

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th October 2021

Q1 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to have the grass in the Cooley Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 area to be cut.

Reply

The grass in the Cooley Road area should have received a cut by the time of the next meeting. There is a small area in Dromard Field that is being left rewild and will not be cut. This is on the request of a local environmental group.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services have the Cooley Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 area cleaned.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleaned on the 22nd September 2021.

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

Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie.

Q3 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to meet with the residents group from Emmet Court Apartments, Inchicore, Dublin 8 to discuss dilapidation of apartments and proposed development of car park.

Reply

Emmet Court Apartments in Inchicore are not owned by Dublin City Council. DCC have three tenancies in this complex and I will meet with these tenants to discuss any issues of concern regarding the condition of the apartments. For persons who are privately renting in the apartments, with/without the support of Housing Assistance Payment, there is a unit within Dublin City Council that works to improving standards of private rented dwellings.

The unit undertakes the inspection of private rented properties by Environmental Health Officers. These inspections are carried out either on a proactive basis or in response to complaints from members of the public.

If a tenant has notified the landlord regarding the need for repairs but the problem has not been rectified by the landlord, then the tenant can chose to refer the matter to the Environmental Health Section for investigation.

Contacting the Environmental Health Service:

Customer Services can be contacted by telephone, (01) 222 6500 and they will forward details of the complaint to the unit or contact directly by email

privaterented@dublincity.ie

Contact: Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, SWIC

Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Additional information has been requested in relation to a planning application Planning Ref: 2997/21 refers. Full details are available on www.dublincity.ie

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area
Email: southcentral@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services where on the waiting list the resident permit parking scheme for Rutledge Terrace Dublin 8 is and when can we expect implementation.

Reply

Rutledge Terrace is second on the list to be designed by TAG. TAG are aiming to have this designed early 2022.

Ref. No. 7018935

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Tel: +353 1 222 6393
Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services to comment on the practice of enclosing the base of trees on our roads in tarmac. This practice has been observed in the Dublin 8 area, St Albans Road and SCR Road most recently. Is this good practice in the interest of good tree maintenance and sustainability? Please see photos attached.

Reply

The practice of providing a bituminous material around the tree base has been advised by the Parks Department to promote the growth and health of the cities trees. The asphalt is porous allowing water to penetrate and nourish the root system of the tree with the added benefit of the flexibility of the material to work with the tree root system. On the other hand concrete is a non-porous, non-flexible material and cracks due to poor tensile strength as the root system grows. We have been advised that the bituminous surround should be at least twice the girth of the tree in all directions so this detail is contained within our Road maintenance specification.

Contact: Carl Ryan- Operations & South Central Area Engineer
E-mail: road.maintenance@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Tina MacVeigh (Referred to South East Area)

To ask the Director of Services to investigate the long standing dereliction and vacancy of houses on Daniel Street, Dublin 8, in particular number 50 and up to five others reported derelict/vacant for considerable time on that street.

Q7 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services whether any procedure exists within the Local Authority to monitor noise disturbance from an individual's neighbouring residence with a view to addressing issues of persistent noise pollution and disturbance to the residential amenity.

Reply

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit investigate noise complaints under the enforcement powers of the Environmental Protection Agency 1992 which may include monitoring. In general the Unit deals with noise from commercial or industrial sources.

In relation to domestic or inter- neighbour noise, there is provision for affected members of the public to initiate action on their own part in such cases.

The procedures for dealing with noise complaints in Dublin City Council were developed in line with the **National Protocol for Dealing with Noise Complaints for Local Authorities** ([link to Protocol](#)).

Contact: Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit.

Email: martin.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q8 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Director of Services what powers the local authority has to address the excessive noise emanating from the open / roof terraces of student accommodation in the Dublin 8 area, particularly the Brickworks student accommodation on Brickfield Lane, which actively promotes its 'five star views' from the roof on its website, from where there is reported relentless noise pollution from all-night parties on its roof. At the Aparto on Cork St. at the beginning of this academic year there was also an issue with roof parties.

