Question to the Chief Executive

South East Area Committee Meeting 14th June 2021

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will have the crash barriers along the approach road to the East Link Bridge parallel to the boat clubs to be repaired/replaced as a matter of urgency, given their very deleterious and potentially dangerous condition.

Q.2 <u>Councillor Mary Freehill</u>

Would the manager please give me an up to date on progress on motion I got passed over a year ago requesting replacement of road sign at Parnell Avenue, D12? Please let me know the reason for delay and when it will be installed.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the works requested in the email below can be carried out as soon as possible.

"The footpaths around the area of Mountpleasant Upper/Lower and Gulistan Terrace are yet again in a terrible state. Weeds are growing everywhere again - we were promised last year that this would be dealt with regularly"

Q.4 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To thank the manager for the installation of the new bin on Park Avenue, Sandymount and to request that it will be emptied on a more regular basis.

Q.5 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the issue raised by a constituent enclosed in the following email.

He writes:

"Traffic calming- Herbert Green/Oaklands /Park/Drive, Sandymount Now that the evenings are getting longer and the weather is better there are children playing on the above roads.

Cars turn off Serpentine Ave, sometimes at speed and it is a concern to parents with their children on the street.

Would it be possible to engineer traffic calming measures at the Herbert Green/Serpentine Ave intersection to slow down cars as they take the corner?

Also would it be possible to introduce *children at play* signage to educate and warn drivers?

The road also does require a resurface and re-marking."

Q.6 <u>Councillor Paddy McCartan</u>

To ask the manager to have the bins located on the walkway adjacent to the Dodder and Aviva Stadium emptied on a regular basis.

Q.7 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the manager why are Bushy Park toilets in the sports dressing rooms still closed? I have asked for them to be opened last month and when will these necessary toilets be opened for children playing sports ASAP?

Q.8 <u>Councillor Deirdre Conroy</u>

To ask the Manager if the Bins that have been removed from Harold's Cross Park can be replaces as soon as possible due to the number of people sitting in the park and not enough bins available.

Q.9 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Manager, repeat of my question from last year, when will the Bushy Park side parking space on Rathdown Avenue and the roads around Bushy Park be altered in order to avoid danger of ambulance not getting access, cars speeding on a two lane where there is only room for one way. I have seen the major issue when I visited Saturday Market at Bushy Park recently.

Q.10 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report and update on the ongoing situation of the development and regeneration possibilities of Andrews Court Flat complex?

Q.11 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager outline how DCC intend to manage the new pedestrianised areas in the South East Area? This report to include times of opening and closing, times that alcohol is served and not served. Who is responsible for the cleaning of these areas? And whether all the restaurants, and cafes in these public areas can put out their tables and chairs? Or is this process of outdoor dining/pedestrianisation just for one particular premises?

Q.12 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager confirm whether the restaurants and bars and others on Camden Street and Wexford Street have made applications for outdoor dining or any such facilities?

Q.13 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report and list of all those that have made applications in the SEA for street furniture, outdoor dining facility infrastructure and pedestrianisation of any areas?

Q.14 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a full list of all staff that are available for the enforcement of street furniture licensing laws and outdoor dining and drinking laws? This report to include what staff are available in the evening time or on any 24hr basis and how do DCC intend to manage this particular initiative in a proactive manner.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager as matter of urgency have a further meeting with the residents group around the ongoing issues of antisocial behaviour and the safety of the Ffrench Mullen Housing complex and residents and the ongoing issue of the security lighting?

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager liaise with Parking Enforcement with regards parking for the residents at details supplied? This residence has had long term parking available at their residence they are owners of a private landing and a basement that runs under their premise and are therefore legally entitled to park here without any issue. Recently these people have been clamped causing major distress as they are car dependent due to ill health and mobility issues. Can the manager issue a full report with regards resolving this particular issue?

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the status of the application by the Temple Bar Traders company for multi outdoor seating and dining facilities within the Temple Bar Cultural Quarter?

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards the roll out of weeding control within the SEA? Could the manager see fit to dealing with the major weed issue in and around the Portobello/St Kevin's Area?

