the design as detailed above.</p> <p>Park reopened early 2019 with upgrades and clean up to make the Park more accessible and safe for users now complete. New fabric and reuse of art works as well as Flanders Memorial</p> <p>St Patrick's Park, topiary garden is currently being installed at St Patrick's Park.</p>	<p>Included in multidisciplinary public realm projects.</p> <p>Project complete.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

St Patrick's Park Bride Street	Greening initiative being implemented in Q1 2021.	
Baggot Street Triangle		

The Grafton Street Quarter Greening Strategy is the focus within the South East Inner City L.E.A. This strategy is embedded within the Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan and is being delivered as part of that public realm project and in line with that programme.

Q.35 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the electrical box below at the green in Irishtown can be painted in a similar manner to the box in photo below:

Reply:

The Traffic Box identified will be considered for the 2021 list.

Q.36 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if an urgent request for a transfer can be arranged for details attached as the tenant is experiencing extreme anti- social behaviour and wishes to move.

Reply:

The applicant should in the first instance report all incidents of harassment to her local Garda station who in turn can liaise with the local Housing office regarding addressing any issues of anti-social behaviour being experienced by the tenant. Please advise the tenant to forward any supporting documentation in respect of these incidents to the South East Area office who will investigate the matter. Currently there are no records held locally, in respect of anti-social behaviour being experienced by the applicant.

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List, with an application date of 16/08/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	1209
Area H	2	588
Area L	2	552

Based on the applicant's current position for each area of choice, it may be considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

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.

The applicant may wish to register her interest in Homeswapper.ie and create an account with a view to liaising with other applicants seeking transfers. Should the applicants be successful in finding a match, and all the criteria is satisfied, it may decrease their waiting time.

Q.37 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the light bollard in the picture below across from the primary care centre in Irishtown can be repaired and painted or replaced as it is in poor condition.
Photo



Reply:

The bollard tops were replaced today 08/12/2020. Please see attached images.



Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager whether it is possible for details supplied to sell back to Dublin City Council their 4 bedroom house and downsize to a 3 bedroom apartment somewhere in the Dublin 2/4 area. If such a process or mechanism exists can the Manager please provide details of how to go about this?

Reply:

The scheme available for Dublin City Council to purchase an applicant's property and offer a tenancy is the Financial Contribution Scheme.

To be eligible the applicant must be aged 60 years or older and own their own property within the Dublin City Council administrative area. Upon being reached for an offer of tenancy, an applicant will be offered a one bed tenancy in an older person's complex and will be subject to Dublin City Council purchasing their property at a reduced rate of 60% (if they are aged 60 – 69 years) or 70% (if they are 70 years or older). It should be noted that there are waiting lists applicable to each area of choice and the time spent on the list depends on vacancies arising and also applicants of longer standing who have to be considered first as suitable vacancies arise.

The Financial Contribution Scheme would not facilitate the applicant downsizing to a 3 bed apartment, all properties available through the scheme are within older person's complexes and would generally be one bed properties or in some very minor cases 2 bed apartments may be offered.

If the Financial Contribution Scheme is of interest to the applicant they can make contact with Housing Allocations and request an application form.

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if there is a maintenance plan in place for the surfaces of the tennis courts in Ringsend? They seem to have drainage issues and are very dirty. Is it possible to have them resurfaced to a more suitable material that requires less maintenance?

Reply:

The tennis courts in Ringsend Park are on a regular maintenance schedule undertaken by a contractor which specialises in the maintenance of synthetic pitches.

The synthetic carpet was installed approximately 12 years ago and is a 'sand dressed system' which is considered suitable for tennis. The facility has become increasingly popular over recent years.

