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Dublin City Council

**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE TO
BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER
AT
3.00pm**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2 on **Monday 12th December at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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AREA MANAGER

Dated this 7th December 2011

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838. Presentation on the Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study and on the National Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment.

839. Minutes of Meeting held 14th November 2011 (Pages 4 - 9)

840. Questions to Dublin City Manager (Pages 41 - 44)

841. Roads & Traffic Matters

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 17th November 2011 (Enclosed)

842. Development Matters

- i. With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Flemings Place, Dublin 4 (Page 28)
- ii. With reference to the proposed grant of a sub- lease in a premises known as Unit 1, 2/3, Parker Hill to Rathmines Pembroke Community Partnership (RPCP) (Pages 29 - 30)

843. Culture, Recreation & Amenity Matters.

- i. South East Area Sports Report September to November 2011 (Pages 31 - 36)

844. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Managers Report (Pages 37 - 38)
- ii. With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way to part of Church Lane South, Dublin 8 (Page 40)

Motions

845. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

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

846. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

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

847. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

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

848. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

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

849. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

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

850. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to tackle illegal advertising signs on Grafton Street, given that on a random day this week there were 14 such signs erected on the street, both A-frames and signs that were ostensibly held by people but that were so big that they were braced and supported and could stand alone if the person "holding" them had not been there. These signs are detrimental to the visual image of the street, put law-abiding businesses at a disadvantage, and cause serious problems with accessibility.

851. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

852. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

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

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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- 803.** Presentation from Project Team from the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Extension
Order: Report noted.
- 804.** Update on the George's Quay Local Area Plan – Presentation
Order: Report noted. Copy of Presentation to be emailed to Councillors.
- 805.** Road Maintenance Proposed Winter Programme for the South East Area – Presentation
Order: Noted.
- 806.** Minutes of Meeting held 10th October 2011
Order: Agreed.
- 807.** Questions to Dublin City Manager
Order: Circulated
- 808. Planning Matters**
- i. Quarterly Enforcement Report - July to September 2011
Order: Report noted.
- 809. Development Matters**
- iii. With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Flemings Place, Dublin 4
Order: Further information requested. The Councillors asked that this item for deferred to the December meeting.
- 810. Roads & Traffic Matters**
- ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 20th October 2011
Order: Noted. Issue of disc parking to be referred to Traffic & Transport SPC. The issue to be referred to the Executive Manager of the Roads and Traffic Department for his comments.
- 811. Culture, Recreation & Amenity Matters.**
- i. Grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2010
Order: Report noted.
- 812. South East Area Matters**
- i. Area Managers Report
Order: Noted. Cllr Parodi wished to congratulate the Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, on winning the All Ireland Pride of Place Competition 2011. Cllr. Freehill requested a report on the

Rathmines & Pembroke Drainage Scheme. Cllr. O'Callaghan requested action to be taken on 20 Palmerston Park which appears to be abandoned.

Motions

Emergency Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Recognizing the destruction to people's homes and the devastation of the lives of people affected by flooding across the City on the 24th October this Area Committee conscious of its responsibility to the local area agrees the following:

- 1) Demand from Iarnrod Eireann a comprehensive statement on the questions raised about the location of the Scaffolding and related material at the Lansdowne railway bridge and the impact this may have had on intensifying the flooding of the Dodder View Cottages/Ballsbridge Avenue and adjacent areas. The Committee further seeks a meeting with relevant Iarnrod Eireann Officials to discuss their statement.
- 2) Demands a response from Dublin City Council officials on the claims that a failure to appropriately control the Boharnabreena Reservoir significantly contributed to the same flooding.
- 3) Demands a statement from Dublin City Council on their immediate plans to install Flood Defence measures along the stretch of the Dodder from Marian College and Donnybrook/Anglesea Bridge.
- 4) Supports the demand on Government to provide the necessary funds to carry out these works and to provide appropriate interim relief and supports.
- 5) Immediately commences an intensive drainage/gully cleaning programme in all the areas affected by the recent flooding.
- 6) Seeks an explanation from the Aviva Stadium Company and Dublin City Council on the outflow of water from the Swan Culvert that impacted on Havelock Square.
- 7) Seeks an explanation of the problems caused at the Dodder Flood gates and the sand bag containers in Sandymount.
- 8) Requests the Manager to examine and report on measures that can and will be taken to deal with the flooding problems at Clyde Lane and agrees to examine the proposals to deal with the particular problem at St. Alban's Park as detailed in the letter submitted with this motion.
- 9) Requests an immediate survey along the banks of the Dodder to ensure the removal in full of any trees that pose a danger and a report on why it was deemed acceptable to leave the tree stumps in situ along the banks which then uprooted with the flood and contributed to a damming affect downstream.
- 10) Agrees to hold a meeting to address all the relevant issues relating to this matter.