Reply

This type of noise falls under the general issue of anti-social behaviour rather than environmental noise – and in the case of rented accommodation this is dealt with by the Residential Tenancies Board, third party dispute resolution service, rather than Dublin City Council see:

https://www.rtb.ie/images/uploads/general/RTB_A_Guide_to_Being_A_Good_Tenant_-_Landlord_V6_2021_Final.pdf

Contact: Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit, Environment and Transport Department

Email: Martin.Fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to liaise with representatives of St. Catherine's seniors group to assist them in finding a location for their meetings. The group have been unable to meet since their previous meeting place, Donore Youth and Community Centre, was burned down.

Reply

I will contact the representative of the seniors group to discuss their needs.

Contact: Trevor Higgins

Email: trevor.higgins@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to increase the duration of parking restrictions on Reuben Street and Haroldville Avenue, Rialto, Dublin 12.

Reply

If the residents of Ruben Street and Haroldville Avenue wish to have the hours of operation of the Pay & Display scheme increased they need to apply to the Transportation Department, with a petition indicating the 25% of the permit holders are in favour of a time extension. On receipt of this petition a ballot will be run proposing the new times and the majority result from the ballot will decide the outcome.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer,
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to consider moving the bollards on Bluebell Road, Dublin 12 away from the houses in order to allow access. See attached images for further info.

Reply

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) for attention. This issue will be examined by the traffic engineer who will report back to the Traffic Advisory Group. The councillor will be advised of the Traffic Advisory Groups findings in due course.

Ref. No. 7022904

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Advisory Group
Email: niall.oneill@dublincity.ie

Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director Of Services to carry out an audit and provide a work schedule for the unsuitable footpaths in the Liberties area for those who have mobility challenges and find navigating the uneven/ unsuitable paths arduous, with inadequate access proving a daily hurdle.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services Division does not sufficient resources to carryout inspections or surveys over extensive areas. However, if specific locations of concern can be provided, then these will be inspected and assessed.

Contact: Pat O'Halloran, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services Division
Email: pat.ohalloran@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the netting above the pitch at Islandbridge Court be attended to and secured.

Reply

The netting above the pitch at Islandbridge Court will be attended to and secured week beginning 25th Oct 2021.

Contact: Tony Smithers

Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Máire Devine

Since the decommissioning of refuse shutes at Islandbridge Court many residents have difficulty bringing refuse bags down the stairwells and depend on more able neighbours to help them. This, and the open communal bins, contribute to rodent, squirrel and seagull increased activity. To ask the Director of Services can the refuse disposal at Islandbridge Court be assessed and a report compiled that provides a more secure and hygienic refuse storage/collection.?

Reply

Dublin City Council has a caretaker on site in Islandland Bridge Complex. He will assist tenants with mobility issues with removal of their rubbish. The Team Leader will check the bin area and ensure that correct procedures are in place. All bins bunged and lids are closed and area surrounding the bins are kept free from rubbish.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the steel railings recently erected at Myra Close be painted as previously agreed. If there are delays that the Dublin Canvas Project be requested to complete this? Also that the overgrown shrubbery and trees be attended to so to provide visibility and passive surveillance?

Reply

Dublin City Council arranged a clean-up of the green space visible from Emmet Road. The Buddleia and over grown shrubbery was removed from the perimeter of the green space. The railings on this boundary were painted. The landscaped area at the rear of Myra Close was tidied up and tree trimming took place during mid-September. All illegally dumped material and graffiti was removed.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer

Email: southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

The railings at Myra Close (Turvey Park side) will be inspected by our DCC painting crew week beginning 18th Oct 2021. We will provide an update to Cllr Devine after this inspection.

Contact: Tony Smithers

Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to request a time and date for pay and display consultation/meeting with residents of O Carolan Rd as offered by traffic engineers several months ago?

Reply

In order to proceed with a request to introduce Pay and Display and Permit Parking, it will be necessary for the City Council to receive, in the first instance, written supporting evidence for the introduction of a Parking Scheme, such as a number of written requests or a signed petition from residents on O'Carolan Road, giving names and addresses, indicating their clear support for such a Scheme. Currently, this should be 25% of the households concerned.

