



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2023**

1 **With reference to the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2023.**

ORDER: Agreed.

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

ORDER: Noted.

3 **With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 39 Shelmalier Road, East Wall, Dublin 3.**

ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

4 **With reference to the disposal of the fee simple at 123A Ventry Park, Cabra, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Agreed: Recommend to City Council.

5 **With reference to a Naming and Numbering proposal for a development at Blackhorse Avenue Industrial Estate, Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7.**

ORDER: Agreed.

6 **With reference to Motions to the Area Managers.**

Emergency Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McAdam

That the Area Committee expects to receive the Consultative Report arising from the local engagement on the interim North Circular Road cycle scheme, with particular focus on Hanlon's Corner and the specific upgrade between Dorset Street and Summerhill Parade. It is not acceptable that this report, first promised back in July, has still not being shared with local Councillors and this Area Committee calls upon the Active Travel Unit to make a presentation on the issue sharing details of the consultative report, either to a special meeting of Area Councillors, or at the December meeting of the Central Area Committee.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 1

Motion in the names of Councillor Janet Horner and Councillor Deborah Byrne

This committee calls on the Council to prepare plans for the purchase of Aldborough House and bringing it back into use for community gain and regeneration of the wider area.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 2**Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

This Committee agrees to seek a report on the whole area around the markets regarding car parking on Saturday and Sunday, as residents have made complaints regarding the volume of cars parking in the area.

Also we request that a street plan & safety traffic plan, for Beresford Street, be put in place, as soon as possible, due to HGVs driving up and down this small street. This is causing great concern to local residents

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 3**Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this committee calls on the Archbishop of Dublin to oppose the down grading of St Mary's Pro Cathedral Dublin 1

I am aware that the Archbishop has had meetings with the public in the Westland Row area and discussions have taken place regarding this issue.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 4**Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

In noting that the Per Cent for Art Scheme could potentially provide up to one million Euro for Arts Projects along the Clontarf to City Centre Cycle route (depending on the final cost - budget is €63m but will be exceeded), the members of this committee once again reiterate our support for some financial compensation fund to be set up to compensate local businesses along the Clontarf to City Centre cycle route, who have seen a fall in business of over 30% on average during the works. People's livelihoods should come before art.

ORDER: Agreed with amendment proposed by Cllr. Ray McAdam and therefore calls the Chief Executive on how such a scheme could be implemented and share the outline of the same scheme in Dec CAC meeting.

Item 5**Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That the members of this committee welcome the recently published Final Report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Autism, and request the Area Manager ensures that the Central Area commits to implementing, insofar as possible and practicable, the recommendations of the committee pertaining to autism friendly social housing, autism friendly public buildings such as libraries, as well as autism friendly public spaces such as parks, playgrounds etc.

ORDER: Agreed.

Item 6**Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That the members of this committee place on record our appreciation of the invaluable, selfless and tremendous work done in the area by Brian Mongey, as well as his commitment and dedication to the area and the city, and wish him well in his retirement.

ORDER: Agreed

Item 7**Motion in the name of Councillor Deborah Byrne**

That the entrance to the Clonliffe church lands from Clonliffe Road be reopened so that

the public can have access to the traditional walkways and the Tolka.

ORDER: Agreed.

- 7 **With reference to the Baile Bogáin Local Area Plan, Chief Executive's Report on the Submissions received on the Pre-draft public consultation issues paper.**

ORDER: Report Noted.

- 8 **With reference to Greening the City update.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 9 **With reference to initiation of Part 8 for Martin Savage Park.**

ORDER: Report noted. With following amendment proposed by Cllr. Declan Meenagh.

That along with noting this report, the Central Area Committee agrees that a meeting of residents concerned about flooding will take place and that a report listing questions and answers is included on the Central Area Agenda when the part 8 returns

- 10 **With reference to the Liffey Street Public Realm Scheme progress report.**

ORDER: Report noted.

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

ORDER: Reports noted.

- 12 **With reference to the Traffic Advisory Group minutes.**

ORDER: Reports noted.

- 13 **With reference to Sports in the Central Area.**

ORDER: Report noted.

- 14 **With reference to the North East Inner City Initiative.**

ORDER: Report noted.

Cllr. Séamas McGrattan

Chairperson

14th November 2023

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Declan Meenagh
Christy Burke

Janet Horner
Cat O'Driscoll
Nial Ring

Deborah Byrne
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Veronica Hand
Derek Dixon

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Cllr. Mannix Flynn

Rhys Mooney

Aidan O'Brien

November Central Area Committee Meeting
Questions to Area Manager

Q1 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Area Manager to consider (**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.

Q2 **Councillor Christy Burke**

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

Reply:

Housing Maintenance local area depot have completed all works for tenant.

Q3 **Councillor Christy Burke**

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

Reply:

Dublin City Council are aware of the items raised in relation to the removal of bus stops on North Strand Road, specifically at Strandville Avenue and Bayview Avenue. The C2CC Project Team are in discussion with the National Transport Authority (NTA), and over the next few months all potential options are being investigated and assessed. When this assessment is complete, a report on the findings and changes, if any, will be forwarded the Area Committee Members.

