



Comhairle Cathrach  
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Dublin City Council

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**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE TO  
BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012  
AT 3.30pm**

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*TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE*

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2 on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

**Michael O'Neill**  
**AREA MANAGER**

**Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

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- 853.** Minutes of Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (Pages 4 - 6)
- 854.** Questions to Dublin City Manager (Pages 27 -28)
- 855. Roads & Traffic Matters**
- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (enclosed)
- 856. Development Matters**
- i. Addition of 14 Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (Pages 17 – 20)
  - ii. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report (Pages 21 - 24)
- 857. South East Area Matters**
- i. Area Managers Report (Pages 25 -26)

## **Motions**

- 858. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
This Committee requests the Manager to report on the possibility of planting a Christmas tree at the various locations traditionally associated with Dublin City Council erected trees to serve as a permanent, more sustainable and financially prudent alternative to supplying a new one each year.
- 859. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager when the relining of the brick sewers in the South East Area will commence.
- 860. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to ascertain if there are plans in the short term for the former Glass Bottle site at the Sean Moore roundabout, Ringsend. Hoarding has recently been removed from the site leaving it exposed. Why has this been done.
- 861. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager why clusters of trees were cut down in Sean Moore Park, leaving only the stumps. Will trees be planted to replace those removed?
- 862. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**  
That the Traffic Department examine and report on steps that can be taken to deal with the issue of parents parking, delivering and collecting children from schools. This is currently a problem in a number of local schools particularly Kildare Place and St Clare's Harold's Cross. It's an issue for parents who get clamped but also for the true flow of traffic and residents in these areas.
- 863. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
Further to previous motions on the general issues relating to the flooding on the 24<sup>th</sup> October this Committee agrees the following:

- 1) To work with the Manager to establish a Co-ordinating Committee comprised of representatives of the local community, Councillors and the relevant officials to work towards the completion of the Dodder Flood relief works and the implementation of the Pembroke Rathmines drainage scheme in so far as it impacts on the Ballsbridge/Donnybrook/Bath Avenue and related areas.

Similar to be established if appropriate for areas affected in the Rathmines area.

- 2) To seek written confirmation from the Office of Public Works of the availability of finance for the implementation of the necessary Dodder flood relief works.
- 3) To seek written confirmation from the Department of the Environment of the availability of finance for the implementation of the Rathmines-Pembroke Drainage scheme.
- 4) To demand of the Iarnród Éireann the full publication of their internal investigation into the events of October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and the impact of works at the Lansdowne Railway Bridge on the flooding of adjacent areas.
- 5) To request from Dublin City Council a detailed plan to remove now and monitor and remove into the future the excessive amount of bulky debris – including fallen trees, from the banks of the Dodder.

**864. Motion from Councillor Maria Parodi**

That this committee calls on to Manager to take urgent action to address the issues of littering and dumping taking place on a constant basis in Grant's Row/Wilson's Place, Dublin 2.

**865. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the City Manager to reverse the decision of the City Council to axe the City Cycling Officer's position which clearly plays an important and beneficial role in the life of the City and which has been instrumental in doubling the number of people cycling in the City.

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838. Presentation on the Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study and on the National Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment.  
**Order: Reports noted.**
839. Minutes of Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
**Order: Agreed.**
840. Questions to Dublin City Manager  
**Order: Circulated and noted.**
841. Roads & Traffic Matters
- iii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
**Order: Noted. A report on "Traffic Advisory Group Process and Resources" was circulated to all.**
842. **Development Matters**
- i. With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Flemings Place, Dublin 4  
**Order: The Councillors requested further information from the Development Department.**
- ii. With reference to the proposed grant of a sub- lease in a premises known as Unit 1, 2/3, Parker Hill to Rathmines Pembroke Community Partnership (RPCP)  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council. Councillors Lacey, O'Callaghan and Quinn requested that the fact that they are directors of this company be noted.**
843. **Culture, Recreation & Amenity Matters.**
- i. South East Area Sports Report September to November 2011  
**Order: Agreed. Cllr Parodi expressed her thanks to all the sports and community staff for the successful projects and hard work throughout the year.**
844. **South East Area Matters**
- ii. Area Managers Report  
**Order: Report noted. Michael O'Neill to meet with Richard Hobbs from the Maureen O'Hara Foundation to discuss ways to commemorate her acting career and the proprietor of Sweeney's Pharmacy on Lincoln Place to contact the Area Manager. Item 846 was taken in conjunction with the report on the Rathmines and Pembroke Drainage Scheme. The South East Area will monitor the progress of this scheme and report back to the Committee when further information is available. Cllr Binchy asked for a report on next month's Agenda on Clongowes Youth Club. Cllr Lacey asked for a Planning Enforcement report on 177 Merrion Road.**

- ii. With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way to part of Church Lane South, Dublin 8  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**

## **Motions**

### **845. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That bollards be erected at the corner of Frankfurt Ave and Rathmines Rd Upper to prevent cars parking on the footpath and consequently protect the way for buggies and people in wheelchairs.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **846. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That an urgent meeting be convened following the report on the 15th of December among Drainage Department, Local area office, Councillors and the residents of Grosvenor Kenilworth and Effra, Rathgar to discuss the actions that can be taken to deal with the heavy flooding that occurred in the area recently. Furthermore, so that gullies can be more easily accessed for cleaning purposes that double yellow lines be painted around all gullies, especially in flood risk areas.

**Order: Agreed. Motion discussed under the Rathmines and Pembroke Drainage Scheme in the Area Manager's Report. Drainage to attend a future Area Committee Meeting to discuss local issues.**

### **847. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Local Area Manager account for why the Council granted permission for a private crèche in Dartry to cordon off public land along the dodder bank for a play area for their crèche without any recourse to the local area committee. Furthermore, that this committee be given details about the size of the area, the type of legal agreement entered into with the crèche and what rent is being paid for the use of this area.

