

## CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 2.30 p.m.

### AGENDA

- 4667 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010  
**(Attached) pages 5-8**
- 4668 Questions to the Area Manager  
**(Attached) pages 54-59**
- 4669 With reference to Croke Park Stadium and associated issues – representatives of Croke Park Stadium and GAA to attend.
- 4670 With reference to the Dart Underground Project – representatives of Iarnrod Eireann to attend.

### Planning and Development Matters

- 4671 With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper
- 4672 Notification of Initiation under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - Proposed location of Waste Management Services Depot at a site in the Daisy Market, Arran Street East, Dublin 7 and location of a Bottle Bank at the junction of Arran Street East and Chancery Street.
- (Report Attached) pages 14-17**

- 4673 Planning Applications

**Applicant:** Services Industrial Professional Technical Union (SIPTU)  
**Ref:** 2207/10  
**Location:** Liberty Hall, Eden Quay and Beresford Place, Dublin 1  
**Proposal:**

The proposed development will consist of; The demolition of the existing Liberty Hall complex comprising a seventeen storey office building over two basement levels, and an adjoining linked two storey building over basement level (approx 63.3metres OD at highest point) accommodating a performance arts centre, four retail units, and associated ancillary space. The total floor space of buildings to be demolished comprises approx. 7,890sqm. It is proposed to construct a new mixed use building, part twenty storeys over two basement levels, with mezzanines at ground level and level 17, (approx 89 metres OD to parapet level, approx. 91.2 metres OD to roof screen level), and part three storeys over two basement levels, with mezzanine at ground level, (approx. 19.8 metres OD in height). The building height from footpath level is approximately 88 metres at its highest point. The new building will accommodate offices (approx. 10,076sqm) at levels 1 to 16; public heritage centre and sky pod (approx. 1,305sqm) at levels 17 to 19;; shared access, reception, areas, coffee shop and associated uses at ground floor level (approx. 876sqm), with visitor ticketing area, toilets, Sky lift lobby and related services areas, at ground floor mezzanine (approx. 450sqm); theatre / conference area with pre-conferencing circulation space, ancillary accommodation for theatre, associated facilities, including toilets etc. (approx 1,014sqm), at level -1; associated servicing, plant and ancillary areas, including cycle parking (41 spaces) at level -2; provision of 30 cycle parking spaces at ground floor level; all associated servicing, staff, circulation and ancillary spaces throughout the building. The total gross floor area of the proposed building is approximately 14,362sqm with external landscaped terraces at level 1 (approx. 124sqm), level 3 (approx. 281sqm). level 4 (approx 8.6sqm) and level 17 (approx 110sqm); associated plant at roof level and provision of ESB substation (approx 16sqm) and LV switch room (approx 33sqm) accessed from a raised platform setback from Old Abbey Street. All associated site development, services and related works; provision of landscaping at site frontage at Eden

Quay, including new steps and disabled ramp access to new building entrance. All on a site of some 0.127 hectares. Existing vehicular access to basement off Old Abbey Street to be removed. Existing parking provision at basement level (19 no. car spaces) to be removed. There is no vehicular access proposed to the building and no on-site car parking provision. Servicing/deliveries as per existing loading bay on Beresford Place and along Old Abbey Street. Servicing / rear pedestrian access off Old Abbey Street, public entrance (pedestrian) to building off Eden Quay. An Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of this planning application and will be submitted to Dublin City Council with this application. A copy of the Environmental Impact Statement may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority Dublin City Council, Planning Department, Block 4, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 during its public opening hours (9.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday).

**Registered Date:** 11-02-2010

### **Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**

**4674** With reference to Public Library Events for March 2010 in the Central Area  
**(Report enclosed)**

#### **Housing and Residential Services Department**

**4675** With reference to Scheme of Letting Priorities and Allocation of Vacancies arising from Housing Redevelopment at Lourdes House  
**(Report attached) Page 18**

**4676** With reference to the O'Devaney Gardens Regeneration Board Annual Report  
**(Report attached) Page 19-26**

### **Roads & Traffic Department Matters**

**4677** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2010  
**(Report Attached) pages 27-30**

**4678** With reference to a report on the proposed 2-hour maximum parking stay in Iona District.  
**(Report Attached) pages 31-33**

### **Central Area Matters**

**4679** With reference to Central Area Community Forum contacts  
**(Report Attached) page 29**

**4680** Updates on the following:  
Environmental Services Unit **pages 36-39**  
NEIC IAP **pages 40-41**  
North West Area (including HARP) **pages 42-45**  
Housing Issues-North East Inner City **pages 46-50**  
Housing Issues- North West Inner City **pages 51-53**

### **Motions**

**4681** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee receives a report regarding the HGV's that are parking along North Circular Road every night of the week and that this parking is in breach of the traffic bye-laws.

**4682** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that the Minister for Justice make a statement to this Committee with regard to the future of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station, when the refurbishment works will start and when the works will be completed. Also will it continue to be a Garda Station when the works are complete.

**4683 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that a report be made to the Central Area Committee as to what works will take place this year at O'Devaney Gardens, Dublin 7.

**4684 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to consider Sheriff Street Football Club to use the new all weather pitch for training at Clontarf.

**4685 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee calls for the pedestrian entrance (beside the vehicle entrance) to John Paul Park to be kept open while the Centre is open as it is currently dangerous to access the park for pedestrians in the evening.

**4686 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee agrees to have Cliftonville and Marguerite Roads checked and cleaned more regularly.

**4687 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

In light of the serious cutbacks in funding for the Cabra/Finglas Drugs Task Force, this Committee agrees to write to the relevant Ministers and Government TD's in this area to express our anger that many drug rehabilitation projects will not be able to continue in 2010 because of the loss of approximately €200,000 in this year's budget.

**4688 Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To call on the Area Manager to ensure that when a tenant has arrears in their rents and have made an agreement, that this be logged on to the Anite System so that maintenance will know that the tenant has made an agreement and that the repairs can be carried out.

**4689 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager states the number of evictions that have been carried out by Dublin City Council over the last 10 years and the reasons for such evictions.

**4690 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager state where the cobblestones, which were removed from Smithfield Square during the original landscaping are stored and that they will be used for the new enhancement works planned for the Square.

**4691 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager will improve the security at Mount Bernard Park which is open all night and if he will ensure that there is adequate public lighting in the Shandon area.

**4692 Motion in the name of Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager outlines the lessons Dublin City Council has learned from the water supply difficulties experienced by many communities this winter.

**4693 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee puts on record its opposition to any plans/suggestion that the Abbey Theatre be relocated to the GPO

**4694 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee ask that all road/street signage in the area be checked for consistency and correctness of translation into Irish and that all incorrect signs be replaced.

**4695 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee commend the RAS scheme for its role in uplifting the standard of rental accommodation in the city.

**4696 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The elected members of the Central Area Committee call on Dublin City Council Events Department to support the Phibsborough "PhizzFest".

**4697 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The elected members call on the Manager to immediately commence work to repair the road surface and ramps on Blackhorse Avenue and to provide this Committee with a report outlining what work will be undertaken and when it will commence.

**4698 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The elected members of the Central Area Committee are concerned at the high levels of stress and anxiety being caused to the sick and elderly by the significant delays being experienced with the approval of medical card renewals and applications. We call on the HSE to take immediate action to reduce the processing time for medical card applications. We call on the HSE to automatically renew any expiring medical cards from applicants that have held a medical card for the previous 12 months or more until such time as the HSE estimate to have cleared the backlog that currently exists. The centralised customer service function in Finglas is providing a very poor level of service to the general public with members of the public being left hanging on the line indefinitely. Written notifications to applicants indicating a tracking number on a website is proving highly ineffective because in many cases the ref. Numbers are not recognised on the web and many applicants are not computer literate and/or have web access.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**

**CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

**12 noon on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010**

## CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 at 2.30 p.m.

### MINUTES

- 4642 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2010  
**ORDER: Agreed.**
- 4643 Questions to the Area Manager  
**ORDER: Noted.**
- 4644 With reference to the dry recycling collection process in the Central Area  
**ORDER: Presentation noted. Councillor's comments can be summarised as follows;**  
**(a) Members reported on communication problems with Greyhound – the calendars that were sent to the residents have incorrect collection days.**  
**(b) Greyhound are using trucks without the Greyhound logo on the side.**  
**(c) Members want to know how penalties will work for breach of contract and what steps are being taken by Waste Management to pursue penalties.**  
**Further report in two months**

#### **Standing orders were suspended in order to table the following emergency motions**

"This committee calls on the CM to carry out an inspection of the water pipes, the tanks and pumps at Marmion Court, Queen St and Blackhall Parade, Smithfield, Dublin 7 and to bring back a report to the C A C for March meeting.

Also if DCC will inform residents as to what the problems are and how long it will take to replace and costs as this area has had on going water problems for some years."

**ORDER: Agreed. Report issued to Councillors at the meeting.**

"That the Members of this Committee will fully support any motions which may be brought to the full City Council Meeting next month requesting the immediate removal of the 30Kph speed limits in the City Centre."

**ORDER: Not agreed.**

#### **Planning and Development Matters**

- 4645 With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper  
**ORDER: Noted.**
- 4646 With reference to Planning Enforcement quarterly report  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

#### 4647 **Planning Applications**

**Applicant:** Phil Conlon

**Location:** Croke Park, St. Joseph's Avenue, St. James Avenue, Dublin 3

**Proposal:**

To demolish and replace existing 3-storey (1,232 sqm) handball sports, recreation and community facility and the replacement of same with a new 3,417 sq. metre building for use as a handball sports, recreation and community facility with offices at third floor level (508 sq.m) and fourth floor level (112 sq.m), together with all associated signage. The proposed new facility will be a four-storey stone and zinc clad structure over double basement. The handball facilities will be located at basement, ground, first and second floor levels. The community facility will be located on part of the ground floor level. The proposed new building will have

pedestrian entrances at St. Joseph Avenue, Dublin 3 for the two top floor offices and at St James Avenue, Dublin 3 for the handball sports, recreation and community facility, accessing facilities consisting of 5 no. handball courts comprised of 1 no. 40x20 court with 1,450 spectator capacity, 1 no. 60x30 court with 600 spectator capacity and 3 no. 40x20 courts each with 100 spectator capacity, ground floor area (520 sqm), together with all associated sanitary, plant, storage and ancillary services. In addition, these works will include a new controlled vehicular entrance with manned security facility at St. Josephs Avenue for accessing Croke Park Stadium.

**Registered Date:** 04-02-2010

**ORDER: Presentation noted. Councillor's expressed their opposition to the proposed development. Member's requested that representatives from GAA and stadium management attend the March meeting to discuss various matters including future community engagement.**

#### **Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**

- 4648** With reference to Public Library Events for January 2010 in the Central Area  
**ORDER: Noted.**

#### **Roads & Traffic Department Matters**

- 4649** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2010  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

#### **Central Area Matters**

- 4650** Smithfield Quarter Enhancement Scheme  
**ORDER: Report noted.**
- 4651** With reference to the 2010 Central Area Works Programme.  
**ORDER: Report noted.**
- 4652** Updates on the following:  
Environmental Services Unit  
NEIC IAP  
North West Area (including HARP)  
Housing Issues-North East Inner City  
Housing Issues- North West Inner City  
**ORDER: Report noted.**

#### **Motions**

- 4653** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that Dublin City Council provides a Christmas Tree in East Wall in December 2010 and that Dublin City Council contact the residents group in East Wall in order to agree a location in East Wall and that a switch on be carried out as in other areas.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

- 4654** **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee calls for a report as to why a water leak outside 4 Kinvara Avenue took so long to be fixed and why the leak has now moved to inside the residents front garden

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4655 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee calls for a report detailing the total cost of repairs to John Paul Park caused by antisocial behaviour in the past 18 months.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4656 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee calls for a report from the OPW to detail what work has been carried out so far in upgrading the dressing rooms beside the 15 Acres.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4657 Motion in the name of Councillor Dessie Ellis**

That this Committee calls for traffic calming measures to be introduced on Walsh Road to address the serious speeding that is going on daily.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4658 Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee asks the Area Manager to consider opening voids in certain blocks of flats that were due to be demolished as part of PPP Schemes, considering the very high demand for housing.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

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**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4660 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring**

That this Committee request that Iarnrod Eireann give a presentation on the proposed Dart Underground project at the next Central Area Committee with particular emphasis on the impact on the East Wall area.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor. Agreed to invite Iarnrod Eireann to the March Central Area Committee meeting.**

**4661 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The Central Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to advise the schedule for road sweeping of St Jarlath, St Attracta, St Eithne and St Fintan Road and Terrace and to ensure that the schedule is adhered to and proper attention given to the area.

