



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
ON TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2023 AT 10.00 AM**

- 1 **With reference to the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2023.**

ORDER: Agreed.

- 2 **With reference to the questions to the Area Managers.**

ORDER: Noted.

- 3 **With reference to disposal of the fee simple in No. 1 North Circular Road, Dublin 7 to Blackwell Consultancy Ltd.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

- 4 **With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of houses No. 2 and No. 4 Nottingham Street, Dublin 3.**

ORDER: Agreed.

- 5 **With reference to Motions to the Area Managers.**

The following Emergency Motions to the Area Managers was tabled.

Emergency Motion in the names of Councillor Ray McAdam and Councillor Christy Burke

That the Elected Members of this Area Committee give consent for the Executive to begin the formal process to extinguish the public right of way along Hardwicke Street, thereby initiating a public consultation process with a view to ensuring that our tenants, their children and families are safer, more secure and that road safety levels along the street are greatly improved.

In favour:

Councillors Janice Boylan, Christy Burke, Ray McAdam, Nial Ring, Cieran Perry, Colm O'Rourke, Eimer, McCormack, Séamas McGrattan

Against:

Councillors Janet Horner, Darcy Lonergan, Cat O'Driscoll.

Absent:

Councillors Deborah Byrne, Declan Meenagh.

Order: Agreed.

The following Motions to the Area Managers were tabled:

Item 1

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

The Central Area Committee supports the Dublin Bike Scheme and believes it has been a great success. Welcomes the public's genuine interest in sustainable transport. Notes that transport emissions are up 6% which is a concern. Condemns the ongoing failure of the NTA and the traffic department to extend the Dublin Bike Scheme. Demands a Dublin bike station is installed in Hamilton Gardens, in Cabra and in other areas where there is a clear demand. Rejects the lazy attempt by startup companies to introduce stationless bike schemes, as this involves increased profits for them without providing the necessary infrastructure. Condemns the ongoing failure of the Department of Transport to allow the bike scheme service vehicles to use the bus lane.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 2

Motion in the name of Councillor Declan Meenagh

Noting the ongoing threats to the Central Area from flooding, the Central Area Committee agrees to consider a report every quarter on the flooding and drainage issues and works in the area and to have a flood engineer present at least once per year to answer relevant questions and the committee chair agrees to write to protocol suggesting this happens in all area committees.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 3

Motion in the name of Councillor Deborah Byrne

That Dublin City Council restates its support for the redevelopment of the Smithfield Fruit and Vegetable Market without further delay. That the Council dedicates itself to working with the Government, contractors, architects and engineers to remove any barriers to the progress of the development of this site and to bring it into public use. That the Council recognises the successful development of the Smithfield Fruit and Vegetable Market as providing a crucial amenity to residents of Dublin and as a positive example for the redevelopment of markets elsewhere in the city and that a clear timeline be put in place for its re-development.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 4

Motion in the name of Councillor Deborah Byrne

That the Area Committee agrees to write to the Chief Executive reaffirming our desire for the provision of full recycling facilities in the Grangegorman/Stoneybatter area equivalent to those currently being provided at the Grangegorman Bring Centre.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 5

Motion in the name of Councillor Deborah Byrne

Recognising the shared responsibility and sensible use of shared waste water systems, the Central Area agrees that where there's a shared waste water pipe along a particular street involving Local Authority housing, that the Council takes the initiative to agree a shared maintenance and repair plan for incidents relating to blocked waste water pipes. Such a plan would ensure that the financial burden of repairs and maintenance in the case of blockages is not solely shouldered by the end of terrace resident, who may not have caused the blockage in the first place. The Central Area agrees that such a shared plan be piloted in 2/3 streets in the Central Area where recurring blockages are a regular occurrence.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 6

Motion in the name of Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to engage with the Department of the Taoiseach, the Department of Children and other relevant stakeholders and avail of government capital funding to ensure that the CTC Building on Saint Laurence Place East/Sheriff Street be restored and reopened for the benefit of the local community, with a particular focus on providing facilities for early years

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 7

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

In noting the Area Manager's reply to my question (Q37 July CAC) in which he stated, inter alia, that "there is no provision in place for local businesses affected by the works to be compensated" this committee requests that DCC, the NTA and

the contractor now engage with affected businesses to discuss a compensation scheme as the impact on local businesses has now been assessed by an independent survey which has indicated that over 90% of businesses along the route from Amiens Street to Malahide Road have suffered a loss of revenue/business of between 10% and 75% and averaging at over 30%.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 8

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

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ORDER: Agreed.

Item 9

Motion in the name of Councillor Janet Horner

This area committee calls for expanded opening hours for the Sean McDermott Street swimming pool to cater to the pre and post work swimmers.

ORDER: Agreed.

6 With reference to a presentation on the Markets Area Public realm Plan.

ORDER: Presentation noted.

7 With reference to nominations to the North Inner City Drug and Alcohol Taskforce.

Cllr Janet Horner proposed and seconded.
Second nomination deferred.