**Order: Report to Councillor. After 3 months the situation is to be monitored and a report is to be brought back to the Area Committee.**

### **848. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

This committee agrees that the Council take action on 2 Lr Rathmines Rd under Section 58, 59, 60 and 70 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. This protected building is currently endangered, windows are broken and remain unrepaired and will allow dampness to penetrate the structure causing wet rot and dry rot, eventually leading to the destruction of this protected structure. The condition of the roof is not visible from ground level but dampness may also be entering the building through neglected maintenance of the roof. This is a very prominent protected structure with important elevations on two sides, on to the canal and on to the Lr Rathmines Rd., providing an introduction to major civic buildings such as the Catholic Church, The Library and the Townhall further along the Lr Rathmines Rd.

**Order: Report to Councillor. Cllr Freehill requested further information and asked that the reply makes reference to Section 58, 59, 60 and 70 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.**

### **849. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

This Area Committee agrees that all political parties in the area will seek to come together on a date in the near year for the purpose of seeking to remove from lampposts and poles in the area as many poster ties as possible.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **850. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager to tackle illegal advertising signs on Grafton Street, given that on a random day this week there were 14 such signs erected on the street, both A-frames and signs that were ostensibly held by people but that were so big that they were braced and supported and could stand alone if the person "holding" them had not been there. These

signs are detrimental to the visual image of the street, put law-abiding businesses at a disadvantage, and cause serious problems with accessibility.

**Order: Report to Councillor. The Councillor requested further information and a letter has been sent to Roads Maintenance to ascertain if Dublin City Council has the power to remove A- Frame signs.**

**851. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager for an update on the status of the South Campshires flood protection project.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**852. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Committee to write to Waterways Ireland and ask that the berths in the inner basin in Grand Canal Dock be made available to houseboats as a matter of priority, given the amount of public money that went into their construction and the current serious under-utilisation of this site.

**Order: Agreed. Letter to Waterways Ireland to amend motion to read "houseboats and other crafts".**

**Cllr. Maria Parodi**

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**Chairperson**

**Dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**Attendance**

**Members**

Councillor M. Parodi (in the chair)

Councillors: D. Lacey, O. Quinn, J. O'Callaghan, M. Freehill, P. McCartan, G. Ashe, K. Binchy

Apologies: E. Wynne

**Officials**

M. O'Neill, Area Manager, South East Area

F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area

S. Dunne, Administrative Officer, South East Area

E. Martin, Area Housing Manager, South East Area

G. Geoghegan, Area Housing Manager, South East Area

G. Gorman, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area

C. O'Reilly, Administrative Officer, Sports and Leisure Services

M. Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Culture, Recreation and Amenity

G. O'Connell, Project Manager, Environment and Engineering

B. O'Brien, Graduate Valuer, Chief Valuers Office, Development Department

B. Bergin, Senior Staff Officer, Property Disposal, Development Department

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area

M. Moriarty, Staff Officer, South East Area

J. Nugent, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area

**QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER  
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

**Q1. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To thank the Manager for the 'clean-ups' in Maxwell Lane and to ask if it is possible to find a more permanent solution to the problem as this is a constantly recurring situation.

**Reply**

Under the Litter Management Plan, 2008-2011, residential areas such as Maxwell Lane are scheduled to be cleaned once every twelve weeks. However if the resident wish to become involved in a clean up at any time the SEA office will provide them with the necessary equipment and arrange to remove the resulting bagged waste.

**Q2. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager when the cost benefit analysis and full capital appraisal of precinct improvement works for Canon Mooney Gardens, Ringsend, Dublin 4 will be submitted to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

**Reply**

Subject to the availability of funding Dublin City Council propose to carry out a number of flat scheme improvement works over the next few years. In general such works consist of external environmental and security improvement works but they also seek to increase the energy efficiency of the scheme.

Unfortunately due to the current financial climate it is not possible to give an indicative commencement date of work at this complex.

**Q3. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the stairwells at (details supplied) cleaned as thoroughly as possible with a particular emphasis being paid to the landings as there is an on-going problem with the cleanliness of the stairwells.

**Reply**

Our Caretaking Service Team Leader for this area reports that the landings and stairwells in this complex are swept on a daily basis and weather permitting are power-washed on a weekly basis.

**Q4. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to have the blocked shore at the end of the laneway adjacent to number 1 and 2 Templemore Avenue cleared as they are a cause of serious flooding.

**Reply**

The issues of flooding at this location has been brought to the attention of the South City Maintenance Engineer for investigation. A report will be forwarded to the Councillor when available.

**Q5. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to have the litter bins that were removed from Grosvenor Road, Rathmines (1 bin) and Rathgar Road (2 bins) restored.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services are not in favour of having litter bins in residential areas or side turns off main roads as experience has shown us that litter bins at these locations are regularly used to dispose of domestic refuse and can in fact become focal points for dumping. For this reason we have been removing litter bins from residential areas throughout the city including the Rathmines area. We are still maintaining the litter bins on the main roads, bus stops, near schools and major shopping areas.

**Q6. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager that he request that An Post install a post box at a central point in Rathgar village, perhaps close to the pharmacist and AIB where there is short term parking available as this would at least facilitate An Post's customers to post letters locally.

**Reply**

This query will be forwarded to An Post and the Councillor will be contacted when a reply is available.

**Q7. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager for a full report on the status or progress of any plans, if any, for flood defence works in Sandymount.

**Reply**

The S2S Project included provision for flood defense works in Sandymount. Due to the cost of the S2S, these are unlikely to proceed in the short to medium term. As a result, Dublin City Council will re-examine options to protect the seafront in Sandymount and will report on it in 2012.

**Q8. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he could respond to the issues relating to the Ranelagh Luas Bridge outlined in this attachment submitted with this question.