Residents can be directed to the link below for further information in relation to beginning the process for requesting a pay and display and permit parking scheme on the road.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

On referral to the Transport Advisory Group, the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Suitability of the road for a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme.
- That the road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- A proposed Parking Scheme will be subject to a plebiscite of the residents concerned listed on the Register of Electors.
- The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two-sided parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. Please note that these are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

It is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents. Please provide this information on the initial petition so as residents can make an informed decision in relation to the potential loss of parking on one side of the road. If a road is less than 6.5 metres and more than 4.6 metres, then parking will only be available on one side of the road.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue,
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie.

Q17 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to request any documents/records held by DCC while pursuing the owner of the railed locked garden at Rialto Cottages with a view to take-in-charge and provide a green leisure space for locals?

Reply

This matter is with Solicitors and the Council are awaiting documentation.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South Central Area

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services can the following be attended to at the Ceannt Fort Estate; Power wash the area around the 2 benches just outside the playground-soiled with excrement. Majority of the trees surrounding the playground are overgrown and in need of a hard prune including the base. The lavender beds and the shrubbery is causing poor visibility and prevents passive surveillance- can this be cut? Spraying of weeds within the Estate.

Reply

Parks will arrange a clean of the benches in the coming weeks. Parks have ceased using glyphosate in the treatment of weeds but will organise a tidy up of the area including the trees during this autumn/winter season.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to welcome the provision of "BagBin" as a potential remedy to unsightly strewn bin bags that litter in areas that cannot house wheeled bins. To ask that the Pimlico area and Watkins Square be included in the next phase of trial as previously discussed in this forum?

Reply

Bagbin trial has gone live in Drury St/ Castlemarket on the 6th October 2021. This will be an evolving trial to understand the pros and cons to this potential solution.

No further locations, if any, have been decided and key focus is to understand performance in given location, and potentially broadening out to additional waste collectors and areas in the sample district.

This process is primarily to test an innovative solution.

<http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/DumpingWasteBETA>

Contact: Richard Whelan Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services

Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to ask for advice in obtaining the contact details of (details supplied) so they can be asked to secure the building and prevent rodents/ overgrowth intrusion on neighbouring properties?"

Reply

Dublin City Council inspected this property on Monday 11th Oct 2021. This is a private house. On inspection the front and back of house are secure and no overgrowth into the neighbours garden front or back gardens.

Contact: Tony Smithers

Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services if a parking zone can be altered on a “temporary” basis without recourse to the lengthy process of revisiting the parking by laws?

Reply

It is not possible to alter a parking zone charge on a temporary basis. The only avenue to change a parking zone charge is via a change in the parking control by-laws, as previously outlined.

*Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer,
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie*

Q22 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that Robinsons Court be inspected and a report be provided detailing solutions that make the complex more secure for our senior citizens.

Reply

Further to an assessment carried out earlier this year by our Engineering Department it was confirmed that it would not be feasible for the Robinson Court complex to be fitted with security gates. Following on from this assessment a proposal has been submitted for extra security measures to be fitted in each of the 41 units at Robinsons Court. This will provide each unit with a video doorbell with a video display unit inside their home which will enable the resident to identify all callers prior to opening the door. Further measures regarding extra security lighting are also being explored and a request been made to Housing Maintenance to supply and fit security latches to each unit. Each unit in Robinson’s Court is also fitted with an emergency pull cord system that is operational 24 hours per day. The complex is also covered by CCTV and has the provision of a Liaison Officer Service.

*Contact: Veronica Hand A/Area Housing Manager
Email: veronica.hand@dublincity.ie*

Q23 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services if permanent bicycle parking could be installed throughout the Rothe Abbey estate in Kilmainham. At the moment, there are very limited spaces for bicycle parking in what is a prime location where we should be encouraging cycling in and out of the city. Residents particularly in Rothe Abbey Court apartments have no outside spaces in which to store a bicycle safely. Could the Area Office engage with residents regarding the possibility of providing a ‘bike bunker’ or at the very least provide basic on-street bicycle rails?