8 With reference to an update on Martin Savage Park.

ORDER: Report noted.

9 With reference to the Central Area Discretionary Fund 2023 - Progress Report

ORDER: Report noted.

10 **With reference to the Community Grants Scheme and Informal Adult Education Scheme 2023.**

ORDER: Report noted.

11 **With reference to The Area Management reports.**

ORDER: Noted.

12 **With reference to an overview of Halloween plans for the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

13 **With reference to the Traffic Advisory Group minutes.**

ORDER: Report noted.

14 **With reference to Sports in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

15 **With reference to the North East Inner City Initiative.**

ORDER: Report noted.

Séamas McGrattan

Chairperson

12th September 2023

Attendance

Members

Séamas McGrattan
Nial Ring
Eimer McCormack
Ray McAdam

Janet Horner
Janice Boylan
Cat O'Driscoll

Deborah Byrne
Colm O'Rourke
Darcy Lonergan

Christy Burke
Cieran Perry
Declan Meenagh

Officers

David Forde
Maria Browne
Marion Foran
Sharon Griffin
Claire Farren

Lorraine Brogan
Will Mangan
Veronica Hand
Joao Brescia
Seán Walsh

Brendan Doggett
John McPartlan
Paul White
Karl Mitchell
Gina O'Brien

Gráinne O'Grady
Leona Fynes
Brian Mongey
Siobhán Maher

Question to Area Manager Meeting

Central Area Committee

10th October 2023

Q1 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager, to ask the management group at **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The Housing Maintenance depot will arrange to have the windows inspected at the two City Council owned properties in this complex. If they are in need of repair, all necessary works will be carried out, or the windows will be replaced if necessary too.

Q2 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager, when will all the one bed and 2 bed units at **(details supplied)**

Reply:

To date 19 tenants have moved into their new homes in (details supplied) with another 6 to move in imminently. The remaining 15 homes will be tenanted by Quarter 1 2024.

Q3 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager that the gutters be cleaned **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The Housing Maintenance depot has arranged for a contractor to carry out cleaning of the gutters in a few properties in this complex this week, a scaffold may be required due to the location.

Q4 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager, when the new build units **(details supplied)**

Reply:

Circle Housing expect this development to be complete and ready for occupation by mid-2024.

Q5 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager, how many voids **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The voids listed below are currently been refurbished by framework contractors or via direct labour. There are a number of voids whereby we are still awaiting vacant possession, once this has been secured they will be issued to contractors. The average time units where with Maintenance contractors and direct labour in Q1 and Q2 2023 was 18 weeks. The number of units refurbished and re-let in the area has increased greatly in 2023, from 99 units till end of august 2022 compared to 134 in 2023 across the same period.

Current Refurbishment of Voids underway

Status	Central
Awaiting vacant possession	50
With Contractors	61
Direct Labour	33
Total	144

Q6 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Housing Maintenance depot has replaced the bath for the tenant.

Q7 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager (**details supplied**)

Reply:

There are no plans for (details supplied) regeneration at the moment. This situation will be monitored as part of the overall regeneration evaluation programme.

Q8 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager (**details supplied**)

Reply:

There are currently two Litter Wardens assigned to the North East Inner City Area on a daily basis. During intensive compliance campaigns up to eight wardens are drafted in to carry out their duties like door to door enquires, stake outs, foot patrols or investigations of illegally dumped materials.

Q9 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Area Manager (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Acquisitions Section is actively seeking to acquire three bedroom properties across all areas of the city including the Central Area where we are aware of the length of time applicants are waiting to be housed. We will continue to pursue vacant three beds in the area to address this need.

Q10 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to undertake work to repair the dip in the road (details supplied)

Reply:

An enquiry (ref.11144514) has been created & forwarded to Area Inspector for inspection. Any necessary repairs will be carried out thereafter. This will then be added to a list & necessary repairs carried out when a crew is working in the locus.

Q11 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the area manager to resurface (details supplied)

Reply:

This location will be considered for 2024 works programme, after consulting the current plan for BUSCONNECT which will include Old Cabra Road and Navan Road.

Q12 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the area manager to fill in the potholes and cracks on the (details supplied)

Reply:

An enquiry (ref.11144560) has been created & forwarded to Area Inspector for inspection. Any necessary repairs will be carried out thereafter. This will then be added to a list & necessary repairs carried out when a crew is working in the locus. In addition we wish to note that current BUSCONNECT plan include Navan Road for upgrade.

Q13 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the Area Manager if any traffic management measures **(details supplied)**

Reply:

A request (7035237) for a school warden on (details supplied)ET National School has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q14 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the area manager if he has any update on (details supplied)

Reply:

The request for traffic calming at the above location is listed for assessment by the Transport Advisory Group under Enquiry No: 11143610.

The Councillor will receive the final recommendation once this assessment is carried out

Q15 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the area manager to arrange (details supplied)

Reply:

The order for a replacement door was sent to the Joinery Workshop in August this year. This door will be manufactured early next year.

