

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th June, 2022

Q.1 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to ensure the repair/replacement of the broken radiator in the home of (**details supplied**). She has tried to have this matter addressed for the past ten weeks.”

Reply

Housing Maintenance have carried out the repairs to the radiator at the above property.

Contact: **Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.**
Email: **clive.ahern@dublincity.ie**
Tel: **2223517**

Q.2 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the manager for the tree at (**details supplied**) to be pruned or removed as I understand it is the 6th request for pruning or removal & yet it has not been done”

Reply

The Parks Service has been unable to locate previous requests for tree works at this location referred to above. The tree has been inspected and is considered to be in an acceptable condition with a light pruning recommended with a ‘desirable’ level of priority which will be included in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Contact: **Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**
Contact No: **01 222 6625**
Email: **parks@dublincity.ie**

Q.3 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the manager to have the below areas of the park cleaned up and repaired in Ellenfield Park.

The maze is badly damaged with chipped and rusted paintwork. Some of the posts are very badly damaged and are just at eye level for a small child.

The soft landing areas around the equipment is worn and is lifting about an inch off the ground. This is a significant tripping hazard for small children.

The whole playground is unkempt and full of weeds. The tarmac is broken and uneven in spots and some of the equipment is very dirty. It’s a shame to have such a great amenity neglected in this way. Perhaps it would be possible to send a crew out to clean

it up and improve it a bit for users. It is likely that some child is going to be injured there if it's not cleaned up a bit."

Reply

As with all playground Ellenfield is subject to an annual independent safety inspection and all identified necessary works are programmed as schedules allow. Repairs to the safety surfacing are scheduled as part of the playground maintenance programme.

Since the policy decision was taken to cease the spraying of chemicals in the public realm and in particular where children play weeds will become more evident. Such weeds are physically removed on a regular basis as schedules allow to prevent them becoming overly dominant.

Painting of equipment is expensive and requires closing the playground for an extended period. While it may not look the best this work is purely cosmetic. The playground equipment will be inspected over the summer to ascertain if certain painting work is warranted after the summer.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.4 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the manager to arrange for small green between the clinic and entrance to Crestfield Estate that is over grown and not maintained be cleaned up and maintained by DCC."

Reply

This area is maintained by contract and while there was some delay getting all areas cut when the new contract commenced this area has now been attended to.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.5 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the manager to implement a "Slow Children at play" signs for both entrances to Albert College Estate."

Reply

Albert College Estate is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone sign, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. This is clearly marked at entrance from

Ballymun Road and Collins Ave Ext. The 'Children Crossing' W142 sign is also installed at both entrances.

Therefore, to avoid a proliferation of signage, additional signage is not recommended at this location.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
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Q.6 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the manager to review the ramps on St Assam's Road, Raheny in view of reports of speeding and to investigate provision of extra signs?"

Reply

St. Assam's Road East is short in length (approx. 90 metres) which is not conducive to speed and does not meet the criteria for the provision of ramps. It is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on-street parking, which reduces the carriageway width for motorists and increases driver caution.

In addition, St Assam's Road East is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. This is clearly marked at entrance from Howth Road.

Considering the above, additional traffic calming in the form of ramps and/or additional signs is not recommended at this time.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
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Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.7 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

"To ask the manager for a list of litter bins removed in the North Central Area and if possible highlight where bins have been replaced and if they are due to be replaced."

Reply

The number of litter bins in the North Central Area have remained more or less the same over the last few years. There were 666 litter bins in the North Central Area in 2020 and there are currently 668 litter bins in service there now. Waste Management Services removed the litter bin from outside Kilbarrack Dart Station as it was blocking wheelchair access there and this will not be replaced for obvious reasons.

**Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie**

Q.8 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the manager to arrange for painting of lampposts in Bettyglen in Raheny Dublin 5.”

Reply

We have started painting the public lighting poles in Bettyglen and this work will be completed by the end of the year.

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

Q.9 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the manager for an update on the negotiations between Dublin City Council and Shelbourne FC regarding the future of Tolka Park, Dublin 3.”

Reply

Negotiations are ongoing between Dublin City Council and Shelbourne FC regarding the club's proposal to acquire Tolka Park. Dublin City Council issued their most recent correspondence on 26th May and are awaiting a detailed response from the Shelbourne FC board on a number of issues.

**Contact: Don Daly
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Q.10 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the Area Manager if a tree at **(details supplied)** can be investigated by the Parks Department and the Road Maintenance Section. The roots of the tree have lifted the path and created a trip hazard. They have also cracked the cobble lock and moved the gate pillar of the adjacent house. Can this path be repaired?”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

The tree was recently inspected and found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.11 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the manager for an update on the transfer request of (**details supplied**) who, due to medical reasons, requires a ground-floor home.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Medical Priority List with an application date of 02/02/2021, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	1	13

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants with a longer standing priority 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 ground floor vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer
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Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.12 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

"To ask the manager for a report on the housing file of (**details supplied**)"?

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 30/12/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
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Area B	1	187
Area D	1	100
Area E	1	239

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 should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, he should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer
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Q.13 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to ensure that a comprehensive road repair and resurfacing job is carried out on the Swords Road in Santry, with particular attention to be paid to the stretch of road between Santry Hall Industrial Estate/Magenta Crescent up to and down from Santry Avenue?”

Reply

This section of **(details supplied)** is part of the resurfacing programme 2022 which is scheduled to take place in a few weeks' time.

Road Maintenance have discussed this location with the contractor with the view of possibly bringing the works forward as there has been a number of complaints received.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.14 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the manager to cut the branches sprouting from the bottom of the trees in Rockfield Park (all along Whitethorn Avenue side).”

Reply

The trees will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.15 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the manager to remove the weeds on the outer walls and kerbs of Rockfield Park (on the Elm Mount Road end).”

Reply

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location cleared of weeds on the 7th June 2022.

Contact: Mick Boyle Senior Staff Officer Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.16 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the manager to schedule footpath repairs on Skelly’s Lane?”

Reply

The footpaths on Skelly’s Lane are not part of the footpath works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 footpath works programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the manager to paint the two road signs on Kilmore Avenue as per **(details supplied)**.”

Reply

Road Maintenance has requested to have the two nameplates at **(details supplied)** repainted. It is anticipated that the nameplate repainting will take place within the next 4 weeks.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.18 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the manager to complete an investigation on the issue with rats in the Whitethorn Estate, Artane. Many residents have had to have professional work carried out on their private manholes and drains to install rat flaps. However, there is still activity and leaving poison is not resolving the issue. Can you please investigate and help residents in this estate, as they are understandably tormented.”

Reply

The Local Area Office has reported this issue to Irish Water and they have raised the appropriate investigation for this matter. They advised that an update will be sent directly to Councillor, Ref 50239.

The issue of Rats should be reported as follows:

DCC Tenants can report issue of rats in their **house/garden** to their local office who will advise Housing Maintenance through the CRM system. **Housing maintenance** will then liaise with the **HSE** on this issue.

DCC Tenants can report issue of rats on the **main road** to their local office who will advise Main Drainage through the CRM system. **Main Drainage** will then liaise with **Irish Water** on this issue.

Private residents can report issue of rats in their **dwelling/gardens** to the HSE directly on pestcontrol.north@hse.ie or ring 449 3255.

Private residents can report issue of rats on the **main road** to **Irish Water** directly on customerservice@water.ie.

Irish Water have a direct email for all local representatives to contact them directly on E: localrepsupport@water.ie

Contact: Catherine Cahill, Staff Officer
Tel: 222 8848
Email: Catherine.cahill@dublincity.ie

The Whitethorn Area has been included in the vermin baiting since 2019.