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate a plebiscite for the residents of Leinster Square to deal with the issue of on street parking and residential parking issues? This area is generally chaotic when it comes to parking with many of the residents deeply frustrated about the ad-hoc arrangements where many of them have to drive around for hours to find a parking space. It would help enormously if a plebiscite was initiated and a desirable outcome for the residents achieved.

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards DCC's intention to remove the bring containers, clothing containers and bottle containers on Milltown Road bring bank? It was indicated recently that these containers would be relocated to a much more appropriate location. There is a constant issue of dumping at this location which is now having a negative impact on the location, residents and the many people who use the bring centre and its car park. Many people complained recently of a smell of rancid alcohol coming from the bottle bank. On a recent visit by myself, I discovered many items of discarded clothing and cardboard thrown about the place. See photos.

Q.21 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please outline what process is in place to protect street furniture i.e. footpath slabs when they are lifted for maintenance work? There was a case on Grove Road recently where slabs were not put in a place of safety during ESB work and new ones had to be laid. This involved extra cost and shade variation.

Q.22 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to have the badly broken off pavement outside (Details supplied) removed and the path repaired. The broken off piece is at least 2 foot x 10 inches. An elderly lady nearly had an accident on it over recent days, because it is out on the road. It also presents a danger for cars on this busy road.

Q.23 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to have the badly broken pavements on Greenlea Terenure repaired. They are particularly bad on Greenlea Avenue, Greenlea Park and Greenlea Drive.

Q.24 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager to provide an update in relation to why the single yellow line at details supplied have not been put back to a pay and display.

Q.25 <u>Councillor Danny Byrne</u>

To ask the Manager to have the signage at Irishtown Nature Park painted. These signs are in bad need of being painted.

Q.26 <u>Councillor Danny Byrne</u>

To ask the manager if the crash barriers at the Stella Maris Rowing Club and Poolbeg Boat Club Could be renewed. The crash barriers are currently in very poor condition and a health and safety risk given how busy this road is beside the East Link Toll Bridge.

Q.27 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager for a report in the housing case of details supplied.

Q.28 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if something can be done about dangerous and illegal parking on the Harold's Cross Road at the corner of St. Clare's Avenue, which has resulted in accidents. Cars parking on the footpath and on the double yellow lines are completely blocking the view of oncoming traffic. Residents need an intervention that will help them exit their street safely, and people with mobility issues require unhindered access to the footpath.

Q.29 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the footpath at 39-40 St Martin's Park can be repaired. A deepening crack in the surface of the pavement presents a trip hazard.

Q.30 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if additional bins can be provided in Herzog and Dartry parks where excessive levels of litter continue to be left behind in parks each weekend.

Q.31 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the green on Cashel Road (nearest Kildare Road), can be rolled to level the ground and flatten the tyre tracks from scrambler use to prepare the grass for mowing.

Q.32 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager why the Astro pitch in Herzog Park is closed and what the projected duration of the closure might be?

Q.33 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager what can be done to prevent drivers from regularly breaching the one-way requirement of Maxwell Road, where drivers are turning off Frankfort Avenue, despite the clear signage, and driving the wrong way up Maxwell Road to access Maxwell Lane. This is a residential street with high levels of on-street parking and breaching the one way requirement is both illegal and dangerous.

Q.34 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager what management plan is in place to control the crowds gathering to drink at the Dropping Well on evenings and at weekends.

Q.35 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager if he can write to the NTA and BusConnects exploring whether all traffic lanes on Nutley Lane as currently proposed are absolutely necessary as per the latest iteration of the BusConnects proposal.

Q.36 <u>Councillor James Geoghegan</u>

To ask the Manager if he could address the issues outlined in the email below;

"I have reached out to the council and some local authority reps but heard nothing <u>back...so</u> hoping you can help

1. A few areas we'd like to bring to attention are the use of laneways behind the houses between elmwood avenue, elmpark avenue by homeless people for drinking or use as

a <u>bathroom...it</u> raises serious safety concerns. The lanes are looked after by the council and kept relatively clean but recently I have seen it being used as a toilet and drinking spot (which the gardai cant do anything about..) I worry because right outside my back courtyard is one of the spots used and I dont feel very safe with a door opening onto it. Similar laneways have been gated off and this would be something we would love to see happen.