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**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4664 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The Central Area Committee call on Dublin City Council to convene without further delay a meeting of the Phibsborough Area Plan Monitoring Committee.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

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The Central Area Committee ask the City Manager when the interviews for units at Castleforbes will be held given the fact that units were to open 2 years back and can the City Manager make sure there is no delay in opening of this complex.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**4666 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

The Central Area Committee ask the Manager that this Committee receives a report on the MACRO Building on 1 Green Street, Dublin 1.

**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Cllr. Christy Burke (Chairperson)**

**Cllr. Seamas McGrattan (Vice Chairperson)**

**Lord Mayor Cllr. Emer Costello**

**Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick**

**Cllr. Mary O'Shea**

**Cllr. Nial Ring**

**Cllr. Ray McAdam**

**Cllr. Marie Metcalfe**

**Cllr. Cieran Perry**

**Cllr. Áine Clancy**

**Cllr. Claire O'Regan**

**Officials**

**Charlie Lowe, Executive Manager, Central Area**

**Hugh McKenna, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area**

**John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area**

**Paul Kearns, Senior Planner, Central Area Team**

**Alec Dundon, Executive Engineer, Roads & Traffic**

**Fiacra Worrell, Assistant Enforcement Manager, Planning Department**

**Hugh Coughlan, Administrative Officer, Waste Management**

**Cathy Cassidy, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Central Area Office**

**Sandra Walley, Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area Office**



**Motions with replies**  
**Central Area Committee**  
**February 2010**

**Item** 4653

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**Report**

Contact will be made with the residents to agree a location. A costing will be given to the Manager on the civil works, ESB, ducting, purchase of lights and the provision of the tree and installation costs.

**Item** 4654

**Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee calls for a report as to why a water leak outside 4 Kinvara Avenue took so long to be fixed and why the leak has now moved to inside the residents front garden

**Report**

The leak at 4 Kinvara Avenue was on the supply pipe **inside** the front garden of the house. Responsibility for this repair lies with the householder. Our maintenance crew dug the supply pipe in the footpath on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009. No leak was found on the supply pipe under the public footpath and we informed the occupant that the leak was within their property. They engaged a plumber to carry out repairs to the pipe on the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009.

**Item** 4655

**Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee calls for a report detailing the total cost of repairs to John Paul Park caused by antisocial behaviour in the past 18 months.

**Report**

Damage to John Paul Park consisted of broken trees and damage to the tarmac footpaths as a result of burning the wheelie bins and minor damage was caused to the playground. The cost of this repair over the past 18 months is estimated at €3,600.

**Item** 4656

**Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Committee calls for a report from the OPW to detail what work has been carried out so far in upgrading the dressing rooms beside the 15 Acres.

**Report**

This matter will be taken up with the OPW if the members agree to the terms of the motion.

**Item** 4657

**Motion in the name of Councillor Dessie Ellis**

That this Committee calls for traffic calming measures to be introduced on Walsh Road to address the serious speeding that is going on daily.

### **Report**

There are existing traffic calming measures on Walsh Road. There are speed ramps on Walsh Road and the most recent speed surveys indicate that the traffic is travelling at an appropriate speed. However, additional speed surveys will be conducted and the results of these and any recommended actions by the Traffic Advisory Group will be reported to a future Area Committee Meeting.

There is also a No Right Turn ban from Home Farm Road onto Walsh Road during the morning peak from 07.00 to 10.00 am. Enforcement of this ban is a matter for the Gardai.

**Item** 4658

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee asks the Area Manager to consider opening voids in certain blocks of flats that were due to be demolished as part of PPP Schemes, considering the very high demand for housing.

### **Report**

Following the collapse of the Public Private Partnership schemes, the Council established an Urban Regeneration Taskforce to explore the options and develop masterplans for the redevelopment of the sites. Masterplans for O'Devaney Gardens and Dominick Street were adopted by the City Councillors in December 2008 and it was accepted at that time that the process of detenancing to facilitate building new housing units on the vacated parts of the site would continue.

City Architects are currently preparing planning applications for Dominick Street and O'Devaney Gardens with a view to lodging them with An Bord Pleanala later this year. In both cases, the construction of Phase 1 is dependent on detenancing, demolition and rebuild in this circumstance it is not possible to re-let voids on these estates.

There are approximately 25 families still living Croke Villas and families are being moved out on a regular basis. Given the condition of the buildings which was why it was selected for regeneration and the current level of voids which renders the majority of the estate empty, and the cost and technical difficulties of refurbishment to current housing standards (all of which were considered at the time demolition was selected as the most appropriate approach to regeneration) it is not considered practical or in the interests of prospective tenants to consider reopening the voids in this scheme.

There are currently 140 voids in the Central area which are being targeted for works to bring them back into stock.

The Council are actively working with the DOEHLG in looking at the options for increasing the number of social units in all areas of the City including the Central area. This approach is taking into account the existence of new vacant private units in the City and the possibility of taking some of these into social rented stock (where they are of an appropriate standard, size and location), by availing of leasing, RAS and through Part 5. The Council also purchase some second hand units.

Specifically the Council is currently constructing new housing units in the Central including:

- Lourdes House (37 units) expected completion date Autumn 2010; 26 units already handed over and occupied.

- Sean Tracey House (new build 53 units) on site since Feb 2009 expected completion date Summer 2011
- McKee Park (38 senior citizen units) went on site in November 2009 expected completion also Summer 2011.

In addition there are a number of new schemes at design, planning or tender stage in the system for the Central Area including those shown below in the order in which they are likely to be delivered:

- North King Street where tender documents are being prepared for 27 units
- Liberty House where a proposal for Part 8 planning is being prepared for 44 units
- Poplar Row where a proposal for 30 new senior citizen units is with the DOEHLG awaiting approval
- Dunmanus where the designs for 30 senior citizen units are being revised

To summarise the Central Area will have 128 new units by the end of 2011 and there are a further 131 at the design, planning or tender stage.

**Item** 4659

**Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

That this Committee calls on the Area Manager to ensure there is communication between Rent and Maintenance sections in relation to those tenants making arrangements regarding arrears to ensure maintenance work is carried out when needed.

**Report**

As of 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2009, tenants who are over six weeks in rent arrears will generally no longer have routine repairs carried out to their home. However, where the tenant has made an agreement with Housing Rents in relation to their arrears and has abided by it, for over six weeks, maintenance requests will be dealt with.

If the Councillor is aware of any specific rent accounts where agreements are in place and maintained correctly leading to a withdrawal of the maintenance service, he should forward the details.

**Item** 4660

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

That this Committee request that Iarnrod Eireann give a presentation on the proposed Dart Underground project at the next Central Area Committee with particular emphasis on the impact on the East Wall area.

**Report**

Representatives from Iarnrod Eireann will be invited to make a presentation at the next Central Area Committee meeting if members agree to the terms of the motion.

**Item** 4661

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The Central Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to advise the schedule for road sweeping of St Jarlath, St Attracta, St Eithne and St Fintan Road and Terrace and to ensure that the schedule is adhered to and proper attention given to the area.

**Report**

Waste Management Services have St Jarlath, St Attracta, St Eithne, St Fintan Road and St Fintan Terrace scheduled to be cleaned every Tuesday after the refuse collection has taken place there. From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 a handcart man will also clean these streets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Item** 4662

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The Central Area Committee call on Dublin City Council Housing Management to liaise with the Garda Juvenile Liaison Officers for the Cabra Area and to caution in writing any tenants of Dublin City Council in the area who receive Anti-Social Behaviour Orders.

**Report**

The Local Area Office is in regular contact with Gardai in relation to antisocial behaviour in the area. Dublin City Council have an Estate Management Process whereby tenants can and do receive warnings, where complaints are received and proven. We cannot issue written warnings on initial complaints, even where an ASBO has been issued. Experience with the courts has shown that it is absolutely essential that we follow procedure to the letter and any initial errors in procedure on process can compromise the potential for a successful future outcome.

**Item** 4663

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The Central Area Committee calls on the Minister for Transport as part of the 2010 road spending allocations to provide funds to undertake the necessary road improvements on Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7.

**Report**

This matter will be taken up with the Minister for Transport if the members agree to the terms of the motion.

**Item** 4664

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

The Central Area Committee call on Dublin City Council to convene without further delay a meeting of the Phibsborough Area Plan Monitoring Committee.

**Report**

Letters inviting expressions of interest to become members of the Plan Monitoring Committee, from resident associations in the plan area, which were also involved in the consultation phase of the plan, were sent out on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2010. Should there be more expressions of interest than actual places for community groups on the Plan Monitoring Committee, a selection procedure will be required. As soon as the members of the committee are determined the Central Area Office will convene an inaugural meeting.

**Item** 4665

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

The Central Area Committee ask the City Manager when the interviews for units at Castleforbes will be held given the fact that units were to open 2 years back and can the City Manager make sure there is no delay in opening of this complex.

**Report**

Dublin Docklands Authority is acquiring these units. As you are aware the developer for these units has gone into receivership. Dublin Docklands Authority has been in contact with the Receiver in order to resolve some outstanding issues including planning compliance. As soon as these issues have been dealt with and contracts have been exchanged the interviews will be held.

**Item** 4666

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

The Central Area Committee ask the Manager that this Committee receives a report on the MACRO Building on 1 Green Street, Dublin 1.

**Report**

The MACRO Centre was built by Dublin City Council as a community facility for the Markets Area and has been in operation since 2002. A separate community based company "MACRO Building Management Ltd" was set up to run the building and it has been appointed by the City Council to manage the building for a three year period as and from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

Nominated advisors including two Dublin City staff assist the Board. The building is run on a day to day basis by the Development Manager and her staff.

The building has office space, a café and provides occasional meeting and training facilities for residents groups, the local community and voluntary groups.

Until around last Christmas twelve groups occupied the building. Since then three groups (MACRO CDP, Macro Newsletter and Bradog) have vacated the building. Both the CDP and the Newsletter were unable to continue their activities due to funding difficulties while Bradog has moved to larger premises in Dominick Street. The nine groups now housed are Georges Hill CE, North West Training and Development Project, Snug Counselling Service, Eden Training, Great Dublin Centre for Independent Living, Community ICT, Macro Senior Citizens and Citizens Information Service. All the Groups hold a licence from the Council, which permits them the use of specified rooms for a specific period. These licences are due to expire 30<sup>th</sup> April next and it is proposed to offer all new licences. The Building Administrator has received requests for office accommodation. Recently, the Board examined them and a recommendation to offer new licences will be made shortly to the Development Department.

In June 2009 the café ceased operating. Three months later it reopened and is being run by Building Management on a trial basis. The operation of the café is currently under review.