If a specific area of the Whitethorn Estate affected can be provided the City Council will carry out an investigation

Contact: Siham Ahmed, Executive Engineer, Drainage Division
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Q.19 Question in the name of Councillor Dearbhail Butler

“To ask the manager to review the pricing structure in the bring centres to include bikes. Naturally the volume of waste that can be transported in a car is much more than what could be transported on a bike. The cost of a car is €15, can DCC consider adding a lower cost for waste disposal brought to bring centres by bike?”

Reply

At present the only charges at Dublin City Council **Bring Centres** are related to garden waste and are as follows, €2 per 80L bag and €16 per skip bag.

Dublin City Council’s **Civic Amenity Sites** in North Strand and Ringsend do however have a range of fees based on the vehicle type used to transport certain types of waste streams to the facility. Waste Management Services are currently considering the introduction of additional rates at our **Civic Amenity Sites**, including a rate for bicycle users. A report will be prepared on the subject in June 2022 and pending approval, it is likely that any changes to the current fees in light of said report will be in place by Q3 2022.

Contact: Sid Daly, Public Domain Enforcement Officer, Waste Management Services.
Email: sid.daly@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

“To ask the manager to reply to the following; It is unacceptable that the council are expecting residents to maintain council property but without taking any legal obligations. Can the council confirm the legal position in a circumstance where an injury is caused due to a lack of maintenance?”

Our members are very dissatisfied with DCC decision not to cut grass verges. Elderly people are particularly upset by the decision and many younger members want the grass verge filled in with tarmacadam or concrete and used for parking cars.

Our understanding is that the grass margins and footpaths are owned by DCC and are the responsibility of DCC. Can you clarify if residents are free to fill in the grass margins and turn them into car parking spaces?”

Reply

With regards to the infill of grass margins with either tarmac or concrete, verges and footpaths form part of the public roadway which is in charge of the Council. The Council is therefore mandated, by statute, to manage the public roadway as it deems appropriate. Third parties (including residents) have no authority to interfere with the public roadway without having the authority or licence of the Council to do so.

Contact: Bernard Rennick
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Q.21 Question in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten

"To ask the manager would he be able to give an update on the road work repairs that are due to take place on the Swords Roads outside the Omni Shopping Centre, the road is in a very poor state of repair."

Reply

This section of **(details supplied)** is part of the resurfacing programme 2022 which is scheduled to take place in a few weeks' time.

Road Maintenance have discussed this location with the contractor with the view of possibly bringing the works forward as there has been a number of complaints received.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.22 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

"To ask the manager to arrange for the following road works to be carried out at **(details supplied)**"

Reply

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any requirement for road markings to be renewed on this stretch of road will be carried out within 30 working days of the North Central Area Committee on June 20th 2022.

Contact: Damien Cooney, Traffic Officer.
Email: damien.cooney@dublincity.ie

Q.23 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the manager to arrange for the following tree works to be carried out at (details supplied)”

Reply

The trees will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.24 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the manager to provide a timeline for the resurfacing of the remaining carriageway along the northern end of the main Santry Road and to indicate all communications to utility companies to ensure the future new carriageway will not be dug up unnecessarily following being lain.”

Reply

This section of (details supplied) is part of the resurfacing programme 2022 which is scheduled to take place in a few weeks’ time.

Road Maintenance have discussed this location with the contractor with the view of possibly bringing the works forward as there has been a number of complaints received.

Utility companies have been notified of the planned works. If any utility works are necessary after resurfacing a Protected Period applies where the utility company would have to carry out full width/lane/bay reinstatement on the renewed surface.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.25 Question in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Alison Gilliland

“To ask the manager to provide an update on the Santry Greenway”

Reply

The Santry greenway will be delivered as part of the Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project. The tender process for this project has been completed and contract documents have been signed and returned by the successful tenderer for the project. It is anticipated that the contract for this project will commence on the 1st July 2022.

The Santry River Restoration and Greenway Project is intended to provide approximately 6.4km of high quality pedestrian and cycle facilities from North Bull Island Special Area of Conservation to Santry, through Raheny and Coolock. The scheme will be developed with Fingal County Council to provide an onward connection to Santry Demesne.

The greenway will be delivered in parallel with the river restoration work to provide enhanced biodiversity, water quality and flood alleviation benefits along the Santry River.

The route option selection and design work is expected to be completed within 24 months of the design team's appointment. During this period there will be public consultations with the local communities and elected representatives.

Contact: John Stack
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Q.26 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to prioritise the next meeting of the Clontarf Flood Defence and promenade joint working group (JWG) as a matter of urgency please? I have requested a meeting a couple of times already this year and while I received responses work is taking place in the background I feel it's vital that the JWG is reconvened and that an in person meeting is held without further delay please."

Reply

The *Flood Defence Projects Office*, who took over chairing the JWG in January 2022, are currently preparing Contract Documents to appoint a multi-disciplinary Consultant team to produce design options for the Clontarf Promenade Redevelopment and Flood Defence Project. We have programmed to have a meeting in September, when the draft Contract Documents are developed, to update Councillors and the JWG before going to tender.

Contact: Gerard O'Connell, Senior engineer
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Q.27 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to report on whether or not an ecological assessment was completed or deemed necessary on the effects of the St. Anne's Park concerts on the wildlife in the park and in the adjacent bird sanctuary/biosphere please?"

Reply

The Parks Service has discussed this matter with the NPWS and has agreed to engage the services of consulting ecologists to monitor certain protected species before, during and after the concerts and report on whether the concerts had any significant impacts on the wildlife.

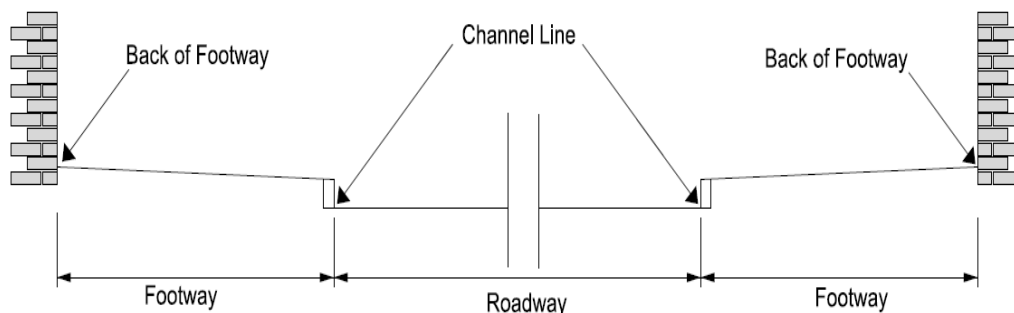
Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.28 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to report on the damage weeds etc may cause to concrete walls both public and private and to our public sewers / drains if they are not managed effectively please?"

Reply

Dublin City Council Administrative Area includes **1,131km** of roads. Dublin City Council Road Maintenance has a budget of €317,000 including VAT available for the treatment of weeds on roads. This budget allows for the treatment of 800km of residential roads over a three year period by contract. The areas treated under this contract include the back of footway and channel line as shown on the diagram below.



This budget **does not** make it possible to treat every road in Dublin City Council. This contract does **not** include for the treatment of walls or other structures. Unchecked weed control could in the long term cause damage to the road or other structures.

Contact: Ksawery Hession

Tel: 01 222 6196
Email: sev.hession@dublincity.ie

Weeds do not cause an issue for public sewers or gullies.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer
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Q.29 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to report on plans to expand the Dublin Bike Scheme in the greater North Central Area please?"

Reply

Currently there are no plans to expand the NOW dublinbikes scheme, and the expansion of the scheme is not under consideration by the E&T Department at this time.

The E&T department has had requests from members of the public and councillors regarding the expansion of the service, but unfortunately the enlargement of the scheme is not under consideration at present.

Contact: Jennifer McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer
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Email: Jennifer.mcgrath@dublincity.ie

Q.30 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to report on any plans to expand electric car charging ports into our public car parks including along Clontarf Road, James Larkin Road and Causeway Road please?"