Q4 **Councillor Christy Burke**

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

Reply:

The contractor called to the property on the 17/10/23, the tenant's daughter answered the door and said she knew nothing about any leak. He left his contact details with her but hasn't heard back since. He tried to make contact again this morning (08/11) and couldn't get an answer, he also texted and is awaiting a reply.

Q5 **Councillor Christy Burke**

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

Reply:

Housing Maintenance local area depot have completed all works for tenant.

Q6 **Councillor Christy Burke**

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

Reply:

The Clontarf to City Centre Scheme Project Team observed on Friday 13th October that some alterations could be made to the pedestrian layout at the bottom of Waterloo Avenue.

These adjustments were completed on Friday the 13th of October. The matter has been shared with the wider Project Team who shall continue to monitor pedestrian access going forward.

Q7 **Councillor Christy Burke**

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

Reply:

Waste Management Service had the above mentioned location washed and cleaned on the 1st November 2023.

Q8 **Councillor Christy Burke**

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

Reply:

The units at (details supplied) are being refurbished on a phase basis as agreed with the Local Area Office. The next phase of 13 units are due for completion on the 15th December 2023.

Q9 **Councillor Christy Burke**

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

Reply:

The roof was leaking into a number of properties in Georges Place. A hoist is required to carry out repair works to the roof and this has been booked in for 9th November, and all repairs will be carried out then.

Q10 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager to prioritise (**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.

Q11 **Councillor Janet Horner**

To ask the Area Manager for a full list (**details supplied**)

Reply:

Waste Management Service are not in a position to provide such a list. We keep track of the total number of litter bins. At the end of 2021 we had 3352 litter bins. At the end of 2022 we had 3388 litter bins. At this time in 2023 we have 3421 litter bins.

Q12 **Councillor Janet Horner**

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

Reply:

The Planning GIS system indicates that there are no current planning applications relating to the Clonliffe College site. The most recent pre-application meeting was held in October 2020. The record of any relevant S.247 pre-application meetings including details of attendees and key issues raised shall be placed on the public planning file should a relevant planning application be submitted in due course.

Q13 Councillor Janet Horner

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

Reply:

The sites on Sackville Avenue and Croke Villas are included in PPP Bundle 4. Detailed design is ongoing and a number of surveys are ongoing to inform this phase. The programme for the PPP Bundle 4 sets out the initiation of planning in Q1 2024.

The use of these spaces as community garden is not feasible in this instance due to ongoing ground investigation surveys. Furthermore there is a bi-annual treatment of the invasive species that were identified onsite. This treatment plan will continue up until construction commences, currently scheduled for Q3 2025.

Q14 Councillor Janet Horner

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

Reply:

The Mountjoy Square Park redevelopment project is progressing. The exterior boundary plinth wall and railings conservation works are currently on site.

While these works are underway, Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services projects team, is engaging in the required conservation research and surveying for the overall parks refurbishment, with an aim to meet with local stakeholders and residents in the near future, in preparation of a Part 8 submission.

Project funding sources are through the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). Project costs and time lines will be predictable, once public and local engagement processes are complete and the scope and extents of the project are agreed.

Q15 Councillor Janet Horner

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

Reply:

Saint Mary's Road North is located within a 30km/h speed zone. The area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone. There is a sign installed at the entry points to self-contained housing estates where a 30 km/h speed limit is being implemented and a 'Slow Zone' is being created in the City. This sign warns drivers they are within a residential area and expect children playing. The road is currently traffic calmed with 1 No. Speed cushion.

Recently SLOW road markings were recommended on the aforementioned road. Generally when considering traffic calming measures, those roads without any vertical deflection (speed ramps/cushions) are considered a priority over roads which are currently traffic calmed.

Q16 Councillor Janet Horner

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

Reply:

Cycle parking will be included in the School Zone.

Q17 Councillor Janet Horner

To ask the Area Manager to include (**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.

Q18 Councillor Janet Horner

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

Reply:

Light no. 1 was reported out of order on St. Mary's Road. This has been repaired and should be working normally now. A night check was carried out on the street and no other lights were detected not lighting.

Q19 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager what is the number of staff (**details supplied**)

Reply:

It is not possible to provide details of waste management staff working in any electoral areas for this or previous years as waste management staff are not assigned duties based on any one electoral area. Instead waste management staff based in our depots routinely provide services across a number of electoral areas based on existing schedules or needs. The Cabra Glasnevin LEA is provided with services from a number of cleansing depots at different times of the day and night. Eg. staff from the new North City Operations Depot provide services at night but these same staff also service the whole of the City Centre North and Southside, public domain staff service this area but also service the whole of the north side. Other staff in other depots may also service this area to one degree or another on different shifts or at different times of the day and evening. This has been the practice for many years now and no accurate figures could be given on numbers dealing specifically with Cabra Glasnevin LEA over any of these years.

At present, there is a total of 509 operational staff working in waste management operations at all levels and an additional 35 staff working on the administrative side of the provision of waste management services.

Q20 Councillor Declan Meenagh

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

Reply:

The Animal Welfare & Control Unit operates under the Control of Horses 1996 Act for the Dublin City Council administrative area. All members of the unit are authorised under Section 3 of the Act to issue licences, penalties and arrange for the seizure of any horse found to be in breach of Section 18 – *Prohibition on keeping the horse without horse licence* or Section 27 – *Obligation to remove unlicensed horses found in public places*. Over the past 5 years 11 horses were seized in the Central Area. Please see table below for details.