**Reply**

We have investigated the gullies at this location and they are in need of repair. This work will be placed on our works programme and carried out in the coming weeks.

**Q9. Councillor Mary Freehill**

Would the Manager please state when will the extended footpaths at the junction of Leinster Rd and Charleville Rd be removed. This was the subject of a motion agreed at least nine months ago, when I pointed out that to make a right turn from Charleville, it is necessary to veer over to the other side of the road to make the turn and has resulted in many local cars have been scraped and damaged.

**Reply**

The Traffic Engineer will meet with the Roads Maintenance Engineer next week with a view to arranging for removal of the section of extending footpath. The Councillor will be advised immediately after this meeting as to the timescale for removal of same.

**Q10. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager promote an initiative to combat anti-social behaviour by establishing neighbourhood walks within the communities. This initiative has proved very effective in other jurisdictions in combatting unacceptable social behaviour. The initiative involves groups of neighbours taking their walks together around their respective neighbourhoods.

**Reply**

'Let's Walk & Talk' is a community initiative of Dublin City Council started in June 2007 comprising of not only historical walking tours and cultural events but also a weekly walks programme in the community. There are currently 8 weekly neighbourhood walks in the city, 4 of which take place in the South East Area. These walks are led by a team of community volunteers. These walks are very popular and have huge benefits for participants and their community. We are always looking at opportunities to have walks in other areas however each walk is dependent on having a dedicated team of volunteers who are committed to turning up every week and leading the walks. Last month, the Community Development Team of the South East Area Office organised Walk Leader Training for interested volunteers and there was a great response however there are currently only enough volunteers to cover the existing programme of weekly walks. We have always advertised for volunteers through the 'Let's Walk & Talk' newsletter (7,000 copies of each issue distributed) as well as through Volunteer Centres and will continue to do so in the future.

**Q11. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager look to establish Dublin city artists forum.

**Reply**

The Arts office will consult with artists to consider the feasibility and function of the proposed forum and report back to the Councillor.

**Q12. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager examine the street lighting arrangement in the Temple Bar area with the view to upgrading and establishing more onstreet lighting.

**Report**

We will investigate the existing lighting here and consider any necessary improvements for inclusion in our 2012 programme of improvements works, subject to finances made available.

**Q13. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager investigate the use of a skip in Synge Lane off Synge Street at the back of the Copper House Gallery known as Fire Printers.

**Reply**

The South East Area Litter Warden visited the location above and there was no skip visible on Synge Lane.

**Q14. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager establish a cleaning regime for the Camden Street/Wexford St/ Aungier Street areas.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services have Camden Street, Wexford Street and Aungier Street cleaned on a daily basis and every effort will continue to be made to keep this area as clean as possible.

**Q15. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager prune the trees in the Long lane area.

**Reply**

Trees at this location have been inspected and it is proposed to add the tree pruning to our works programme for the area and anticipate that the trees will be pruned during the dormant season.

**Q16. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager give a complete update on the proposals for a new years festival at Dame St/College Green area and as to whether there will be alcohol on sale at this event.

**Reply**

In mid 2011 Fáilte Ireland approached Dublin City Council with an outline concept to promote Dublin to overseas markets and Dubliners alike around New Year. Research had shown that tourists were researching Dublin as a New Year destination but the city lacked a New Years focus and could do more on the festival front to encourage tourists to travel to Dublin over and above other European cities.

The festival itself will include musical and cultural events culminating in a concert in College Green on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. The New Year's Festival is still subject to licence from Dublin City Council but we are mindful of drawing tourists to the city to support the hospitality industry and to offer a quality entertainment package to the citizens at this time of year.

The College Green event as proposed would be a ticketed event with an expected attendance of between 5,000 – 8,000. The event promoters have sought to sell alcohol in a controlled manner at the event and are currently applying to the District Courts for an occasional licence.

The Gardaí and City Council are not objecting to this application after assurances from the event promoter on the strictly controlled nature and responsible drinking element of the overall concert.

**Q17. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager ensure that there is equality with regards community grants to all community groups in the South East Area.

**Reply**

Application forms will be sent out to all Community groups in the South East Area in the next week. Community staff will contact these groups in the New Year to ensure compliance with the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**Q18. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager give this committee an update as to what future of Charlemont Street redevelopment project and given that this project will be delayed for a further number of years what community initiatives if any are being rolled out to support the community at Charlemont in their present situation.

**Reply**

It is anticipated that Alcove Properties will seek an amendment to the existing planning permission in the New Year to address An Bord Pleanála compliance issues and also to try to have the reduced commercial element re-examined. Dublin City Council have rolled out and supported an extensive range of community initiatives in Charlemont Street including a Home Work Club involving educational trips every two weeks. In addition various age groups and clubs use the computer room and SAYS youth service runs activities for the teenagers. The City Council will continue to identify and support worthwhile community initiatives.

**Q19. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a report as to whether film companies using City Hall or any other premises belonging to Dublin City Council are being charged any fees and if so what are those fees.

**Reply**

**City Hall**

Requests from film companies to use City Hall are considered on a case by case basis. One such request was received in 2011. In this case a fee of €4,000 per day was agreed with the film company. The filming was completed in two days.

Standard fees are charged for commercial filming in Dublin City Council Parks and public outdoor spaces. The rates are as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Hour - €200 plus VAT

Subsequent Hours - €100 plus VAT up to a maximum of €1,000 plus VAT per day.

**Wood Quay Venue**

Normal hire rates apply regardless of the activity.

€ 500.00 plus vat for full day, € 350.00 plus vat for ½ day.

**Atrium, Civic Offices**

Requests from film companies to use Civic Offices are considered on a case by case basis.