The carpet, although currently in a reasonable condition, is reaching the end of its natural lifespan and would benefit from renewal over coming years. A new surface would also address some issues regarding the slow percolation of surface water.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist details supplied 1, in securing alternative accommodation. Aside from chronic overcrowding with a family of 5 and two children with special needs, the damp in the current location is causing health issues for two of the children including a new born baby. I understand that (details supplied 2) is owned by Dublin City Council and has been vacant for some time, could the Manager please consider this property for the family.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List, with an application date of 20/08/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area K	2	29
Area K	3	222
Area L	2	22
Area L	3	122
Area N	2	28
Area N	3	134

To be considered for an offer of housing an applicant must be number one on the housing list, based on the applicant's positions above, she is currently not in a position to be offered a tenancy. She will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

It is noted from the applicant's file that she has recently been in contact with Allocations and stated that she may not take a 2 bed tenancy if offered, the applicant was advised should she wish to remove her preference for a 2 bed tenancy she needs to submit the request in writing and her file will be updated to reflect same.

The applicant may wish to be considered for a medical priority, she can do so by completing the Medical Priority application form and submit it with supporting documentation for review to Housing Allocations. If the applicant is successful in obtaining the medical priority, it may improve her position on the housing list.

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.

The applicant may wish to register their interest in Homeswapper.ie and create an account with a view to liaising with other applicants seeking transfers. Should the applicants be successful in finding a match, and all criteria is satisfied, it may decrease their waiting time.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the can he please provide an update on the status and planned uses and or development potential for the following sites:

- Werberg Street - the car park in front of the social services building across from Burdocks
- Werberg Street - the small plot of land beside the Christchurch Q-Park
- Clanbrassil Street - small plot of land beside Vincent Street South flat complex, (previously disposed of by DCC)
- Fishamble Street site - formerly proposed for use for housing

Reply:

Fishamble Street site - A proposal for social housing on the Fishamble Street site was developed in 2018. However, due to the units' costs the development was not viable. The City Council will explore further options that may facilitate the construction of social housing at this location.

Part of the Werburgh Street car park site was acquired by agreement in advance of a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire lands at Werburgh Street/Ship Street for the purpose of enhancing this historic location in conjunction with the OPW's masterplan for Dublin Castle.

The development potential of the small plot adjoining the Christchurch Car Park is limited by the presence underneath of part of the old City Wall and it is hoped that future plans for the plot will be linked to the enhancement of the Werburgh Street/Dublin Castle area.

The plot at Clanbrassil Street was the subject of a protracted application for planning permission. The proposed project comprising a redevelopment of the Clanbrassil Street/South Circular Road corner was granted permission subject to conditions on 3rd December 2020.

A Housing Department proposal for an infill apartment block was not considered viable on the grounds of cost and the site is now the responsibility of the Planning & Property Development Department. Proposals for its future use will now be examined in line with the protocol for the disposal of council sites agreed at the December Council meeting on 7th December 2020.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the following issues on South Lotts Road:

- The condition of the roads and pathways are in very poor condition, with large sections of the kerbs broken along the road. Can the Area Manager please consider resurfacing the road and fixing the footpaths?
- Littering along the whole road, which I have raised a number of times before. There is a particular problem with the green area that starts at the small garden at the entrance of the Gasworks and that goes up to the end of the houses before the railway bridge. Can the Area Manager please increase the cleaning of the street?

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean South Lotts Road five days a week, Monday to Friday. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this street to see if any improvements can be made.

There was a small amount of litter on this open space which was removed when visited by Park staff.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please resurface the road on Long Lane, Dublin 8. The road is in very poor condition and during the last few weeks a new pot-hole has appeared which is dangerous in terms of driving and cycling. If resurfacing cannot be carried out in the near future can interim remedial work be carried in the meantime?

Reply:

We plan to resurface Long Lane as part of our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme budget permitting. In the meantime, temporary repairs will be carried out.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he will please install further signage on Portobello Harbour reminding people not to feed the swans bread and other items.

Reply:

The area of land at the canal bank at this location is managed by Waterways Ireland. Parks Service staff will make contact with them to discuss the requested signage.

Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install compost bin facilities in the Iveagh Trust complex.

Reply:

This complex is owned and managed by the Iveagh Trust. The management has been advised of the request for composting facilities.