Year	Number of seizures
2023	4
2022	0
2021	1
2020	2
2019	4
Total	11

The Unit consist of the following staff:

ANIMAL WELFARE UNIT STAFFING

Animal Welfare Staff	Status
Administration	
Administrative Officer	Post Filled
Staff Officer	Post Filled
Assistant Staff Officer	Post Filled
Clerical Officer	Post Filled
Operations	
Animal Welfare Inspector	Post Filled
Assistant Inspector	Post Filled
Temporary Dog Warden	Post Filled
5 Animal Wardens	Interview process commencing 15 th November

In addition to this complement the Council also contracts with a third party supplier for the seizure and shelter of horses within the administrative area.

Q21 Councillor Janet Horner

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

Reply:

Local Electoral Area: Cabra / Glasnevin and North Inner City

The breakdown of electors currently on the register for the LEA's of Cabra/ Glasnevin and North East Inner City as of 08/11/2023 is broken down as follows:

LEA	Presidential	Dáil	EU	Local	Potential EU	Dáil/EU	Total
Cabra/Glasnevin	34,706	557	157	817	713	0	36,950
North East Inner City	23,781	693	171	1,713	1,606	0	27,964

Number of entries removed from the register

Removal of Electors from the register for the LEA's of Cabra/ Glasnevin and North East Inner City since 01/01/2023 to 08/11/2023 is broken down as follows:

LEA	Death	Duplication	On request	Relocated	Third party claim letter	Total
Cabra/Glasnevin	322	16	50	81	1	470
North East Inner City	175	15	19	102	0	311

Number of entries added to the register broken down by LEA and voter elector type

Addition of Electors to the register for the LEA's of Cabra / Glasnevin and North Inner City since 01/01/2023 to 08/11/2023 is broken down is as follows:

LEA	Presidential	Dáil	EU	Local	Potential EU	Dáil/EU	Total
Cabra/Glasnevin	904	13	4	100	0	0	1021
North East Inner City	611	31	1	180	0	0	823

Since the Electoral Reform Act 2022 Dublin City Council's Franchise section actively encourages more citizens to register to vote by attending or hosting registration drives throughout the year. These include;

- Dublin wide www.voter.ie campaign ran during the month of September 2023, targeting younger voters aged 16 & 17 yrs to pre-register, encourage new electors and inform existing voters to update their details online or by an ERF1 form.
- Attended TUD Bolton Street & Grangegorman Colleges during fresher's week, Sept 2023
- Sent Transition year registration packs to all secondary schools in the Dublin City Area in August 2023, this includes 17 secondary schools in the Cabra/Glasnevin & North Inner City LEA's.
- Due to attend a Voter Education Conference with Dublin Adult Literary Centre and the Electoral Commission in Brunswick Street North, D7, 24th November 2023.
- Currently working on targeting new estates in the Rathborne Boulevard, Ashtown area with an ERF1 registration drop.

Q22 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to cut grass verges on (**details supplied**)

Reply:

There are no grass verges located.

Q23 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to install more bins at (**details supplied**) and surrounding streets

Reply:

Waste Management Service wouldn't be in favour of installing bins, as it is a residential area with no shops there. There are bins at both end of this road beside the GAA club one end and at the Luas station at the other end.

Q24 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to look at re-surfacing the road at (**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 long list of roads that need to be done and budget limitation.

Q25 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to clear the drains outside (**details supplied**)

Reply:

A crew member visited the above address twice on 06/11/2023 and both times the gully was covered by a parked car. They will try again in the coming days.

The gullies in this area were last inspected on 31/07/23. 7 of the 8 gullies were cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew. The gully outside was covered by a parked car. No defects were found in the gullies inspected.

Q26 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to empty the bin at (**details supplied**) on a more regular basis, as it is often overflowing

Reply:

Waste Management Service will ensure that the above mentioned bin is emptied on a regular basis.

Q27 Councillor Declan Meenagh

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

Reply:

According to our records, these trees are not due for scheduled pruning works until 2024/25, at the earliest. An inspection will be carried out in the coming weeks for inclusion in next year's works programme, all tree works are carried out on a prioritised basis, subject to available budget.

Q28 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to prioritise **(details supplied)** in investigating illegal dumping

Reply:

The litter wardens for the area have been removing illegally dumped waste from this area on a regular basis. The Litter Enforcement Manager has also written to a number of premises in the area identified as a potential source of the illegal dumping and requested they provide proof of their waste arrangements. Fines have been issued for failing to do so. The litter wardens will continue to remove bags for investigation and try to identify who is responsible. The Litter Enforcement Manager has been in touch with the landlords for a block of apartments located in the area. Investigations are ongoing regarding proof of the waste arrangements

Q29 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that lights are fixed at **(details supplied)**

Reply:

A special night check will be carried out on the lighting in the area. Any street lights found to be out of order will be repaired. With regard to the parapet lights, itself these are feature lights that do not provide the general lighting levels on the bridge. We are aware that some of these feature lights are not working and are currently looking for suitable replacements. It is very unlikely that suitable replacements will be available before Christmas because of long lead in times

Q30 Councillor Declan Meenagh

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the traffic lights at **(details supplied)** and when they will be operational

Reply:

These lights were switched on approaching mid-night of the 26th of October 2023.