There is no charge during normal working hours but a fee will apply if the filming takes place before or after the office hours of 9.00 – 17.00 (Monday - Friday). This is to cover the cost of arranging access to the building and having a porter remain on site with crew for the duration of filming.

**Q20. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager liaise with the school children and teachers at Westland Row school with regarding a process of street clean in their immediate environment.

**Reply**

The Environmental Liaison Officer is at present in contact with Westland Row School in relation to the above matter.

**Q21. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager when the yellow box will be restored at its junction opposite Eglinton Terrace. It was removed because of roadworks on Donnybrook Road.

**Reply**

The repainting of the yellow box on Eglinton Terrace will be referred to the Traffic Officer for his attention as soon as possible.

**Q22. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager whether a yellow box can be provided on Donnybrook Road at its junction with Rampart Lane as the roads serve a minimum of 50 houses/apartments and is necessary particularly in the mornings for residents trying to get to work and schools.

**Reply**

The issue of the yellow box at Rampart Lane will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be advised as to the recommendation of the Group in due course.

**Q23. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager whether residents of Serpentine Avenue, Dublin 4 who do not have off-street parking, can be issued with some form of parking pass when the RDS are hosting events with attendees in their thousands, so that residents' cars are not clamped due to car parking spaces not being available on these occasions.

**Reply**

Pay & display and residents' permit parking in the city is regulated by the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2011.

There is no provision in the Bye-Laws for "parking passes" or other such permits allowing persons with residents parking permits to park their vehicles other than in the streets specified on their permits or permitting parking in a number of other streets at particular defined times. There would be problems with the enforcement of such a scheme and it would inevitably lead to disputes with residents of these other streets where Serpentine Avenue residents would seek to park.

Additional valid streets can not be made available to residents of Serpentine Avenue as there is no available parking capacity on any adjacent street.

**Q24. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager whether steps can be taken to ensure that the unauthorised use of the premises (the details of which are attached below) is subject to appropriate planning enforcement measures by the City Council.

**Reply**

Following a decision by An Bord Pleanála that the carrying out of business activities at the property mentioned outside normal working hours constituted an intensification of activity that amounted to a material change of use, the owners were advised by the Planning Enforcement Section that the current use is unauthorised and asked to outline their proposals to address the issue.

No response has been received. An inspection of the property carried out on 9 November 2011 showed no evidence of commercial activity taking place. However, arrangements are

being made to inspect the property during evening hours. Should unauthorised activity be observed, a decision will be made on appropriate enforcement action.

It is not correct to state that the Council cannot undertake out of hours inspections. However, given general economic circumstances and the requirement to cut public expenditure, care is taken to ensure that all out of hours working is as effective as possible. It is not possible to carry out general late night or week end monitoring on a continuous basis in hope to observe unauthorised activity at some point.

The information supplied to date by the complainant will be used to establish a suitable time to carry out an inspection, following which a decision will be made on enforcement action. The video evidence mentioned, while informative, cannot be used in enforcement proceedings as it constitutes 'hearsay' evidence.

**Q25. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager whether it would consider dipping the paths at the entrance gates to the five houses at Garville Terrace, Rathgar, Dublin 6 to facilitate the residents in gaining access to their homes without having to drive over the footpath.

**Reply**

Under the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, the installation of a vehicular dishing requires planning permission. The residents of Garville Terrace can apply to have the footpath dished at the entrances to their houses at their expense once they have obtained planning permission to do so.

**Q26. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager what steps can be taken in order to ameliorate the effects of heavy rain and flooding on the Chelmsford Road area, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

**Reply**

The Roads Maintenance Department has inspected this road for the adequacy of road gullies and found that the correct amount of gullies are in place and in good working order. The Drainage Division is investigating flooding issues in the larger area of Ranelagh and will report back in January on this area and clarify matters on the local roads such as Chelmsford Road.

**Q27. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager whether the amber traffic light on the lights leading from Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper onto Belgrave Square can be repaired.

**Reply**

We have examined the Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper / Belgrave Square junction and found a faulty connection for the amber light in question. The amber light has now been repaired and is operating correctly.

**Q28. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager whether the person whose details are attached can have her flat refurbished immediately since it was badly damaged in the recent flooding.

**Reply**

This property has been inspected by staff from the local Area Maintenance Office and the necessary repairs will be carried out within the next 6-8 weeks.

**Q29. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manger whether any steps can be taken by the City Council to resolve the ongoing problem at the address detailed below where there is an ongoing squat which is detrimental to businesses and residents in the area.

**Reply**

The Derelict Sites Section will arrange a prompt inspection of this property to establish if any action is warranted under the Derelict Sites Act and a report will issue to the Councillor. However illegal occupation of a premises is a matter for the owner of the property and the Gardai.

**Q30. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Manager whether any coordinated steps are being taken by the Council in respect of the listed buildings as attached which appear to be owned by the same party and which are being kept in an ongoing state of disrepair. In particular, can the Council ascertain from the owner what steps he will take in order to ensure that the listed properties are properly preserved.

**Reply**

Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 obliges each owner and occupier of the protected structure or proposed protected structure to ensure that the structure is not endangered. In respect of an unoccupied protected structure this requirement includes an obligation to protect the structure against intrusion or vandalism.

With respect to the boarded up property at Palmerston Park, the Council has not received any complaints that unauthorised development works may be taking place at this property. The property owner has been asked to facilitate an inspection to ensure that the building is not endangered and his reply is awaited.

It is understood that the property at Highfield Road has been sold recently. This property was redeveloped over recent years on foot of planning permission granted in 2006. It was inspected on 12 April 2011. The inspection revealed that the building was not endangered and the original features that are subject to conservation were in a satisfactory condition. The condition of the garden following the completion of the works is not a planning issue.

I am unaware of any other property on Highfield Road or on Palmerston Road that are owned by the person mentioned. Enforcement action was initiated against the owner of one other property on Highfield Road. This matter was addressed in 2010 and the building was secured against weathering, vandalism and general endangerment.