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 their 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, 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 sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points and has considered the options regarding public charging for those without access to off-street charging. I understand that the SEAI scheme is currently being repurposed to take account of rapidly changing technologies and the realities of the business case and electrical infrastructure costs of public charging provision.

Our consultants completed an industry stakeholder engagement piece late last year and the Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is now practically complete and is going through internal processes prior to finalisation. In tandem, the working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project. This will include a procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies. However this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport.

The issues you raise have been considered in the context of the strategy and will be subject to further consideration as we progress this process. In addition, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

Dublin City Council has also been in close dialogue with the Department and the SEAI regarding a proposed new scheme of grant aid for Multiple Dwelling Units designed to facilitate EV charging infrastructure.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study.

Contact: Cormac Healy, Energy Management Lead.
Email: cormac.healy@dublincity.ie

Q.31 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the manager if the sequencing of traffic lights at (**details supplied**) has been monitored recently and if there are any changes planned?”

Reply

Dublin City Council's ITS section has reviewed the operation of the pedestrian signals at Howth Road/ Raheny Road.

Following this review, changes have been made to the signals operation to ensure that pedestrian wait times are minimised.

The pedestrian crossing will also be monitored and further changes made as required.

Contact: **Seán Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Environment and Transportation Department.**
Tel: **222 6198.**
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.32 Question in the name of Councillor Jane Horgan Jones

“To ask the manager if the lampposts on Blunden drive are scheduled for painting in the next few months?”

Reply

The public lighting poles on Blunden Drive have been added to the list for our painting programme. However, at present we cannot give a timeframe for when they will be painted.

All poles on the list for our painting programme are painted in the order they are added to the list. How soon the poles on Blunden Drive get painted is dependent on how many poles are on the list ahead of these poles and on available finances.

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

Q.33 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager as permission has been granted by Dublin City Council for a Community Garden in the plot beside St. Brigid's Girls School on St. Brigid's Road Killester, could a bench be placed in the top field so residents can rest there.”

Reply

The Parks Service has no objection to the installation of a bench here and provision could be made for same as part of future parks improvement programmes.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.34 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager could more accessible picnic benches be purchased and placed on the promenade opposite St Lawrence Road and by the wooden bridge.”

Reply

A member of the Public Domain Team will engage with the councillor directly to explore options in relation to this proposal. In principle, the area office has no issue with providing additional accessible picnic benches but would like to ensure the longevity of same.

Contact: Bernie Roe, North Central Area Manager
Email: Bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

Q.35 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager could the purposeful non-mowing be introduced in other Clontarf LE areas with large fields, cutting around the pavements and leaving the centre as habitat to increase biodiversity value.”

Reply

The new landscape maintenance contract envisages that most if not all larger greens or open spaces will ultimately include areas of unmown grass to meet Council objectives and obligations under the National Pollinator plan. It is imagined that this would be best achieved by agreement with the residents and such areas would be so located as not to unduly impact on the recreation potential of the spaces. It is further expected that it may well take a number of iterations before an arrangement that is acceptable could be devised. Once such an unmown area can be ‘fixed’ on the open space it can be further enhanced through bulb planting and wildflower sowing. Any residents associations that are interested in such an intervention should make contact with the Parks Service on parks@dublincity.ie

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 Contact No: 01 222 6625
 Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.36 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

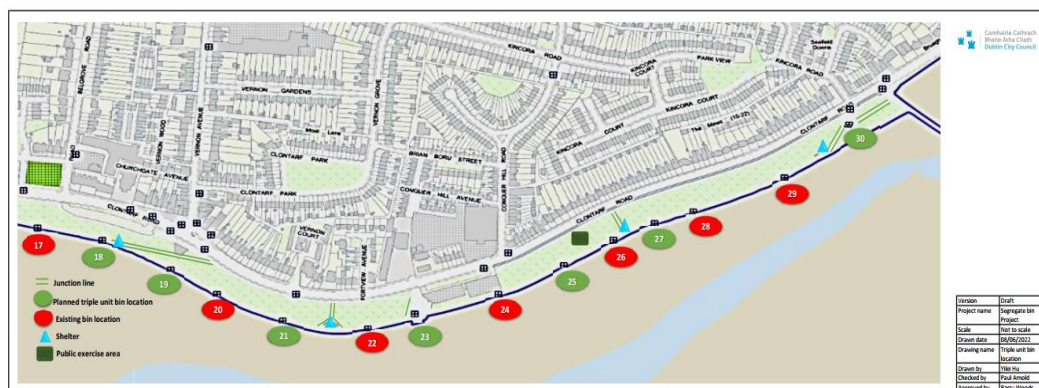
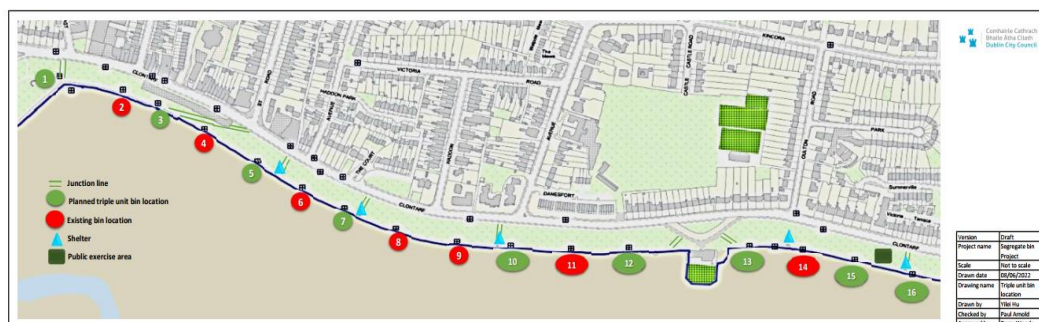
“To ask the manager could a map and a timeline be supplied to the councillor for the placement of the new yellow recycling bins purchased for the Clontarf promenade.”

Reply

Waste Management Services are arranging new triple unit bins for on the go recycling for Clontarf promenade.

The triple units will encompass 2 openings for general waste and include a green recycling unit.

Installation for these new larger capacity units including safe lifting and plinths are being organised. Offsite segregation on this new stream also needs to be put in place prior to launch.



Contact:
Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
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Q.37 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager could help be provided to transport and place a disability adapted garden donated from blooms in the park to a special needs school in NCA”

Reply

The area manager is actively engaged with the CRC regarding the installation of the garden. We have already facilitated the transport of all materials and are currently taking responsibility for the maintenance of all plants in St. Anne’s nurseries. This project is a complex one, with many moving parts which requires a full project management approach and the engagement of a number of stakeholders. The North Central Area Office is leading out on this process.

Contact: Bernie Roe, North Central Area Manager
Email: Bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

Q.38 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager could the councillor get an update on the provision of an accessible inclusive swing in Fairview playground?”

Reply

The replacement swing sets which were a late addition to the upgrade of Fairview Park Playground and delayed due to Covid and supply chain issues that effected many parts of the economy in recent months have finally been installed and include accessible swings. If there are particular requirements locally for a different or more supportive swing seats these can be considered as it is relatively straight forward to replace same once an appropriate seat can be identified and sourced.

With regard to the proposal for a wheelchair swing the model identified seems fantastic and fully accessible and inclusive but unfortunately has an enormous footprint of over 8m X 8m which will not fit in Fairview. A location has been identified in St. Anne’s where there is adequate space to trial one of the swings.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.39 Question in the name of Councillor Donna Cooney

“To ask the manager could a ramp be provided at the entrance/ exit to the promenade from the area adjacent to the traffic lights at the car park opposite St

Lawrence road and the car park space be removed which blocks access at the entrance for wheelchair users, buggies and bicycles.”