Q31 Councillor Darcy Lonergan

To ask the Area Manager if she would consider placing a traffic light **(details supplied)**

Reply:

Provision of pedestrian crossings on all three arms of this junction has been included on the Programme for Pedestrian and Zebra Crossings to be installed in 2024.

Q32 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for an update in relation to **(details supplied)**

Reply:

Total expenditure on this project is currently in the order of **€807,478.53** a breakdown of which is as follows

6 murals Murals on 1 Ben Edair Road, 21 Malachi Road,
Aughrim Street Scouts Hall, Viking Place & Manor Street
maintenance of mural on Viking Place
Meadow and tree planting on Drumalee
Tree planting on Arbour Hill

Landscaping improvements at Halliday Square
Altona Tree pits (area office)
Montpelier Drive Planting
Lucky lane pits
Stoneybatter Green new edge & planting
Tree planting on Ostman Place, Harold Road & Viking Place
Montpelier Gardens Play Space

Tree planting Sigurd, Niall & Muragh
Tree planting on Swords
Drumalee Tree planting
Tree purchase
Arbour Hill Rain Garden 1st Payment

Communication & leaflet drops

Strategy writing
Survey associated with above - GPR& OS
Consultancy - Engineers, Landscape
Cleaning
Communication leaflet & Delivery

Q33 Councillor Nial Ring

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

Reply: A response will issues in the coming days

Q34 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager, in relation to **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The budget for the *Clontarf to City Centre Scheme* is provided by the NTA. The approved scheme budget remains at €62m and the Project Team are working within this allocated budget.

Q35 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the works being carried out at **(details supplied)**

Reply:

DCC's Roadworks Control section granted a temporary road closure licence commencing 20th June 2023, with a validity period until 1st September 2023, to facilitate Royal Canal Greenway works on Charleville Mall. During the course of the works, the contractor encountered unforeseen ground conditions that necessitated additional works to extant road drainage and where localised areas of

the road construction make-up were found to be sub-standard and required new full-depth reconstruction. These additional works necessitated an extension to the original road closure licence as traffic management arrangements had to remain in place for public safety reasons. An extension until 31st October 2023 was granted on 30th August.

However, the contractor subsequently requested a further extension to the temporary road closure licence on 20th October due to material supply issues. They were unable to source a sufficient supply of concrete paving slabs to complete footpath resurfacing works to the Charleville Mall south side footpath. The contractor endeavoured to source slabs from alternative suppliers without success. Whilst an alternative brand of paving slab could be sourced, they did not match those already laid and were therefore deemed unsuitable. A further extension of the road closure to 17th November 2023 was immediately sought and was granted on 24th October.

A consignment of paving slabs are scheduled to be delivered to site on Monday 6th November. They will then be installed over the following two working weeks and Charleville Mall will be reopened to vehicular traffic by close of business on Friday 17th November. Pedestrian access along Charleville Mall was never closed during any stage of the works.

Works to the northern footpath of Charleville Mall are due to resume when footpath resurfacing works have been completed on the southern footpath. Northside footpath works are scheduled to be completed in Q1 2024. These works will necessitate ongoing closure of the northern footpath. Works to the canal towpath between Saint Vincent's Primary School and Clarke's Bridge, currently closed to the public, will not be completed until Q2 – Q3 2024.

Works to Charleville Mall / North Strand Road junction will be undertaken as part of the Clontarf to City Centre project in Q1 2024.

Q36 **Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Area Manager to detail what response was given to **(details supplied)**

Reply:

OUR PROPOSALS

1. The problem with the railings was they were providing a secure place for all types of anti-social behavior behind them. Removing them and opening up a huge seating area will be a magnet for all types of anti-social behavior at all hours of the day and night. Perhaps the solution is to close off access behind them by adding another gate where they begin across from the library.
2. No grass. This will be a huge maintenance problem and it will be full of dog poo, cans, broken glass and litter.
3. Relook at Newcomen Bridge Junction. This junction is incredibly busy. It makes no sense to make this space a lot smaller for pedestrians.
4. Security cameras that are accessible to the gardai are needed on the street.
5. Parking on the Mall needs to be retained.
6. The slope on the road facing the houses needs to change as it will bring more water in to our basements which are already suffering from excessive damp.
7. All seats were removed on Charleville Mall. There are none on the new cycle path. There is a reason for this.
8. Dog poo containment is totally inadequate and there needs to be more bins.
9. The Adventure Project was a huge success. We have been asking for it to be brought back. Kids kayaking on the canal was so positive for the area.
10. Spend your money on cleaning up the graffiti eg on Clarke's Bridge which is a supposed to be a protected structure.

