

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
15th March 2023

Q1 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for a detailed breakdown, with timelines, for the work to be carried out by BAM at the steps in Cameron Square, D8? When will this essential access be fully re- opened to the public?

Reply

Bam Construction are carrying out a substantial upgrade to the staircase linking Cameron Square to Mount Brown under an approved Road Opening Licence. The works will consist of a new granite surface with anti-slip landings. The programme of works were due to commence on February 13th 2023 with an estimated completion date of 14th July 2023 but I believe will now be the 6th -13th March to 14th-21st August 2023.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer.

Email: road.maintenance@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the agreed contracted work at (details supplied) be prioritised given the protracted exposure of residents to significant and relentless ASB and criminality when trying to enter/leave their homes?

Reply

A contractor has now been identified to carry out the alterations to the entrances at the above apartment complex and the materials for the refit have been placed on order. Some of the material have had to have been sourced from outside of the country, and delivery could therefore take eight weeks. Residents have been updated on the current status of works.

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer

Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services to organise a meeting with residents, businesses and blue light services at SCR/Old Kilmainham so as to discuss with Traffic Management Dept ways to improve the ongoing congestion in this area.

Reply

Dublin City Council, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority, improved cycle facilities along South Circular Road (SCR) to provide a safe cycle route between Conyngham Road and Bulfin Road. The main aim of this scheme was to provide protected, safe, and continuous cycling for all ages and abilities along this route. Active Mobility is being encouraged including walking for those capable who are within 5km of their destination and cycling for those capable who are within 10km of their destination, thereby leaving the capacity on public transport and on the roads for those who have no alternative.

The introduction of the above cycling facilities along SCR necessitated adjustments to the traffic signal phase timings and re-optimisation of the junctions along the route connected to our SCATS adaptive traffic management system. In particular, the operation of the traffic signals at the junctions of SCR @ Bulfin/Suir Road, SCR @ St. John's Road and SCR/Islandbridge @ Conyngham Road were adjusted to allow

sufficient time for SCR balanced against allowing appropriate time and priority for the busy public transport corridors along Suir Road, St. John's Road and Conyngham Road while also meeting the needs of pedestrians and cyclists at these locations. For example, at the junction of St. John's Road @ SCR, a new configuration was installed on site which allows additional time for left turning vehicles from SCR to St. John's Road outbound which keeps this queue moving at peak times to avoid blocking back the straight ahead SCR to Islandbridge movements. Other changes to junctions along the route included adjustments to time allowed for each approach and adjustments to the maximum allowable cycle length (total time for all movements to be serviced).

DCC Traffic are in ongoing consultations with the emergency services regarding the location of pinch points in the road network. Elected members and the general public were provided with an opportunity to provide feedback on the scheme during the public consultation phase which occurred in July 2021. Feedback received from Dublin Fire Brigade regarding this location said they have noted an increase in traffic volumes in this area but that emergency access continues to be available through use of blue lights and sirens as required and when necessary.

We will continue to monitor the operation of these junctions using our SCATS and CCTV systems to ensure the safe and efficient movement of all users of this route.

Contact: Susanne Hickey, Executive ITS Officer.
Email: susanne.hickey@dublincity.ie

Dublin Fire Brigade has noted an increase in traffic volumes in this area. Emergency access continues to be available through use of blue lights and sirens as required and when necessary.

Contact: Karen Munds, Staff Officer, Dublin Fire Brigade Administration
Email: dfbfeedback@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on plans to expand bike parking infrastructure at Inchicore Rd, D8 (serving Kilmainham Gaol, Hotel and shops)

Reply

The location at Inchicore Road will be examined and if deemed suitable cycle parking will be included in Batch 19 of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project, subject to available funding.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer.
Email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that Housing Welfare liaise in-person with (details supplied) to give the necessary assistance for housing matters.

Reply

The above applicant has been in regular contact with the Social Work Section between January 2022 and end February 2023 in relation to advice around her housing application. She has a Medical Priority.

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

Q6 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for an update on plans to develop the derelict sites opposite Coombe hospital.

Reply

A Strategic Housing Development planning application was lodged with An Bord Pleanála in December 2021 (APB ref: 312295) for a site at 43-50 Dolphins Barn Street (opposite the Coombe Hospital). The development includes the construction of 116 apartments, commercial and residential amenity units. The planning application has not been determined to date.

Contact: Brian Lyons, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area Office

Email: brian.lyons@dublincity.ie

Q7 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services for update on the schedule for development at the derelict site at Dolphins Barn?

Reply

The Iveagh Trust has completed detailed design for the above development and planning will be lodged imminently. Currently expected completion date is Q2 2025

Contact: Michelle Robinson, Senior Executive Officer

Email: michelle.robinson@dublincity.ie

Q8 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services if the assessment of works required at the old Library at Inchicore is complete and that a report with recommendations and schedules be provided?