Reply

The car parking space is a disabled parking space appropriately located at the entrance to the car park. There are also entrances to the car park and prom less than 100m in either direction. The location will be inspected in consultation with Environment and Transport Department and the councillor will be informed of the outcome of that inspection.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.40 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the manager if action will be taken to address the problem of the locking of bicycles to the railings on the approach to Killester railway station, thus causing obstruction and hazard to the visually impaired or those with other disabilities; and if the feasibility of a bicycle stand could be explored.”

Reply

The current cycle parking policy of Dublin City Council for installing cycle parking parallel to the kerb on footpaths requires a minimum of 4.2m wide for locations that are on non-busy roads/outside city centre and 4.35m for busy roads/city centre. This ensures that a pedestrian footpath width of 3.2m is maintained.

The footpaths adjacent to Killester railway station are circa 2.0m wide and are therefore unsuitable for cycle parking. Unfortunately there are no appropriate locations in the vicinity of the railway station either on the footpath or carriageway that are suitable for the installation of cycle stands due to width constraints.

Contact: Chris Adamson
Email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

Q.41 Question in the name of Councillor Michael Mac Donncha

“To ask the manager if upgrading can be carried out on the surface of the cycle lane on Kilbarrack Road.”

Reply

The carriageway on Kilbarrack Road are not part of the resurfacing works programme in 2022.

The Area Engineer will note this location and consider its inclusion in the 2023 programme or if additional funding becomes available this year.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.42 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager who holds the lease for **(details supplied)**”.

Reply

The **(Details Supplied)** is occupied by St Columban's F.C, Riverside Drug Awareness Group and the HSE.

The centre was constructed with the aid of grants from St Columban's F.C and the HSE, and construction was carried out on lands in the ownership of the Council by way of licence with the HSE controlling and managing construction.

Pending completion of a lease of the premises, a temporary Caretakers Agreement was granted to the HSE in 2004 who in turn granted further Caretaker Agreements to St Columban's F.C and the Riverside Drug Awareness Group for a period up to seven months.

Broad agreement was reached in 2008 to the general terms of the lease however the legal formalities were never completed. In 2019 Planning and Property Development received a request from the HSE to complete the process as they needed to regulate occupation by St Columban's F.C and the Riverside Drug Awareness Group.

The grant of a 25 year lease to the HSE to cover the period 2004 to 2029 was approved at the City Council meeting dated 11th May, 2020. Legal formalities are now due to be completed by the City Council's Law Department.

Contact: Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 222 3488
Email: helen.mcnamara@dublincity.ie

Q.43 Question in the name of Councillor Larry O'Toole

“To ask the manager to have the traffic signal lights at junction of **(details supplied)** time adjusted to allow better access from Ardmore estate.”

Reply

Dublin City Council policy does not permit pedestrian crossing signals to be used to control traffic movements. These type of signals are exclusively to ensure that pedestrians may cross roadways safely.

Previously there was a video detector at the pedestrian crossing signals on **(details1)** Road adjacent to **(details 2)** Drive monitoring the exit from **(details 2)**. Upon detection of vehicles waiting to exit **(details 2)**, the detector triggered the pedestrian crossing to permit vehicles to exit.

However these pedestrian signals were upgraded last year and in line with current DCC policy mentioned above, this detector was removed as it can no longer be permitted to control traffic movements.

Therefore, resolution of any traffic issues at this junction can only be resolved via the installation of a fully signalised junction.

This is the responsibility of the Area Engineer who will consider requests subject to available funding.

Residents are being directed to DCC's online request portal where they can add requests for such a signalised junction.

<https://consultation.dublincity.ie/tag/d7652216/consultation/intro/>

It should be pointed out that the exit / entrance to **(details 2)** is similar to many others throughout the city.

Contact: Sean Fallon, Assistant ITS Officer, Transportation.
Email: sean.fallon@dublincity.ie

Q.44 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager for a report on sports and sports officers in the north central area. The report must include a list of the sports officers, the areas they are responsible for, the people, groups, schools and others they are currently working with and where and when they are on the ground week to week in the area and what plans are in place to increase sporting activity in the North Central Area.”

Reply

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) submits five electoral area reports to area offices for committee meetings on a monthly basis. Submission of the reports is a strategic obligation as Dublin City Council's Local Sports Partnership.

The reports provide information for committee members on wider matters such as DCSWP strategic goals, online developments, funding or grant issues, information on citywide events but, very importantly, it communicates details on area programmes in the local community. The programme aspect of the report is a collation of area specific operational reports submitted to DCSWP Administrative staff by Sport and Co-Funded Officers (Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Rowing and Rugby) and looks forward 6-8 weeks from the date of the area committee meeting. It provides information on type of activity, target group, time, date and location for each programme. All reports also include contact details for DCSWP Administrative Staff, Sport and Co-Funded Officers.

The June/July North Central area report was submitted to the NCA Office for the June area committee meeting on Wednesday 8th June and is part of the agenda pack giving details of DCSWP Administrative staff and Sport and Co-funded officers working in the area.

Contact: Dee O'Boyle, Staff Officer
Email: dee.oboyle@dublincity.ie

Q.45 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to convene a meeting with relevant stakeholders to address the ongoing and serious anti-social behaviour that occurs on Bunratty Road, activity which is having seriously negative impact on the quality of life of the many resident along the road.”

Reply

The Area office is working closely with the Gardaí in addressing the antisocial issues here with some recent success.

Plans are currently being drawn up to remove the planters and bin chambers in the square on Bunratty Road which will increase the passive security leading to a reduction of gangs congregating in the area.

Contact: Connell McGlynn
Tel: 012226940
Email: connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.46 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to provide this councillor with six copies of the current plans for the Glin Court regeneration.”

Reply

The redevelopment of Glin Court, Dublin 17 is currently at tender stage. Due to commercial sensitivity, we are unable to release detailed design drawings, however, these can be made available when a contractor has been appointed to construct the 32 new homes.

Attached, (1) an information slide presented to the North Central Area Committee 28 February 2022, (2) Glin Court Redevelopment Frequently Asked Questions circulated in January 2021.

Contact: Alice Simington
Tel: 01 222 3695
Email: alice.simington@dublincity.ie

Q.47 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to provide an update on the proposal to build a permanent premises for the Glin Boxing Club at the Glin Sports Centre.”

Reply

This project is on hold until such time as funding is made available to meet the projected costs. With inflationary pressures on building projects at the moment it would be impossible to say when this facility will be initiated. All efforts have been made to facilitate the boxing club to make sure it stays active.

Contact: Connell McGlynn
Tel: 012226940
Email: connell.mcglynn@dublincity.ie

Q.48 Question in the name of Councillor John Lyons

“To ask the manager to investigate the status and ownership of the run down, eyesore of a warehouse building on the corner of the Swords Road and Church Lane, opposite Santry Avenue, with a view to initiating a compulsory purchase order.”

Reply

Under remit of the Local Government Sanitary Services Act 1964 (as amended), a Dangerous Buildings Inspector attended this vacant factory / warehouse further to a significant fire in October 2020 and at the request of DFB and Gardaí. The Dangerous Buildings inspector proceeded to make-safe & secure the remaining

structures. We have attended this derelict warehouse on one occasion since 4/03/2021– nothing dangerous found but will continue to monitor the site periodically. Dangerous Buildings have no remit with regard to CPO.