Active Travel responses to Charleville Mall Residents' proposals (as above)

1. Waterways Ireland, who are the land owners of the canal towpath, have insisted that this area of towpath is to be opened up to the public to help tackle anti-social behaviour. A new set of steps is to be constructed, linking the tow path with the higher level public footpath near Lock 1. The high-level railing is to be reduced in height to 1.1m above the footpath level. New public lighting will be installed along with a new CCTV system. The extant trees have been pruned, thereby improving lighting conditions. All of these measures will increase passive surveillance along this part of the towpath.
2. The landscaping plans along the north side of Charleville Mall have been altered on foot of Charleville Mall residents' concerns. Soft landscaping will be replaced with a porous hard landscape – resin bound granular surfacing material, apart from a small localised area of soft landscape to the surrounding area of a storm damaged tree that is being replaced with a new tree.
3. The northside footpath at the junction with North Strand Road needs to be reduced in width to facilitate a new Toucan signalised road crossing on North Strand Road. The crossing must be located here to tie-in the existing cycle track / footpath on the east side of North Strand Road. The Charleville Mall junction with North Strand Road will be a pedestrian priority junction where vehicles must give way to crossing pedestrians.
4. A new CCTV system is being installed as part of the project works.
5. On-street parking on Charleville Mill will be retained. However, prior to the commencement of the project there was widespread illegal parking on pedestrian areas along the street. This will no longer be possible with the introduction of bollards for pedestrian safety.

6. It is not feasible to reverse the road's existing cross fall due to the impact that would have on kerb and footpath levels on the entire road. The costs to implement the proposal would also be prohibitive. However, additional road gullies have been installed along the south side of the road to ensure effective and efficient removal of surface water from the road catchment area.
7. Two seating benches were proposed for the plaza area on the north side of Charleville Mall, across from the library. However, these benches have been de-scoped from the project works on foot of the concerns raised by Charleville Mall residents.
8. Litter and other maintenance matters along the tow path to be included in a service level agreement between DCC and Waterways Ireland.
9. Leisure activities such as the Adventure Project are beyond the scope of the Royal Canal Greenway project, and is a matter which should be directed towards Waterways Ireland. DCC recently had the graffiti removed from the east side of Clarke's Bridge

Q37 Councillor Nial Ring

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

Reply:

Bernard Seymour Landscape Architects have been selected to oversee all aspects of the Russell Avenue Park refurbishment, from Stage 1 through to Stage 5. The project has been allocated a budget of €450,000.00

Currently, the design team is actively engaged in conducting desktop studies and site surveys in preparation for the park's refurbishment. In the near future, they will engage with the public to gather valuable input and feedback

Q38 Councillor Nial Ring

To ask the Area Manager if there has been a notable increase in dumping along **(details supplied)**

Reply:

It will be very difficult for Clonmel Enterprises to ensure that no dumping take place along this route during the work. Illegal dumping is prevalent across the city and something the city council fights to resolve each day.

If the dumping is being thrown into the areas blocked off by the fences, DCC will have no access. Therefore, Clonmel Enterprises will be required to remove and dispose of it appropriately.

I will contact Clonmel Enterprises and ask them to outline their waste management plan for the duration of the work.

Q39 Councillor Nial Ring

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

Reply:

A response will issues in the coming days

Q40 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for a public realm plan be drawn up and initiated for **(details supplied)**

Reply:

Two lights, P6 and P7, were reported out of order in St. Bricin's Park. These have been repaired and should be working normally now.

Q41 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for a maintenance plan be initiated in the **(details supplied)**

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer will inspect the community centre in the next couple of days. All outstanding maintenance works will be carried out.

Q42 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager and Parks department to **(details supplied)**

Reply:

Parks Service will be reviewing the layout of the Croppies Acres park in the new year. The proposal can be considered as part of that review.

Q43 Councillor Deborah Byrne

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

Reply: Below via email on Friday 10.11.2023

Thank you for your email regarding the lifts and escalators at Connolly Station.

I can confirm that we have had no reports of the escalators in Connolly Station being out of order, the escalators are regularly checked and from inspection these are clean.

We are undertaking refurbishment works on the lift in the main station (Amien Street Subway to Connolly concourse). Testing of this new lift will commence next week which will take approximately 5-7 days. This new lift will operate via our lift passenger call system operated by our Security Monitoring Control centre and will be monitored by CCTC 24/7.

The lift passenger call system will help reduce vandalism and anti-social behaviour issues surrounding same - the lift is locked is off and secured until it gets called into service by a passenger who genuinely needs to use it as opposed to persons who would prefer to cause damage to it. This helps increase the mechanical reliability of the lift and will also protect the asset from being vandalised. In essence, the lift gives the appearance of being locked and passengers can call the lift via the help-point button (SOS button) next to the door of the lift which is actively monitored.

For your information, the lifts outside of the main station at the top of the LUAS platforms are the responsibility of LUAS - if there is an issue with these representations should be made with LUAS directly.

Q44 Councillor Deborah Byrne

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

Reply:

Waste Management Service remove dumped rubbish from Thor Place at least twice a week and is part of a litter warden's regular patrol.

Q45 Councillor Deborah Byrne

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

Reply:

The area at (details supplied) is extensive and it is not proposed to replace all the trees along here, however if the councillor has a specific area of concern we will address this.