Q16 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager if he will ensure to **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The Housing Maintenance depot has sent this repair to a contractor who will arrange to have this repair carried out for the tenant as a matter of urgency.

Q17 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager if he will have **(details supplied)**

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has no input here and the tenant would need to contact Bord Gáis as the meter is their property and responsibility, and they may arrange to have it moved for her, if feasible.

Q18 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to assess **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The tree officer will assess the condition on these trees in light of some damage inflicted by the storm to one of the trees

Q19 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager if he will have (details supplied).

Reply:

Housing Maintenance will log this request for the tenant, an inspection of the windows will be undertaken and all necessary works will be carried out.

Q20 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to ensure **(details supplied)**

Reply:

As part of site investigations work on the Broombridge Rd development Tuath Housing will be required to carry out all relevant surveys on the site and boundaries. Tuath have had engagement with residents in neighbouring properties which will continue throughout the construction phase of the development.

Q21 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on **(details supplied)**

Reply:

In the coming weeks Parks and Landscape Services will develop a draft preliminary landscape plan for the lands at Mount Bernard Park. This will include consultation with local councillors and residents on the various options proposed.

Q22 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager would DCC consider **(details supplied)**

Reply:

A detailed response will issue in the coming weeks

Q23 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager what are the future plans for **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The Area Office have had a number of formal meetings with the Board of Directors of D Light studios over the past number of months. This process is to make progress on a formalising the occupation of this property. This process is still on going

Q24 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager for an update **(details supplied).**

Reply:

The Integrated Design Team appointed in February have completed exhaustive site investigation works in the building and in the two yards adjacent, including archaeological investigations. The Design Team are progressing detail design work in order to advance the development of construction tender documents needed for the Conservation works to the

building. It is anticipated Conservation Construction Tender will issue late December or early Q1 2024. The Public Procurement Tender process takes 16 weeks. It is hoped to appoint a contractor as soon as possible thereafter.

In the meantime, the building is in use for the Halloween Festival – The Nightmare Realm from Sept to 6th November 2023.

The Macnas Parade is part of this year's Bram Stoker Festival, and will travel down Moore Street, Henry Street onto Mary Street through to the Markets Area on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th October. The Parade will use the facilities at the Markets to demount the Halloween floats and performers from the parade.

We continue to work through feasibility on all other requests for use as they arise.

The Sinn Féin Party are represented on the Members Advisory Group by Cllr Boylan and the group continues to meet bi-monthly. Next Meeting is scheduled for Nov 17th 2023. I would be happy to facilitate a visit to the building, if the Councillor would like to contact me directly at 0868150598.

Q25 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to **(details supplied)**.

Reply:

Please be advised that 14 of the 15 gullies above were cleaned on 02/10/2023 by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew, the gully @ number (details supplied) was covered by a parked car. No defects were found.

Q26 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to engage with **(details supplied)**

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Services do not provided flower boxes and bollard. These are normally supplied through local area offices.

Q27 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to **(details supplied)**.

Reply:

An enquiry (ref.11144621) has been created & forwarded to Area Inspector for inspection. Any necessary repairs will be carried out thereafter. This will then be added to a list & necessary repairs carried out when a crew is working in the locus.

Q28 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to meet with **(details supplied)**.

Reply:

Can Cllr. McGrattan contact the Area Engineer with a list of concerns the principle of (details supplied) has in terms of traffic related matters at the aforementioned location.

The Area Engineer will assess the Principle's concerns in due course, however Cllr. McGrattan should be aware the Area Engineer has not funding available for any minor civil interventions for the remainder of 2023 and so any works required would have to be added to the 2024 works program.

Q29 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager for plans **(details supplied)**

Reply:

In the coming weeks Parks and Landscape Services will develop a draft preliminary landscape plan for the lands at Mount Bernard Park. This will include consultation with local councillors and residents on the various options proposed.

Q30 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager is there any update **(details supplied)**

Reply:

There is currently no live permission on the site. A refusal of permission for a Strategic Housing Development (SHD0005/22, ABP Ref. TA29N.312859) was issued by An Bord Pleanála in June 2022. A pre-application meeting was held in relation to a development on this site on 23 November 2022. No further meetings have been held and to date no application has been lodged. Please note that details of the pre-app are not publicly available until such time as a planning application is made.

Q31 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to update me on **(details supplied)**

Reply:

It is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to provide lighting in laneways which serve as rear access only. The existing lighting in the laneway between **(details supplied)** that the councillor is referencing, was installed here prior to this policy change, which was introduced over 20 years ago.

There are a number of factors influencing the decision on lighting laneways as detailed below: Factors around the availability of services, access, maintenance and cost are taken into account. Many of these lanes are poorly constructed with no footpaths, poor road surfaces and a lack of available electrical supplies. The siting of columns is also a problem, many of which have to be placed at the boundary of rear gardens of adjacent properties. Raising and lowering columns are required in most instances for ease of future maintenance, these columns can only be supplied via an underground cabling network, which involves significant trenching, ducting and cabling.