Contact: Clare Goldenberg
Email: dangerousbuildings@dublincity.ie

The Derelict Sites Unit will carry out an inspection to assess the condition of the site and if it is considered derelict it will be entered on the Derelict Sites Register. As part of this process, a reference of ownership will be undertaken. The Unit has implemented an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 and any site entered on the Register can be considered for possible acquisition either by agreement or compulsorily in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Contact: Nial Dully, Administrative Officer, Derelict Sites.
Phone: 01 222 3941
Email: nial.dully@dublincity.ie

Q.49 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to fix the footpath around the tree pit at **(details supplied)**. The council has undertaken a previous repair which has not worked and the concrete kerb between the tree and the road is missed and there are jagged edges on the footpath where it has broken away.”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.50 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to prune the tree at **(details supplied)** as it is seriously overshadowing the resident’s property and blocking light.”

Reply

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23. It should be noted that the reduction of shade cast is not considered a valid reason to prune an otherwise healthy tree in the adopted tree policy.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.51 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the manager to fix the dishing at **(details supplied)**. There is a problem with how the concrete dishing meets the road surface. It was fixed at one of the other houses on this road by the council but not at this one."

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.52 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the manager to fix the gap in the path at **(details supplied)**."

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews to address when available or if the current contractor is still working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.53 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the manager to provide a bench in Mucky Lane as this area which is very much used by residents now but for older or mobility challenged residents there is nowhere to sit if they walk to the area & to put a gate in the palisade fence in Mucky Lane as the residents maintaining this community garden are climbing the fence to maintain the area and would also like to be able to use it as storage"

Reply

The fence will be examined to ascertain if the insertion of a gate is practical and achievable. As budgets for 2022 are already committed consideration can be given

to the installation of the bench and gate as part of a future parks improvement programme.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.54 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the manager what the maintenance programme is for Clontarf promenade and what the situation with bins will be as the summer begins and usage is likely to increase? This is in reference to **(details supplied)** from a constituent"

Reply

Waste Management Services are arranging new triple unit bins for on the go recycling for **(details supplied)**. The triple units will encompass 2 openings for general waste and include a green recycling unit. Installation for these new larger capacity units including safe lifting and plinths are being organised. We hope to have these bins in place by the end of July 2022. In the meantime we will ensure that the existing bins and barrels there are emptied on a regular basis.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services.

Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q.55 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

"To ask the manager to replace the tree at **(details supplied)**. The tree has been gone for a number of years and there is no stump. The tree pit poses a falls risk. The resident would ideally like the tree replaced but if not they would like the pit filled in."

Reply

The locus will be inspected and if suitable, listed for inclusion in next winter's tree planting programme. The pit might be temporarily topped up to make safe in the interim.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.56 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to prune the tree opposite (**details supplied**) as it is overshadowing the street and the house”

Reply

The tree will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23. It should be noted that the reduction of shade cast is not considered a valid reason to prune an otherwise healthy tree in the adopted tree policy.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.57 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to carry out an assessment of the lighting on Casino Park, D3 as residents complain of inadequate lighting which is overly dull and dark”

Reply

An assessment has been carried out on the lighting in Casino Park and the lighting meets the required standard for such a residential estate. However, it is noted that the lamps inside the lanterns haven’t been changed for a few years and that may have resulted in them being a little dimmer than desired. These lamps (inside the lanterns) will be replaced with new lamps in the coming weeks and this should make a difference to the lighting in Casino Park. Note that under the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project these lanterns will be replaced with LED lanterns although an exact timeframe cannot be given at this stage.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney, Senior Executive Engineer,
Public Lighting Services,
Tel: 086 8343154.
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.58 Question in the name of Councillor Catherine Stocker

“To ask the manager to assess the situation with regard to the changing rooms in Fairview Park. My understanding is that these are not being used due to lack of funding for an attendant. Is it possible that a meanwhile use for these changing rooms (such as artist’s studio space) could be considered?”

Reply

This is not accurate as changing rooms are allocated to and regularly used by a number of local clubs. Furthermore it is envisaged that when the proposed tearooms are constructed in the park necessitating the demolition of the existing depot buildings that one section of the changing pavilion will be converted to staff welfare facilities to accommodate local maintenance staff.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.59 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the manager if a dangerous dead tree can be removed from **(details supplied)**

Reply

The tree has previously been inspected and a contractor engaged to affect its removal along with other tree works in the area. This work has commenced and it is expected the tree will be removed in the coming days.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.60 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the manager if he will make arrangements for the damaged surface of the road at **(details supplied)** be repaired as the top surface is badly damaged in many places, creating a number of potholes.”

Reply

This section of **(details supplied)** is part of the resurfacing programme 2022 which is scheduled to take place in a few weeks’ time.

Road Maintenance have discussed this location with the contractor with the view of possibly bringing the works forward as there has been a number of complaints received.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.61 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager if he will arrange for weeds to be removed from the road edges and paths at **(details supplied)**, as it is very unkempt."

Reply

The Public Domain Office has requested for this area to be weeded over the coming weeks.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Tel: 222 8866
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

Q.62 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager could the following improvements be made in the park in **(details supplied)**"

Reply

This area is maintained under contract. The matter was followed up with the contractor and the area cut on the 15th.

The Parks Service is currently investigating the installation of basketball facilities elsewhere in the area. The proposal will be investigated and if practical and feasible consideration will be given to providing for same as part of future Parks Improvements Programmes in the area.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.63 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager to review the traffic calming measures at **(details supplied)**"

Reply

This request has been referred to the area engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group. The Councillor will then be advised of the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group. Ref: 7025913.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Tel: 01-2226145
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.64 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

“To ask the manager to instigate a traffic management plan, to deal with parking issues in particular at **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The Parking Enforcement Inspector visited this location in March following representations on behalf of residents. The following is his detailed report.

Site visit to Crestfield Drive, Avenue, Road, Close and Park on the following dates & times:

- 0635am 29/03/22 - No illegal parking - photos taken for records
- 1710pm to 1820pm 30/03/22 - Constant observation, no illegal parking detected during this time, I observed several vehicles entering the grounds of the football club.
- I had a quick look on the grounds of Saint Kevin's Football Club and they have a total of 46 parking spaces and 1 Disabled bay, there was a total of 15 spaces occupied at 1810pm.

As I was leaving the estate I came across 3 vehicles on Crestfield Drive nearest to Collins Avenue Extension parked opposite the continuous white line. I advised the driver of one vehicle and she moved it immediately, DSPS request 19392 at 1820pm to enforce the other two vehicles DSPS reported all clear when checked 1943pm.

The following is a report from Dublin Street Parking Services on their action in the area.

Crestfield Drive:

There have been 4 clamps here between 20/01/2022 and 10/03/2022. DSPS have also called out 3 other times in March and so far in April but the area was clear when checked.

Crestfield Park:

There has been one car clamped here in January

Crestfield Close:

1 car has been clamped this year

The parking enforcement inspector will visit the locations again in the coming weeks and report back his findings. His finding and recommendations will be sent to the traffic advisory group for consideration.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 01 222 2017
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Derek Farrell Area Manager will endeavour to convene a meeting with the principal of both St. Aidan and St. Kevin's to try to reach an agreement to alleviate the parking situation.

Contact: Derek Farrell, Area Manager
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.65 Question in the name of Councillor Patricia Roe

"To ask the manager to clarify the following with regard to the new grass cutting contract. Will quadrants at junctions in suburban estates be cut? As some elderly residents are unable to use lawnmowers their resident's association is asking could certain grass verges be tarmac to remove the grass and allow for more parking?"

Reply

It would be hoped that residents would help out elderly neighbours in this regard as happens in other Dublin Authority areas. Larger verges in residential estates can be looked at on a case by case basis if problematic areas are brought to the attention of the Parks Service and it may be possible to divert certain resources later in the summer to provide a once off cut to bring such areas under control and suitable for more regular maintenance.

Conversion of verges to additional parking is not a matter for the Parks Service.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

With regards to the infill of grass margins with either tarmac or concrete, verges and footpaths form part of the public roadway which is in charge of the Council. The Council is therefore mandated, by statute, to manage the public roadway as it deems appropriate. Third parties (including residents) have no authority to interfere with the public roadway without having the authority or licence of the Council to do so.