Q46 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to initiate a (details supplied)

Reply:

There are currently no plans for greening projects, however this is something that the area office could examine in 2024 with possible discretionary expenditure

Q47 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to install (details supplied)

Reply:

In 2022 the Environment and Transportation Department installed 6 no. cycle parking stands on Oxmantown Road outside house no. 134, it is noted that these stands are a 1min walk from house no. 88, circa 100m away.

Oxmantown Road operates with Pay & Display and Permit Parking which was introduced by Plebiscite. Given the narrow footpath widths, the installation of further stands would need to be placed on the carriageway at the loss of further residents permit parking.

Although the resident of no. 88 has no objection to the loss of parking outside their property, the car parking services the road in its entirety and not the individual needs of a single resident. Significant resistance was encountered during the installation of the previously installed stands from neighbouring residents of Oxmantown and opposition received through the area office at the time.

In addition to the stands outside no. 88 detailed above, there are 10 no. cycle parking spaces at the junction of Cowper St / Oxmantown Road, less than 1min from house no. 88, circa 80m away. There are also a further 6no. stands on Oxmantown Road at the junction of Ross Street.

A site survey found there to be an overall occupancy rate of 50% of the stands installed. The Environment & Transportation Department consider the locale is sufficiently catered for and other areas with currently no provision for cycle parking would be better served. Therefore the installation of further stands on Oxmantown Road is not recommend at this time.

Q48 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to repair (details supplied)

Reply:

An enquiry has been created & forwarded to Area Inspector for inspection and to carry out the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

Q49 Councillor Deborah Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to repair (details supplied)

Reply:

An enquiry (ref.11146757) has been created & forwarded to Area Inspector for inspection and to carry out the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

Q50 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager to report on when the road at (**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 long list of roads that need to be done and budget limitation.

Q51 Councillor Eimer McCormack

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

Reply:

This hedging is listed on our Autumn/Winter shrubbery maintenance programme. These works will be carried out in the coming weeks as soon as a crew is available in the area

Q52 Councillor Eimer McCormack

To ask the Area Manager provide a report on the possibility of having (**details supplied**)

Reply:

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services do not have any plans to erect fencing around tennis courts in Ashington Park. Ashington Park is an open residential open space. Unmanned facilities such as this tarmac court area are generally left open to reduce antisocial element and sense of ownership that they often invite.

Q53 Councillor Eimer McCormack

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

Reply:

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape services have engaged a qualified arborist to survey the trees Glendu Road and Glengariff Road. Once this is complete recommendations contained in this report will inform a programme of works for this area.

Q54 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to provide a comprehensive update on the status of ongoing enhancement works along (**details supplied**)

Reply:

Phase 1 which is currently on site is for improvements between Ryder's Row and Mary Street. This is due to be mainly complete by December with some outstanding planting and furniture arriving in January. Budgeted cost is €700,000.

Phase 2 which will be the remainder from Mary Street to Strand Street Little will be issued for tender in the coming weeks with an aim to start on site Jan/Feb so works are completed before the summer. Estimated cost is €500,000.

Q55 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager how many homes in (**details supplied**)

Reply:

At this moment in time the survey isn't complete. We still have a number of properties to access. I have asked for a preliminary report of the properties that we have managed to get into and once I have this detail I will contact the Councillor directly and inform him of the results.

Q56 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager what steps are being taken (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The request for Traffic Calming at the above location is listed on the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under Enquiry No: 11146067. The Councillor will receive the final recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Q57 Councillor Ray McAdam

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

Reply:

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance Section will look into the feasibility of providing a caretaking service at Montpelier Avenue Apartments.

Q58 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager why there had been such a delay in (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Public Consultation reports for the North Circular Road walking and cycling scheme (from Amiens St. to Dorset St.) and Hanlon's Corner junction upgrade will be published once the Active Travel Project team receive confirmation on a determination from the City Council Planning Department on the planning requirements. This has been delayed as additional information was requested in the AA & EIA screening reports which have now been updated and issued for determination by the City Council Planning Department. Unfortunately this process has taken longer than we would have hoped, as a result of a shortage of technical resources in various areas throughout the City Council at present. The Active Travel Programme Office is giving a priority to these projects in order to progress the detailed design and the following phases. A tender to engage Consultants for the Hanlon's Corner junction upgrade was issued in September and tenders were received last week and are currently being assessed by the Active Travel Programme Office. Engineering Consultants (Jacobs) have been appointed on the North Circular Road project from Amiens St. to Dorset St. for which services have already commenced. It is anticipated that works will be completed on Hanlon's Corner in Q3 2024. Having regard to potential increase in scope to include works to a number of junctions on the North Circular Road between Amiens St. to Dorset St. an estimated completion date is anticipated in Q1 2025 for that project.

Q59 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager does he know where (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and the DRHE formed an Oversight Group, chaired by an independent governance and legal expert, in respect of reviewing the financial and governance issues in PMVT and to advise the Minister appropriately. The DRHE appointed PwC to undertake a review and preliminary and draft final reports have been provided to the Oversight Group. The DRHE is still in a process with PMVT and the DHLGH to review and assess the findings and recommendations of the preliminary draft of the PwC report.