The exception is where we are notified that mews houses are being built in a lane and then we try to facilitate getting lighting into a lane.

In line with this policy, there are no plans to install lighting in the laneway between (details supplied)

Q32 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to have (details supplied)

Reply:

The tree at (details supplied) is one of the few mature and healthy trees on this street and is not in need of pruning.

Q33 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to see to the installation of (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Area Engineer does not recommend bollards on the pavement on (details supplied) to prevent illegal parking. It is not current policy to install bollards on pavements when measures are already in place under law.

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) (a) on that side of a section of roadway along the edge of which traffic sign number RRM 008 [double yellow lines] has been provided;

(i) A vehicle shall not be parked on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip.

The pavement on (details supplied) is 1.80m wide, the minimum required under the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). If bollards are installed 0.45m of the kerb edge, will mean leaving a viable space of 1.35m for pedestrians to pass (this is inconvenient for parents with buggies/vulnerable pedestrians) below the minimum pavement width required.

Please note that instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Councils parking enforcement contractor (Ph: 01-602 2500 or Email: parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie), or to the local Gardai, as a matter for enforcement under the Road Traffic Regulations.

Q34 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to report on (**details supplied**)

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Service will provide a report to the Councillor on commitments for outdoor gym equipment at (details supplied).

Q35 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for (**details supplied**)

Reply:

1. Cres are currently carrying out an audit of All Weather pitches under their remit and will look at the perimeter boarding as part of the audit for maintenance.
2. The Area Office will examine the area for weeds and any possible deep cleaning required.

Q36 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for **(Details Attached)**

Reply:

The former suicide plot on Clonliffe road at Ballybough road is owned by JC Decaux. We approached them to locate the Christmas tree at that location and they refused permission as they said it would obscure the lines of sight for the bill boards located there.

Q37 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager why is it the case **(Details Supplied)**

Reply:

Any proposals to convert public footpath space to greening would have to be reviewed and agreed cross departmentally by Roads, Parks, Drainage, Planning and Public Realm etc. Consideration would have to be given to available pedestrian space, maintenance and management. Proposals would also have to be considered in a holistic manner streetwise.

Q38 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager when he expects **(Details Supplied)**

Reply:

Parks services will be carrying out planting maintenance works on Halliday Square over the next couple of months, to prune and thin out the shrubs and hedges to the southern end of the square.

Q39 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to make arrangements for **(Details Supplied)**

Reply:

The Area Supervisor carried out an inspection at this complex and required works including weeding, skutching and power hosing will commence next week.

Painting of walls and varnishing of doors and window frames is for the Paint Squad to assess and the request will be sent over to them to add to their works schedule.

Q40 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager if he is aware that **(Details Attached)**

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services are patrolling Railway Street and are carrying out enforcement action. There were 8 enforcements in September. Instruction will be given to increase patrols and carry out enforcement actions.

Q41 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to examine the potential for **(Details Attached)**

Reply:

A new pedestrian crossing has been installed across Arran Street east at the junction with Mary's Abbey. The councillor will be contacted to determine if there is a different location being sought. The issue of vehicles using the street the wrong way is a matter for the gardaí to enforce.

Q42 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to examine the potential for **(Details Attached)**

Reply:

The area engineer does not recommend any changes to the aforementioned road. This section of East Wall Road has a 50Km/h speed limit, this road is an arterial route for bus services and emergency response vehicles and is traffic calmed with 7 No. speed cushions adequately spaced.

Current traffic guidelines recommended on bus and emergency service routes, state speed cushions rather than speed ramps be provided to facilitate emergency vehicles and safety of bus passengers. This allows the buses and emergency vehicles to straddle the cushions and proceed unhindered without damage to the vehicle.

Q43 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to detail **(Details Supplied)**

Reply:

North East Inner City - The Big Scream Halloween Community Festival

Funded under the **North East Inner City Initiative**, The Big Scream Festival has grown from a one-night event in 2016 to daily community engagement activities throughout the month of October. A six-week harm reduction programme for youth services is underway while schools and childcare organisations are enjoying creative workshops, trips and Dracula encounters. This year's five-day festival will launch on 25th October.

Highlights of this year's Big Scream Festival in Dublin's north east inner city include a haunted house in D-Light Studios, guided ghost walks with 'real' ghosts, a surprise movie matinee in the Seán O'Casey Theatre, themed parties for senior citizen, a Monster Children's Party in Mountjoy Square Park and a Family Fun Day in the newly renovated Diamond Park.

On 31 October, the week-long festival will culminate with a Halloween Carnival on Seán McDermott Street where there will be a sensory hour for children with additional needs. There will also be a funfair on Sheriff Street and a choo-choo road train will bring families along the Royal Canal Greenway where fire entertainers and spooky figures will perform. The cultural programme will feature walking tours as well as illustrated talks, drama and music in Charleville Mall Library with a focus on Bram Stoker's Dracula. Dracula the obvious choice for the theme of the festival.