Q.46 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he would consider installing 'winged' pathways on Ringsend Bridge, similar to Chapelizod Bridge. Ringsend Bridge is a dangerous pinch point for both traffic, cyclists and pedestrians. The pathways are very narrow and it is impossible for prams/buggies to pass without forcing pedestrians onto the carriageway. Such a solution would provide space for proper cycle-lanes over the bridge. If traffic calming measures were adopted on either side of the bridge, this could facilitate the amenity value of the bridge and enhance the pedestrian experience for residents and walkers and cyclists through and in the village and improve safety overall.

Reply:

The Road Design and Construction Division have no plans to put a walkway over the Dodder on the outside of Ringsend Bridge.

Q.47 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to outline plans for consultation with residents during the extension of the trial along Pigeon House Road.

Reply:

All residents and businesses on Pigeon House Road and surrounding areas will be notified of the trial extension by way of a letter drop on the week 7th – 13th December 2020. This correspondence will outline that the trial is to be extended for a period of 12 months until November 2021.

The trial will be continually monitored and its effectiveness re-evaluated at the trial completion date. If there are any queries on this trial, they can be sent to the following email address covidmobility@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if the council could drop a leaflet in Bath Avenue and Londonbridge Road regarding the traffic impact on those and surrounding roads connected to the Strand Road Cycling trial.

Reply:

A letter drop will be carried out on Bath Avenue, Londonbridge Road and in the area prior to the commencement of the trial.

Q.49 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager what the emergency vehicle access plans are for Poolbeg Quay with the current trial in place precluding access from Sean Moore Road.

Reply:

The introduction of filtered permeability measures on Pigeon House Road has not restricted emergency access from Sean Moore Road. The planters at the centre of the carriageway are positioned to allow for a distance of at least 3.2m between them. A bollard is proposed in the middle to prohibit access to private vehicles. However, emergency vehicles will be able to overrun the bollard and proceed on Pigeon House Road.

Dublin City Council informed emergency services of this measure before the implementation of the trial.

Q.50 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager what plans there are to install proper cycling infrastructure along Tom Clarke Bridge.

Reply:

The Tender Assessment is now complete and the contract for a design consultant for the Point Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge will be awarded shortly.

Q.51 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager what, if any, discussions have taken place in respect of the council leasing a tower block of flats on York Road in Ringsend. An application for same is currently with An Bord Pleanála.

Reply:

There have been no discussions or negotiation between Dublin City Council and the developer in relation to leasing this proposed development.

Q.52 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager what the process for procurement is for beta projects. Is there a requirement to go out to tender in all cases?

Reply:

Public procurement is governed by EU Procurement Directives, National rules and DCC's internal procurement policy.

It is a key principle that all public procurement should be subject to a competitive process in order to ensure the twin objectives of obtaining Value for Money and ensuring compliance with procurement principles of openness, transparency and non-discrimination.

Thresholds and the requirement to obtain quotations and tenders are set out below.

SUPPLIES & SERVICES (As defined by DCC Procurement Policy and Public Procurement Directive 2014/24/EU)		
VALUE (excluding VAT)		QUOTATION / TENDER INVITATION
(a)	Not exceeding €12,500	One quotation only need be invited and may be accepted if the price is reasonable. Written confirmation of the quotation should be sought where possible. (Quotation(s) must be documented and retained for audit purposes)
(b)	Over €12,500 and not exceeding €25,000	A minimum of three quotations must be sought by circular letter, FAX or email. (Quotations must be documented and retained for audit purposes)
(c)	€25,000 and not exceeding €214,000	By public advertisement (www.etenders.gov.ie)
(e)	Over €214,000	By advertisement in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) using (www.etenders.gov.ie)

WORKS (As defined by DCC Procurement Policy and Public Procurement Directive 2014/24/EU)		
VALUE		QUOTATION / TENDER INVITATION
(f)	Not exceeding €50,000 (incl. VAT)	Not less than five quotations must be sought, one of which may be accepted if the price is considered reasonable. Written quotations must always be obtained. (Quotations must be documented and retained for audit purposes)
(g)	Over €50,000 (incl. VAT) and not exceeding €5,350,000 (excl. VAT)	Must be advertised on the ETENDERS Website (www.etenders.gov.ie) as a minimum.
(h)	Over €5,350,000 (excl. VAT)	By advertisement in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and on the eTenders website (www.etenders.gov.ie)

Q.53 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to repair the crash barrier in front of Poolbeg Quay.