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

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**Notification of Initiation under Part 8 of the Planning and Development  
Regulations 2001**

**Proposed location of Waste Management Services Depot at a site in the Daisy  
Market, Arran Street East, Dublin 7 and location of a Bottle Bank at the junction  
of Arran Street East and Chancery Street.**

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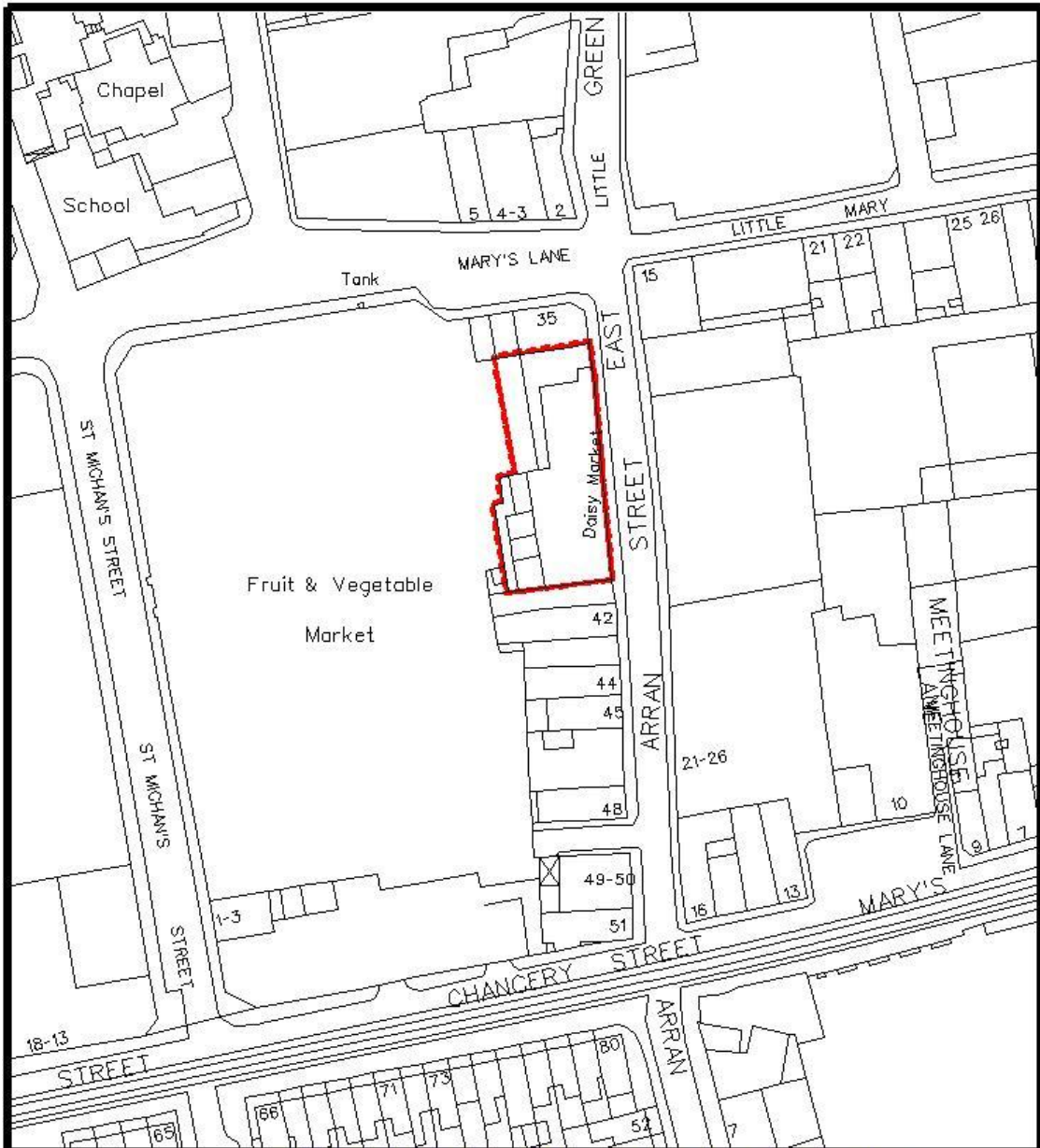
Dublin City Council wishes to give notice that it intends to initiate the process leading to an application under part 8 of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 for the location of a Waste Management Services Depot at a site in the Daisy Market, Arran Street East, Dublin 7 and the location of a Bottle Bank at the junction of Arran Street East and Chancery Street on a short term basis for a period up to five years.

- The new depot will play an important role in the delivery of Street Cleaning Services for the City Centre and in particular, the Markets Area.
- The depot will also provide accommodation for staff previously located in O'Rahilly Parade.
- A number of alternative sites have been examined and the site at the Daisy Market is considered to be the most suitable.
- The depot will also be able to accommodate recycling facilities for the collection of organic waste, pallets and other recyclable materials.
- It is proposed to locate a bottle bank at the corner of Chancery Street and Arran Street East.
- The Roads and Traffic Department, the Drainage Division and the Water Services Division have been consulted and have raised no objections.
- Attached please find a location map, site layout and proposed wall elevations.

The Planning Department has advised that the proposed use is consistent with the zoning (Z5) – City Centre (Mixed Use) and that a Part 8 is required.

This report is submitted for consideration by the Central Area Committee in the first instance.

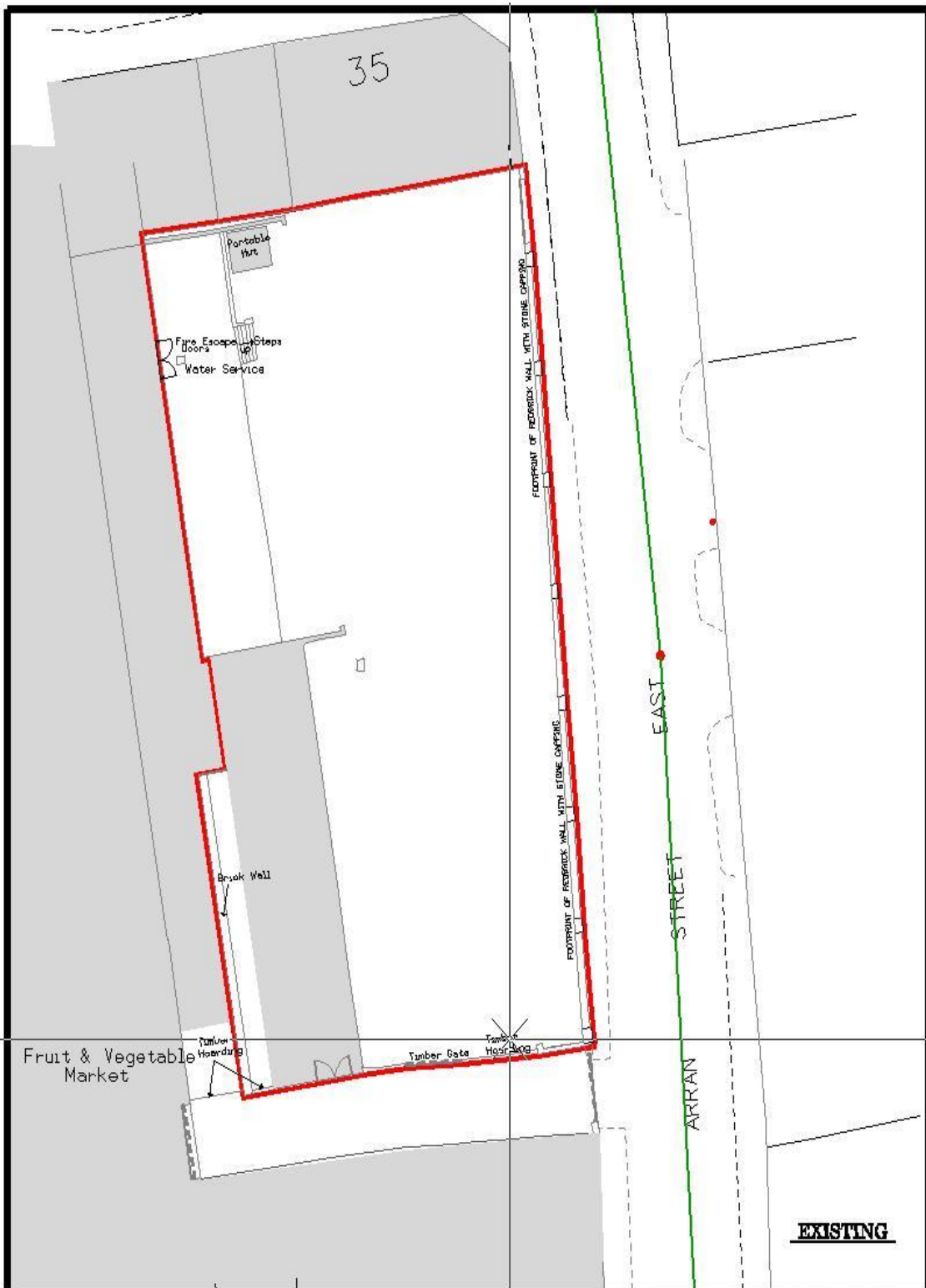
**Peadar O'Sullivan,  
Executive Manager  
Waste Management Services**



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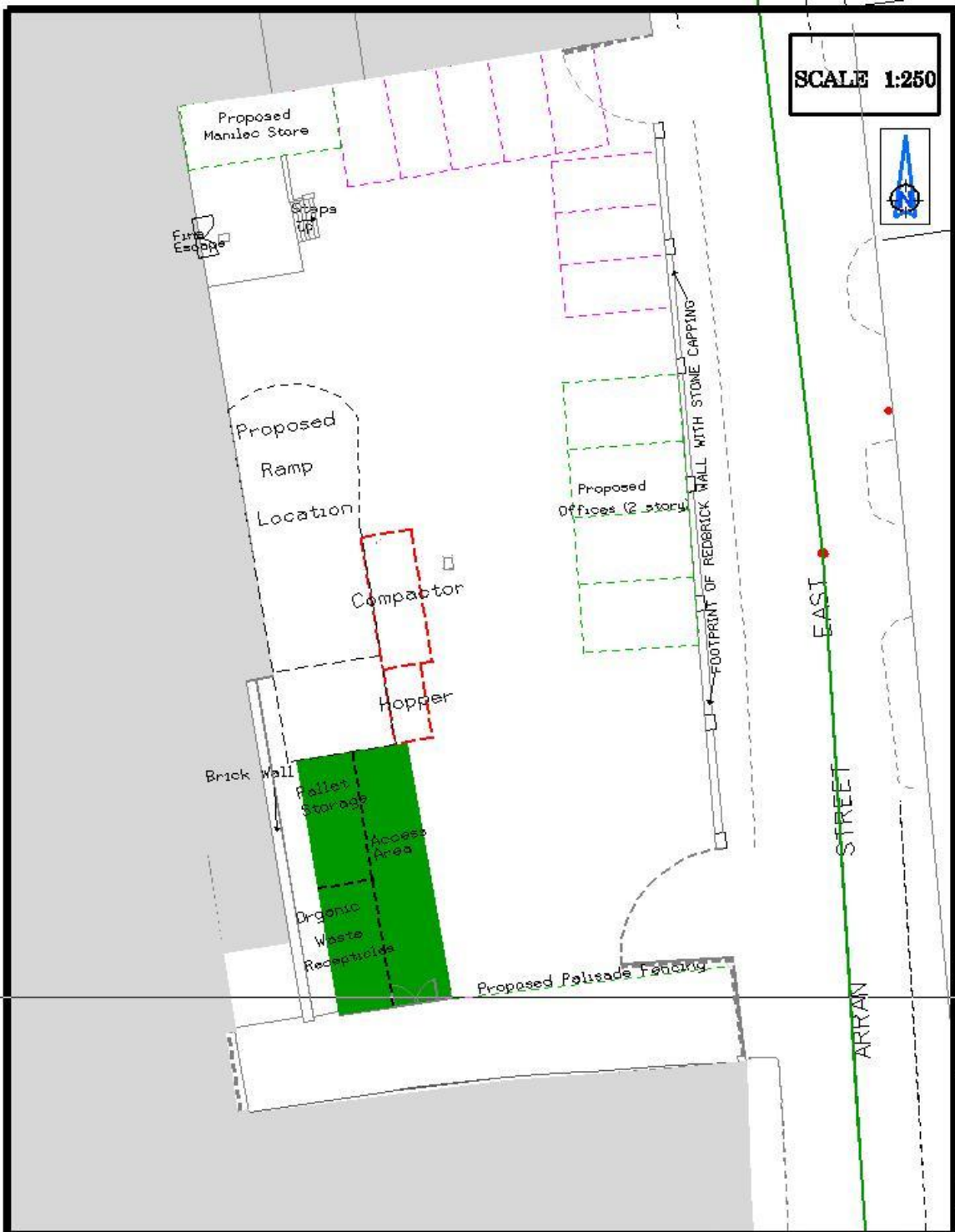
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**Report to the Chairperson  
And Members of the Central Area Committee**

**Scheme of Letting Priorities and Allocation of Vacancies arising  
from Housing Redevelopment at Lourdes House.**

Dublin City Council is committed to the principle of building strong communities and recognises the fact that housing people in the most appropriate accommodation for their housing need is important in achieving this objective. All City Council housing is allocated on a 'needs' basis and the Scheme of Letting Priorities is designed to identify applicants with the highest points or most urgent need for accommodation.