Reply

The second stage of the building condition survey was completed last week. This involved site based investigations undertaken by building surveyors. The third and final phase of the building condition survey is now underway and will be completed over the next four weeks. The final stage involves the compilation of a comprehensive report involving the identification, description and costing of all the improvement works necessary to bring the building into community use. The Council will then review the report with a view to deciding the best course of action. The recommendations will be then be shared.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, Area Manager, South West Inner City;

Email: bruce.phillips@dublincity.ie

Q9 **Councillor Máire Devine**

To ask the Director of Services if extra attention can be given to the cleaning of the internal public areas (details supplied) which residents report to be neglected and in an unacceptable state.

Reply

The DCC complex, Marrowbone Lane, is scheduled to be weeded, sketched (machine that removes weeds and moss) and powered hosed next week. This is and will continue to be maintained on a regular basis.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q10 **Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services if funding has been sought for the preservation works on the Iveagh Markets, if so from whom, and if there is a time frame on when it will be received.

Reply

The City Council is currently considering the appropriate funding streams available in order to carry out the conservation and preservation works to the roof of the Market Building, including relevant Central Government funding schemes.

Contact: *Bronagh Corry, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Property Dev.*

Email: Bronagh.corry@dublincity.ie

Q11 **Councillor Deirdre Cronin**

To ask the Director of Services what work has been carried out on the Iveagh Markets since February 1st 2023, who has been engaged to do what elements of the work and for an overall progress report on the project.

Reply

Dublin City Council is in the process of developing a tender package for the appointment of a conservation architect led integrated design team. Once appointed the design team will carry out a detailed condition survey of the building and develop tender documentation for a programme of essential repairs. These repairs will include

- Repairs to the roofs, valleys, internal gutters, parapet and large rooflights of the Wet Market and Dry Market, including repairs to the access ladders and gantries.
- Repairs/reinstatement of the rainwater disposal system.
- Manage vegetation growth to the site and its structures.
- Protect and secure the windows and door.
- Provide safe access to structures to facilitate a regular inspection and maintenance.

The tender documents for the appointment of the design team will be issued in the coming weeks to an existing DCC framework. Following appointment of the design team DCC will agree and circulate a programme and costs for the procurement and undertaking of the essential repairs.

In order to maintain security on the property it has been necessary to engage a metal fabrication company to replace gates on the Lamb Alley side of the property and additionally to board gates and secure doors at the Francis Street side.

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

Q12 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the provision of bike parking outside Dublin Food Coop (DFC) on Inchicore Road.

Reply

The location at Inchicore Road will be examined and if deemed suitable cycle parking will be included in Batch 19 of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project, subject to available funding.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer.
Email: chris.adamson@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services which Department is responsible for maintaining Pimlico Green (the green area beside the Tree of Hope), and if local residents and young people could be involved in planting and maintaining this space.

Reply

Parks manage this space through the landscape maintenance contract. If the councillor is aware of a community group that would be interested in maintaining the space then please forward their details to the undersigned so Parks can discuss and progress the possibility with them.

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

Q14 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services for a list of polling stations in the South West Inner City with an indication of which ones require modification to ensure they are fully accessible to both voters and staff on polling day.

Reply

The management of polling stations is the responsibility of the Dublin City Returning Officer (independent of Dublin City Council).

Attached is a list of the polling stations that were used for the Local Elections 2019 for the SWIC area and they are currently the valid list unless nearer the time of an electoral event they are not available for use. (See Attachment).

The Head of Franchise contacted the Dublin City Returning Officer who confirmed all polling stations are accessible.

Contact: Carol McAuley, Assistant Staff Officer, Chief Executives Office
Email: carol.mcauley@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services if an allocation process has been agreed for units in Bonham Street and Chamber Street and if these units are on target for completion by end of Q2.

Reply

A decision is yet to be made as to whether these units will be allocated through CBL or under the scheme of lettings priorities. In the interest of good estate management a preference would be to allocate through CBL.

Current estimated completion of scheme Q3 2023

Contact: Linda Fanning, A/Area Housing Manager, SWIC

Email: linda.fanning@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the following (details supplied)

Reply

DCC do not hold any interest in either properties. This would be a matter for the individuals concerned to engage a private solicitor to progress the matter through land registry.

Contact: Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South West Inner City;

Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the following (details supplied)

Reply

The Local Area Depot have ordered this fire grate basket and will install it for the tenant as soon as it comes in.