Reply:

Repairs to the crash barrier at this locations will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Q.54 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if there are plans to install proper cycling infrastructure along Ringsend Bridge.

Reply:

The preferred option for the Dodder Greenway proposes a parallel walkway on the downstream side of Ringsend Bridge to address the poor pedestrian/cycling provision associated with this bridge. Ringsend Bridge is a protected structure and careful consideration will need to be given to its status and heritage value during the design process.

The National Transport Authority formed a Cycle Design Office (CDO) in late 2019 with the intent of taking over the preliminary design of the scheme in 2020.

The NTA has been requested to update Dublin City Council on whether any progress has been made on the design for the Dodder Greenway. An update will be provided to the Councillor in due course.

Q.55 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the local area committee if (details supplied) can be housed; where is this person currently placed on the housing list; and why has this person's position on the list moved back a number of places this year? The individual in question has suffered a prolonged period of serious ill health and has been on the housing list for over a decade.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 14/01/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area K	2	26
Area N	2	33

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

An applicant's position on the list can fluctuate as applicants are allowed to change their areas of preference once a year. If an applicant chooses another area and has greater time held on the list to other applicants, they will be placed on that list further up than any applicant who holds less time.

The applicant may wish to be considered for a medical priority, she can do so by completing the Medical Priority application form and submit it with supporting documentation for review to Housing Allocations. If the applicant is successful in obtaining the medical priority, it may improve her position on the housing list. It is noted from the applicant's file that she was previously sent an application for a medical priority in July of this year, which she did not return.

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.

Q.56 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the parking information sign at Harold's Cross Cottages (detail and photo supplied) could be moved from its current position. This is a narrow street with limited on street parking available and the positioning of this sign means it blocks the opening of the driver's door if all three spaces on this stretch of the road are in use.

Reply:

The sign pole was installed so as not to interfere with the resident of the adjacent property. To move either side of its existing location would mean installing the pole in front of a residents' doorway or window. DCC is legally required to erect signage regarding the paid parking on this street in order to have an enforceable parking scheme at this location.

Q.57 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Clareville Road can be added to the list of road works for resurfacing as the road is in extremely bad condition.

Reply:

Clareville Road shall be put forward for consideration for our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.58 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if Dublin City Council is currently authorising the use of a 'mosquito alarm' near the playground in Stannaway Park as a deterrent to prevent young people from using this public space. In July 2018, it was reported in the media that Dublin City Council had confirmed that there were no longer any active mosquito alarms at properties around its catchment area, however an alarm is audible at this location in Stannaway Park.

Reply:

It is not the policy of Parks Service to use these devices and the last of such devices was deactivated in Stannaway Park on Friday 11/12/20.

Q.59 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if traffic engineers could visit St Teresa's Road in Crumlin with a view to providing additional traffic calming and slowing measures on this road, particularly at the bend. Residents report frequent rat-running and use of the road as a short-cut to avoid traffic on St. Agnes' Road, with no speed bumps on the road until drivers reach number 52, and no speed bumps visible on the road until drivers coming from Stannaway Avenue have rounded the bend at number 60.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's traffic engineer will assess to see what traffic calming measures are required on St. Teresa's Road at entrance from Stannaway Avenue and a report will be sent to the Councillor.

Q.60 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to prepare a response to the issues raised in the submission from the Ashfield Road and Mornington Road Residents' Association.

Reply:

The laneway at Ashfield Avenue is not in Charge of Dublin City Council.

Trees were pruned as stated in the report in 2020. Issues regarding the impact of tree branches on utilities should be addressed to the utility company.