Contact: Bernard Rennick
Tel: 01 222 2556
Email: bernard.rennick@dublincity.ie

Q.66 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to organise the repair of the footpaths outside **(details supplied)**. There is a black electrical wire exposed in the footpath at this locations which are adjacent to each other which is a hazard and the residents are worried about it becoming further exposed."

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at **(details supplied)**. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.67 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to have the following issue addressed as a matter of urgency please. There are pedestrian lights at the retail section to the north end of Phillipsburg Ave. On the 'out of city' side the traffic signal is often blocked by a delivery vehicle parked south of lights and sometimes an additional vehicle parked on the inbound side south of the lights obscures the traffic signals altogether. This is a very dangerous situation which I have raised previously. I'm suggesting DCC traffic consider use a traffic signal that overhangs a more central position on the road (as per Griffith Ave junction with Grace Park Road) or that the pedestrian signal is moved perhaps."

Reply

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2); a vehicle shall not be parked;

Within 15 metres (on the approach side) or 5 metres (on the side other than the approach side) of a section of roadway where any of the following traffic signs have been provided:

- (i) traffic sign number RPC 001 [Pedestrian Crossing];
- (ii) traffic sign number RPC 002 [Pedestrian Crossing Complex];
- (iii) traffic sign numbers RTS 001, RTS 002, RTS 003 or RTS 004 [traffic lights];

Any instances of illegal parking, should be reported to the Gardaí or Dublin Street Parking Services (Tel no. 01 6022500), for enforcement under the law.

However, the location will be examined by the area engineer to determine if a more appropriate solution can be provided. Ref: 7027255.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Tel: 01-2226145
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Follow up reply

Subsequent to parking enforcement inspector's visit on 14/06/2022.

The inspector has been in contact with the area engineer and the area engineer is considering a new road layout.

Contact: Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.
Tel: 01 222 2017
Email: dermot.stevenson@dublincity.ie

Q.68 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager for an update on the condition of the surface of the Griffith Ave carriageway, Marino Church / Ardscoil Ris end please. I'm aware a carriageway requires a period of settlement after major pipe work etc and am looking for an updated report as to when the final carriageway reinstatement work will be completed please."

Reply

Irish Water have confirmed that a further two weeks of telemetry work is required to complete the project for the development. The permanent reinstatement of the service trenches will take place in July and August 2022.

Contact: Deri Flood

Tel: 086 388 3986

Email: deri.flood@dublincity.ie

Q.69 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to support **(details supplied)** and his family in respect of a council home. Please provide details of his time and position on DCC's area lists and what options are available to him please."

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 22/09/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	23
Area M	2	21
Area N	2	25

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, they should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer

Tel: 222 2201

Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.70 Question in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"To ask the manager to support **(details supplied)** in respect of a council home. Please provide details of her time and position on DCC's area lists and what options are available to her please."

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 05/09/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	95
Area H	2	47

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, they should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry, Allocations Officer
Tel: 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.71 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

"To ask the manager to respond to the following request for more speed ramps & signage at **(details supplied)**"

Reply

This request has been referred to the area engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group. The Councillor will then be advised of the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group. Ref: 7025913.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Tel: 01-2226145
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.72 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following queries in relation to housing & maintenance issues as per **(details supplied)**”

Reply

- a) According to our records, **(Details Supplied)** has not applied for Housing with Dublin City Council

Contact: Sandra Barry
Tel: 01 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

- b) Drains/Shores are the responsibility of the tenant. However, Housing Maintenance does operate a Choke Car Service for tenants and this operates Monday to Friday and at weekends. We have logged a call for the tenant with the Choke Car for inspection.

- c) Walls and the maintenance/replacement of same would fall under the responsibility of the tenant. However, we will ask the Depot to inspect same for the tenant.

Contact: Clive Ahern, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance.
Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie
Tel: 2223517

- d) The issue of the maintenance of the open space in this estate will be followed up with the contractor who has assured the Parks Service that they will catch up with the maintenance programme in the coming weeks after the initial teething problems with the new contract.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.73 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager can I be provided with an update on **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The Area Manager Mr. Derek Farrell will contact the Councillor directly in relation to this question.

Contact: Derek Farrell, North Central Area Manager
Email: derek.farrell@dublincity.ie

Q.74 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager for an update regarding timeline for construction works as per **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Construction works are ongoing on the **(details supplied)** site. The contractor is currently reporting completion date of **October 2022**. However this date is subject to change.

Contact: Iseult Kirwan, A/Senior Executive Architect
Tel: 222-3518
Email: Iseult.kirwan@dublincity.ie

Q.75 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager can I get an update on installation of water fountains in **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The Parks Service has included the installation of water bottle filling stations in Ellenfield and Fr. Collins Parks as part of the Parks Improvement programme for 2022.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.76 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager when is it planned to redevelop & refurbish **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The regeneration plans for both **(Details supplied)** are at a very early stage. Our City Architects division have undertaken feasibility studies to explore redevelopment options for both housing schemes. Upon completion of these studies, the Housing and Community Services Department will review the proposals and development options will be examined.

Contact: Alice Simington
Tel: 01 222 3695
Email: alice.simington@dublincity.ie

Q.77 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**)”

Reply

The coffee kiosk supplier at Fairview pavilion which allowed one of the toilets to be opened to the public has unfortunately given up the licence due to the loss of footfall due to the road works. Parks are currently in discussions with the next tenderer and it is hoped that this new supplier will take up the licence for the summer which will make toilets available until the new tea rooms can be delivered.

The Part 8 planning report for new toilets in St. Anne's is with the Planning Department and additional detail has been provided by the Parks Service.

The small toilet block in Fr. Collins, previously destroyed by repeated attack and vandalism is being investigated to ascertain if it can be brought back into service. A tender for a coffee kiosk or similar will then be published to maintain, clean and supervise the toilets.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Waste Management Services have no plans to roll out more public toilets in accessible areas of NCA.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q.78 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following (details supplied)”

Reply

There are no targets set for the acquisition of properties under *Housing for All*. The table below provides a breakdown of the current status of acquisition in the North Central Area and across the city.

Status of Acquisitions 2022 by Area and property type

3 DCC Acquired 2022	
House North Central	1
Apartment North Central	1
House Other Areas	1
North Central	33
Other Areas	51
Total in progress	84
Legal Stages	
North Central	11
House	9
Apartment	2
Other areas	
House	12
Apartment	3
Total with Law	26
With Valuers	
North Central	16
House	11
Apartment	5
Other Areas	
House	11
Apartment	17
Total with Valuers	44
Inspection stage	
North Central	6
House	6
Apartment	0
Other areas	
House	7
Apartment	1
Inspection Stage	14

Breakdown of Acquisitions by Area 2021

Central	36
North Central	73
North West	53
South Central	56
South East	3

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer
Tel: 01 222 6114
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q.79 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager to advise as to the number of new developments in **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The Planning Authority is very conscious of the need to ensure that adequate child care facilities are provided in all new developments including in new residential schemes, in accordance with Policy SN17 of the City Development Plan 2016 to 2022 and Appendix 13 - Guidelines for Childcare Facilities.

Policy SN17 - to facilitate the provision in suitable locations of sustainable, fit-for-purpose childcare facilities in residential, employment and educational settings, taking into account the existing provision of childcare facilities and emerging demographic trends in an area.

For all new residential schemes, the Planning Authority requires one new childcare facility per 75 dwellings unless there are significant reasons to the contrary. In considering all new applications, regard is had to both the existing geographical distribution of childcare facilities and the existing and / or emerging demographic profile of the area. Deviating from this requirement is only considered when the applicant can provide documentary evidence that there is sufficient child care spaces in the area to meet both existing and future needs. A search of the APAS Planning System over the last 5 years (2017 to 2021) is being undertaken in response to Council Question Q59 which will also provide details for the NCA.