2. The general acceptance of all day works happening. This is a residential street adjacent to Lidl yet they are out cutting and grinding at 1.30 in the morning. They use our street for illegal parking during works etc. Surely this is not in the public interest. Are permits being granted for this? Would be good to be informed.

3. Also given the close proximity to shops there is obviously a need to live side by side with businesses. However on at least 10 occasions in the last 3 months, alarms have been sounding all night between Milano's, Galvin lettings and more recently Lidl... I don't know if other people cant hear or just don't speak up but I have called the gardai and businesses about this and nobody is monitoring any of the alarms so we are left listening to noise disturbances all night. Surely someone can be held more accountable if noise disturbances occur?

4. On the same point Rita's pizzeria is a constant stop off spot on our street. Cars park anywhere they please for delivery collection and we have o leave the blinds shut every Friday and Saturday as the turnaround is literally non stop. Perhaps more patrolling for illegal parking would help. Also given this is a residential street Rita's being the only commercial property we have just spotted seating on the footpaths outside across from our windows. Again I am concerned that this is business 1st residents 2nd Rita's severely lets down the street with drinking while waiting pizza box litter. Traffic and now outdoor seating. I would ask that it be checked are they permitted to have outdoor seating and if so would object as this is a residential street now having our basic privacy depleted.

5. Last point (I promise!) have asked the council to have the tree outside number 2 reinstated. The road boasts lovely mature trees but this is <u>missing....It</u> would serve as a great way to get privacy from the Main Street and Rita's. A divide between commercial and residential. If nothing else can you help me get this replanted"

Q.37 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager if he could address the issues outlined in the email below;

Good evening,

I wish to formally put on record my serious safety concerns for Comans Public House Rathgar, Rathgar Village.

In particular the roof and chimney seems to be hazardous and extremely unsafe.

Attached please find photographic evidence of cracks in the said structure.

Please confirm receipt of this email and that remedial action will be immediately taken to avoid harm and possibly loss of life."

Q.38 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager if someone from the Parks Department could physically meet with Terenure Rangers club to explore the possibility of additional recreational space.

Q.39 Councillor James Geoghegan

To ask the Manager if he could consider the possibility of Mornington Road, Ranelagh being made permanently a one way road.

Q.40 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager the level of engagement with an Garda Siochána and Tuath in respect of anti-social behaviour at Ffrench Mullen house and to clarify who is responsible for the walkway along there.

Q.41 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager to replace the AstroTurf in South Lotts Park.

Q.42 <u>Councillor Kevin Donoghue</u>

To ask the manager to provide cleansing of the large bins in Greenore Court.

Q.43 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager if literature explaining changes to Camden Street regarding Covidrecovery, parking etc. could be distributed to residents and businesses in that area.

Q.44 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to clear the storm drains in the laneway on Londonbridge Road. There is a blockage in the laneway.

Q.45 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to repair the broken street and the broken shore at Fairview Avenue, Ringsend details supplied:

Q.46 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to repair the broken stone bollard at the corner of City Quay and Petersons Court.

Q.47 Councillor Tara Deacy

Following up on previous emails sent can in relation to this issue, can tree pruning outside 5 and 6 Derry Drive take place as a matter of urgency? The residents are both elderly and have health issues and are very worried that they might slip or fall and the trees are obstructing their view. Can we address this ASAP? It wasn't carried out last year and needs attention.

Q.48 Councillor Tara Deacy

Following up on previous emails sent in relation to this can you let me know why the Astro pitch in Herzog Park has been closed and when is it due to re-open?

Q.49 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can the footpath at 404 Clonard Road be repaired? It is a trip hazard for residents and needs to be fixed.

Q.50 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

What powers do DCC have in terms of a derelict privately owned home? The garden is completely over grown and neighbours suspect there may be a vermin issue. Can DCC do anything in this case?

Q.51 Councillor Tara Deacy

During discussion of Motion 15 Councillor Danny Byrne to March's SEAC meeting:

"To ask the manager to provide communication boards to be installed in playgrounds throughout Dublin City. These boards allow children who are non-verbal or have challenges communicating to express themselves, increasing inclusion and independence" Cllr. Byrne commented that he prefers the low tech. option, because some people accompanying children with communication difficulties may be digitally excluded, for whatever reason, and may not be able to use or access more IT based solutions.