Occasionally, the Scheme of Letting Priorities is not deemed to be the most appropriate manner of deciding allocations. This may occur when adherence to the Scheme proves contrary to the principle of good estate management. In such circumstances it becomes imperative that a common sense approach is used to decide allocations. As you are aware, in those circumstances the Area Committee is consulted and approval is sought prior to any deviation from the Scheme.

In the next few months the redevelopment of Lourdes House will be completed. As a result Dublin City Council 37 social housing units will become available in Patrick Heeney Crescent and Patrick Heeney House. In order to promote the future success of this development it is vital that an appropriate social mix is identified at the allocations stage. It may not therefore be practicable to allocate these units in accordance with the Scheme of Letting Priorities.

In essence therefore, I am seeking agreement from the Area Committee to formulate a list, comprised of applicants from the Transfer List and Housing List who are currently residing in the North Inner City Area area. While this list will make reference to housing points and priorities this will not be the overriding factor in allocating these units.

In the interests of maintaining good estate management the agreement of the Committee is sought in making allocation of these units without reference to the Scheme of Letting Priorities.

**Teresa Conlon  
Allocations Officer**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **O'DEVANEY GARDENS REGENERATION BOARD**

**2009**

## **Message from the Chair**

The O'Devaney Gardens Regeneration Board has been in existence since 2005. An ambitious project of regeneration was commenced when that tiresome creature, the Celtic Tiger, was believed to bestow benefit on the entire country. That effect was never felt in any concrete way by the residents of O'Devaney Gardens.

In 2008, in a moment of supreme irony, a community which had seen no benefit whatsoever from the Irish property bubble was one of the first to experience the shattering force of the collapse of the market. And so, with the withdrawal of the preferred bidder from the public-private partnership for the O'Devaney Gardens Regeneration Scheme in 2008, the initial plan came to a shuddering halt. Throughout that three year period the Regeneration Board members (comprising O'Devaney Gardens residents, Dublin City Councillors, Dublin City Council officials, representatives of neighbouring communities and members of statutory services) had worked tirelessly and in close cooperation to pave the way for the transformation of an area of social and economic deprivation to one of physical revitalisation and social and economic opportunity.

It is a testament to the dedication and work of the members of the Regeneration Board and the constituent groups from which they emanate that the board has regrouped and continued its work around a new master plan. Dublin City Council has shown itself to be committed to fulfilling the role of transforming this community albeit on a longer timescale and to a different plan than originally envisaged. The new master plan for O'Devaney Gardens was agreed at a Dublin City Council meeting in December 2008 and subsequently approved by the Regeneration Board itself. The preparation and submission of the scoping report on the master plan to An Bord Pleanála in 2009 represents the culmination of the effort of the Dublin City Council Officials to deliver tangible results to a community that has waited too long.

The O'Devaney Gardens Regeneration scheme is one which must now of necessity be delivered in different phases, with both public and private elements, over a protracted timescale. The work of the board is essential for social and economic regeneration in tandem with the physical rebuilding. This is a daunting task that will require the continued commitment and dedication not only of those who are represented on the board but it will also require the involvement of individuals, groups and statutory agencies who have not yet been involved. The secretarial and administrative support provided by Community Technical Aid (CTA) has been of the highest possible standard and invaluable to the work of the Regeneration Board since 2005. CTA provides a resource without which the board simply could not hope to survive.

I wish to pay tribute to the vision and commitment of all of those who have served on the board since its inception. I believe that, though buffeted by adverse circumstances and facing a much longer timescale than originally envisaged, the effort still constitutes a unique and invaluable one which must ultimately succeed.

**22 February 2010**

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**Peter Ward SC**  
**Independent Chairperson**

## **Membership of the Board**

Membership of the Regeneration Board during 2009 consisted of:

Peter Ward S.C. (Chair)  
Emer Costello (Lord Mayor, Dublin)  
Tom Stafford (Cllr Dublin City Council – (Term of office concluded)  
Ray MacAdam (Cllr, Dublin City Council)  
Ciaran McNamara (Dublin City Council)  
Charlie Lowe (Dublin City Council)  
Brian White (Dublin City Council, resigned in November 2009)  
Evelyn Hanlon (Dublin City Council, replaced Brian White)  
Jeremiah Barrett (Garda Siochana)  
John Murphy (Garda Siochana)  
Noreen Murphy (HSE)  
Pat Gates (O'Devaney Gardens Community Forum)  
Lena Jordan (O'Devaney Gardens Community Forum)  
Nadine Murphy (Blocks Committee)  
Ruth Murray (Blocks Committee)  
Sinead O'Keeffe (Blocks Committee)  
Owen Bonner (Infirmary Road and District Residents)  
Dick Whelan (Dublin City Council)

Secretariat support was provided by Community Technical Aid (CTA).

## **Terms of Reference**

### **1) Terms of Reference**

The Regeneration Board is established/ to:

- monitor progress on achieving in the first instance the objectives of the revised proposals dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 as submitted and endorsed by Dublin City Council in the case O'Devaney Garden's and any subsequent agreed changes thereto with due cognisance being taken of the potential for delays being caused by decisions of the committee
- ensure that the above are delivered in accordance with agreed plans and schedules;
- Define and agree consultation process by liaison with Dublin City Council and other relevant stakeholders

### **2) Functions**

The Regeneration Board will: -

- Identify any change in circumstances since the preparation of the original Community Charter and Social Agenda Agreement and the Master Plan agreed with the Preferred Bidder all in consultation with any appropriate bodies/agencies (this for existing regeneration boards only)
- Prepare, plan and proactively pursue the implementation of a progressive revised community charter encompassing the wider community and also devise a social

agenda and identify additional actions of significance to the local community for incorporation into same

- Advocate for best practice in service delivery to ensure that services are responsive to the needs and sensitivities of service users in O'Devaney Gardens and surrounding neighbourhood;
- Ensure that community participation underpins all aspects of the regeneration programme;
- Identify and consult with relevant bodies/agencies on problems and barriers which have arisen, are arising or may arise and which are causing delay in the implementation process;
- Influence the activities of the providers of public utilities, statutory authorities, municipal and local authorities, state bodies, semi-state companies in relation to and to the benefit of the regeneration of O'Devaney Gardens;
- Influence the establishment of best practice estate management policies and procedures
- Maintain liaison with other relevant stakeholders and statutory agencies to ensure they are fully engaged with the regeneration process.

### **3) Chair and membership**

The Regeneration Board for O'Devaney Gardens will have an independent chair and a core membership of not less than 10 members and not more than 20 members. The position of chair will require an annual re-election process in accordance with best practice

Where the chairperson is absent, the vice-chairperson shall be selected from those members of the board in attendance at the meeting.

Initial membership of the Regeneration Board shall comprise the following members and be cross-sectoral in its composition and represent the actual stakeholders in the regeneration process (Residents, Councillors, City Council Officials, Gardai, Business Sector and other stakeholders with relevant interests, e.g. FAS, HSE, VEC, etc) Residents representatives may nominate a maximum of 2 individuals from the community fora sector to represent them. There shall be a maximum of 2 councillors and 2/3/4 residents from the particular area (as appropriate) and 2/3/4 residents from the surrounding area (as appropriate) as members unless particular circumstances dictate otherwise

Members of the board shall retain membership up to and including for a period of one year following the completion of the development. Term of office of boards members may not exceed 3 years in the first instance and they will then become eligible for re-election at that time

The board may continue to act notwithstanding a vacancy among its members.

*The regeneration board may appoint additional members (subject to the overall maximum number of members) and may establish such sub-committees as are necessary to efficiently transact boards business.*

In order to expedite board business all members representing statutory agencies must hold decision making positions within their respective agencies.

Any member may be removed from membership of the board if he/she fails to attend three consecutive meetings. The mechanism for such removal shall be by resolution of not less than two thirds of the overall membership including the Chair

#### **4) Meetings**

The board will hold a minimum of 4 meetings per annum and such other number of meetings as may be deemed necessary for the performance of its functions.

No business shall be conducted at any meeting unless there is a quorum of members present. The quorum for any official regular meeting shall be not less than two thirds of the overall membership.

#### **5) Taking of a Poll**

The Board shall at all times endeavour to reach decisions by means of a consensus approach.

In exceptional circumstances and only at the direction of the Chair or by resolution of at least two thirds of the members present a poll of members may be taken to resolve any particular issue or to determine a course of action.

Notwithstanding the above the board will recognise and accept that Dublin City Council cannot be bound by any decision of the board whether it is unanimous or otherwise which was reached on foot of a poll of members or by consensus which would result in a contravention of the Council's financial, corporate or other policies or an illegal action on the Council's part or result in Dublin City Council acting "ultra vires" (i.e. beyond the legal power of Dublin City Council)

#### **6) Votes of Members**

Each board member shall have one vote.

Where there is an equality of votes the Chair of the meeting at which the vote takes place shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he/she may have.

#### **7) Other**

The board must prepare a report at the end of each year on its activities for noting by the appropriate Area Committee of Dublin City Council. As such the report becomes a public document.

The boards emphasis will be primarily focused on the redevelopment of the designated area and it's role in achieving the overall objectives in the revised plan

The business of the board will be conducted in an open and transparent manner

Sub-committees may be formed as required having the same governance process as the main regeneration boards and having a reporting sequence to that board

The activities of the board will cease within one year of the completion of the development

## **Report on Board Meetings held in 2009**

The Board held six meetings during the year. This was in conformity with its Terms of Reference, which require the Board to hold at least four meetings in a year.

There were three main areas of work carried out under the aegis of the Regeneration Board during 2009:

- (a) Reviewing and agreeing the new Terms of Reference
- (b) Preparing the Scoping Report on the Master Plan
- (c) Considering the future of the Regeneration scheme

### **Terms of Reference:**

Charlie Lowe (Dublin City Council) prepared and presented a revised draft Terms of Reference for the Regeneration Board. These were considered by the Regeneration Board and by the subgroups at a series of meetings. Amendments and observations were put forward and considered, and a new Terms of Reference document was agreed. The Terms of Reference set out structure, functioning, and membership of the Board. Arising from the new Board-level Terms of Reference, a new set of Terms of Reference for each of the subgroups was developed.

### **Scoping Report on the Master Plan:**

The largest piece of work carried out by the Regeneration Board in 2009 was the preparation and submission of the Scoping Report on the Master Plan to An Bord Pleanala.

The new Master Plan for O'Devaney Gardens was endorsed at the main Dublin City Council meeting in December 2008, and subsequently by the Regeneration Board.

A Project Team from Dublin City Council's Architectural and Planning Departments was appointed to develop the Master Plan in preparation for lodgement of planning permission for the O'Devaney Gardens scheme with An Bord Pleanala. This work was carried out in conjunction with the Design Subgroup of the Regeneration Board.

A team of consultants was appointed to co-ordinate and prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Master Plan. Detailed assessments were undertaken of the community needs and housing needs within O'Devaney Gardens.