The Big Scream is a massive community project which is run, managed, and delivered by the community. It was established to deter anti-social behaviour and over the past six years, there have been no reports of criminal damage on Halloween night. The emphasis of the festival is on making Halloween a safe celebration for every family in the area.

www.bigscream.ie

Halloween @ North West Inner City

Planning is underway within Central Area resources to programme a series of Halloween themed community activities and entertainment within City Council Housing complexes. These activities will aim to encourage community participation and engagement in a family friendly environment. Programming of these activities will mainly involve the Housing, Sport & Recreation and Community Development Teams supplemented with external service providers subject to availability of funding.

Further information and details on these local events will be shared with members as soon as they are finalised.

Halloween @ Eastwall:

A week long Halloween Festival will take place in Eastwall from 30th October to 3rd November. This festival has been organised by the local community and voluntary organisations supported by the Central Area Office Community Officers and Recreation Services. The feature event in this festival is a Halloween Night parade and 120m long haunted house located at the playground at Russell Avenue.

Halloween themed events for older adults are also planned as part of this festival.

Halloween @ Mud Island Community Garden:

The Mud Island Garden group are preparing their annual Haunted Halloween Garden event in conjunction with the 2nd Port Sea Scouts.

Halloween @ MACRO Centre:

The MACRO centre is hosting a Halloween event for older adults in the Bolton Street / Green Street Area.

Cabra/Glasnevin

Special events in Killala and Dunard, Cabra, Dublin 7

Killala - We have planned a family friendly event on the swale on Killala Road on the 31st October from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. The swale will be transformed into a mini Halloween fair filled with entertainment, family fun activities, themed décor and walkabout entertainers. A mobile cinema will set up also to show a surprise movie on the night.

Dunard - A similar event is planned for Dunard Green on 31st October from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

Archetype Events Management Co. is working with our Community Development Team and the local residents to deliver both events. There has been very positive engagement by the local communities in the planning of these events.

Cabra Parkside Community Sports Centre

The Cabra Child & Family Support Network in conjunction with DCC staff in the Cabra Parkside Community Sports Centre have arranged a fancy dress disco at the Centre on Halloween night from 6.00pm – 7.30pm for younger children (aged 8-12), with music, DJ, sweets and treats, and lots of fun for all.

An event for older teens is also being planned and further information will issue when details have been finalised.

Halloween Sensory-Friendly Family Event

An Autism Family Friendly event will take place in Cabra Parkside Community Sports Centre on Friday, 27th October from 5.00pm to 7.00pm This event is for children with autism and their families. Sensory toys will be available, an arts and crafts station and Lego Brick Kidz will come and show the children how to use Lego.

Glasnevin

There will be a Halloween party at Clareville Senior Citizens Complex, with music, refreshments and fancy dress for all to enjoy.

Drumcondra

At Lemons Square the Drumcondra Triangle Resident's Association celebrate Halloween by organising a spooky scary walk from Lemons Square. A short route with dressed up locals telling scary stories at a couple of points around the route and of course, sweets and treats for the children.

Phibsboro

At St. Peter's National School and St. Mary's National School, Dorset Street, the young people will be in fancy dress and there will be spooky story telling.

All these events are supported by the Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Team with some members of the team even getting involved in the activities!

Halloween events are diversionary projects getting local people involved, getting families out and interacting but most of all to be enjoyed, have fun and everyone to stay safe.

The Glens Resident's Association, off the Navan Road

This Resident's Association is having a Halloween Celebration on Sunday 29th September, 2023 from 4pm to 6pm. This is taking place at the bottom of Martin Savage Park. Sweets for the young people. Face painting for the children, games and music.

Q44 **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a breakdown of **(Details Attached)**

Reply:

The Five Lamps Public Realm Improvement Scheme includes proposed improvements to public lighting, street paving, street art and furniture to increase the sense of identity in the area. The proposals include the narrowing of carriageways where space exists, and the upgrading and widening of footpaths to create opportunities for greening and place making and improve universal access. Changes to existing traffic flows may also be considered, creating further opportunities to narrow carriageways and create spaces for greening. The public lighting will also be upgraded with energy efficient LED equivalents. Street art such as wall murals may be incorporated on viewpoints to invite and encourage pedestrians to walk through the block. The greening of building gables, tree planting and landscaping of boundaries will link the canal with the block and support its function as a 'green lung' throughout the city block. It is the intention that the proposed public realm works will form a strong and stable urban framework for future development in the area.

Q45 **Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to engage directly **(Details Attached)**

Reply:

The Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 project team has met with residents of (details supplied) at Charleville Mall Library on three occasions so far this year; 2nd June, 3rd July and 14th September. Some of these meetings were also attended by representatives of An Garda Síochána and Waterways Ireland. Over the course of these meetings, the residents highlighted numerous anti-social behaviour issues that occur in the area. They also highlighted other public realm problems, such as public lighting levels and road drainage.