Reply

Bike Bunkers are secure hangars for city residents to store their bicycles close to their home and under cover. The BikeBunkers service is for local residents only, and provides households with alternatives to storing their bicycles in hallways or in small back yards.

BikeBunkers originated from a Dublin City Council BETA Project in 2015. The Bike Bunker team in Dublin City Council are now seeking to learn more about the optimal delivery model for this service (e.g. funding, legal, branding, pricing, locations, etc.).

We are beginning with a “minimal viable service” and will aim to review and improve it as it progresses.

The initial phase of this service will be located in the city centre of Dublin inside the canals as indicated in the map below. Dublin City Council are initially considering registrations of interest for potential locations in this specified area”. Once the service is established, Dublin City Council will look at how it can be potentially expanded to other areas. Please see his link for more details <https://bikebunkers.ie/>



Map showing - blue shaded area of current location of bike bunker trial.

NEXT PHASE.

Potential customers of the scheme can register their interest on <https://bikebunkers.ie>
We are currently working on a tender for the Bike Bunkers which will be advertised on the E-tender's website within the next 6 to 8 weeks. The tender is for the procurement of approx. 350 bike bunkers within the entire Dublin City Council administrative area. The area of the bike bunkers trial “Inside the canals” will continue to be catered for and expanded where demand is required. Dublin City Council following the criteria previously listed above and using experiences gained from the trial will determine the locations and suitability for each Bike bunkers installed.

The successful company will be responsible for all aspects of the Bike Bunkers including the traffic management, installation and maintenance of the Bike Bunkers. This project will be an NTA funded project. The proposed funding for this project will be €3 million over a 3 year period.

Contact: *John Tooher, Bike Bunker Manager. Transportation. Road Safety, Policy, Strategy and Innovation Section.*
Email: john.tooher@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for the wall/gate area at the end of Allingham Street which leads to DCC's depot to be repainted and brightened up. Residents have suggested that street art could be appropriate for this location. Could the possibility of engaging local youth groups or schools to paint at this location be explored?

Reply

The Drainage Depot gate on Allingham Street is kept permanently closed. It is retained however to replace or supplement the main depot access from Marrowbone Lane should that need ever arise, e.g. in an emergency/unforeseen situation. DCC Drainage staff are engaged full-time on sewer maintenance duties and cannot be released – nor are they equipped – to undertake painting work. DCC Drainage has no objection to the walls and gates being painted by the residents (or others, e.g. artists) and will consent to same subject to compliance with any applicable statutory requirements, e.g. planning/safety etc.

Contact: *Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Services*
Email: colm.fitzpatrick@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to provide an update on DCC's plans for two local sporting amenities which have fallen into a state of disrepair: Vicar Street pitch and Basin Lane's Oisin Kelly pitch? Both are currently complete eyesores and in need of urgent repair and proper management in order to be the vital sporting amenities the respective local communities need. Can the Director of Services make a statement on the matter and outline how DCC plans to bring these sporting spaces back into use?

Reply

Vicar Street pitch is managed by Michael Mallin Residents Association in agreement with Dublin City Council. The Residents Association open & lock this facility and organise events.

I will ask our Housing Maintenance Engineer to inspect both pitches and report back to Councillor.

Contact: *Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager*
Email: tony.smithers@dublincity.ie

Q26 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm the status of derelict buildings (picture included) on James's Street opposite entrance to St. James's Hospital. Have the buildings been entered onto the Derelict Sites Register? What efforts are DCC making to bring these buildings back into use?

Reply

I can confirm that the site comprising Nos.162-165 James's Street, Dublin 8 is currently entered on the City Council's Derelict Sites Register. The owners informed the Council that they intended placing the properties on the market. The Derelict Sites Section is continuing to monitor the situation with regard to these addresses and will consider further action if deemed appropriate.

Contact: Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer
Email: helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to confirm the status of derelict site, which has had a 'Sold' sign erected for some time (picture included), on Mount Brown near the James's Street St. James's Hospital entrance. Has this site been entered onto the Derelict Sites Register? What efforts are DCC making to bring this site back into use?