Following these assessments and consultations with the principle stakeholders, significant amendments were made to the original Master Plan that was endorsed in 2008. This amended Plan has been endorsed by the Regeneration Board and has been submitted to An Bord Pleanala for their comments as part of the scoping phase of the planning application.

### **Considering the future of the Regeneration scheme:**

Arising from the withdrawal of the preferred bidder from the regeneration scheme in 2008, the Regeneration Board continued to monitor developments regarding the future of the O'Devaney Gardens area and to formulate options for the future development of the area in conjunction with Dublin City Council.

## **Report on the subgroups of the Board**



The Regeneration Board established four subgroups to carry out its work. These were on (i) Transition; (ii) Design; (iii) Community Safety; and (iv) Social Regeneration.

### **Transition**

During 2009, the Transition Subgroup held 10 meetings, and concentrated on three specific areas:

- Agreeing procedures and criteria under which detenancing of two specified flat blocks would take place.
- Ensuring that services and facilities for tenants remaining in O'Devaney Gardens are maintained.
- Monitoring progress and in particular Health & Safety arrangements during demolition works.

Under revised Regeneration proposals, presented to and endorsed by the City Council in December 2008, it was necessary to detenant two further blocks in O'Devaney Gardens totalling 32 flats. The Procedures under which this detenancing has and is taking place – housing need and length of tenancy – were formally agreed by the Subgroup in January 2009. At present there are four remaining tenants in the blocks in question and it is hoped that suitable alternative accommodation for the residents concerned will be provided early in the New Year.

The Subgroup, through the Regeneration Board, also secured commitments from Dublin City Council in relation to Play Facilities related to the Childcare facility and alternative premises for the Community Project Office. While the Subgroup was also anxious to see a general play area installed it recognised that difficulties in relation to the security of such a facility prevented the installation taking place during 2009.

Subgroup representatives met regularly with DCC officials in relation to demotion works on four residential and one commercial blocks which were satisfactorily completed during 2009. Health & Safety issues and in particular the movement of heavy machinery were of prime concern to Sub Group members during this period. Happily the works were completed without any major incident.

In conclusion I would like to thank all Subgroup members for their dedication to the tasks in hand and for their good-humoured co-operation during what can, at times, be difficult situations.

Dick Whelan, Chairperson, Transition Subgroup.

### **Design**

The Design Subgroup held 14 meetings in 2009, and concentrated on three specific areas:

- The preparation of a Scoping Report to be submitted to An Bord Pleanala as part of the initial phase for planning permission;
- An audit of community and social needs in the O'Devaney Gardens and surrounding areas; and
- A review and subsequent amendment of the phasing and design of the Master Plan, endorsed by the City Council and the O'Devaney Gardens Regeneration Board in December 2008.

The Subgroup met regularly with the project team established by the City Council, and significant progress was made in agreeing amendments to the Master Plan. This resulted in a greater level of own-door access units being proposed, a more defined area for community buildings and open space to be provided.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Design Subgroup and the Housing Task Force project team who worked so hard in difficult circumstances to develop the Master Plan to the stage it is currently at.

Josephine Henry, Chairperson, Design Subgroup.

### **Community Safety**

Following the new Terms of Reference for the Regeneration Board, a reformed subgroup named "Community Safety" was established. This is chaired by Gerry Barrett (An Garda Siochana). The Terms of Reference of this subgroup have been passed by the Board, and the Board was informed when the Subgroup met.

### **Social Regeneration**

The Social Regeneration Subgroup met on 2 occasions in 2009. It has devised its Terms of Reference, which have been approved by the Regeneration Board. It has examined the need to maintain the existing services provided to the community within O'Devaney Gardens. This group was chaired by Ruth Murray.

O'Devaney Gardens Regeneration Board November 2009



Left to Right Back Row: Garda Gerry Barrett, Garda John Murphy, Owen Bonner, Peter Ward SC., Dick Whelan,

Front Row left to right: Charlie Lowe, Nadine Murphy, Ruth Murray, Lord Mayor Emer Costello, Josephine Henry ( Secretariat), Sinead O'Keefe.

Not present in the photo: Ray Mc Adam, Lena Jordan, Pat Gates, Evelyn Byrne, Noreen Murphy.

# MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2010

## *c Parking*

### *Prohibitions*

#### 1 **Sheriff Street Lower, Dublin 1.**

Rescind Double Yellow Lines in the Taxi Rank on Sheriff Street Lower.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:11111**

Recommended

Southside, from LS No.1, east for 20m.

#### 2 **Gloucester Place Upper, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Gloucester Place Upper at entrance to Patrick Heeney Crescent.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:245995**

Recommended

On the east/west section of Gloucester Place Upper from the junction with the north/south section of Gloucester Place Upper for 60m eastwards on the south side of that section and for 60m, eastwards then northwards, on the north side of that section.

#### 3 **Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.**

Reps for 2 Disabled Parking Bays on Marlborough Street.

Business

**DocID:244170**

Recommended

East side, from a point 30m south of Parnell Street, south for 18m.

**4 Shandon Park, Dublin 7.**

Reps to extend Double Yellow Lines on Shandon Park.

Public Rep

**DocID:246013**

Recommended

North side, from the western gable of No.114 to the common boundary of Nos.114/112.

**5 St. Patrick's Parade, Dublin 9.**

Reps for extension of Double Yellow Lines on St. Patrick's Parade.

Public Rep

**DocID:246012**

Recommended

South side, from a point 5m west of St. Patrick's Road (from existing double yellow lines), westwards 15m.

**6 George's Place, Dublin 1.**

Reps to rescind Double Yellow Lines on George's Place and install Ambulance Bay.

Public Rep

**DocID:241892**

Not Recommended

Allowing ambulances to park opposite the nose-to-kerb parking would restrict access to this parking. The carriageway width would be reduced to one lane making it difficult for vehicles to pass eachother.

**7 Belvedere Road, Dublin 1.**

Reps for extension of Pay and Display and Permit Parking Area on Belvedere Road, near house No. 39.

Resident

**DocID:223375**

Recommended

Accepted at survey. 6 on register, 1 vote returned for. Extend as follows: South-west of Belvedere Road from the common boundary of No.s 37/38 northeast to a point 2m south-east of the north-western gable of No.43.

**8 Devery's Lane, Dublin 7.**

Reps for 24 Hour Clearway on Devery's Lane, Phibsborough.

Resident

**DocID:233582**

Recommended

North side and south side extending 35m eastwards from the junction with Phibsborough Road.

**9 Botanic Avenue, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Botanic Avenue, Drumcondra, between Mannix Road and Drumcondra Road Lower.

Resident

**DocID:228594**

Recommended

Accepted at survey, hours Mon-Sun 07.00-24.00. 88 on reg, 55 votes returned, 24 for (+ 4 n.o.r), 22 against (+3 n.o.r) and 2 spoiled.

10 **Mannix Road, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Mannix Road.

Resident

**DocID:242626**

Recommended

Accepted at survey, hours Mon-Sun 07.00-24.00.  
48 on reg, 33 votes returned, 29 for and 4 against.

11 **Distillery Road, Dublin 9**

Reps for Single Yellow Line on Distillery Road, Drumcondra, outside Links Creche, operating Mon-Fri 07.00-19.00.

Business

**DocID:238830**

Recommended

West side, extending 10m south and 15m north of LS No.3.

***a Traffic Signs***

12 **Mary Street/Wolfe Tone Street, Dublin 1.**

No Entry Sign on Mary Street, east of junction with Wolfe Tone Street, facing west.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:246003**

Recommended

**Report to the Chairman and Members of the  
Central Area Committee**

**Proposed 2-Hour Maximum Stay in IONA District.**

**Alec Dundon  
Executive Engineer**

**March 2010**

## **Introduction**

Residents of streets in the vicinity of Croke Park have experienced difficulties arising from the parking of vehicles on residential streets during major events in Croke Park. Residents of the IONA area have repeatedly expressed concerns to the Council in this regard.

In order to address these concerns, the Council has ensured that the maximum parking time for pay & display parking on all streets within this area, where new residents' permit and pay & display parking schemes have been introduced since February 2007 is two hours, as opposed to the three-hour pay & display parking permitted elsewhere in the city. It is considered that the two hour maximum parking time deters event-goers from parking in these streets. A total of 13 streets in this area now have a maximum two-hour parking time (see schedule 1 below).

## **Schedule 1:**

Botanic Avenue (east) -introduction pending  
Carlingford Road  
Crawford Avenue  
Crescent Villas  
Dargle Road  
David's Road  
Glenarm Avenue  
Glendalough Road  
Hollybank Road  
Mannix Road – introduction pending  
Shanganagh Rd/ Iona Ave  
St Brendan's Road  
Wigan Road

## **Proposal**

Following the decision of the members of the City Council not to proceed with the making of Parking Control for Major Event (Croke Park) Bye-Laws, it is now proposed to extend the 2-hour maximum pay & display parking provision to the remaining streets in the IONA area where paid parking controls are in operation. For the purposes of this report the IONA Area is defined as the area bounded by but not including, Whitworth Road, Botanic Road, the Tolka River and Drumcondra Road Lower. (These streets are set out in schedule 2.)

**This proposal is recommended subject to the approval of the members of the Central Area Committee.**



**Schedule 2:**

Claude Road  
Cliftonville Road  
Columba's Road Lower  
Daneswell Road  
David's Park  
Eden Terrace  
Fairfield Road  
Gartan Avenue  
Grattan Parade  
Iona Crescent  
Iona Drive  
Iona Park  
Iona Road  
Iona Villas  
Lindsay Road  
Marguerite Road  
St Alphonsus Road  
St Anne's Road North  
St Brigid's Road Lower  
St Brigid's Road Upper  
St Columba's Road Upper  
St Ita's Road  
St Joseph's Ave  
St Malachy's Road  
St Michaels Road  
St Patrick's Parade  
St Patrick's Road  
Whitworth Road  
Woodville Road

**To the Chairperson and Members of  
the Central Area Committee**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

**CENTRAL AREA - COMMUNITY FORUM CONTACTS**

There are currently seven Community Forums in the Central Area meeting on a regular basis. Administration contact details for each forum are as follows:

**Ballybough**

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51/53 Sean MacDermott Street  
Dublin 1  
*Tel:* 222 5259

**Drumcondra/Glasnevin**

*Contact:* Bridget Gilbert  
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Dublin 1  
*Tel:* 222 5259

**East Wall**

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**Mountjoy Street and District**

*Contact:* Bridget Gilbert  
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Dublin 1  
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**North East Inner City**

*Contact:* Alison King  
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Dublin 1  
*Tel:* 222 2987

**North Wall**

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**North West Inner City**

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Dublin 7  
*Tel:* 222 7410

**Hugh McKenna**

**Senior Executive Officer**

**To the Chairperson and Members of  
the Central Area Committee**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

## **Environmental Services Unit Report**

### **Environmental Response Unit**

During February 2010 the environmental response unit removed over 37 tonnes of dumped material from the area.

135 incidents of dumping were responded to in this period.

### **Graffiti Removal**

Using DCC funding the environmental services unit is currently actively identifying instances of graffiti in the area and arranging for removal.

Recent locations where graffiti removal has taken place are:

Seaview Aveue East / West Road / Ashington crescent / O'Rahilly Parade / St Patricks College / Church Road / Priory West / Four Courts @ Luas Line

Approximately 300 square metres of graffiti has been removed in this period.

### **Initiative on Multi Occupancy Dwellings**

A meeting was convened by the Central Area with Waste Management / Environmental Health to address the problem of persistent dumping at multi occupancy rental properties. The purpose of the meeting was to improve the flow of information between departments and identify any gaps in the enforcement chain.