Order: Taken in conjunction with Motions 816, 819, 824, 829, 833 and 837. Meeting to be arranged before 15th December.

813. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can respond positively to the issues raised by St. Louis School Principal.

Order: Report to Councillor.

- 814. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That this Committee urgently requests a meeting with Minister Varadkar to explain the very difficult parking situation that exists for residents of narrow roads.
Order: Cllr. Freehill to compose this letter.
- 815. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
Because of the amount of damage to houses caused by flooding last week in Grosvenor Place and Effra Rd which was caused by the over flow of the Swan River, it is agreed therefore that the Council carry out a report on the drainage measures that need to be put in place to properly protect this area. About two years ago I arranged a site visit there with a Council Engineer we ascertained that more gullies were needed but this work was never carried out.
Order: Taken in conjunction with the emergency motion and motions 816, 819, 824, 829, 833 and 837
- 816. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
To ask the Manager that as a gesture to those who have to dispose of carpets and heavy items due to flooding, that the Council provide a special collection service for these items.
Order: Taken in conjunction with the emergency motion and motions 815, 819, 824, 829, 833 and 837.
- 817. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
Recognising the very urgent need for premises for youth services in Rathmines, the committee proposes that Dublin City Council let the premises in Parker Hill to the Rathmines Partnership at a socially affordable rent.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 818. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That the Local Area Committee provide this committee with an explanation of how arrangements have been made for a work plan for the Grand Canal without ever consulting this committee. Furthermore, how was the advisory Committee elected and would the Manager please let me know when we will have the meeting with Waterways Ireland regarding work on the Canal, this is apropos my motion in this regards which was passed quite a few months ago.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 819. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne**
That South East Area Dublin City Council, as a matter of urgency, on foot of weather alerts arrange for the ready availability of sand bags in areas adversely affected by high tides and flooding.
Order: Taken in conjunction with motions 815, 816, 824, 829, 833, 837 and Emergency Motion.
- 820. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne**
That South East Area Dublin City Council, set in place a schedule for gullies to be cleaned on a weekly basis in autumn time, particularly in areas with a history of flooding and damage to property.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 821. Motion from Councillor Oisin Quinn**
This Committee calls on the Manager to request a senior representative of An Post attend before the Area Committee to discuss An Post's plans and strategy for post offices and sub-post offices in the urban villages in the South East constituency.
Order: Moved by Cllr Freehill. Agreed.
- 822. Motion from Councillor Oisin Quinn**
This Committee calls on the Manager to arrange for the Traffic Engineer to attend at Gulistan Terrace to meet residents to discuss ways to improve the parking situation there. There is a mixture of controlled and uncontrolled parking in the area and residents are struggling to get

parking when they return home from work. The area is near the Swan centre and Swan cinema and Rathmines and a correct balance needs to be struck.

Order: Moved by Cllr Freehill. Agreed.

823. Motion from Councillor Oisin Quinn

This Committee calls on the Manager to arrange for the Traffic Engineer to attend at Winton Avenue in Rathgar to meet with a delegation on behalf of the residents to discuss the parking changes introduced there on a trial basis about 18 months ago. There are now serious difficulties getting parking for residents and a correct balance needs to be achieved.

Order: Moved by Cllr Freehill. Report to Councillor.

824. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls upon the Manager to

- (a) ensure that in future the floodgates for the Dodder on Lansdowne Road are closed at times when there is threats of flood, and also that measures are put in place to ensure that keys to close the floodgates are readily accessible to Council officials to ensure a prompt closure of the gates;
- (b) ensure that containers holding sand bags on the Strand Road can be opened promptly to access the sand bags to prevent flooding and that a contingency plan is in existence to ensure that the sand bags are placed and distributed in appropriate locations in sufficient time to prevent flooding.

Order: Moved by Councillor Parodi. Taken in conjunction with motions 815, 816, 819, 829, 833, 837 and Emergency Motion.

825. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls upon the Manager to ensure that the outlet pipe running from Cannon Place into the Dodder, Dublin 4, is unblocked so that surface water is able to flow off unhindered.

Order: Moved by Councillor Parodi. Report to Councillor.

826. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls upon the Manager to include on the City Council's website a "Report It" page similar to that used by Lewisham Council in England (as detailed on the webpage listed below) to enable residents within the City Council area to report specific environmental problems or road/pavement problems.

www.lewisham.gov.uk/doitonline/pages/report-it.aspx

Order: Moved by Councillor Parodi. Report to Councillor.

827. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to meet with the owners of the Sandymount Hotel to see how their requirements regarding directional signs can be met given their substantial investment in the local community and their long and ongoing contribution to the city finances through commercial rate payments and urges the Manager to enter these discussions in a positive manner with a view to achieving a satisfactory conclusion.

Order: Agreed.

828. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the series of questions, submitted with this motion, on behalf of the Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association and if he will further arrange a meeting between relevant Dublin City Council officials, the local Councillors and the Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association to discuss the response to these matters.

Order: Agreed.

829. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to request Civil Defence to define "emergency". Following the recent flooding in Ballsbridge, where many homes were destroyed, it was suggested that Civil

Defence would help in the clean up. However, I was informed that they only get involved in emergencies.

Order: Taken in conjunction with motions 815, 816, 819, 824, 833, 837 and Emergency Motion.

830. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to explain the unsatisfactory response to the situation that has developed in Donnybrook affecting Pembroke Cottages. Inspections of manholes in the main street in Donnybrook revealed blockages due to a build up of grease and other debris. It was obvious to those present that these drains had not been inspected or cleared for some considerable time. To ask the Manager when were these drains on the main street in Donnybrook, which I inspected on Wednesday 19th of October, last cleared.

Order: Report to Councillor.

831. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to explain why double yellow lines at a dangerous corner on Newgrove Avenue Sandymount were removed to be replaced with pay and display. Due to the vigilance of a local resident, common sense prevailed and the double yellow lines were restored. I want to know (1) who requested the removal of the lines? and (2) who in the TAG was responsible for this decision?

Order: Report to Councillor.

832. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager for a report on the upkeep of the football pitch on Irishtown Road, and to commit to improving the standard of the pitch to a suitable level or to allow the St. Patrick's Club to take over the management of the pitch.

Order: Report to Councillor.

833. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to investigate and report whether drainage at Lansdowne Stadium contributed to the flooding in the Havelock Square and Bath Avenue areas on 24 October 2011.

Order: Taken in conjunction with motions 815, 816, 819, 824, 829, 837 and Emergency Motion.

834. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to retract the recent letter issued to Portobello residents asking them to do the Council's job of clearing the footpaths and streets of fallen leaves.

Order: Report to Councillor.

835. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager what is or can be done about the upkeep of the ground-floor gardens in the Bishop St flat complex and whether help is available to residents to keep the gardens in good repair given that many of the ground-floor residents are of an age where gardening is no longer an option, and whether the option of having the gardens paved over could be offered on a voluntary basis to residents.

Order: Report to Councillor.

836. Motion from Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager if he will comment on the issues raised in the email submitted with this motion that stems from several previous motions to this Committee.

Order: Report to Councillor.

837. Motion from Councillor Maria Parodi

That this Committee calls on the Manager to ensure that all drains/shores in the South East area are regularly cleaned; in particular, in the areas that were badly affected by recent flooding in order to minimise reoccurring flooding in the future.

Order: Taken in conjunction with motions 815, 816, 819, 824, 829 and Emergency Motion.