I am unable to report on the other mentioned properties without precise addresses.

In respect of all properties that are included in the Council's Record of Protected Structures, the Council's Conservation Unit is informed of complaints of unauthorised development works or uses. Where the complaint is of endangerment, the Council's Conservation Section in conjunction with the Enforcement Section ensure that all necessary works are carried out to best conservation practice.

**Q31. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to deal with both issues raised in the following message (details supplied).

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had the pigeon dropping power hosed from the Railway Arch on South Cumberland Street on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The South East Area Public Domain Crew will insure that this area is power-hosed on a regular basis. We will monitor this location and keep it as clean as possible.

The broken light was repaired on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November by Public Lighting.

The issue relating to signage has been referred to the Traffic advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised as to the recommendation of the group as soon as is possible.

A letter has been sent to Irish Rail regarding the pigeon's.

**Q32. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager if trees on Veronica Terrace, Stella Gardens, Irishtown could be pruned sufficiently so as to prevent them from blocking light to residents homes on Veronica Terrace.

**Reply**

This work has been added to our tree pruning programme for the area and will be undertaken during the dormant season.

**Q33. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager if consideration could be given to the suggestion of installing speed ramps on Curzon Street, Dublin 8 to combat excessive speeding by cars rat running from Heytesbury Street to the South Circular road.

**Reply**

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councilor will be informed of the recommendation of the group as soon as is possible.

**Q34. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to investigate the upkeep of Grant's Row, Lower Mount Street. Upgrade of lighting, regular removable of litter, remove graffiti from walls also new street sign required as current sign is faded and illegible.

**Reply**

Public Lighting have investigated the existing lighting levels here, and will consider any necessary improvements for inclusion in the 2012 programme of improvement works, subject to finances made available.

Waste Management Services will continue to remove litter from Grant's Row on a regular basis.

Arrangements will be made to deal with the graffiti on the walls as requested.

New street sign for Grants Row has been ordered and will be erected upon delivery. This should happen in the first quarter of 2012.

**Q35. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to consider installing double yellow lines or similar safety measures at a location (details supplied) so that those driving in and out of the terrace can see around the corner.

**Reply**

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendation of the Group as soon as is possible.

**Q36. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to resurface the footpath surface on the stretch of Clanbrassil St between Lombard St and Vincent St, on the Lombard St/Vincent St side of Clanbrassil St.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance is planning on carrying out extensive footpath repairs in 2012, however, these will be confined to town centres with heavy pedestrian foot-fall. The footpath at this location is not in a dangerous condition. Nor has it an especially large footfall and as such, is not a priority for reconstruction. This Department will carry out repairs to any dangerous areas of footpath at this location as soon as possible.

**Q37. Councillor Mary Freehill**

Would the Manager to explain why litter bins have been removed from Charleville Rd Rathmines and please have them returned.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services are not in favour of having litter bins in residential areas or side turns off main roads as experience has shown us that litter bins at these locations are regularly used to dispose of domestic refuse and can in fact become focal points for dumping. For this reason we have been removing litter bins from residential areas throughout the city including the Charleville Road area. We are still maintaining the litter bins on the main roads, bus stops, near schools and major shopping areas.

**Q38. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to investigate the cause of water egress and dampness at (details supplied) and to arrange to have any remedial and repair work carried out.

**Reply**

This matter is currently being investigated and appropriate remedial repair works will be carried out before the end of 2011.

**Q39. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to take all the necessary steps to repair the state of the road surface in (details supplied).

**Reply**

Road Maintenance will carry out repairs to the carriageway at (details supplied) as soon as possible. Given the imminence of Operation Free-flow, these works will be carried out in early 2012.

**Q40. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager if the process to extinguish the right of way of the lane behind (details supplied) was ever initiated. If so, can the Manager provide a report on what stage Dublin City Council are at in the process.

**Reply**

An application was received from the resident in (details supplied 1) requesting the extinguishment of the public right of way to the laneway at the rear of (details supplied 2) and (details supplied 3). The laneway is owned by Dublin City Council and is in charge by our Housing Department.

We subsequently wrote to the applicant to establish the manner in which it was proposed to block off access (e.g. type of gate) and also stating that the City Council could not undertake liability for the cost of erecting gates. The applicant never replied to this request for further information.

**Q41. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to implement traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on (details supplied).

**Reply**

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised as to the recommendation of the group as soon as is possible.

**Q42. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to address the following urgent issues raised by Westland Row CBS in (details supplied).

**Reply**

(a) This will be referred to the Traffic advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised as to the recommendation of the group as soon as is possible.

(b) Waste Management Services had the pigeon dropping power hosed from the Railway Arch on South Cumberland Street on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The South East Area Public Domain Crew will insure that this area is power-hosed on a regular basis. We will monitor this location and keep it as clean as possible.

(c) & (d) The area office has written to Irish Rail on these matters.

**Q43. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to investigate implementing traffic calming measures on (details supplied).

**Reply**

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advise as to the recommendations of the Group as soon as is possible.

**Q44. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager for a report on the following in (details supplied).

**Reply**

The Planning Department have received no applications for any development at (details supplied). As this development is within the Administrative area of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority, the Councillor is advised to contact the Dublin Docklands Development Authority to ascertain if any applications for Section 25 certification.

**Q45. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to allocate the necessary funding for the upgrading of (details supplied).

**Reply**

There is no provision in the current estimates to upgrade the playground at (details supplied) and any upgrading will only be considered in the context of the 2012 budget estimates for Playground improvements.

**Q46. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to address the following in (details supplied).

**Reply**

(Details supplied) is part of only 7 zones in the city whereby we clean the gullies there up to three times a year and on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September all of the 10 gullies were cleaned here. They are due to be cleaned again within the next 2 months.