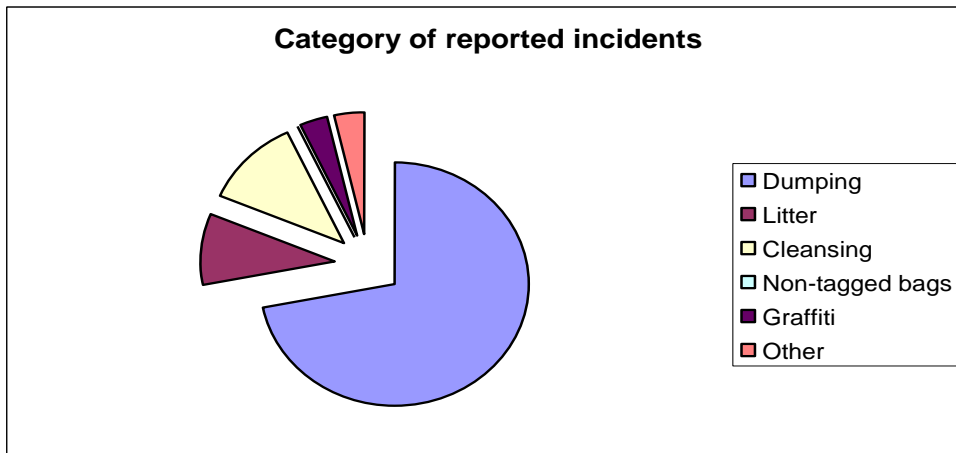
Resulting from this, the agreed procedure for dealing with multi occupancy dwellings is as follows:

- Where a property is reported as persistently presenting untagged bags, the litter warden will visit the property remove the bags for evidence and report back with any previous fines that were issued to the address.
- Waste management will be contacted to establish if the address has an active account with DCC and supply us with access to the database of blacklisted customers.
- If it is established that the address has no account with DCC we will try to establish the identity of the owner by means of access to the PRTB/ NPPA / Environmental Health and DCC referencers database utilities.
- When the identity of the owner has been established, the information will be sent to Waste Enforcement to issue the owner with a section 18 notice in situations where DCC are not collecting the waste.

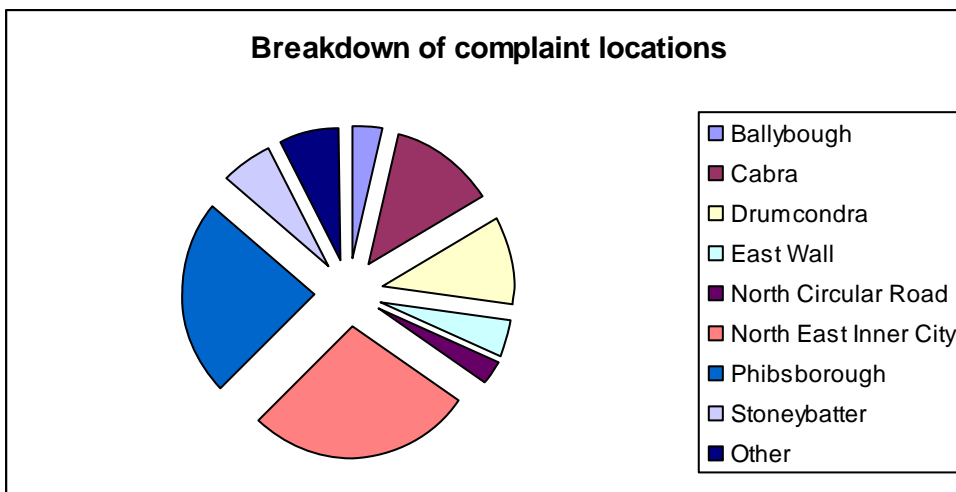
A number of properties are currently under investigation

## Litter Hotline

<b>Category of incident reported to Litter Hotline (01/02/10 – 25/02/10)</b>	
Dumping	116
Litter	15
Cleansing	19
Non-tagged bags	0
Graffiti	5
Other	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>

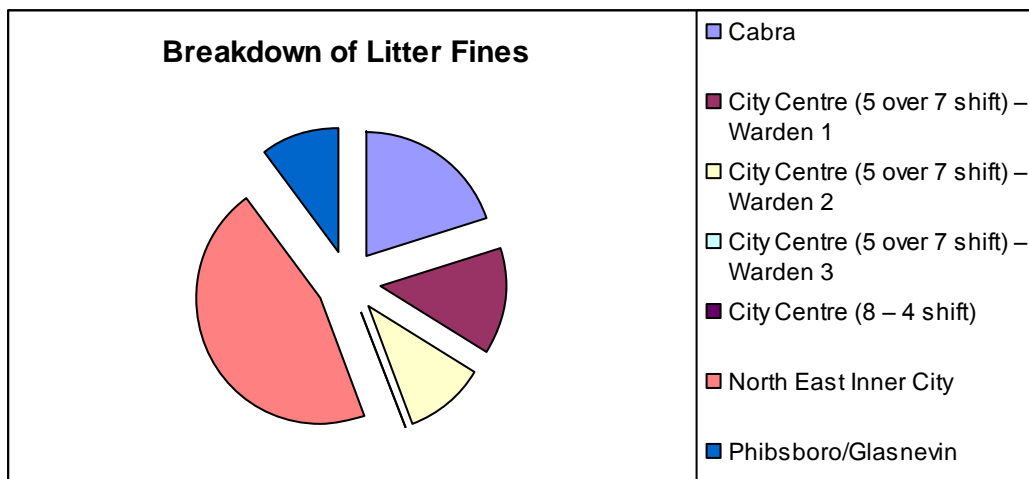


<b>Breakdown of complaint locations (01/02/10 – 25/02/10)</b>	
Ballybough	6
Cabra	21
Drumcondra	17
East Wall	7
North Circular Road	5
North East Inner City	44
Phibsborough	39
Stoneybatter	10
Other	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>



## Litter Wardens

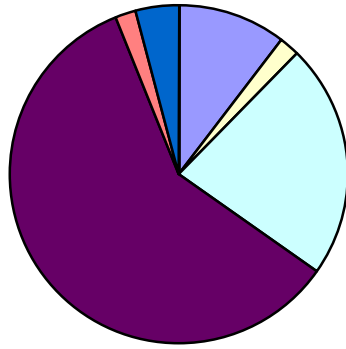
<b>Breakdown of Litter Fines issued by Wardens (04/01/10 – 31/01/10)</b>	
Cabra	12
City Centre (5 over 7 shift) – Warden 1	8
City Centre (5 over 7 shift) – Warden 2	6
City Centre (5 over 7 shift) – Warden 3	0
City Centre (8 – 4 shift)	0
North East Inner City	27
Phibsboro/Glasnevin	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>



## Public Domain Defects

<b>Breakdown of Public Domain Defects reported (01/02/10 – 25/02/10)</b>	
Cleansing	5
Drainage	0
Parks	1
Public Lighting	11
Roads Maintenance	29
Traffic	1
Waterworks	2
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

## Breakdown of Public Domain Defects



- Cleansing
- Drainage
- Parks
- Public Lighting
- Roads Maintenance
- Traffic
- Waterworks
- Other

March 2010

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

**PROJECTS UNIT, NORTH EAST INNER CITY**

**Liberty Park Crèche**

Kids Inc operate the Liberty Corner facility, on behalf of Dublin City Council, as a traditional crèche and Montessori facility. It caters for children from 3 months to 5 years. Dublin City Council is subventing the cost of childcare places for local parents. The facility caters for approximately 31 children. The National Childcare Investment Programme gave funding approval for the fit out costs on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The crèche was fitted out and opened for business on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007. All of the fit-out costs have been drawn down from Pobal.

A new-tiered fee structure was introduced in July 2008 in order to comply with requirements for National Funding for the crèche. Approval for funding was received for the NCIP Community Childcare Subvention Scheme and 100% of the funding for 2009 has been drawn down. There are currently 24 children attending the crèche on a full time basis.

An application was made last year to Pobal to include the Liberty Park Crèche in a new scheme, which offers free childcare places to pre-school age children. The scheme is called the ECCE Scheme and commenced in January 2010. Free Montessori part-time childcare is on offer for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> February 2005 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Leaflets to advertise the scheme were distributed throughout the area. To date Liberty Park Crèche has received very little interest in the scheme. However, Liberty Park Crèche is continuing to advertise the scheme.

**Liberty Corner - Disposal of Nine Retail Units**

The Retail Units are on the market for sale, 5 units have been disposed of, the remaining 4 units are still on the market and Lisneys are continuing to market them.

**Retail Units at Killarney Court**

Expressions of interest from community groups, operating in the North East Inner City area, were invited to occupy this space, which is to be divided into 2 separate units and 14 submissions were received. A report and recommendation was made to the North East Inner City Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Citizens Information Centre and HOPE secured a unit each and their design requirements for their respective units were finalised.

HOPE secured part of the funding for the project through a Capital Premises Fund in the amount of €20,000 from the Minister for Drugs in December 2009. Dublin City Council is funding the majority of the refurbishment costs. Westside Civil Engineering, the successful contractor signed a letter of acceptance in mid December 2009. A number of project update meetings have been held with the Contractor and the Consultant Architect for the project. The Contractor expects the works to be completed imminently. It is envisaged that both groups will take up occupancy of their allocated unit later this month.

**Foley Street Improvement Works**

Phase 1 of the Foley Street improvement works is now complete – this included the upgrading of the park and carrying out work on the Liberty Park boundary along Foley Street.



Phase 2 of the improvement works includes 80m of road improvements, 355m of footpath improvements including new pavement, new kerbs, new parking bays, public lighting, drainage and ducts. Works on phase 2 are complete except for the installation of a disabled parking bay. Approval for the disabled parking bay was recommended at the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and noted at the February Central Area Committee meeting. The disabled parking bay will be installed shortly. The complete installation of the public lighting on the street was carried out recently.

Phase 3 of the improvement works includes the upgrading of 120m of carriageway between Beaver Street and Buckingham Street. Phase 3 of the project will proceed at a future date if there is sufficient funding for the phase.

**Denise Clynych**  
**Senior Staff Officer**

March 2010

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

**North West Inner City Cabra Area Office**

The following lists the issues that are regularly raised for attention at the various community / business forums attended by DCC:

**NWIC Community Policing Forum**

1. Street drinking
2. Prostitution
3. Event management e.g. Smithfield on Ice
4. Horse Fair
5. Parks management
6. Planning issues
7. Traffic

**Smithfield Business Forum (New)**

1. Footfall promotion
2. Plaza design completion / utilization
3. Plaza visibility / accessibility / management
4. Event activities e.g. Farmers' Market
5. Parking / Traffic management
6. Anti-social behaviour e.g. street drinking
6. Litter

**Cabra Community Policing forum**

1. Anti-social behaviour
2. Local drugs situation
3. Precinct upgrades –Faussagh Ave
4. DCC Housing / property estate management issues
5. Event management e.g. Halloween

**Cabra Rd / Pk Residents Assoc**

1. Waste management – impact of intro of Brown bins
2. Level of rented properties in area
3. Impact of hostels / half way houses in the area
4. Planning issues
5. Railway line – dumping / drainage

**NCR Res Assoc**

1. Trees on NCR – impact on pathways on driveways
2. Anti-social behaviour at Altona Tce.
3. Litter / waste management
4. Roads issues
5. Planning issues

**Finglas / Cabra Local Drugs Task Force (LDTF)**

1. Supply reduction tactics
2. Communication with DCC and Gardai re drug supply matters
2. Monitoring of impact of local drug treatment services
3. Education and prevention
4. Growth in intimidation of drug users' families over debts

## 5. Updates from participating agencies on activities

### **Severe Weather Impact**

Water shortages necessitated the provision of water tankers in the Ventry and Phibsboro library areas.

### **Community Policing Fora**

Navan Rd Community Council and Cabra Community Policing Forum presented their visions for how Cabra / Navan Rd catchment areas should be represented at a specially convened meeting of the JPC in Dec. Their alternative representations are now being reviewed by the JPC who will consider an administrative strategy for Community Policing Fora for this part of North West Central Area.

DCC staff have been unable to participate in the January Cabra Community Policing Forum meeting because of industrial action and the February meeting of the NWIC Forum was cancelled for the same reason.