Cllr. Maria Parodi

Chairperson

Dated 14th November 2011

Attendance

Members

Councillor M. Parodi (in the chair)

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

Officials

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

F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area

S. Dunne, Administrative Officer, South East Area

P. Cronin, Executive Manager, Environment & Engineering

J. O'Hara, Deputy Planning Officer, Planning Department

D. Scully, Senior Planner, Planning Department

F. Worrall, Assistant Enforcement Officer, Planning Enforcement

J. Flanagan, Senior Engineer, Roads and Traffic

S. Redington, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Traffic

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area

M. Moriarty, Staff Officer, South East Area

J. Nugent, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area

M. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area

Non – members

Bob Gaudes, CDM Ireland

QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 14th NOVEMBER 2011

Q1. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager if the Residential Disc Parking Scheme currently in operation on Golden Lane, Dublin 8 can be expanded as the area is not big enough to accommodate the resident's cars and the residents say there is spare capacity in adjoining streets.

Reply

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Board for consideration and the Councillor will be advised of the outcome in due course.

Q2. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager when will a real-time sign for the 18 bus be installed outside Lenihan's, Rathmines.

Reply

The number and location of the RTPI signs is decided and approved by the NTA in consultation with Dublin Bus or Bus Eireann as the case may be. Locations are chosen according to various criteria such as passenger numbers and frequency of service as well as resources available.

Dublin City Council has no role in choosing locations for the signs but is merely the administrative body acting on behalf of the NTA to carry out the work and administer the contracts for the various phases of the project. All funding for the project comes from the NTA.

Any representations for additional RTPI signs at specific locations should be made to Finola O' Driscoll in the NTA [Finola@nationaltransport.ie] or John Ryan in Dublin Bus [John.Ryan@dublinbus.ie]

Q3. Councillor Edie Wynne

Could the Manager please have the graffiti at the end of Wesley Road, Rathgar removed; it has been there for a long time.

Reply

This graffiti has been listed for removal by our contractors.

Q4. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to establish from Dublin Bus when the bus shelter removed from Brookfield will be replaced and when a real-time timetable will be installed; this issue has been raised a number of times and no satisfactory response has been given to Dublin Bus passengers.

Reply

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The provision or replacement of bus shelters is a matter for Dublin Bus and the area office has forwarded this requested onto them.

Q5. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the issues raised in the letter submitted with this question relating to Durham Road.

Reply

The location referred to in the correspondence is at a bend in the road on Newgrove Avenue opposite its junction with Durham Road. Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 section 36 (e) prohibits parking within 5 metres of a junction. In this case this prohibition would apply to southern side of Newgrove Avenue at its junction with Durham Road and not on northern side mentioned in letter.

Following a request from residents Dublin City Council Traffic Management and Control section designed a pay and display scheme for Newgrove Avenue. The layout of the parking scheme was set out to reflect existing parking arrangements on the road. The scheme was not extended to maximise revenue but to facilitate residents and visitors to the area. Little revenue is collected in suburban pay and display schemes, as the majority of vehicles parked are owned by permit holders.

It is a common design feature in suburban area parking schemes with low traffic volumes to design layouts such that vehicles are required to yield to each other. This helps reduce traffic speeds and provides a traffic calming effect. It also has the advantage of providing as much on street parking as possible for all motorists. Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations ,1997 section 7 states .” a vehicle shall not be driven at a speed exceeding that which will enable its driver to bring it to a halt within the distance which the driver can see to be clear”. In older areas of the city where the road layout was designed for a time when traffic conditions were much different that today there are many locations where drivers have limited sight distance and are required to drive taking the non optimum road layout into account.

Notwithstanding the above following receipt of correspondence requesting that parking restrictions be revised the scheme was reviewed and parking restrictions were implemented at bend in road on Newgrove Avenue opposite its junction with Durham Road.

Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to fully respond to the issues contained in the two messages submitted with this question in relation to dumping along the River Dodder and the inadequate response received by a Citizen fulfilling their civic duty.

Reply

Action is in the process of being taken in this matter and it is expected that it will be concluded shortly. The Councillor will be notified directly of the outcome.

Q7. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to have the vast amounts of leaves on Garville Avenue removed as they are causing drainage problems.