In order to ameliorate these issues, the number of drainage gullies on the street is being increased from four to seven. The greenway construction contractor is also providing temporary lighting near the library to discourage congregation in that area at night. Permission has also been obtained from the Parks and Landscape Services Division to prune the street trees, which will improve visibility in the area, as well as improving the effectiveness of the existing public lighting. Pruning works are expected to take place later this month.

At the most recent meeting the project landscape architects, Áit Urbanism + Landscape Ltd, attended in order to listen to the concerns of the residents regarding the public realm. They intend to incorporate solutions to these concerns into the final public realm design insofar as is reasonably practicable. The residents will be invited to a further meeting in order to inform them of the completed design in the coming weeks.

Q46 **Councillor Deborah Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager to outline **(Details Supplied)**

Reply:

The Councillor will be, if happy to do so, contacted directly in relation to the first part of the question to ensure the information requested is correctly supplied.

In relation to the second part, a full response will be made available for the next meeting as there are a number of section to be contacted to provide a full response.

Q47 **Councillor Deborah Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for (details supplied)

Reply:

Local Authority housing tenants do have access to composting facilities via Civic Amenities, which are run on behalf of Dublin City Council by contractors. Currently there are three of these facilities at the following locations:

1. NCOD Ballymun
2. Shamrock Terrace
3. Pigeon House Road

The cost for a small caddy is €2 and for a larger bag is €4.

Q48 **Councillor Deborah Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager to (details supplied)

Reply:

The Environment & Transportation Department will arrange for 6no. cycle parking spaces to be installed on Gardiner Street near the St Francis Xavier Church.

Q49 **Councillor Deborah Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager regarding (details supplied)

Reply:

To whom it may concern,

We have recently completed a detailed survey and a structural assessment of Sheriff Street Lifting Bridge.

The structural assessment was carried out to assess any structural damage to the bridge and to assess the current condition of the elements and components of the bridge.

The main items that ROD were asked to provide feedback on were;

- Assess the feasibility of disassembling the superstructure in sections for removal offsite for renovation;
- Carry out an M&E survey of existing opening span machinery from ground level;
- Develop a report presenting a methodology for the dismantling and relocation of the Spencer Bridge for refurbishment and preservation purposes

We are currently in the process of reviewing the findings of the survey and the report. As a result of this review we would hope to be in a position to assess in greater detail the options available to us to carry out any necessary remedial works to the bridge and its

structure and to assess any future works that are required and any approximate costs associated with this work.

Q50 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

Reply:

In applications wherein an applicant may have additional needs, they can make contact with Housing Allocations and Transfers by phone or by uploading their documents or queries through the Citizen Hub. They can also make an appointment to come into the office and speak with a Housing Advisor. To make an appointment they can phone 2222201 (phone lines open daily 2pm – 5pm) and arrange accordingly.

An applicant can also nominate another individual to represent them with regards to making queries about their housing application, they will need to contact Housing Allocations and inform them of same, where it will be noted on their file.

Q51 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that **(details supplied)**

Reply:

This location has been added to a list and will be considered for 2024 works programme. Please note that we prioritise the worse conditions due to the backlog list of roads that need to be done and budget limitation.

Q52 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he will have **(details supplied)**

Reply:

This area will be cleaned of weeds in the next couple of weeks.

Q53 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for (details supplied)

Reply:

Dublin City Council does not have a permanent Air Quality Monitoring Station in that immediate location.

Indicative Nitrogen Dioxide monitoring can be carried out using diffusion tubes. The tubes can be placed in the location for one month and the results obtained by laboratory analysis. More information about this can be found by accessing the below link.

<https://www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/air/diffusion-tube-results/>

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will carry out this survey and the results can be made available. Updates can be provided by Paul Rutherford, Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer

Q54 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area manager for a definitive statement (details supplied)

Reply:

In relation to bus stop 617 and 4384 and the geometric constraints query the report as published on the Scheme website summarises best as to the rationale as to why bus stop no. 617 and 4384 are not proposed to be replaced as part of the Clontarf to City Centre Scheme.

<https://admin.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2023-06/Design%20Considerations%20for%20Bus%20Stop%20Ref.%20617%20and%204384%20-%20Update.pdf>

Any reference to geometric constraints contained in the relevant reports or related correspondence is intended to identify that there is not enough space to fit the desired (i) bus island, (ii) cycle-track and (iii) footway at the particular locations on North Strand Road. These three items are required elements for any bus stop to be retained / constructed along the new segregated cycle scheme route. Bus stop locations were identified where space existed for each of the three elements.