Contact: Mary Conway, Deputy Dublin City Planning Officer
Tel: 222 3319
Email: mary.conway@dublincity.ie

Q.80 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**)”

Reply

There has been no policy change around the maintenance of large greens and open spaces. The areas turning into meadows are merely a consequence of initial teething difficulties experienced by the contractors scaling up to meet the demands of the new contracts in this post pandemic supply chain challenged economic environment. The contractors have assured Parks that they will catch up with the maintenance schedule in the coming weeks. A number of initial complaints and queries have been received but these are reducing as the contractors catch up with the schedule.

The new contract does provide for unmown areas to be established on most if not all larger greens or open spaces to meet Council objectives and obligations under the National Pollinator plan. It is imagined that this would be best achieved by agreement with the residents and such areas would be so located as not to unduly impact on the recreation potential of the spaces. It is further expected that it may well take a number of iterations before an arrangement that is acceptable can be devised. Once such an unmown area can be ‘fixed’ on the open space it can be further enhanced through bulb planting and wildflower sowing. Any residents associations that are interested in such an intervention should make contact with the Parks Service on parks@dublincity.ie

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.81 Question in the name of Councillor Declan Flanagan

“To ask the manager to provide timelines regarding the changing of (**details supplied**) in the NCA”

Reply

Street lights within DCC’s administrative area will be upgraded to LED street lights under the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project. Works are anticipated to start in quarter 3 this year and the project is expected to take between 6 and 8 years to complete. Exact timelines and locations of upgrade works cannot be provided at this stage.

Contact: Seamus MacSweeney
Tel: 086 8343154
Email: seamus.macsweeney@dublincity.ie

Q.82 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager can I get an update as to where (**details supplied**) is on the housing list. Is on it since 2014. Themselves & daughter are about to be made homeless at the end of the month. Can they please be helped, can someone from housing contact them directly.”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 26/05/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	318

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant has been provided with a Housing Needs Assessment by a Housing Advisor and should bring this to Parkgate Hall to be assessed for HAP.

Contact: Sandra Barry
Tel: 01 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.83 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to can someone please call to (details supplied) in relation to issue re planning laws.”

Reply

The Councillor is advised to inform his constituent that the correct manner to make a complaint to planning enforcement in respect of an alleged unauthorised development would be to e-mail planningenforcement@dublincity.ie with full details of the allegation and the matter will be investigated if it is deemed to be a valid planning related complaint.

Contact: John Downey, A/Planning Enforcement Manager
Tel: 222 3465
Email: john.downey@dublincity.ie

Q.84 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)**”

Reply

The area manager will do a site visit and review the extent of the issue with a view to permanently resolving the matter if possible. This will involve collaboration with the Parks Department.

Contact: Bernie Roe, North Central Area Manager
Email: Bernie.roe@dublincity.ie

Q.85 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following **(details supplied)**”

Reply

Irish Water should be contacted to investigate this query.

As per letter dated 2nd May 2014 from the Chief Executive which was sent to all Councillors, water queries should be forwarded directly to Irish Water.

The following are the correct contact details for Irish Water;

Telephone

General 1800 278 278 Free

Business 0818 778 778 Standard Charges Apply

Postal Address; Irish Water. PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

There is a specific email address at Irish Water for Councillors;
localrepsupport@water.ie

Contact: Breeda Melvin
Tel: 01 222 0000
Email: dfbfeedback@dublincity.ie

Q.86 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following (**details supplied**)”

Reply

The new 4 year grass maintenance contract is considerably more expensive than the last 4 year contract so no savings have been realised through the removal of domestic verges.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.87 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to respond to the following taking in charge query(**details supplied**)”

Reply

The process for the taking in charge of the Main Street, (**details supplied**) has commenced. Snag lists from Roads and Drainage have been forwarded to Gannon for attention before this matter can be progressed any further. Belmayne has not been taken in charge.

Contact: Greg Bryan, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 3108
Email: greg.bryan@dublincity.ie

Many of the main roads in Belmayne were left unfinished during the economic crash in 2008 and were never taken in charge, the normal TIC process being that a Developer would advise the relevant Local Authority that a development has been completed and request that it be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Developments Act 2000. As a result of these roads not being taken in charge they cannot be maintained by DCC. The main roads in the Belmayne area are currently owned by a number of private landowners which has led to an unsatisfactory management of the roads, particularly with the recent and proposed construction of new schools in the area and the need for pedestrianised crossings. It was agreed in January 2022 that the area office would co-ordinate a process with the relevant operational sections/departments of establishing what remediation works will be required and an estimate of costs involved in bringing Belmayne Avenue, Belmayne Main Street and Parkside Boulevard roads up to the required taking in charge standard. This process is on-going and involves regular meetings and inspections being carried out by the relevant operational sections and communication with the Developer Cairn Homes.

Contact: Deirdre Murphy, Administrative Officer
Tel: 222 8845
Email: deirdre_a.murphy@dublincity.ie

Q.88 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to give an update on (**details supplied**) transfer application”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Welfare Priority List with a with an application date of 10/04/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	6
Area E	1	9
Area J	1	4

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

Contact: Sandra Barry
Tel: 01 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.89 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to give an update on (**details supplied**) housing application”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 25/02/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	110

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, they should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry

Tel: 01 222 2201

Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.90 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to advise when (**details supplied**) is likely to be offered housing”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer Medical Priority List with an application date of 14/01/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	18

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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

Contact: Sandra Barry

Tel: 01 222 2201

Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.91 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager to advise (**details supplied**) on her housing options thru posting information in relation to Rent to Buy Scheme or Affordable Housing”

Reply

Applications for Dublin City Council Affordable Housing Schemes have not yet been sought and are not being accepted, until advertised. Details of all schemes, and the process and requirements for applications, will be advertised on our website www.dublincity.ie and in the media in the coming months. (**Details supplied**) can contact my colleague Lorraine Gaughran (email lorraine.gaughran@dublincity.ie) for future updates if she so wishes.

Contact: Michelle Robinson
Tel: 01 222 6114
Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q.92 Question in the name of Councillor Terence Flanagan

“To ask the manager can flowers be planted & greenery to improve appearance of (**details supplied**)”

Reply

Spring flowering bulbs have been planted on both roundabouts and wildflowers sown on the (**details 1**) roundabout. Additional planting that might obscure sightlines or require ongoing more intensive maintenance would not be considered appropriate on such busy commuter routes.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.93 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the manager to please confirm the collection frequency of the open-topped barrel bins along the Clontarf Promenade (a) during the week and (b) at weekends?

Reply

During the week these open topped barrel bins are emptied by the 6am to 2pm shift. In the afternoons they are emptied by the public domain shift from 2pm to 9pm.

At weekends they are emptied in the mornings by the 6am to 10am shift and throughout the day by the public domain shift from 10am to 6pm.

These bins are monitored regularly and are emptied more often during these shifts at busier times, particularly during the summer months.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Tel: 2224240
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q.94 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

"To ask the manager if Dublin City Council was planning to trial a "lid" for the open barrel bins along Clontarf promenade which would make it more difficult for e.g. seagulls to access the waste within; can the Area Manager confirm the status of this trial?

Reply

Waste Management Services are not currently planning to trial a "lid" for the open Barrels.

Barrels are ideally temporary in nature, this idea is worth considering and we will review options available on the market and consider operational impacts and benefits.

Contact: Richard Whelan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management Services
Email: richard.whelan@dublincity.ie

Q.95 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the manager to confirm if the closure of playing pitches in St Anne's as set out in **(details supplied)** dated 03/06/2022 was as a result of the concerts being hosted in the park?”