Additional street trees are planted where space and growing conditions allow. However in areas where paths are narrow the only sustainable option is to create 'build outs' onto the carriage way to ensure long term healthy tree growth.

The Waste Management Division will work in conjunction with the Public Domain Officer and Environmental Liaison Officer for the South East Area to investigate and address the issues relating to waste presentation and collection raised in the correspondence. As referenced in the submission there has been productive cooperation in relation to other waste related initiatives in this area such as deep cleaning of specific streets in conjunction with the local community.

Dublin City Council traffic engineers will assess the submission and will issue a report regarding traffic management to the Councillor.

We plan to include Ashfield Road and Mornington Road on our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme budget permitting.

The footpath on both these roads shall be inspected and any defects found shall be logged for repair.

Q.61 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if a junction box could be installed on Barrow Street at the entrance to Pembroke Square as local residents are concerned that traffic at the newly installed lights will block their entrance, and if consideration could be given to limiting parking near the entrance until after 19:00

Reply:

This query has been assigned SR No. 7018016. Dublin City Council's Transport & Environment Engineer has assessed the site at Pembroke Square on Barrow Street / Upper Grand Canal Street during morning peak traffic.

There are currently no delays to access / egress from Pembroke Square onto Barrow Street (the traffic signals have not been switched on). The traffic signal team will be informed of your concerns and the signals will be monitored once installed.

There is a 10 metre sightline from the egress of Pembroke Square, to the Pay & Display and Permit parking space to the south on Barrow Street.

The current arrangement of Pay and Display times of 08:00 – 18:30, Mon – Fri are currently suitable for this location. The double-sided parking encourages and helps reduce traffic speeds on Barrow Street. Furthermore, there are currently no delays of vehicles backing onto Grand Canal Street Upper and the current parking arrangements will remain in place.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement section will ask an inspector to review the impact of the new lights in respect of the entrance to Pembroke Square on Barrow Street.

Q.62 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager provide me with an update on the status of a person (details supplied) appeal in respect of their application for a Housing Adaption Grant?

Reply:

An application was received for this extension in 2013 and following assessment it was not provided. Further medical details have now been provided and the application is being reassessed. Housing Maintenance will contact the applicant directly in relation to this.

Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange for two families (details supplied) to be transferred from their current accommodation as it does not meet building regulations as their showers are situated in the bedroom of their flats?

Reply:

Housing Allocations are in contact with both tenants and maintenance moves have been approved in respect of both applicants, they have been made offers of 2 bed units.

Q.64 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please arrange for a person (details supplied) to be issued with a parking permit?

Reply:

The application will be reviewed to determine if a parking permit is to be issued in respect of this address.

Q.65 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please provide me with an update on a person's (details supplied) application to have a disabled person's parking bay installed outside his home?

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group at its meeting on the 24th November 2020, recommended a disabled parking bay (residential) at the above location. The parking bay will be installed on completion of the necessary statutory consultation with An Garda Síochána and installed by Dublin City Council's road marking team,

Q.66 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

Can the Manager please provide me with an update on the installation of a pedestrian crossing outside the school (details supplied) this is an urgent matter as a pupil of the school was recently struck by a car trying to cross the road.

Reply:

Due to current ongoing construction works, provision for an appropriate pedestrian crossing cannot be assessed at this time. The school has applied for a School Zone and this is planned for implementation once possible to do so.

It is illegal to park on the single yellow line on the south side of Gloucester Street South between 7am-7pm Monday to Saturday. School Crossing signs are located at either end of the street and children should be encouraged to cross at these points.

We will contact the school directly to discuss any further measures that could be taken in the current environment.

Q.67 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to arrange for the filling of potholes on Long Lane and for the resurfacing of the road in the long run.

Reply:

We plan to resurface Long Lane as part of our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme budget permitting. In the meantime, temporary repairs will be carried out

Q.68 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to consider installing 'winged footpath' on Ringsend Bridge, as is the case at Chapelizod Bridge, to provide for greater cycle and pedestrian facilities and removing the danger currently posed by the very small space available to them which would also allow more room for the cars within the existing bridge space.