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

Email: clive.ahern@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please ensure that as part of the major development currently commencing at the former De la Salle School and Monastery grounds at Ballyfermot Road that a suitable liaison committee be set up to ensure the smooth operation of this site for the local community services and residents who live beside the site. In addition can I be assured that this site will remain in the Ballyfermot postal address when completed as all too often developers can be very creative with changing address to suit a different narrative?

Reply

The local area office team will engage with the member to explore the best means of ensuring there is effective communication between the developer of the site and local stakeholders.

Contact: Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

Email: alan.sherry@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council have no control over the determination of an Eircode. In late 2013, the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources awarded the “Postcode Management License Holder” (PMLH) contract to Capita Business Support Services Ireland. The contract operates under the trading name Eircode. DCC contacted Eircode at hello@eircode.ie and await a response.

Contact: *Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, SWIC Area Office;*
 Email: gabrielle.malone@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services please give me (details supplied)

Reply

The table below is an extract from the National Dog Register website maintained by the Department of Rural And Community Affairs. It indicates the total number and value of Dog Licences issued over the past five years to the 31st December 2022. It is not possible to extract details on individual breeds from the data without interrogating each licence individually. The Animal Welfare Section will follow up with the Department to see if it is possible to extract a report on dog breeds from their source data.

Year	Number of licences	€ received from Licences
2018	10440	230,656
2019	10189	280,820
2020	10,501	320,837
2021	10,365	344,820
2022	9203	302,875

At present there is one full time Assistant Inspector and one full time Dog Warden employed by Dublin City Council. It is proposed to recruit an additional fulltime Inspector, interviews are scheduled for March 2023, and 5 Animal Welfare Operatives to supplement the Animal Welfare service as defined under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and the Control of Horses Act 1996.

The second table indicates the number of fines issued by Council Dog Wardens over the past five years. The data for the value of the fines has only become available from 2021.

Year	Number of fines issued (no licence)
2018	55 (Value N/A)
2019	100 (Value N/A)
2020	134 (Value N/A)
2021	67 (€2,700)
2022	240 (€8,630)

The Dog Warden issues fines of €100 to dog owners who cannot produce a valid licence. Offenders are issued with a 10 Day Notice to procure a licence. Where no evidence of compliance is made available the Animal Welfare Section will proceed with Court Orders where a maximum fine of €1,500 can be issued.

Contact: *Richard Herlihy, Administrative Officer, Animal Welfare*
 Email: richard.herlihy@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look into the poor engineering infrastructure in the Chapelizod area with particular attention to the combined water, sewerage system in the village. There is serious concern with the large volume of new housing currently at various planning stages in the area, that the old systems will be unable to cope with what is being planned. Has Irish Water being asked to look at the above issues in the context of planning applications / pre planning meetings?

Reply

In relation to the planning of water/sewerage infrastructure Irish Water ended local authority involvement in 2018 when it took this function completely in-house. Similarly, DCC's role in the delivery of capital projects/infrastructure came to an end in 2022. The only remaining role DCC performs under the (soon to be replaced) SLA with Irish Water is the day-to-day operation and maintenance of its existing water and drainage infrastructure. Accordingly, this question has been forwarded to Irish Water (at the contact details below) for direct reply to the councillor.

Irish Water provides a dedicated service for Local and Elected Representatives nationwide to ensure efficient and effective triage and resolution of any queries that they may have. The Local Representative Support Desk (LRSD) is open Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays), between the hours of 09:00 to 17:30. Local and Elected Representatives can contact the LRSD directly at 0818-178178 or by email at localrepsupport@water.ie. The LRSD team receive prioritised support from across the Irish Water business to facilitate them in responding to Local Representative Queries.

Contact: *Dominic Molony, Acting Senior Engineer, Drainage Services*
Email: dominic.molony@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to replace the damaged trampoline from the new Playground at Le Fanu Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. This playground is a pivotal piece of infrastructure in the lives of so many young people in the area. I did bring up last month the need to clear out sand underneath the equipment piece now damaged.

Reply

Parks have engaged a contractor to carry out the necessary repairs to the above mentioned piece of equipment and expect this work to happen in the coming weeks

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

Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to replace the damaged Crash Barrier along Cherry Orchard Ave Ballyfermot Dublin 10 following a recent crash at this location opposite No 130 Cherry Orchard Ave on the side of the park.

Reply

Road Maintenance will organise a crew to visit this location and remove the debris, DCC Traffic Department will then organise the installation of a new barrier in its place.

Contact: *Carl Ryan, South Central Area Engineer.*
Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the Church of the Assumption roundabout on Kylemore Road / Ballyfermot Road be repaired as a matter of urgency following some anti-social behaviour here recently with scrambler bikes etc. This is a pivotal location upon entering the main Retail district of Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

Reply

The damage caused by bikes at the above location will be fixed by regular grass cutting, which has commenced.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, Acting Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Email: parks@dublincity.ie