Q60 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager when he expects all works at (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Contractor for the *Clontarf to City Centre Scheme* continues to progress with the works all along the 2.7km route. Works areas in the main have progressed to the outbound side with large portions of the inbound side now substantially complete. Currently there is approximately 1.5km of inbound cycle-track which is open and in use by cyclists, including the stretch between Five Lamps and Killarney Street. Almost all works fencing is removed on the inbound side with the new footway also available for use.

At the Five Lamps Junction full-depth road construction was undertaken over the course of 3no. weekends 7th & 8th, 14th and 15th and 21st and 22nd of October. It is acknowledged that the road construction works on the junction did cause traffic delays however the existing road was completely removed and replaced so it is believed that having these works complete shall be of benefit to all going forward.

Works around the Five Lamps themselves is progressing well with the new paving currently being installed to create the new plaza area.



Fig. 1 Five Lamps Junction Landscape Layout

As can be seen from the landscaping drawing (figure 1) the plaza area to be installed at the Five Lamps Junction shall be of a high quality providing a very pleasant space on a busy junction.

The Contractor is working hard to reach a substantial completion date for the Scheme in Q2 2024. Elements and snag works shall remain after this date but the works areas should be reduced to considerably shorter extents.

The Contractor continues to work 6/7-days each week to try progress drainage, watermain works, duct crossings and road construction works. There is currently an on-site workforce of greater than

100 to progress the Scheme as quickly as is feasible all in a difficult urban environment with traffic, pedestrian and other needs to be accommodated.

The Clontarf to City Centre Project intends to deliver significant and enduring improvements to the North Strand Road area with the provision of new footpath, cycling and bus infrastructure. We have endeavoured to keep disruption to local residents and business to a minimum and we are available to address any concerns or queries as a result of the works.

The disruption to locals and commuters to facilitate the construction of the Scheme is acknowledged. It is believed that the finished Scheme shall result in significant and enduring benefits to local communities and commuters alike.

If there are businesses or residents along the route who wish to get in contact with the Project Team they can contact the Team at ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie and we would be happy to meet with them.

Q61 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager what plans the Active Travel Unit have (**details supplied**)

Reply:

A response will issues in the coming days

Q62 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager to include the area outside (**details supplied**)

Reply:

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Q63 Councillor Ray McAdam

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

Reply:

The provision of ten older person homes has been proposed to complete the housing scheme at St Bricin's Park. The infill project is currently paused while the Housing Regeneration team examines its programme with our City Architects Division, however it is envisaged that the proposal will go ahead.

Further information on project proposals and timelines will be issued through the local Area Office when available.

Q64 Councillor Ray McAdam

To ask the Area Manager what input the local Area Office has had with regards (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Developer and their contractors are carrying out a review of the Construction Traffic Management Plan to take cognisance of plans to change the traffic layout at this junction and any other matters arising that may have an impact on an updated plan

Q65 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

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

Reply: Waste Management Service no longer provide dog foul specific bins. Dog walkers in this area can use the standard litter bins to dispose of their dog waste.

Q66 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

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

Reply:

Waste Management Service will ensure that our litter bins at the above mentioned locations are emptied on a regular basis.

Q67 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

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

Reply:

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape services have appointed a contractor to complete a number of improvements to Mount Bernard playground including a selection of inclusive musical play equipment, hammock, springer unit and tumble bars. Other improvements include for new pathway surface and other general repairs to improve accessibility. Works are to commencement in the coming weeks as soon as equipment and materials arrive into stock.

Q68 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

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

Reply:

The Financial Contribution Scheme is currently active, allocations of tenancies to applicants on the Financial Contribution list are dependent on new Older Persons Housing Developments becoming available, as supply increases we expect to be in a position to increase offers to these lists.

The below table sets out the current number of applications in respect of the Financial Contribution Scheme –

Area	Number
Area B	41
Area D	13
Area E	122
Area H	17
Area J	35
Area K	32
Area L	13
Area M	15
Area N	13
Area P	5

Q69 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

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

Reply:

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape services will arrange for inspection of the above tree in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Q70 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

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

Reply:

Waste Management Service operate a leaf clearing programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets and paths with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. In addition we assist resident groups in clearing leaves from their areas and remove the collected leaves for them. We will ensure that the above mentioned section of the NCR is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

Q71 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

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

Reply:

The area outside Matts pub on Fassagh Avenue is privately owned. Our Litter Enforcement Officer will get in touch with the owners to get them to clean or cordon off their property.

Q72 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

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

Reply:

DCC has a long list of roads to consider for traffic calming. It was observed that around Kinvara Estate there are a number of speed ramps currently installed. Generally when considering the installation of traffic calming measures, those roads without any vertical deflection are considered a priority over roads which are currently traffic calmed.

The Area Engineer therefore is unable to recommend any speed ramps/traffic calming at the aforementioned location at this time.

Instances of speeding should be reported to the local Gardai as a matter for enforcement.

Q73 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Area Manager to place markings (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Navan Road is a 50km/h road, arterial route currently signalized with a number of SLOW road markings and speed roundels around the school areas.

The Navan Road is also part of the Blanchardstown to City Centre Bus Connects Scheme which will support integrated sustainable transport usage through infrastructure improvements for active travel. The aforementioned junction will be completely upgraded. Therefore, the Area Engineer is unable to recommend any traffic management civil works that may restrict/conflict with any future designs of the Bus Corridor Scheme.