**Q47. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to provide an update on (details supplied).

**Reply**

The Planning Department requested additional information from the Councillor on 08/12/11.

**Q48. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager for (details supplied) to be cleaned as residents have expressed to me that it hasn't been cleaned in 3 months.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had (details supplied) cleaned on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

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**9<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South-East Area Committee**

This report is due to be presented to the next City Council Meeting. In advance of that meeting this report is being circulated to the Local Area Committee as a matter of courtesy. It has already been before the area committee prior to being publicly advertised.

**Patricia Hyde  
Senior Planner**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2012

To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee

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**Addition of 14 Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.**

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**PHOTO OF STRUCTURE**

(see folders)

**Procedure followed**

In accordance with the procedures set out in Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Dublin City Council by public notice on 11/10/11 indicated its intention to add 14 Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 to the record of Protected Structures (RPS). Three submissions were received from one individual by the City Council in response to the proposed addition.

**Site Location & Zoning Map**

(see folders)

Number 14 Clarendon Street is located in the south city centre to the east of Powerscourt Townhouse. The building is located in a Z12 area which is shown in blue in the map above: *To ensure that existing environmental amenities are protected in any future use of the lands.* No 14. is not included in the Architectural Conservation Area which covers the southern and east part of Clarendon Street (shown with the green line on the above extract) however this only gives protection to the streetscape and not to interiors.

**Summary Description of Structure**

14 Clarendon Street is a three-storey, two-bay over basement early Georgian town house with a pitch roof running from front to back behind granite capped parapets located adjacent to Coppinger Row on Clarendon Street in Dublin's city centre. From map comparisons it appears to have been built between 1708 and 1728 and was constructed as one half of a pair, the other one being No. 13 to the northern side.

A rear return is located to the northern corner of the building; this rear return appears on Rocque's map of 1756. From an inspection of the fabric in the return it appears to be of similar construction style and age to that of the original house and holds significant historic value.

The front façade to Clarendon Street is of red brick laid in a Flemish bond with flush pointing dating to circa 1910 when the building was refaced. The construction of a modern hotel to the southern side of no. 14 has broken the terrace that would have once been in place here. The hotel is recessed back from the original front building line of the street resulting in the once party wall of no. 14 becoming

external. The rear of the building was not inspected at this time due to lack of access. Internally ceiling openings in the lath and plaster ceiling of the third floor and the underside of the roof slates are visible. A number of rafters at eaves level on the second floor return show signs that wet rot may be occurring.

A delicatessen 'Magill' is located on the ground floor with access to the basement for use as a store. A separate long narrow original corridor to the upper two floors is independently accessed from Clarendon Street through the original doorway. The original staircase to the rear of this corridor leads to the first and second floors where corner fireplaces occupy the main rooms on both levels. The larger front room has two later timber casement windows looking onto Clarendon Street with the rear room having only one. A rear return is located off the smaller rear room through an opening which once retained an original window. The early panelling on the walls in this room is most notable. The second floor is similar in layout to the first and also accommodates a return, accessed through the rear room.

Much of the decoration to the interior of the building comes in the form of original timber panelling along the stairs to the second floor half landing and also in the first floor rear room. There is also significant early timber box cornices and later simple hand moulded cornices found in many of the rooms and stairs hall.

The wall panelling has been proportionally laid out across the wall width and is full height. The raised and fielded panels have been covered over at a later date with wall paper. Some of the panels have also been covered over in hardboard. The stairwell walls are also timber panelled with the exception of the second floor landing where the external gable wall has had a modern render applied. This panelling is a very important architectural feature indicating an early, pre Georgian period and is a rare feature in buildings in Dublin today. An insulated suspended inner leaf has been constructed against the external gable wall on the second floor front room possibly as a direct result of removing the once attached adjacent building.

The staircase is a robust piece of joinery exhibiting a high level of craftsmanship particularly between first and second floors. It comprises of vase profile, square top balusters housed into a generous string beam and square top classical shape newel posts only at first floor and first floor half landings. The original newel post at second floor has been modified to take a later balustrade. The stairs from ground floor to half landing is slightly more refined than the upper levels. The design of the balusters and handrail distinguish them as being pre-Georgian. The closed string often a continuous beam houses the balusters and is also earlier than the Georgian period. The stairs may be of oak as many of its time would be; it is however, heavily painted with the handrail cap left in the original colour of the wood.

### **References**

Blackwood Associates (Feb 2011) *Report on Request for Addition to the Record of Protected Structure of 14 Clarendon Street, Dublin 2, Addition Number 144*. Unpublished Report commissioned by Dublin City Council.

### **Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017**

The building is zoned Z5 "To consolidate and facilitate the development of the central area, and to identify, reinforce and strengthen and protect its civic design character and dignity".

### **Assessment of Special Interest Under the Planning & Development Act 2000**

The structure is considered to be of special interest under the following headings:

1. **Architectural:** Number 14 Clarendon Street was constructed between 1708 and 1728 as one half of a pair, the other one being No. 13 to the northern side. Externally it is a modest three-storey over basement shop with living accommodation over it. It contributes to the streetscape and character of the area. In addition, the interior retains a substantial amount of its original fabric and decorative finishes. The original plan form of the building with corner fireplace is still intact. Early traditional methods of construction are still visible in the building such as lime plaster on original walls and, lath and plaster ceilings. The surviving rare panelling and associated timber box cornices are also of great architectural importance as is the original raised and fielded timber doors and the original staircase which is pre Georgian.