- As per the relevant report for bus stop 617 matters relating to the available space include;
 - The location at bus stop 617 is restricted on one side by Strandville Avenue and by private landings and a vehicular access / dishing on the other side. The size of the preferred bus platform would therefore need to be considerably reduced as a result of the limited available space. This reduced platform raises safety concerns that if a group were to congregate at the stop or alight from a bus that (i) the proximity of the bus stop to the Strandville Avenue junction would be a concern and also (ii) the potential for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists would be greatly increased given the restricted platform space.
 - The maximum length of the full height bus kerb that can be installed at this location is approximately 13m and as such only one bus can stop at this stop and allow passengers to board/alight at a time. With buses queuing to gain access to the stop it is likely to lead to bus delays. The delays caused by the queuing will affect journey times and reliability, resulting in operational difficulties, particularly during peak hours
- Also with respect to bus stop 4384;
 - Unlike bus stop 617 on the inbound side, there is no property setback space available for use by the Scheme Designers at bus stop 4384 on the outbound side. Therefore, once the segregated cycle-track and footway is accounted for there is no space remaining to construct any form of bus stop at this location. Without considering the new cycle-track and bus island or footway the existing bus stop shelter already occupies a large portion of the existing footway. This is the geometric constraint on the outbound side of the road. If bus stop 4384 were to be retained additional space for a cycle-track and a bus island would be required. This space is unfortunately not available.

Q55 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager when **(details supplied)**

Reply:

These areas will have the weeds removed in the next couple of weeks.

Q56 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager **(details supplied)**

Reply:

Clonmel Enterprises Limited are Contracted by Dublin City Council to construct the Clontarf to City Centre Project, and during the site set up period, requested the use of the 'Readymix site' for the use as a site compound, specifically for a site office, storage space, car parking and to provide staff facilities, so that they could complete the project in an efficient manner, thus helping to reduce construction timelines in the local area.

There are plans for the future use of this site for housing by the Housing and Community Services Department, therefore the site is to be vacated in advance of such construction. In keeping with the Council's policies to facilitate development the licence will expire towards the end of this year (ie December 2023), which will not conflict with the timelines for the proposed housing development on the site.

In order to facilitate development there is no consideration with respect to monies paid.

For reference, below is some additional information provided previously.

There are many benefits to this City Council Project by locating a compound convenient to the works area, which is facilitating greater efficiency and the progression of the Project. Some of the benefits can be summarised as

- minimised construction vehicle movements in the local area due to shorter haulage lengths,
- storage of materials close to the works, such as stone, kerbing, manhole covers etc,
- it also allows the stockpiling of materials thus reducing the risk of delays in supply chain.
- Security of the site is passed from DCC to the Contractor, and as such they have installed a motion camera system, to detect any breaches
- Having the site in use also prevents any possible anti-social behaviour if it was not occupied.

Q57 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to detail **(details supplied)**

Reply:

A detailed response will issue in the coming weeks

Q58 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager to detail (details supplied)

Reply:

A search of the planning system was carried out for all applications received in 2023 for residential developments including Part V. There are currently three applications for (details supplied):

Plan ref: 3265/23, 3725/23, 3859/23

Plan Ref: 3265/23 includes Part V units

Address: Lands located at the junction of East Wall Road and Alfie Byrne Road, East Wall, Dublin 3, D03 F2H3

Decision of Final Grant Issued: 18th July 2023

Proposal:

The proposal comprises amendments to a permitted development (Reg. Ref. 3091/20). The development will consist of the change of use from six permitted office units (c. 1,524 sqm) to 18 no. apartments (9 no. 1-bed 6 no. 2-bed and 3 no. 3-bed units) on the first to third floors of Block B, the provision of a private balcony to all 18 apartments and associated elevation changes, the removal of the stair core and lift located to the west Block B inclusion of a bike store for 20 no. bicycles and all associated works to facilitate the proposed development.

Q59 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager if (details supplied)

Reply:

The LGMA is considering a draft protocol in relation to social housing tenants participating in the Accommodation Recognition Payment scheme for hosting refugees. Dublin City Council is awaiting their direction in this regard. The LGMA has advised that the matter is with their legal team and they do not have a timeline for when they will issue further advice. Dublin City Council has had a very small number of tenants enquiring about participating in the scheme.

Q60 Councillor Nial Ring

In noting that over 30 Approved Housing Bodies provide and manage over 1,300 housing units in the Central Area, can the Area Manager confirm (details supplied)

Reply:

Housing authorities have an administrative role in the operation of the Capital Funding Schemes for approved housing bodies. AHB's are required to comply with legal, governance, compliance, regulatory and grant/funding requirements when submitting applications for funding for social housing through the AHB units in DCC. All applications for funding are subject to oversight from Capital Advance Leasing Facility unit and Capital Assistance Scheme units in DCC Housing Department & the DLG & H. AHB's are also subject to oversight from the Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority. The Regulator assesses and monitors compliance by AHB's in line with legislation, financial viability, and governance, property and asset management, tenancy management and compliance and performance standards. The Approved Housing Body Regulator (AHBRA) has statutory powers to implement the regulatory framework including the registration of AHBs, the setting of standards, monitoring and assessing compliance with the standards including standards in the financial management and the effective governance of AHB's.