Reply

A portion of the site referred to (the portion at 1 Bow Lane West) is currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register. The remainder of this site will be inspected and a report will be sent to the Councillor following this inspection.

Contact: Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer
Email: helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can Dublin City Council please outline a timetable for regular cleaning of roads in and around The Ranch and can you please ensure residents are notified to ensure cars are moved to allow full access?

Reply

Waste Management Services cleaned the above mentioned area on the 11th October 2021. This area is on a six weekly area base cleaning programme.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

The Public Domain Officer is happy to arrange a Community Clean-up of The Ranch with the local residents and the Public Domain Crew where a deep clean could be facilitated and residents' cars moved with agreement and input from local residents. The request can be made by emailing southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie or calling the Public Domain Officer on mobile 086 3831302

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer
Email: southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services can Dublin City Council remove or ensure contractors remove rubbish & grass cuttings are removed from the green space on Spiddal Road?

Reply

Parks staff have inspected the above location and found no dumping.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services Can DCC outline how the proposed upgrading of the bridge on Killeen Road will impact on the homes of local residents and can DCC confirm if Iarnród Éireann will be consultation with same residents?

Reply

The proposed upgrading of the bridge on Killeen Road could impact on the homes of local residents in the following ways, temporary traffic management, permanent traffic management, construction noise, vibration, dust etc.

The extract below from the link <https://www.dartplus.ie/en-ie/news/2021/dart-south-west-public-consultation-begins-12.05.2021> indicates that there was a public consultation in May 2021 and that *“Upon completion of this consultation, all submissions will be carefully considered by the project design team and these will be used to inform the subsequent design development. Once this design work is complete a second round of public consultations will take place. This will be followed by more detailed design work before the lodging of a railway order application to An Bord Pleanála, A statutory consultation period will take place after lodging of the application and it is expected that An Bord Pleanála will hold an oral hearing on the application, which will be open to all members of the public.”*

Contact: Joseph Kelly, Senior Engineer in Road Design & Construction.

Email: joseph.kelly@dublincity.ie

Q31 Councillor Daithí Doolan (Referred to South East Area)

Can the Area Office please provide me with an update on the proposed new dressing rooms in Brickfield Park?

Q32 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services please update me on work done on the voids in Lissadel Road and when will these units be ready for allocation?

Reply

Properties in Lissadel Road were identified for regeneration by the Area Office, however this is not now going ahead and the Housing Maintenance section is now refurbishing the properties.

Currently, 6 units are with the framework contractors. The contractor completed site preparations work in September, They are due to commence work in October and the estimated date of refurbishment is December 2021.

There have already been 5 units in Lissadel Road refurbished under the term maintenance framework in 2021.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Can the Director of Services update me in detail on progress made in developing the former Scoil Eanna site and please include a timeframe for engaging and consulting residents?

Reply

Library Development: Following the completion of a feasibility study 2019, Libraries management are examining options for development of a library and community facility of the northern portion of the site. A design team will be appointed in 2022 with the project brought to planning stage by the end of that year.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian.
Email: brendan.teeling@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

In December 2020, DCC received Stage 1 approval for the construction of 42 homes at Rafters Lane/Crumlin Road. An integrated design team, namely O'Donnell Tuomey Architects have been procured and appointed to the project. They are currently working on design proposals.

Consultation with the local community and elected members, compliant with government Covid 19 guidelines, is expected to commence in the coming months. More detailed information will be available shortly from the Area Housing Manager and the local area office.

Contact: David Dinnigan
Email: dave.dinnigan@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Can the Director of Services please outline a timeframe for removal of weeds from footpaths & roads in the Walkinstown & Drimnagh area?

Reply

The removal of weeds is managed by the local Area Office using a contractor. This is financed by Road Maintenance Services.

The following strategy is in place in relation to the control of weeds on public roads.

As part of Dublin City Council's commitment to eliminate its reliance on the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide for the control of weeds on its road network, an assessment of alternative products and methods for weed control has been carried out and a plan has been developed to cover the period 2020 to 2024.