Reply:

The Road Design and Construction Division have no plans to put a walkway over the Dodder on the outside of Ringsend Bridge.

Q.69 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he could arrange for dog waste bins and for a dog section in Ringsend Park.

Reply:

In regards to the request for a 'dog section' it is considered that due to the allocation of much of the park to sports and play activity there is not available space to provide a 'dog section' in this very busy park.

There are a large number of public litter bins located within Ringsend village and 4 bins in the immediate vicinity of the entrances to Ringsend Park.

The Waste Management Division is no longer installing Dog Fouling specific bins as any public litter may be used for the disposal of dog waste and the provision of standard litter bins provides additional capacity and caters for the disposal of all litter generated by the public.

The Waste Management Division will consider the installation of additional public litter bins in any specific location suggested and work in cooperation with the South East Area Public Domain Officer and Environmental Liaison Officer to ensure that there is an adequate supply of litter bins in the area.

Q.70 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager when the playground and tennis court in Ringsend Park were last refurbished and if he can arrange for them to be refurbished.

Reply:

The synthetic carpet was installed approximately 12 years ago and is a 'sand dressed system' which is considered suitable for tennis. The carpet, although currently in a reasonable condition, is reaching the end of its natural lifespan and would benefit from renewal over the coming years.

The junior playground is considered to be in good condition and was upgraded in 2017.

The upgrading of the teen play zone forms part of this year's works programme and upgrading work will commence over the coming weeks. Completion is anticipated in early 2021.

Q.71 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to address the littering problem on Rathdown Road and adjacent roads from the increase in takeaway packaging being generated. This type of litter problem is undoubtedly a cause of the growing problem of litter and vermin in the city.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels on the above mentioned roads and arrange extra cleaning there when necessary.

The Litter Wardens will call to these premises to remind them of their responsibility under the Litter Pollution act and will monitor the area on an ongoing basis.

Q.72 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to advise what action will be taken in relation to the ongoing traffic and parking issues on Rathdown Avenue given that there appears to be no traffic engineers available due to Covid initiatives and NTA secondments to deal with the issue.

Reply:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit has deployed an inspector to Rathdown Avenue on two weekends in November 2020 to determine the issues for parking. The Dublin Street Parking Services have clamped a number of vehicles in the area during November and December and continue to enforce against illegal parking of vehicles, especially at weekends. The Traffic Advisory Group engineer has reported to Q43 at Nov 2020 SEAC meeting that he is very aware of the concerns raised by Councillor Feeney.

As soon as the area engineer is in a position, he will carry out the necessary site visits to ascertain the appropriate measures for Rathdown Avenue. After this assessment, the appropriate measures will be put in place by Dublin City Council.

Dublin City Council has organised and arranged that the On-Street Parking Enforcement Services will actively monitor and enforce illegal parking in the area.

Q.73 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to arrange for traffic engineers to review the sharp bend on the road between Stannaway Road and St. Theresa's Road. Cars come around the bend at speed. There needs to be some traffic calming measure put in place to ensure safety on St. Theresa's Road which is a quiet, narrow residential road.

Reply:

Dublin City Council's traffic engineer will assess to see what traffic calming measures are required on St. Theresa's Road at entrance from Stannaway Avenue and a report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update as to when the road surface subsidence at a few locations on Terenure Road West (as previously highlighted) will be rectified.

Reply:

Carriageway repairs will be scheduled here as soon as possible.

Q.75 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide me with information in relation to any action that the council can take in relation to the following nuisance situations for local residents.

- feral pigeons being fed by a neighbour but causing significant problems for adjoining neighbours in terms of pigeon droppings, etc.
- ongoing barking of neighbours' dogs which are impacting working and studying from home.

Reply:

If the Councillor could provide details of the location of the complaint regarding the feeding of pigeons it will be investigated.

The issue of excessive barking of dogs is dealt with under the Control of Dogs Act through the District Court.

The process for making a complaint is listed by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/1e785c-dog-control/#barking-dogs>.