Q74 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

(a)

To ask the Area Manager for a list (**details supplied**)

Reply:

In the Parks NW District - Martin Savage Park (Part 8 planning required), extension of Mount Bernard Park (Canal Triangle).

Q74 Councillor Séamas McGrattan

(b)

To ask the Area Manager for a list (**details supplied**)

Reply:

The Active Travel Programme Office is responsible for the delivery of Dublin City Council's Active Travel Network, which includes approximately 22.5 km of infrastructure within the Cabra-Glasnevin ward across six constituent projects.

The six projects and their respective lengths are:

- Cabra to Blanchardstown – 2.3 km
- Chesterfield Avenue – 4.2 km
- Chesterfield Avenue to Farmleigh – 6.7 km
- Dalymount to Cabra Cross – 1.5 km
- Royal Canal Greenway (Phase 4) – 5.2 km
- Tolka River Greenway – 2.6 km

Additional to the 22.5 km of infrastructure within the Cabra-Glasnevin ward, the following active travel projects are proposed wholly or partially along the ward's periphery. These project amass to an additional 6.4 km of infrastructure, as summarised below.

- Chapelizod Road to Chapelizod Bypass – 2.9 km
- Royal Canal Greenway (Phase 3) – 0.8 km
- North Circular Road – 2.7 km

The Active Travel Network is proposed to be delivered on a project-by-project basis. Projects prioritised for delivery within the Cabra-Glasnevin Ward are Cabra to Blanchardstown, Chesterfield Avenue, Chesterfield Avenue to Farmleigh and Dalymount to Cabra Cross. The Active Travel Programme Office will endeavour to complete these project over the next three to five years.

Q74 Councillor Séamas McGrattan**(c)**To ask the Area Manager for a list (**details supplied**)**Reply:**

The following housing projects are due to be finished in the next 12 months

Homes Under Construction							
Committee Area	Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Unit No and Type	Status	Next Mile Stone	Finish Date
Central	A.H.B. C.H.I.	1-17 Annesley Court	C.A.L.F.	17	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q1 2024
Central	A.H.B. (Dublin Simon)	Arbour Hill, Dublin 7	C.A.S.	14	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q2 2024
Central	A.H.B. C.H.I.	Belvedere Court	C.A.L.F.	13	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q1 2024
Central	A.H.B. (Clúid)	North Great Charles St., D.1	C.A.L.F.	52	Enabling Works complete. Principal contractor to be appointed	Completion of Scheme	Q3 2024
Central	A.H.B. (Circle)	Railway Street, D.1	C.A.L.F.	47 10 x 1 bed 27 x 2 bed 10 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q3 2024
Central	D.C.C.	St. Finbar's Court, D.7	L.A. Housing- Regeneratio n	46	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q4 2024

Update:

Stage 4 funding has been approved by the DHLGH. Contactor has commenced work on site at St Finbar's May 2023.

St Finbar's Court older person housing was demolished in 2019 to make way for the redevelopment of St Finbar's Court.

The new development consists of 46 Older Person homes, 44 U.D. + 2 U.D. plus it will host a community room.

Substantial completion date is November 2024.

Central	A.H.B. C.H.I.	Wellington Street	C.A.L.F.	24	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q1 2024
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Schemes at Tender Stage

Committee Area	Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Current Stage	Next Milestone	Finish Date
Central	A.H.B. (Dublin Simon)	Sean McDermott Street	C.A.S.	8 x 1 bed	Stage 3	Final Approval	Q4 2024

Schemes at Tender Stage							
Committee Area	Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Current Stage	Next Milestone	Finish Date
<i>Update:</i>							
There has been a cost increase on this development, this is under assessment							

Part V Acquisitions (Approved)							
Committee area	Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Status	Next Milestone	Finish Date
Central	A.H.B.	Northbank, Dublin 1 (off-site for City Blk 3, D1)	C.A.L.F.	15	Agreement in place	Units to be acquired	Q4 2023
Central	D.C.C.	1-4 Shamrock Place, D.1	L.A. Housing/Leasing	4	Agreement in place	Units to be leased	Q3 2024
Central	A.H.B.	Spencer North, Dublin 1	C.A.L.F.	33	Closed	Closed	Q4 2023

Projects at an Advanced Stage of Planning or Design							
Committee Area	Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Current Stage	Next Milestone	Finish Date
Central	A.H.B.	Crosbie's Yard	C.A.S.	21	Stage 2 Approved	Complete Acquisition	Q4 2023
Central	A.H.B. (P.M.V.T.)	Sherrard St.	C.A.S.	12	Stage 1 approved	Funding Approval	Q4 2024

Q75 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

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

Reply:

Ashington Court, Ashington Mews and Riverston Gardens are due to be upgraded to LED streetlights under the current Lighting Upgrade Project within the next 6/7 months or thereabouts. With regard to the remaining areas in Ashington and Riverston an exact timeframe cannot be provided at present for the upgrade of these streets to LED streetlights except to say that they will be upgraded to LED over the next five years or so. In the meantime maintenance of the existing lights will continue as normal.