### **NWIC Policing Forum**

The Chair of this forum stood down at the end of October and DCC in consultation with the Gardai propose that a public representative chair the forum. Public representatives will be invited to indicate their interest in the position.

### **Royal Canal Works**

Waterways Ireland are currently undertaking a programme of works to dredge and upgrade sections of the canal between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> locks. Dublin City Council, Cabra Area Office, have facilitated meetings between residents and Waterways Ireland.

Waterways Ireland has undertaken to continue consultations with residents, particularly with regard to the issue of seepage from the canal in the Shandon area. An assessment will be undertaken as works proceed and solutions put forward and an update will be given to Residents Reps at a meeting in Cabra Area Office on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Leinster Street Laneway**

Following discussions with ESB and eircom both companies have agreed in principle to the erection of gates at the rear of Leinster St and Shandon Rd subject to stringent conditions.

Residents are currently liaising directly with ESB with a view to securing an agreement acceptable to all parties. ESB and eircom are seeking to ensure that their access rights are not threatened by the extinguishment and Dublin City Council are currently conducting a reference search on the laneway. However, progress is slow as both companies are seeking legally binding agreements with residents and currently conducting title searches on the laneway.

### **Mount Bernard Park**

The RPA appointed contractors to undertake soil assessments in the park in relation to the proposed Luas station. This involved drilling and the erection of protective hoarding. Work was completed before Christmas but will resume at an unspecified date in 2010.

### ***Development works***

#### **McKee Park:**

Work on site is proceeding satisfactorily. Contract completion date is February 2011. As regards work to boundary walls, Dublin City Council have either come to agreements with adjoining owners or else are working on alternative solutions."

**Dunmanus:** Following the response from DOEHLG to the City Council's original proposals, it was necessary to re-design this scheme. The design has now been reviewed in light of the cost plan. The Department had raised a number of points, which have been addressed, and some minor details remain to be addressed and when finalised it will be resent to the DOEHLG for approval.

### **Ashington Park Playground**

The Ashington playground was largely completed before Christmas and is now open to the public. Junior playground equipment was installed. Regrettably it is already the subject of anti-social behaviour including littering. Parks department have advised that they will not be able to maintain a daily cleaning schedule.

### **Smithfield Enhancement Scheme**

An information meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> February to brief Members on the Part 8 application. A report on the proposed development was submitted to the City Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and Members agreed to the proposed development subject to the recommendations and amendments outlined in the report. The detailed design for the northern end is almost complete and it is expected to go to tender before the end of the month.

### **Chancery St Park and Father Matthew Square**

Landscaping works are substantially completed at both spaces. HARP Community Gain funded both jobs.

### **Mary Street**

The carriageway and footpaths between Jervis Street to Capel Street have been upgraded and the public lighting columns between Jervis St and Wolfe Tone St are in place. New public lighting columns will also be installed from Wolfe Tone St to Capel St and these are on order. The ducting infrastructure and foundation bases for new columns are already in place.

### **Community Update**

#### **Community Small Grant Scheme**

Grant Application Forms have been sent out and groups have been contacted throughout the area to offer assistance with filling out their applications. The closing date was the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. The applications will be processed in accordance with the procedure for processing Grant Applications 2010. Payments to successful applicants are scheduled for late May to June.

#### **Ventry Park Community Garden**

The sod was turned on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The group meet at midday with community development staff and some residents who had received the flyer which was posted around the doors in the neighbourhood. Some local children joined in the digging and joined in the discussion about planting suitable vegetables in the patch. The staff and a volunteer who lives across from the centre made tea and sandwiches and everyone got acquainted over a cup of tea. Email addresses were swapped and arrangements made to meet up fortnightly to work on the garden. There was a great exchange of emails during the week expressing excitement and enthusiasm for the project and information around An Taisce and Green Issues and also the potential of the garden as a social and educational resource in community building. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the staff will continue to support the project in anyway we can.

#### **Late Night League**

Aughrim St Hall  
13-15yrs Teams  
March 15/12/19/26

Cabra Parkside-Astro  
16-19yrs Teams  
March 24/31/April 7

The winners will go through to Citywide Final

If you are interested registration forms are available form Cabra Parkside Reception OR :

Ian Hill            0860489920 (FAI)  
Maz Reilly        086 8190250 (DCC)

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Fairtrade Fortnight took place from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March. Samples of Fairtrade Produce such as coffee, Tea, Chocolate Bars, and juices as well as information leaflets were given to some community groups to enjoy during their meetings and hopefully when shopping they will consider buying them instead of their normal brand. A DVD was shown and a promotion and information stand set up on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> in the Cabra Library to inform people of the significance of choosing fair-trade products and the difference it makes to the growers and their families and the quality of life in their villages.

### **International Women's Day**

International Women's Day is on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. This year a number of events have been organised during that week to mark the occasion. An information booklet with details of all the events has been produced and put on display in public offices. It is accessible on [www.dublincity.ie/internationalwomensday/](http://www.dublincity.ie/internationalwomensday/)

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March the community development staff are organising a Women's Health & Well-Being Fair which will include the Marie Keating Bus, Breast Check, Advice on Healthy Living, some music, food samples and local shopkeepers who want to be involved will be putting up stands in front of their shops promoting their products and joining with the community in promoting Healthy Living.

**Fergus Synnott**  
**Administrative Officer**

March 2010

The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee

**North East Inner City Housing Report**

**Area Housing Manager – Chris Butler**

**Sean O’Casey Avenue**

Ongoing problem with dumping in the laneways to be addressed by re-issuing keys and trying to get residents to keep gates closed. Residents have requested that the appearance of the fence is improved. Discussions ongoing in relation to this matter.

**Sean Treacy House**

Contractor on site since Feb. 2009. Approx. 18 month build period. Short delay has been encountered but project should be completed early 2011. There are very few former residents of Sean Treacy House who are due to move back to the completed development. Therefore the majority of the 53 units will be available to applicants on the Housing and Transfer lists.

**Matt Talbot Court**

Feasibility Study and costings for redevelopment submitted to the DOE for appraisal. Response from DOE indicated that they favoured PPP route for this project and this is not a viable option in the current economic climate. Project to be examined under new scheme for prioritisation of redevelopment projects. Installation of new railings at ground floor units completed. Contractor for electrical work selected by Electrical Services. No funding available for doors from RAPID but funding has been secured by the Area Office. Electrical works will commence week beginning 30 November. Delays have been encountered with one of the electrical contractors. Contractor now back on site and works will be completed shortly.

**James Larkin House**

Following requests from residents permit parking introduced. There is no funding at present for improvement works to the courtyard. Any maintenance issues regarding the courtyard are being dealt with on a case by case basis by maintenance. Netting for above football pitch is now installed.

**Liberty House**

Revised plans for redevelopment has been conditionally approved by D.O.E. Meeting with residents took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Residents happy with proposals and the project will now proceed to detailed design stage. Follow up meeting with residents took place in August. Residents requested some changes to plan presented. Further meetings took place in October and November and tenants representatives have now signed off on plans. Awaiting final sign off from DOE.

**St. Mary’s Mansions**

Serious anti-social problems. One tenant served with Notice to Quit. 2 Exclusion Orders granted and will come into force in October. A number of meetings have taken place with residents, through CPF, which DCC and Gardai have participated in. Remedial maintenance works being considered to address some of the issues. Pilot Estate Management project completed and report being drafted.

**Patrick Heeney House and Crescent**

First phase of redevelopment now completed, following snagging issues. 25 units have been provided and tenanted and work has commenced on second phase. Second phase which will provide 37 units due to be completed May/June 2010. There are currently 3 tenants from Lourdes House living

temporarily in other complexes who are due to move into the completed Patrick Heeney Crescent along with a number of tenants from Patrick Heeney House who will also be moving in. However, when the project is completed it will result in 33 units becoming available for Housing and Transfer applicants.

### **Avondale House**

It is intended to proceed with this PIP as soon as funding is confirmed. It is estimated that the works will take 45 weeks to complete.

### **Temple House**

Improved lighting installed February 2009. Resurfacing of Courtyard completed June 2009. Painting of complex completed. Issue in relation to repair of boundary wall being investigated. All other works completed to satisfaction of residents.

### **Summerhill (No.s 40 – 49)**

Extra lighting installed at basement floor level.

### **Poplar Row**

Housing Maintenance Division has cleared the vacant site on Poplar Row of all domestic rubbish/debris. The electronic entrance doors to Poplar Row have been repaired, as they were vandalised. A bin store facility has been installed to secure the bins in the complex. There are ongoing meetings with the Residents Association.

### **Ballybough House**

A proposal has been submitted to the Department of Environment to get their observations and hopefully their initial approval to proposals to redevelop the vacant site at Poplar Row, the site at Orchard Road/ Tom Clarke House and Ballybough House on an incremental phased basis.

The houses on Cadogan Road, which face Ballybough House, have been targeted through out the summer by the youths who are congregating in the complex. Stones/bottles are being thrown at the dwelling on Cadogan Road, Dublin 3. The Estate Manager is liaising with An Garda Síochána with regard to this matter. A circular has been issued to all residents of the complex reminding them of their responsibilities under the terms of their tenancy agreement.

The Estate Manager has spoken to six parents living in the complex whose children have been involved in the anti social behaviour.

The Area Housing Manager and the Estate Manager meet with the Resident Association monthly to discuss issues of concern.

### **Courtney Place**

Housing Maintenance Division has removed following requests from residents the remaining steel doors on the balconies. There are no outstanding Estate Management issues in this complex.

### **Croke Villas**

Negotiations have been terminated with the preferred bidder. There are now 24 dwellings out of a total of 79 occupied in the complex. There are 14 families/individuals wishing to be transferred from the complex to suitable accommodation in Area's H, B and E. A needs analysis has been compiled on the remaining families/ individuals outlining their housing requirements.

A total of nine offers of accommodation were made to families/individuals of the above complex in the area's they requested during 2009. Seven of these offers were accepted and the remaining two were refused.

Housing Maintenance Division has cleared out the vacant sites/properties on Sackville Avenue and Ballybough Road. They have also erected fencing at the rear of 8 Ballybough Road.

A working group has now been established to examine the options for the redevelopment of the site. There are regular meetings between DCC and residents of the complex.

### **North Clarence Street/Dunne Street**

Housing Maintenance had the overgrown trees/shrubbery from the houses on North William Street cut back, as in was overhanging in the complex.

The Area Housing Manager and the Estate Manager meet with the Residents Association, CPF and Gardai on a regular basis to discuss ongoing issues in the complex.

### **North William Street/ Charleville Mall Flats**

There are ongoing Estate Management issues being investigated for this complex.

### **Tom Clarke House/Orchard Road Depot**

A proposal has been submitted to the Department of Environment to get their observations and hopefully their initial approval to proposals to redevelop the vacant site at Poplar Row, the site at Orchard Road/ Tom Clarke House and Ballybough House on an incremental phased basis. The Area Housing Manager and Estate Manager meet with the Resident Association on a regular basis to discuss issues concerning them.

NCPS have carried out line marking in the complex to regulate the parking on request from the residents. DCC are currently dishing the pavements to make access to the blocks easier for the elderly residents as many of them have mobility problems.

### **Newcomen Court**

The expression of interest form has gone into Dublin City Childcare Committee and the approximate cost of the childcare facility is 3.5 million, this includes the following, construction/renovation costs, professional fees, fixture & fittings and equipment costs. The balance of the site is proposed to be used for Affordable Housing provision.

Work has commenced on the installation of a community garden that will be managed by the Larkin Unemployment Centre and will be overseen by Dublin City Council. We have consulted with the residents that adjoin on to the site and the majority are in favour of this project. We hope that the community garden will improve the appearance of the site and stop the local dumping.

### **St. Agatha's Court**

A proposal has been submitted to Department of Environment to get their observations and their initial approval for this project which will be carried out by the Voluntary Housing Section.

Housing Maintenance and Parks Division had the overgrown shrubbery cut and the site cleaned out.