Reply

Waste Management Services operate a leaves removal programme during the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. We will ensure that Garville Avenue is included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

Q8. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for two or three bins to be placed on the route along Brookvale Road in Donnybrook and Beech Hill.

Reply

Waste Management Services are not in favour of installing litter bins in residential areas as experience has shown us that litter bins in residential areas are regularly used to dispose of domestic refuse and can in fact become focal points for dumping with bags of refuse regularly

being left beside these bins. For this reason we will not be installing litter bins in the above mentioned area.

Q9. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager on the cause of the fish loss in Ranelagh Park pond and also when the stock will be renewed.

Reply

Following the loss of fish in the pond at Ranelagh Gardens in early January 2011 the water was tested by the Central Laboratory, Dublin City Council.

Following analysis of the water it was concluded that the fish kill was likely to have been caused by the following factors:

- Freezing (sub-zero) conditions
- Extremely low dissolved Oxygen concentrations in the feed water and throughout the pond
- High Ammoniacal Nitrogen concentrations
- Mains Water Contamination of the original (reported) groundwater supply to the pond
- Anaerobic mud in the base of the pond
- Lengthy water retention time in the pond

The anaerobic mud was removed, in the days following the fish kill, from the base of the pond.

However there is a very low volume of water supplying the pond which leads to poor dissolved oxygen and a lengthy retention time of water in the pond making it a poor habitat for fish stock. Therefore this Division does not propose to restock the pond with additional fish.

However, there is some evidence of fish in the pond which may have survived the initial fish kill and pond cleaning operation and it is proposed to retain this fish stock and continue to monitor their progress.

Q10. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to respond to the detailed letter submitted with this question.

Reply

Dublin City Council Drainage Division has carried out main cleaning in Donnybrook Village which has cleared any blockages that were evident on our second inspection (On Site Meeting 19/10/2011).

With regard to FOG (Fats Oils Greases) it may be noted that Dublin City Council are currently implementing a FOG programme, any food service establishment that does not comply with the programme will face legal action. Dublin City Council have carried out an audit of all Food Service establishments in the area and will handle any non-compliance FSE appropriately.

Both the private drain in Pembroke Cottages and the Public Sewer in Donnybrook are currently working satisfactorily however Dublin City Council will maintain a vigilant watch over both mains in the coming Months.

The drain which runs through the green open space and connects into the Main Sewer outside number 6 Pembroke Cottages is a Private Drain. The maintenance of this drain is the responsibility of all those who are connected to it.

Q11. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will erect a "Anti Dog Fouling Sign" in the vicinity of 46 Sandford Road, Dublin 6.

Reply

The programme for the installation of anti dog fouling signs has been completed and it is not proposed to resume such a programme.

Q12. Councillor Gerry Ashe

Could the Manager arrange to have regular street cleaning along Bremen Road in Ringsend as there has been a lot of rubbish dumped there recently and despite calls from the residents to Dublin City Council this hasn't been removed.

Reply

Waste Management Services had the dumped rubbish removed from Bremen Road on the 8th November 2011. We will monitor the future cleanliness of this location.

Q13. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will take further action, further to the promise given in a previous reply to have the tree at (footpath at the rear of 15 Beechwood Road) seriously pruned as once again it is damaging the new gutters at 15 Beechwood Road/Edenvale Road junction, Ranelagh Dublin 6.

Reply

The tree at this location has been inspected and it is proposed to have the tree removed over the coming 4/6 weeks.

Q14. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the tree in the back garden of (details supplied) properly pruned.

Reply

This tree will be included in the schedule of works in 2012.

Q15. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the paint covering the words on the name plate for Brookvale Road at its junction with Eglinton Road, Donnybrook to be removed.

Reply

The street name plates for Brookvale Road at the junctions of Donnybrook Road and Eglinton Road have been covered with paint. They have both been referred to our graffiti removal contractor for cleaning. In the event that it is not possible to have them cleaned properly, both signs will be replaced.

Q16. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager for the reason in the delay of providing black, brown and green bins (details supplied) and why the bins are not being collected.