Q61 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The Environment & Transportation Department will arrange for 6no. cycle parking spaces to be installed on (details supplied).

Q62 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to remove **(details supplied)**

Reply:

(details supplied) missing a Clearway Sign, this was replaced today 04/10/23.
Outside No. 19, Arran Quay was missing a Blue Arrow Straight-ahead Sign, this was replaced today 04/10/23.

(detail supplied)– this pole was obsolete and removed today 04/10/23

(details supplied)– this pole was obsolete and removed today 04/10/23.

Q63 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

Reply:

The site beside (details supplied) is not on the Vacant Sites Register and will be considered for the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) when the annual map is published in 2024. The RZLT was introduced in the Finance Act 2021 and will replace the Vacant Site Levy over the coming years. The objective of the tax is to activate land that is serviced and zoned for residential use or mixed use, including residential use, in order to increase housing supply and to ensure regeneration of vacant and idle lands in urban locations. If land is included on the final RZLT map the owner must make an RZLT tax return by May 2025.

The RZLT is an annual tax that is calculated at 3% of the market value of land within its scope.

Q64 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager whether there is (detail supplied)

Reply:

The APAS planning system requires a specific site location to enable Dublin City Council to determine if planning permission exists. In the absence of a specific site address I have provided details of an application below which I believe is related to the site in question (determined from the photograph provided).

Details of the plans are available online and can be accessed on the www.dublincity.ie website by using the link and planning reference indicated below;

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dublincity>

Proposal:

PROTECTED STRUCTURE: Permission sought for amendments to previously granted planning permission under DCC Reg Ref No. 3977/15 for a revised staff city garden to include the omission of the "green facade" and minor changes to previously approved landscaping layout and all associated site works which will include hard and soft landscaping elements to provide a staff garden with paving, planters, seating, pavilion shelter and associated elements, perimeter wall/railing (up to 2.4m high) with controlled vehicular and pedestrian gates (at current location of gate opening onto Jervis Lane Lower and a new pedestrian gate onto Wolfe Tone Street) to include provision of reduction in the number of car parking spaces from 7no. to 4no. and covered cycle parking for an increased number of cycle parking spaces from 26no. to 78no. along with proposed new development of 2 no. facade parapet mounted internal halo illuminated signs and a temporary window vinyl sign at first floor above the revolving main entrance door with all to the eastern facade of No's 39-45 and No's 46-52 Wolfe Tone Street (facing onto Wolfe Tone Square) measuring 4.49sqm each and 1no. high level wall mounted internal LED illuminated sign to the southern facade of No's 46-52 Wolfe Tone Street measuring 9sqm. The above development is located between No's 39-53 Wolfe Tone Street, Dublin 1 on premises known as Wolfe Tone House signed AXA Insurance dac. The facade of No's 39-45 Wolfe Tone Street, Dublin 1 are listed on the Dublin City Council Record of Protected Structures - Ref 8663.

Q65 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

Reply:

Parks, Landscape & Biodiversity Services are working in partnership with the Protection of Water Bodies Office (PWBO) to implement a traffic calming and Sustainable Urban Drainage scheme (SuDS) pilot on Montpelier Hill, D7. Montpelier Hill is an important East-West route and has been identified as a candidate for tree planting and traffic calming as part of the Stoneybatter Greening Strategy. There are significant traffic issues on this street that residents, Cllrs, and Minister Pascal Donohoe requested are addressed as part of works proposal.

Parks have engaged road engineers Atkins to detail the layout to address road and traffic issues such as speeding, unsafe/narrow footpaths, wide road with no designated crossing points, unregulated parking, congestion, and visibility at the road's east end, at the junction with Arbour Hill to improve walking and cycling facilities along this route.

The proposed traffic calming and Sustainable Drainage Scheme design for Montpelier Hill is currently being updated by Atkins engineers following non-statutory public engagement feedback received via Citizen Space portal and a public meeting held with residents on July 18th.

The scheme will be finalised in review with DCC's technical departments, Traffic Department, Protection of Water Bodies Office)

Screenings for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) have been carried out and recommended that both an EIA report and AA are not required for Montpelier Hill.

DCC Planning concur with this assessment and that the project is exempted development under Section 4(1)(e) and Section 179(6)(bb) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Thus, consent from the Traffic executive managed has been requested to implement works on Montpelier Hill under the provisions of the Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994.

The final scheme design will be subject to the cost estimate securing funding and a procurement process. We intend to progress to the project construction stage in the first quarter of 2024

Q66 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager for a progress report on (details supplied)

Reply:

The Area Office are managing the North Inner City Projects for the Community Recognition Fund. We are liaising with community groups and the Department of rural and Community Development. If there is one particular project that is of interest you can make contact with the Area Office.

Q67 **Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll**

To ask the manager to action (**details supplied**)

Reply:

This gated laneway is not in charge and doesn't come under our remit.