



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023 VIA HYBRID MEETING**

**IN EBLANA HOUSE, MARROWBONE LANE, DUBLIN 8**

- 1 Election of Chairperson of the South Central Area Committee**  
**Order: Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud was proposed by Lord Mayor Daithí De Róiste, seconded by Councillor Máire Devine and was duly elected as Chairperson.**
- 2 Election of Vice Chairperson of the South Central Area Committee**  
**Order: Councillor Vincent Jackson was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon, seconded by Councillor Máire Devine and was duly elected as Vice Chairperson.**
- 3 Minutes of Meeting held on 21st June, 2023**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 4 Questions to the Director of Services South Central**  
**Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated.**
- 5 Environment and Transportation Matters**
  1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 27/06/23 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
  2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/06/23 and 20/06/23.  
**Order: 1. Report noted.**  
**2. Reports noted.**
- 6 South Central Area Matters**
  1. Waste Management Services Report - Collection of Green Waste Clippings
  2. Director of Services Report.  
**Order: 1. Report Noted.**  
**2. Report Noted.**
- 7 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters**
  1. Sports and Recreation Report for July 2023 South Central Area.  
**Order: Report noted.**
- 8 Planning & Property Development Matters**
  1. With reference to the disposal of plot of land at Long Mile Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.  
**Order: Agreed. Recommend to Council.**

9            **Emergency Motions**

10          **July 2023 Motions**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

**M262 Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

That this area committee writes to the Minister of Education, seeking an additional secondary school for Dublin 8.

There are only enough secondary school spaces for one in three children finishing primary school in Dublin 8. In 2021, there were 17 primary schools with 3,421 pupils, but only 1,022 secondary pupils.

In Dublin 4, there is a ratio of 13 people to every 1 secondary school place. In Dublin 8, that jumps to 39.

There are currently five secondary schools in Dublin 8: all religious, all teaching through English. Just over half (53%) of people in Dublin City Council are Catholic, with nearly a quarter non-religious (23%).

This area committee requests (a) improved funding for the existing secondary schools in the area and (b) a new, mixed, non-denominational school, perhaps at a location such as the old SIPTU College on the South Circular Road.

We also ask that the Minister, or her school planning team, meet with local representatives and parents.

**Order: Agreed to write to the Minister for Education.**

**M263 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This committee takes the opportunity to congratulate Dublin City Council, community groups, youth services and residents associations for the great success of both the Drimnagh Summer Festival and the Ballyfermot-Cherry Orchard Arts Festival.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M264 Councillor Máire Devine**

The loss of the Tivoli Theatre and other cultural spaces is keenly felt by the Dublin 8 community. The Rupert Guinness Theatre on Watling St has been lying empty over 20 years. It would be an amazing asset for Dublin to get this fabulous building refurbished and brought back to life. This Committee requests that DCC commence engagement with Diageo and reach agreement for a renewed cultural space to serve the Liberties and the city.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M265 Councillor Máire Devine**

Yet again this committee demands that the Iveagh Market's essential stabilising works be commenced immediately. That the Francis Street doors be opened at agreed times to allow public visibility (behind the locked gates so there is no issue re health and safety) and that the tender package be inspected by interested parties and fast tracked with the urgency that the fragility of the building requires.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M266 Councillor Máire Devine**

That this committee welcome the recent safety report on Robinsons Court compiled by AGS. The overdue installation of gates is recommended but somewhat vague. We request a more thorough technical report that demonstrates how this will be achieved and timeline for these works be provided.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**M267 Councillor Máire Devine**

This Committee agree to inviting senior pupils and their teacher from Inchicore National School to present to members in the late Autumn.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M268 Councillors Vincent Jackson and Máire Devine**

That the South Central Area Committee Councillors are in agreement if the appeal to An Bord Pleanála against DCC decision to include this fine manufacturing facility as a RZLT and the subsequent annual cost this will impose on the Botany Weaving Mill on Emerald Square Cork Street, Dublin 8, that this imposition will make the facility unsustainable leaving 75 jobs in the balance and threatening the future of two additional mills in the Republic. It is the intention of the local Councillors to look for a variation of the Dublin City Development Plan at the earliest opportunity. The retention and sustainability of viable employment opportunities must be retained within our City.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M269 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council look at the current Housing List to streamline the number in operation. The current situation leaves people languishing at the top of the list without any real understanding of why they are never offered anything and indeed go down the list. Accepting we have a serious housing crisis, people waiting for many years seeing developments we have supported not getting a look in calls into question these multiple lists.

**Order: Agreed.**

**M270 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That Dublin City Council please again look at our policy **not to spray** weeds within our communities at street verges, footpaths etc. We are letting our communities down no end and whilst not wanting to spray with dangerous chemicals, we need a balance as we are losing our communities support. All people see are weeds from road side kerbs, verges small grassed areas outside homes needing to be cut but DCC as it is ruining any chance of getting people involved in clean-up's etc. as the weeds are a never ending battle. Other Local authorities are still spraying at these important visual locations which trap litter, waste etc.

**Order: Report Noted.**

**Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud**

**Chairperson**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

## **Attendance**

### **Members:**

Lord Mayor Daithí De Róiste  
Sophie Nicoullaud (Chairperson)  
Vincent Jackson (Vice Chair)  
Michael Pidgeon  
Darragh Moriarty  
Máire Devine  
Daithí Doolan  
Michael Watters

### **Officers:**

Derek Kelly, Director of Services South Central Area;  
Alan Sherry, Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;  
Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area;  
Barry Woods, A/Senior Engineer, Waste Management;  
Máire Nic Reamoinn, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation;  
Bláthnaid Conlon, Senior Staff Officer, Planning & Development;  
Bronagh Corry, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Property Management;  
Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
David Quearney, A/Staff Officer, South Central Area;  
Nicola O'Kelly, Staff Officer, South Central Area;