Please see below the response from Debby Clarke, Play Officer:

"Communication boards would be a useful addition to playgrounds however the feasibility and practicality of installing boards or other media in 67 playgrounds throughout the city requires further research. The Play Development Officer will consult with agencies e.g. the Disability Equality Specialist Support Agency (DESSA) (the national community development organisation working to support the full and equal participation of disabled people in Irish society by creating inclusive and non-disabling communities). Engagement with key user groups will also be undertaken in order to determine the benefits and costs. This could lead to a pilot project in a small number of playgrounds."

I had planned on submitting a similar motion for the June meeting. In light of the reply Cllr. Byrne has received can I ask that the Crumlin/Kimmage area be prioritised in the pilot, working alongside local groups who have sought such boards for some time?

Q.52 <u>Councillor Tara Deacy</u>

Can DCC sweep the gully drains in Derry Park, Lismore Road, Ferns Road, Cloyne Road, Sundrive Road (shopping area outside Apache Pizza & Credit Untione)?

Q.53 Councillor Tara Deacy

At the church end of the Mount Argus apartments there is a small building with a sign that says community. It does not appear to have been open or used yet but appears to contain spaces that would be ideal for local businesses. Do we know who will operate this space and whether it will be available for community activities?

Q.54 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the manager to have the foliage cut back at Glovers Court to help with the control of vermin in the complex.

Q.55 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a short fence around the tree of hope recently planted in George Reynolds flats to protect it.

Q.56 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if additional measures against anti-social behaviour, such as fencing which was discussed with the residents group, have been installed for Ffrench Mullen House, the reason why a fence cannot be installed by DCC, and if he will update on other planned measures.

Q.57 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if the external parts of the Whitefriar Gardens flats will be repainted and the area cleaned and restored to a satisfactory level.

Q.58 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if additional measures have been deployed to tackle rat infestations in the inner city flats and if he will report on the additional measures which the City Council have resourced in the last 12 months after the previous report to Council.

Q.59 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager the number of defibrillators installed at each of the City Council's tenancy complexes which have more than 5 residents and if the City Council has plans to subsidise or fund the installation of more defibrillators.

Q.60 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on the installation of additional bins along Poolbeg peninsula and the surrounding area.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist the following family (details supplied) They have a serious overcrowding issue in their household and have been waiting many years for a transfer. Any assistance would be appreciated.

Q.62 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will consult with the residents of Peterson's Court and Dowling Court regarding the installation of play facilities for children in the area and on measures to tackle dog fouling.

Q.63 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager for an update on the Portobello Harbour public consultation and plans to advance same.

Q.64 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he will outline the conditions for prioritising city council flat complexes for regeneration and if he will list the flat complexes which have been prioritised and the complexes which may qualify or are being considered for priority in regeneration in the South East Area.

Q.65 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for the repainting of the outdoor window frames of the Smock Alley flats.

Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can fix the pathway and roadway on Adelaide Road at the junction of Leeson Place as it floods during when it rains (see photo).

Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the redevelopment of the old public toilets at the junction of New Street, Patrick Street and Kevin Street.

Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please contact the owner of (details supplied: no. ?? Portobello Road - this building has been vacant for many years, and is completely overgrown and is now being used as a dumping ground for other people's waste and is causing rat problems for the neighbouring households. Can the Area Manager please take some action to resolve this issue?

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is the ownership status of the vacant, fenced off overgrown space on Liberty Lane and are Dublin City Council aware of any redevelopment plans in relation to this space?

Q.70 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to address an ongoing noise pollution and vibration issue caused to the householder of (details supplied There is a speed ramp

adjacent to this house which is causing very severe vibrations and shaking the home when vehicles cross it. This is especially true when heavier vehicles like large vans and lorries or when cars travelling at speed. Can the Manager please examine the situation with a view to finding a resolution so that this resident, who has some health issues, can get some peace?

Q.71 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the manager to clear weeds and moss that have built up along City Quay.