2. **Historical:** Clarendon Street was laid out in 1685 by William Williams. A narrow thoroughfare, which eventually evolved into an area of small businesses and craft shops. There were glass blowers pawnbrokers, silversmiths, roof slates, grocers, horse dealers, dairy and even a muffin and crumpet shop.
3. **Social:** The Dublin Almanack has records showing that between 1829 and 1841 a Plumber & Hydraulic Engine maker occupied the building; 1850 it was recorded as being vacant while in 1841 No. 13 was occupied by a pickle warehouse & delicatessen and in 1950 Magill's was the name recorded at No.13 and a Grocer at No. 14. It is therefore interesting to note that McGill's now occupies as a pickle shop and deli. Other occupants noted in the Dublin Almanack include; 1863 J. Hyland, Plumber; 1883 Tenements; 1900 Agent, Thomas J Lee; 1922 Tenements (No. 13 in ruin); 1933 Moore, Confectionaries & Tobacconist.

### **Submissions/ Objections Received**

There are three letters on file from the same person objecting to the proposed addition of 14 Clarendon Street.

The main issues raised by this person are;

- the house is a modest building, there are no features on the outside and limited features on the inside so it is not of National importance.
- including the building on the RPS will impose excessive limitations and bureaucracy on the owner and at present there are no grants available to assist in any repair/conservation works.
- the lath and plaster ceilings are a fire hazard and horizontal fire separation would be required by the fire officer if any sub-division is proposed.
- DCC should buy the property itself, if it is considered to be of National importance.
- alternatively the adjoining Westbury Hotel could buy the building, demolish it and incorporate it into the hotel.

### **Response to Objections**

The building has a modest exterior but its interior retains early 18th century fabric which is pre-Georgian, and very rare. It has a timber panelled interior, original staircase, lath and plaster ceilings, hand modelled plasterwork and corner fireplaces. In particular, surviving timber panelled interiors of the early 18th century are extremely rare in Dublin.

It is correct of the objector to state that the National Conservation Grants are not available at the moment but they may be re-introduced in time. Any technical assistance or advice the applicant needs will be made available by all sections of DCC including advice from the Conservation Section and the Fire Officer.

The property is operating as a successful business and thus has a sustainable use. There is no justification for DCC or the Westbury Hotel to acquire the building. Furthermore, the exterior of the building makes a positive contribution to the streetscape.

### **Conclusion**

The building should be added to the RPS for the reasons outlined above.

### **Meeting of the Area Committee**

The addition of the structure was brought forward to the South East Area Committee on 11/04/11 where it was agreed by the elected members to initiate the procedure to add this structure to the RPS.

### **Recommendation**

In accordance with section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, it is recommended that 14 Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 be added to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017.

The making of any addition to the Record of Protected Structures is a reserved function of the City Council.

**Patricia Hyde**  
**Senior Planner**

**Development Department,  
Derelict Sites Section,  
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Civic Offices.**

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**To the Chairperson and Members of  
The South East Area Committee**

### **Derelict Sites Quarterly Report**

I attach details of Derelict Sites in the South East Area, which are currently under review. Formal action is being taken in relation to the sites listed on Appendix 1; sites currently under investigation are listed on Appendix 2 and sites currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register are listed on Appendix 3.

**Declan Wallace  
Executive Manager**

## APPENDIX 1

### DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT SOUTH EAST AREA

#### SITES WHERE FORMAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN

Location	Current Position
DS775 Bath Street, 11, Irishtown, D4.	Notice served requiring works to be carried out.
DS748 Clonskeagh Road (Paper Mill), D6.	Owner asked to carry out further works.
DS764 Hanover Quay / Blood Stoney Road, D2.	Demolition / site clearance works carried out as requested.
DS765 Portobello Road 23, D8	Notice served of intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register – improvement works subsequently carried out.
DS773 Rathmines Road Lower 2, D6	Section 11 Notice served 08/12/2011
DS695 Stamer Street 3, D8	Owner requested to cut back overgrowth and remove litter.

## APPENDIX 2

### DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT SOUTH EAST AREA

#### SITES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION

Location	Current position
Cuffe Street, 48-50, D2	Owner asked to cut back overgrowth and remove litter.
Donnybrook Road, 25-27 & 1-3 The Crescent, D4	Weeds cutback as requested.
Fenian Street, 24/25, D2	Owner requested to remove litter from basement.
Grosvenor Place 22, D6	Owner asked to carry out repair works.
Grosvenor Road 74, D6	Details of ownership requested.
Northumberland Road, (former petrol station), D4	Receiver asked for site proposals
Rathmines Road Lower 207 (former Stella Cinema), D6	Updated reference of ownership requested.
South Anne Street 18-20, D2	Details of ownership requested.
South Great George's Street 41-46, D2	Owners asked for site proposals
South Great George's Street 58-59, D2	Details of ownership requested.
South Great George's Street 24, D2	Details of ownership requested.

## APPENDIX 3

### Sites on Derelict Sites Register in South East Area

Location	Owner	Position
3 Portobello Road	Estate of Emily Doyle	Entered on DSR 30/9/08
7 Adelaide Road	David Grant 61 Haddington Road	Entered on DSR 20/1/09
13/14 Exchange Street Lower	Fergal Herbert, 48 North Great George's Street/Edward Kenny, 16 North Great George's Street, D1	Entered on DSR 12/3/09
Clonskeagh Road (Paper Mills)	Gerard Gannon, 52 Northumberland Road, D4	Entered on DSR 25/3/11
30 Merlyn Road	Eamonn Hassett/Blaithin Murphy, 10 Brooklands, Clane, Co. Kildare	Entered on DSR 5/4/11
36 Harcourt Street	Paul Tiernan, 3 Belleville Avenue, D6	Entered on DSR 19/4/11
210A/B Lower Rathmines Road	Chartbusters (in receivership)	Entered on DSR 21/4/11



To the Chairperson and Members of  
The South East Area Committee

12<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### Area Manager's Report

#### Dodder Flood Alleviation Works

The OPW moved on site in August 2011 on the Marian College side of the river. The works will continue until Christmas 2011. The pathway beside the river was closed off since late August and local diversions have been put in place. Due to the bridge repairs the pathway to the Dart line was closed for a period of several weeks whilst structural repairs were carried out. The pathway is now open to commuters. Iarnrod Eireann gave a presentation to the area Councillors on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

#### Grafton Street Quarter

The pilot improvement scheme for Fade Street is almost complete with the final finish to the widened footpaths to be applied as soon as weather conditions allow. An improvement proposal for Grafton Street is nearing completion along with the preparation of a Draft Public Realm Plan for the Grafton Street Quarter. Details will be presented to Councillors shortly.