Reply

Pitches were called off on the first weekend of the concerts due to the weather forecast which gave persistent rains with possible thunderstorms over that weekend which did arrive on the Sunday. Allowing play to go ahead would not have been judicial as damage to pitches because of play during wet conditions would merely result in these pitches being called off for longer periods to affect repairs.

Pitches were not called off the 2nd weekend of concerts as the weather forecast was much more favourable.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.96 Question in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí

“To ask the manager to please organise for the removal of the redundant S2S project/funding signage still in situ at the junction of the Clontarf Road and the Wooden Bridge heading towards the Bull Wall?”

Reply

The Project boards have been taken down.

Contact: Perry Chitombo A/Senior Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 6635
Email: perry.chitombo@dublincity.ie

Q.97 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager in relation to the land art/sculpture planned for St. Anne's Park, please arrange to have a second event (similar to that which was recently arranged in the Red Stables) to explain to local park users/local residents what art/sculpture exactly is planned as members of the public are unaware that anything is being proposed and or what exactly is being proposed; some residents say there was insufficient/inadequate communication from the City Council advertising the information event mentioned above.”

Reply

A second event is probably unnecessary as full details of the commission, the selection process and the visualisations presented in St Anne's at the end of April are available through the link below.

<https://www.sculpturedublin.ie/st-annes-park/>

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.98 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager in relation to the shared cycleway/pedestrian walkway on Causeway Road, say if he can arrange to clearly delineate the space to be used by cyclists and pedestrians, in order to separate cyclists from pedestrians, (as requested by users of this space), from a safety aspect.”

Reply

The segregated access route to the beach along the causeway road was designed and installed as a shared space for cyclists and pedestrians and 'share with care' signage and ground graphics installed. Users of this space are expected to take full cognisance of other users and cyclists should modify their speed accordingly. Cyclists who wish to cycle faster than is appropriate for such a shared space are welcome to use the public road. Putting a line down the middle of this space whereby on one side pedestrians, buggies, children, dogs etc. walk and on the other side of the line cyclists can cycle at speed is not considered safe.

Contact: Fergus O'Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.99 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to please see my City Council Question of 14 June 2021 and immediately arrange at this stage, for the repair of the deep dangerous groove in the road which is extremely hazardous to cyclists, particularly during wet weather; can someone please get **(details supplied)** repaired and please do not reply by saying that the area will be inspected and a repair will be scheduled if required. **A repair IS REQUIRED**”

Reply

Road Maintenance Services have completed an inspection of the carriageway at **(details supplied)** with the defect logged and recorded. Regrettably, funding is not currently available to complete this carriageway repair immediately. However, Road Maintenance will consider this area for repair should additional funding become available this year.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie

Q.100 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager in relation to family as **per (details supplied)**, say when this family will be accommodated, include all housing options that are available, and say if the City Council is aware of the circumstances of the family, including such circumstances as those set out below.”

Reply

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of 21/11/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	76
Area E	3	88
Area H	3	51

The applicant has been assessed correctly and on the correct band. 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 applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant should contact HAP to apply for permission to move from their current HAP property to one more suitable.

Contact: Sandra Barry
Tel: 01 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q.101 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to please arrange to cut the grass all along the Clontarf seafront as residents complain that leaving swathes of grass uncut is not conducive to allowing adequate use of the recreational amenity of the area; many local residents are not happy that same is being left uncut creating, on top of the large sand bags along the promenade, what they see as an unsightly mess”

Reply

The aesthetics of unmown grass is a matter of personal taste and the parks service has received compliments from citizens who do appreciate the colour and movement of the sward. The unmown areas are mown either side to clearly demonstrate that this is a deliberate intervention which contributes to the Council meeting its objectives and indeed obligations under the National Pollinator Plan. Areas of grass where the geese feed will be mown incrementally over the month of August to ensure short grass is available to the geese upon their return from September. If it is considered additional mown areas are required for picnics or kickabout the Parks Service is more than happy to consider and facilitate same if contact is made at parks@dublincity.ie

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.102 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to advise if he can take steps to arrange for mowing of grass verges at **(details supplied)** and say why this has not been done to date.”

Reply

Verges outside people’s homes have not been included in the new landscape maintenance contract and rather it is expected that residents will adopt these spaces and maintain them as they best see fit. The main rationale for this decision is that Dublin City Council was the only Dublin Authority to maintain verges outside people’s residences, access was not always possible due to parking and many residents already maintained these areas. Under the previous verges contract the contractor was being paid for work that was neither quantifiable nor verifiable. It has been acknowledged that communications around this decision has been less than satisfactory and apologies have been issued from the highest level within the Council.

Contact: Fergus O’Carroll, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
Contact No: 01 222 6625
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q.103 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to please refer to sign at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can at this stage, arrange for the removal of same as local residents and local users feel it totally detracts from the amenity of the area.”

Details: Very large sign at the Wooden Bridge re Clontarf cycleway - which sign is erected since 2017 - see photo attached;

Reply

The Project boards have been taken down.

Contact: Perry Chitombo A/Senior Executive Engineer
Tel: 222 6635
Email: perry.chitombo@dublincity.ie

Q.104 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager in relation to person as per **(details supplied)**, if he is aware that this man, who is in desperate need of housing, has attempted, on two occasions to have his application for housing considered, but to no avail; can the manager arrange to have a housing officer call to this man's unfit accommodation as soon as possible and view the poor living conditions being experienced by him and arrange to have his name included on the City Council's housing list.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 13/08/2021, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	1	1338

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 be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, they should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Sandra Barry
Tel: 01 222 2201
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

As the applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property, the Kilbarrack Housing office has contacted the applicant at the provided telephone number to advise them that they may apply for the HAP scheme.

The applicant can now make contact with the Allocations Section where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: Kilbarrack Area Housing Office
Email: kilbarrackhousing@dublincity.ie

Q.105 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager in relation to **(details supplied)**, say what additional measures he can take/put in place to get motorists to slow down, particularly during peak morning and evening hours as residents are fearful for their safety and particularly the safety of vulnerable pedestrians

Reply

This area is included as part of the **(Details)** Neighbourhood Transport Scheme. Any measures to calm traffic in this area will be assessed and considered for implementation.

Contact: Andrew Geoghegan (Neighbourhood Transport Engineer North City)
Email: Andrew.geoghegan@dublincity.ie

Q.106 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say what measures he can put in place to reduce the problem of rat-running and speeding”

Reply

This request has been referred to the area engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group. The Councillor will then be advised of the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group. Ref: 7027256.

Contact: Catalin Rosca, Area Engineer, Environment & Transportation Dept.
Tel: 01-2226145
Email: catalin.rosca@dublincity.ie

Q.107 Question in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney

“To ask the manager to refer to my question 64 at the March Area Committee meeting and confirm what works will be carried out and say if he can note my constituent's request as per **(details supplied)** and respond to same.”

Reply

The Public Domain Officer visited this area on Thursday 9th June 2022 and reported that all the hanging basket poles have been replenished and filled by the contractor in accordance with public domain and the **(details)** residents association. The residents planted up the street planters on 11th June outside of the shops and along the bridge. The Public Domain section have also agreed to supply paint to the group for the upkeep of the planters. At present due to the narrow footpaths and the amount of private landings at the shops it is not feasible to place a bench at this location.

Contact: Richard Cleary, Public Domain Enforcement Officer
Tel: 222 8866
Email: richard.cleary@dublincity.ie

There is a large section of this footpath **(details supplied)** between No. 6 and No.14 which is private that greatly limits any potential in terms of seating and greening this area.

It is also our understanding that this area may be subject to change in the future Bus Connects project however we do not have any details on this.

Contact: Derek Horan, Executive Engineer.
Tel: 222 3898.
Email: derek.horan@dublincity.ie