This plan comprises three key elements:

1. Eliminate the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide.
2. Use of alternative weed treatments on all residential roads approximately 800km over a three year cycle.
3. The development of a strategy to involve local communities in the removal of weeds from 10% of the road network.

Dublin City Council Administrative Area includes 1,200km of roads.

Note it is not possible to treat every road and footpath.

Contact: Ksawery Hession, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services.

Email: sev.hession@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Can the Director of Services please provide a report to me outlining how much funding is spent on private contractors to maintain public parks and green spaces in Dublin South Central, please detail how much is spent on each contract and can you also include the programme of works that each contract is committed to delivering?

Reply

Public parks are maintained by direct labour with the exception of where specialist skills or machinery is required.

In terms of landscape maintenance, contractors are used to maintain road medians/margins, social housing schemes and some open spaces which involves grass cutting/stripping, litter picking and cleaning of hard surfaces. A new landscape maintenance contract is due to be tendered before the end of 2021 for 2022-2024.

It is not possible to breakdown contract/contractor costs by electoral areas. It is estimated that the total value of contracts in the Parks annual budget is about 15% of the total budget.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Daithí Doolan

Can the Director of Services organise for the removal of the tree at (*details supplied*)

Reply

As per the Tenant's Handbook maintenance of the tree is tenants responsibility. However Dublin City Council will make arrangements with the tenant to carry out an inspection and advise best course of action.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to ensure photos are taken of all allocated housing units at the time of allocation to ensure that the units are kept in a reasonable condition. I am aware SDCC takes photos of their housing units at the time of allocation this ensures new tenants are aware of their responsibilities and the local authority can confirm condition at some future date if issues arise.

Reply

At present, photos are not taken of units allocated at the time of allocation. However, there are photos taken by Housing Maintenance on the completion of works for contract management purposes. Then the keys are handed over to allocations/area office for letting.

New tenants are made fully aware of their responsibilities in relation to their tenancy. Upon signing, the tenant is provided with a Tenant Handbook with all necessary information in relation to the tenants and The Councils responsibilities. They are also brought through the terms of their Tenancy Agreement that they sign and agree to.

Contact: Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers

Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please look at what pro-cycling measures are to be introduced into the South Central Area particularly in relation to Ballyfermot, Chrerryorchard, Walkinstown, Drimnagh, Bluebell, Inchicore and Chapelizod. I often think when it comes to trying to arrive at alternative modes of transport the western part of the City is forgotten about one only has to look at the lack of investment with the Dublin Bikes scheme to see what I am commenting on. I would like a report on what we propose to do to offer solutions.

Reply

Pro-Cycling Measures in the Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Walkinstown, Drimnagh, Bluebell, Inchicore and Chapelizod Areas

Over the next five years, Dublin City Council will undertake the planning and implementation of 140km of cycling and walking infrastructure. This includes 55km spread across 27 existing projects and 85km spread across 31 new projects. In the aforementioned areas, the following projects are proposed:

- Heuston to Chapelizod Greenway (existing project).
- Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse Bridge to Portobello) (existing project).
- Naas Road to Inchicore (JFK Industrial Estate to Emmet Road via Tyrconnell Road) (new project).
- River Camac Greenway (Inchicore to Kilmainham) (new project).
- Chapelizod Road to Chapelizod Bypass (Islandbridge to the city/county boundary via Chapelizod village) (new project).

This is in addition to the bus, cycling and walking infrastructure to be provided by the BusConnects programme along the following core bus corridors in these areas:

- Lucan to City Centre (Chapelizod Bypass & Con Colbert Road).
- Liffey Valley to City Centre (Ballyfermot Road, Sarsfield Road, Grattan Crescent & Emmet Road).
- Clondalkin to Drimnagh (Walkinstown Avenue & Long Mile Road).

- Greenhills to City Centre (Walkinstown Road, Drimnagh Road, Bunting Road & St. Mary's Road).