Reply

Waste Management Services had (details supplied) black bin collected on the 26th October 2011. No further problems are anticipated with his collection service. Greyhound have also delivered a green bin to (details supplied). We have explained the matter to (details supplied) and apologised to him for the disruption to his collection service.

Q17. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to respond to the issues raised by residents regarding the outcome of the formal plebiscite on parking and also on the informal trial arrangement entered into with DCC by residents and the residents wish to rescind the informal experimental arrangement and revert to the outcome of the original plebiscite (details supplied).

Reply

The change to the original layout for Winton Avenue occurred following a request by a Councillor to address the issue of lack of parking space available to residents of Coulson Avenue because of the narrowness of their roadway.

The Area engineer examined the situation in late 2009 and proposed, through the TAG process, the implementation of limited single yellow lines in an effort to resolve the parking issue raised by the Councillor.

The single yellow lines were laid in an area that was generally not in front of residents houses in Winton Avenue and facilitates the set down times for the school while at the same time preventing all day parking.

This street is not classified as a heavy demand zone for residents' permit parking. Permits have been granted to some residents of Rathgar Avenue and Rathgar Road, either because the applicants are eligible as they live in corner houses with Winton Avenue or because of parking restrictions on their respective roads.

No additional permits for Winton Avenue will be granted to Wesley Road residents until further notice.

The following is the position with regard to Winton Avenue

No. of Parking Bays:	66
No. of Live Permits:	38 (57.5% of no. of bays)
Breakdown of Permits -	
Winton Ave Residents:	13
Winton Mews (off Winton Ave) Residents:	4
Rathgar Road Residents:	13
Rathgar Avenue Residents:	4
Wesley Road Residents:	4

It is not proposed to change the existing system because due process has been followed and there are still ample spaces available to residents of Winton Avenue.

Q18. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to request An Post to re-double their efforts to re-establish an office of An Post to serve Terenure, Rathgar and Kenilworth.

Reply

This request will be forwarded to An Post. The Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

Q19. Councillor Edie Wynne

That the Manager ask Dublin Bus to detail the full bus service that they intend to provide on Bushy Park Road, Terenure under their new schedules and routes.

Reply

This request will be forwarded to Dublin Bus. The Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

Q20. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can give me a detailed response to the issues raised in the email submitted with this question.

Reply

The causes of the surface water flooding in Pearse Square / Pearse Street are currently being examined and to consider alleviation options. These will be assessed in the light of proposals for improvements to the drainage network by Dublin City Council.

An overflow into the river Liffey at the end of Cardiff Lane is already in place, this overflow can be restricted in high tides.

Q21. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the paint covering the Road name plate for Brookvale Road at the junction with Eglinton Road to be removed.

Reply

The street name plates for Brookvale Road at the junctions of Donnybrook Road and Eglinton Road have been covered with paint. They have both been referred to our graffiti removal contractor for cleaning. In the event that it is not possible to have them cleaned properly, both signs will be replaced.

Q22. Councillor Oisín Quinn

Can the Manager arrange for the potholes on Bushfield Terrace to be repaired. Some of these are very hazardous for cyclists in particular.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services will repair these potholes as soon as possible.

Q23. Councillor Oisín Quinn

Can the Manager arrange for Milltown Road to be put on the list of road resurfacing for 2012 due to its condition and the danger to cyclists from potholes?

Reply

Milltown Road has been put on the list of streets for possible inclusion in our 2012 works program.

In the meantime, however, this Department will ensure that a safe road surface is maintained on Milltown Road. Milltown Road was inspected two weeks ago on foot of another resurfacing request and all the potholes at the Sandford Road end were filled at that time.

Q24. Councillor Oisín Quinn

Can the Manager arrange for 20 Palmerston Park to be inspected by the listed buildings section and planning enforcement. This house is currently unoccupied and is in a quasi-derelict condition. The windows are now being boarded up. Is this permissible in relation to a listed building?

Reply

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

The Council has not received any complaints heretofore that unauthorised development may be taking place at this property. An inspection is being arranged to ensure that the building is not endangered. The Council's Derelict Sites Section has also been requested to examine the property under the Derelict Sites legislation.