#### Fitzwilliam Quay Wall

Work has commenced on the quay wall. The duration of the works is approximately 5 months.

#### Marlborough Street Public Transport Priority Bridge

Construction of the Marlborough Street Public Transport Priority Bridge commenced in late September 2011 and is scheduled to take eighteen months to complete. The work is being carried out on behalf of Dublin City Council by Graham Projects Limited who carried out the construction of the Samuel Beckett Bridge. The works are being supervised by Roughan O'Donovan, the consultants who designed the bridge. Work to date has been small scale, mostly site investigation and surveys of the quay walls and surrounding buildings. Funding for this project is being provided through the National Transport Authority.

#### Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas tree lighting events were very successful in the South East Area and were well attended with a lot of community involvement. Also special thanks to the Community staff of the South East Area and the area staff for all their assistance.

#### Tall Ships 2012

The Tall Ships are coming to Dublin on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010. A four day festival will take place between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August. The festival location will encompass the Custom House to the Point Village, Ringsend to Grand Canal Square and vicinity of Pearse Street and North and South Quays from Butt Bridge to East Link Bridge.

The South East Area will have an involvement in Tall Ships 2012. At present officials from the SEA are included on two of the Working Groups involved in the event, working under the direction of the Tall Ships Steering Committee. These include the Land/Event – Technical/Logistics Working Group and the Health/Safety and Event Management Working Group, which includes a sub group for Community Liaison. The sub group involves:

- a) liaising with all communities in the vicinity of the event including business and residential
- b) arranging adequate briefing meetings and information sessions with the community
- c) actively encouraging engagement from the community in the event
- d) organising local area activity programmes to compliment the festival programme.

The community liaison work will begin in January 2012.

#### **South East Area Strings Project / Instrument Appeal**

The South East Area Strings Project / Instrument Appeal was formally launched on Wednesday 7th December. Mickey Joe Harte launched the Project with Don Baker and the Deputy Lord Mayor in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre. Based in St. Patrick's Girls National School and St. Patrick's Boys National School, Cambridge Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4, and St. Enda's National School, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2 the South East Area Strings Project will introduce children of primary school age to musical theory, practice and performance. Each pupil will receive a weekly practical lesson and theory/musical appreciation lesson in their local School. To date there has been a positive response to the appeal.

**Michael O'Neill**  
**Area Manager**

**QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER  
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012**

- Q1. Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager if he has yet had a response from the owner of the Martello Tower in Sandymount about its future use.
- Q2. Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager what plans exists for the use of the former Fire Station in Rathmines.
- Q3. Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager if there are any plans for the former waste Collection Depot in Donnybrook and if he will arrange a visit to same for (this) Councillor (s).
- Q4. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to erect signs informing dog walkers of the protected status of Brent Geese. These signs to be located between Merrion Gates and Beach Road Sandymount.
- Q5. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to replace or repair the seats at the Marlborough Road, Ranelagh end.
- Q6. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to have the open space in Ramleh Park, Milltown checked by the Health Inspector following a complaint that rats have been seen there.
- Q7. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to have the cycle lanes cleared of broken glass in the Dublin 4 area and in particular in the vicinity of public houses.
- Q8. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to have the shores on Gilford Terrace and Gilford Road Sandymount cleaned on a more regular basis.
- Q9. Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager if he will supply a comprehensive reply to the letter supplied with this question as a matter of urgency and if in advance of that he will supply to the Residents Association representative the answers sought.
- Q10. Councillor Gerry Ashe**  
To ask the Manager to arrange to have the drain at (details supplied) cleared of all debris and burnt material and to have the park railing at the same address repaired and any missing bars replaced.
- Q11. Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager if he will reply to the issues raised in the email supplied with this question.
- Q12. Councillor Gerry Ashe**  
To ask the Manager to provide a green recycling bin for the residents of (details Supplied)
- Q13. Councillor Maria Parodi**  
To ask the Manager for a response to the following query listed in (details supplied).
- Q14. Councillor Maria Parodi**  
To ask the Manager for the trees outside (details supplied) to be pruned.

- Q15. Councillor Maria Parodi**  
To ask the Manager to consider installing a bench in Ringsend Park located close to the park entrance from Cambridge Road where the flower garden used to be, please see a map of the specific location in (details supplied).
- Q16. Councillor Maria Parodi**  
To ask the Manager to investigate the following issues (details supplied).
- Q17. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Manager whether the yellow lines on Mount Drummond which have been obscured recently can be re-painted.
- Q18. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Manager what proposals, if any, he has to advise residents in the South East Area of the identity of the private operator that shall now collect their bins and what are the relevant contact details should residents need to contact the operator.
- Q19. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Manager to inquire from the Royal Hospital Donnybrook about its intentions in respect of the opening of the Bushfield Gate at the end of Bushfield Terrace, Dublin 4, bearing in mind the continued opposition of residents of the Terrace and Smith's Cottages to any extension of the gate's opening times.
- Q20. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Manager when the refurbishment of Belgrave Square playground will be completed.
- Q21. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Manager to confirm that there are no proposals to construct a flood defence system in the South east area similar to that proposed recently in Clontarf.
- Q22. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Manager whether the person whose details are attached can have any threat to his ongoing accommodation with the City Council removed.