There were two men arrested by An Garda Siochana for trespassing on this site. The Estate Manager is liaising with the Gardai on this matter.

### **Brendan Behan Court**

Housing Maintenance Painting Crew has completed painting works to the complex, as part of the 2009 Works Programme.



### **Ballybough Court**

Housing Maintenance Painting Crew has carried out a comprehensive painting works in the complex.

### **St. Mary's Court**

Housing Maintenance Division has cut back the overgrown trees from the properties adjoining the complex, as they were blocking the natural light to the residents in the complex. It is planned to further cut back these trees once a hoist is made available, as it is required.

### **Blackhall/Marmion Court**

Currently, staff from both Estate Management and Housing Maintenance is on site on an almost daily basis and many problems have been rectified over the last few weeks. Serious water supply problems arose in the Blackhall Marmion complex in particular during January/February 2010. The water issues in the complex were related to the citywide water shortage and residents were advised that water would be unavailable between the hours of 7.00 pm – 7.00am, as is also the case for the surrounding area and other parts of the city. We advised the residents not to turn on their water supply during these hours, as doing so would contribute to airlocks in the system. We also asked that when residents have a water supply that they use it sparingly and try to conserve it. Some residents did not heed this advice, which in turn led to some properties having an insufficient water supply or in some cases no water at all. To date, well over a hundred complaints in relation to problems arising from the water supply issue have been attended to by Dublin City Council and rectified. Housing Maintenance also installed and manned a standpipe for three hours daily so as all Residents in the complex would have access to water until a water supply had been reinstated.

Housing Maintenance secured a contractor to install four new automatic pumps in the complex and works commenced and were completed on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Since the new pumps have been installed, the amount of complaints received in relation to airlocks has reduced significantly and those complaints we did receive were all rectified by Saturday last, 13<sup>th</sup> February. It is hoped that the provision of the new automatic pumps will vastly improve the overall situation but problems will continue to arise in situations where the water pressure locally is reduced. The Area Office staff will continue to keep the residents informed of issues relating to the water supply situation in the complex. Other issues relating to the roofs leaking and pipes bursting due to the cold snap are also being addressed at present. These appear to be legacy issues from the original construction project. Housing Maintenance have had a hoist on site for the past 15 days to repairing leaking roofs and have to date repaired approximately 50 burst pipes and lagged those pipes that were exposed. Work will continue on these repairs until the problems have been rectified.

An internal working group has been convened to try to resolve issues in relation to piping, roofing and flooding in the complex. An architect has been commissioned and we are currently awaiting the results of an initial report in relation to roofing in the newer units.

Estate Management staff have been present to monitor the situation in the complex from January until presently. There has been no lack of communication from Dublin City Council's Area Office in relation to the overall issues. Staff are on hand in the Blackhall Estate Office twice weekly and in the Central Area Office on a daily basis to take any complaints that residents may have.

### **Anti Social / Robberies in the Ballybough Area**

There have been a number of robberies/ break ins by individuals impersonating Dublin City Council Staff in the Dublin 3 area. The Estate Manager has been in regular contact with An Garda Siochana and provided them with CCTV footage. An Garda Siochana has delivered a notice to the senior citizen complexes in the area advising them of what to look out for and phone numbers to ring.

**Charlie Lowe**  
**Executive Manager**

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

**North West Inner City Housing Report**

**Blessington Street**

Meetings are ongoing between residents and Estate Management.  
No outstanding issues.

**Chancery House**

There are no outstanding estate management issues within this complex.  
The Precinct Improvement Programme on the housing complex and the adjoining park is nearing completion, an open day has been set for the 14th April 2010 to be attended by The Lord Mayor and the City Manager.

**Constitution Hill**

Regular meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.

**Dominick Court**

There are no outstanding issues within this complex. Constant contact is maintained between Estate Management, the residents and the warden.

**Dominick House/Palmerston Place**

There are no Estate Management issues within this complex.  
Consultation between the Residents Association and Estate Management to discuss any issues, which may arise, is ongoing.

**Dominick Street Lower**

There are no outstanding Estate Management issues within this complex.  
The Residents Redevelopment Group continue to meet with the Housing Projects Office and members of the Special Projects Task Force on a regular basis, with consultation progressing well.  
The Special Projects Task Force is awaiting feedback from An Bord Pleannala in relation to the scoping report on the master plans that was submitted for consideration in December 2009.  
The engineers assigned to the Dominick Street Project continue to assess the master plan and liaise with DCC infrastructure departments such as water, drainage, traffic etc. Advice from the project engineers will be incorporated into the design process.

Visitors Parking Permits have been reintroduced to this complex since January 2010. The scheme is working well, however it is being treated as a pilot scheme and should parking privileges be abused again they shall be revoked.

**Dominick Street Upper Apartments**

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

### **Dorset Street Flats**

Anti social behaviour has alleviated in this complex over the past few months, this may be due to the bad weather we have experienced this winter. The situation continues to be closely monitored on an ongoing basis and estate management is working closely with An Garda Siochana, regular meetings are also held with An Garda Siochana.

### **Eccles Court**

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. Previously reported security problems have alleviated in the last month however estate management continue to monitor the situation closely.

### **Friary Court**

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

A Painting Programme is currently being carried out on this complex, it commenced early February and is due for completion mid April.

### **Georges Place**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management. No outstanding issues within this complex.

Ongoing repairs continue to be carried out on the roof of this complex, the situation should be rectified in the near future.

### **Hardwicke Street: (Dermot O'Dwyer & Rory O'Connor House)**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management.

Visitors Parking Permits have been reintroduced to this complex since January 2010. The scheme is working well, however it is being treated as a pilot scheme and should parking privileges be abused again they shall be revoked.

### **Henrietta House**

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. No outstanding issues at this time.

### **Kevin Barry House**

Meetings are taking place between the Residents of Kevin Barry House, regarding any issues that may arise.

An extensive Painting Programme commenced in October 2009 and was completed in January 2010.

### **North King Street**

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. No outstanding issues at this time.

### **Ormond Square**

Ongoing liaising is taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and the Parks Department.

An application has been made for double yellow lines within this area and estate management are currently awaiting feedback on this issue.

### **Saint Michans House**

Meetings are taking place between the Tenants Association, Estate Management

A Housing Estate Office is open to the residents of this complex every Tuesday Morning.

**Saint Peters Court**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Síochána to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.

**Sheridan Court/Place**

Monthly meetings are being held with the Residents Committee and Estate Management. There are no outstanding issues in this complex.

**Wolfe Tone Close**

There are no outstanding estate management or maintenance issues within this complex. Consultation between the residents of Wolfe Tone Close and Estate Management is ongoing.

**Joe Farrell**

**Housing Projects Manager**

**Question to City Manager**

**Central Area Committee  
Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**Q.1 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.2 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.3 Councillor Christy Burke**

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**Q.4 Councillor Christy Burke**

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**Q.6 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.7 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.8 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to examine the possibility of trees being planted on (details supplied)

**Q.9 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to have (details supplied) thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis and an update as to when the gullies were last cleaned and how many were cleaned there.

**Q.10 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to have (details supplied) thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis and an update as to when the gullies were last cleaned and how many were cleaned there.

**Q.11 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to have (details supplied) thoroughly cleaned

**Q.12 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a report as to why (details supplied (a)) were employed by Dublin City Council as (details supplied (b)) and to establish why this work could not have been done in house.

**Q.13 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on Dublin City Council's plans to revitalise (details supplied) and in the report make reference to the provision of community, sporting and leisure facilities for young people in the area.

**Q.14 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to close off (details supplied)

**Q.15 Councillor Claire O'Regan**

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

**Q.16 Councillor Claire O'Regan**

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

**Q.17 Councillor Claire O'Regan**

To ask the Area Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.18 Councillor Claire O'Regan**

To ask the Area Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.19 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to comment on (details supplied)

**Q.20 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to have the disability parking meter replaced outside (details supplied)

**Q.21 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager to contact (details supplied)

**Q.22 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.23 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager the following (details supplied)

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To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

**Q.26 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

**Q.27 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To ask the Area Manager why the cameras have not been connected at (details supplied) and when will they be activated?

**Q.28 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)

**Q.29 Councillor Ray McAdam**

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

**Q.30 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

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

**Q.31 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

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

**Q.32 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

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**Q.33 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

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

**Q.34 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the introduction of the following traffic calming measures (details supplied)

**Q.35 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Manager to investigate the feasibility of the following (details supplied)

**Q.36 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Manager to arrange for (details supplied)

**Q.37 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Manager to issue a report on the following (details supplied)

**Q.38 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To ask the Area Manager when will Dublin City Council use the money allocated to provide new windows at (details supplied)

**Q.39 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a copy of the rules relating to (details supplied)

**Q.40 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To ask the Area Manager for Dublin City Council's account of what will happen to the (details supplied)

**Q.41 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**



To ask the Area Manager what notification was given to the residents of (details supplied) regarding Dublin City Council's plans for the area

**Q.42 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To ask the Area Manager will Dublin City Council be providing public toilets at (details supplied)?

**Q.43 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To ask the Area Manager have Dublin City Council got plans for seating for residents/visitors at (details supplied)

**Q.44 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To ask the Area Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.45 Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager if he will assist in the provision of (details supplied)

**Q.46 Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager when the Roads Maintenance Department expect to start the repair works on (details supplied)

**Q.47 Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager if he will negotiate with (details supplied) with a view to agreeing compensation, in respect of damage to her home from a neighbouring house, which is occupied by a Dublin City Council tenant.

**Q.48 Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager if he will reply to the enclosed correspondence from (details supplied) regarding illegally parked vehicles.

**Q.49 Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the leak in the roof of (details supplied) is repaired

**Q.52 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q.53 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager to have (details supplied) examined with a view to introducing traffic calming/safety measures at this junction.

**Q.54 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q.55 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q.57 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the installation of double yellow lines at (details supplied)

**Q.58 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q.59 Councillor Nial Ring**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q.60 Councillor Marie Metcalfe**

To ask the Area Manager to complete the works at (details supplied) where the front windows were sealed and the hoist was not able to seal the rear windows due to lack of room at the rear to get the hoist in.

**Q.61 Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager inform this Committee of (details supplied)?

**Q.62 Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager inform this Committee what funding from Dublin City Council and elsewhere is available for the construction of (details supplied)?

**Q.63 Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager provide the timeframe and methodology for the establishment of (details supplied)?

**Q.64 Councillor Cieran Perry**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q.65 Councillor Cieran Perry**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q.66 Councillor Cieran Perry**

To ask the Manager (details supplied)

**Q.67 Councillor Cieran Perry**

In relation to (details supplied), could the Manager give this Committee an approximate cost for complete removal of the cobble setts and re-surfacing with tarmacadam?

**Q.68 Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager inform this Committee whether it is possible to seek planning retention from Dublin City Council for (details supplied)?

**Q.69 Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager provide an update to (details supplied)?

**Q.70 Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager provide examples and locations of (details supplied)?

**Q.71 Councillor Cieran Perry**

Can the Manager provide an update on (details supplied)?

**Q.72 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please advise the reasons for the continued closure of (details supplied)?

**Q.73 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please advise what regulations govern the operation of (details supplied)?

**Q.74 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Is the Manager aware that (details supplied)?

**Q.75 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please provide a report on (details supplied)?

**Q.76 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please provide a report on (details supplied)?

**Q.77 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please provide a report on (details supplied)?

**Q.78 Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello**

Will the Manager have a lighting standard erected at (details supplied)?

**Q.79 Councillor Aine Clancy**

To ask the Manager can pot holes be attended to at (details supplied)?

**Q.80 Councillor Aine Clancy**

To ask the Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.81 Councillor Aine Clancy**

To ask the Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.82 Councillor Aine Clancy**

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**Q.84 Councillor Aine Clancy**

To ask the Manager the following (details supplied)

**Q.85 Councillor Ray McAdam**

To ask the Area Manager (details supplied)