In July 2021, an engineer was assigned to commence delivery of the Heuston to Chapelizod Greenway and the Naas Road to Inchicore projects. In the past couple of weeks, sanction to fill the majority of the new posts required to deliver the citywide programme of cycling and walking projects was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, which should enable an acceleration of the programme in 2022.

In addition, a new shared mobility unit within the Environment and Transportation Department is being set up, which will assess how to expand shared bike services across the city, including to the aforementioned areas.

Contact: *Padraig O'Brien, A/Senior Executive Engineer.*
Email: padraig.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please look into the following housing case (details supplied)

Our Duty Social Work service has tried unsuccessfully to contact (details supplied) on two occasions since receipt of this Council Question.

Contact *Anne Helferty, Chief Housing Welfare Officer*
Email: anne.helferty@dublincity.ie

A Housing Advisor has also tried unsuccessfully to contact (details supplied) on several occasions since receipt of this Council Question. If the applicant wishes to make contact with the allocations section on 01-2222201, a housing advisor can advise him of his options.

Contact: *Cathal Daly, Allocations Officer, Housing Allocations & Transfers*
Email: cathal.daly@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please give an update of the efforts to secure a new Grass Cutting contract for DCC which includes some addition measures like edging, removal of cut grass, waste removal the current situation can see grass left uncut for weeks on end without any effort to then remove the large volumes of grass.

Reply

It is anticipated that the landscape maintenance contract tender will be advertised before the end of the year and will be in place for 2022. The tender will include provision for addressing grass creep over paths and kerbs over the lifetime of the contract. Removal of cut grass will apply when the grass has exceeded a certain length and then will be composted locally.

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

Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the Lawns Park, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot have a few bins erected in the vicinity of football pitches and entranced to encourage a more clean environment. Whilst recently in Brickfields Park in Drimnagh I was delighted to see a few bins at the Park Entrances something we have asked for over the years.

Reply

Waste Management Services will review this location in conjunction with local management. The need of additional bins at this location will be reviewed over the coming months.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services.
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

There are two big belly bins already located in Le Fanu Park which is considered adequate for a park of this size.

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

Q42 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to ask Eir to remove the old phone kiosks in the Drimnagh Area or replace them with working models. For many years these kiosks have littered out streets and are left in a very poor state Residents and Environmental groups want them removed or replaced.

Reply

If the Cllr can supply details of Eir boxes that are no longer working the Public Domain Officer will request Comreg to approve and Eir can decommission them.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer
Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q43 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that DCC please start re-painting their lamp stands in the Ballyfermot Area. Some have not seen paint for many years and I am aware the larger poles belong to the ESB hence, I am asking they be contacted with the objective of getting them to paint their property in the coming months.

Reply

If the Councillor can provide a list of streets he is requesting painting for, we can then determine which are ESB Network poles and are the responsibility of ESB Networks to maintain, and which are DCC-owned public lighting poles.

When we have the list of streets with DCC-owned public lighting poles, we will then examine the poles in question, and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, we will add them to the list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services.
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q44 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can Management please give me an update of the proposed re-development of Labre Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Where we are now in relation to starts dates, budgets etc.

Reply

A number of actions were agreed between Dublin City, Clúid Housing and the residents of Labre Park:

1. The appointment of an Independent Chair - by agreed nomination process - to lead a Regeneration Committee. DCC put forward the name of Niall Crowley due to his equality experience and previous chairing of a successful regeneration project (Charlemont St.) Neil met with representatives of the families and was accepted in the role.
2. There have been 2 full meetings of the Regeneration Committee with a much greater body of the work taking place between meetings.
3. There is a Rehousing Group working at decanting the families who have expressed an interest in moving from Labre Park. DCC and Clúid have committed 5 houses each to this project and more when required as the redevelopment progresses. A number of families have moved or have identified areas where they would like to move.
4. We are working on agreed principles for allocating the additional housing created in the redevelopment and subsequent vacancies in Labre/Kylemore.
5. We are currently moving to a shared agreement on final design. This required considerable reworking due to the reduced footprint. Once the design is fixed, the process for application to the Department for revised Stage 2 approval and Part 8 planning permission can recommence.

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