Q25. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Manager to ensure that the new ramp outside the entrance to Charlemont Court, Charlemont Place, Dublin 2 is painted to highlight that it is a ramp; and also that the Manager takes steps to ensure that ambulances continue to have safe access and egress from Charlemont Court.

Reply

The repainting of ramps will be referred to the Traffic Officer for his attention and work will take place as soon as is feasible given present work commitments and weather conditions.

The issue of access and egress from Charlemont Court will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Board for consideration and the Councillor will be advised in due course of any recommended action if any is required.

Q26. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Manager whether he has given consideration to the proposal advanced by the party whose details are attached who wished to secure a licence from Dublin City Council to use the area at the corner of Dame Street and St. Great Georges Street (at the rear of 24 Dame Street) for use as an outdoor dining space ancillary to the premises at 25 Dame Street.

Reply

Road Maintenance to date have not received any applications for a street furniture licence at the site in question.

Q27. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Manager when the ramp at the entrance to Mount Drummond Avenue, Dublin 6 will be repaired.

Reply

The ramp at the entrance to Mount Drummond Avenue will be repaired in early 2012 as part of a ramp resurfacing contract currently being prepared by this Department.

Q28. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Manager when the works on the Dodder at Lansdowne Road Bridge will be completed.

Reply

These works are being carried out by Irish Rail. The works are now completed since Monday the 14th of November and the bridge is now open to rail traffic.

Q29. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Manager whether zig zag white lines can be placed on the roadway outside Lios Na Nog Gaelscoil on Oakley Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

Reply

This issue is under consideration at present by the Traffic advisory Group and the Councillor will be informed of the recommendation of the group within the next six weeks.

Q30. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Manager what steps are going to be taken to ensure that Grosvenor Place and Charleville Road are not exposed to further flooding events and to enquire whether the drains in that area can be cleaned on a more frequent basis.

Reply

Detailed investigations and reports on the flooding events of 24/10/2011 are currently being prepared for the affected areas within the City Council. A "Report on Dublin City Flood Risk and interim report on extreme pluvial flooding event affecting East Coast and Dublin City on 24th October 2011" was brought before the City Council on 7/11/2011. Further reports will be made available in due course.

At present necessary information and data is being collected to finalise the report which takes into account the situation in Grosvenor Place and Charleville Road.

Q31. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Manager whether Milltown Road, Dublin 6 can be added to the list of roads for resurfacing for inclusion in Dublin City Council's 2012 works programme.

Reply

Milltown Road has been put on the list of streets for possible inclusion in our 2012 works program. Given the current financial situation facing the country as a whole, there is some uncertainty as to whether this Department is likely to receive much in the way of funding for resurfacing projects in 2012. In order to get the best possible value from those resources that we do have at our disposal next year, we must (now more than ever) prioritise road schemes in order to carry out those that will have the most benefit for the citizens of Dublin. The net effect of this is that such major road resurfacing as is undertaken in 2012 will have to be carried out on strategic roads into and out of the city (eg major routes and/or bus routes). While Milltown Road fits this description, its inclusion in our Annual Program will depend on whether there are any major roads deemed to be in greater need of resurfacing; and on the level of funding received by this Department.

In the meantime, however, this Department will ensure that a safe road surface is maintained on Milltown Road. Milltown Road was inspected two weeks ago on foot of another resurfacing request and all the potholes at the Sandford Road end were filled at that time.

Q32. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Manager whether a security code can be provided to the relevant person in charge of security operations at Charlemont Court Housing Complex, Dublin 2, in order to access footage from the CCTV cameras provided, in light of the occurrence of a recent burglary there.

Reply

So far we have been unable to reset the CCTV system at Charlemont Court. It is intended to have the system reset by the installation company in the coming week.

Q33. Councillor Mary Freehill

Following on from my question last month in relation to Tramco. I presume the Fire cert was issued in 1997 not 1977 as stated in your reply. I would like to know more about the occupancy max of 1025 persons. Does this include all residents staff and occupants of the apartments over head and the bar? I would like a more specific reply in relation to the max occupancy of the disco and is this separate to the rest of the building, noting that everything with the exception of the disco was shown on the planning drawing. So please may I have a very specific figure to which the fire certificate relates, indicating all the spaces in the Tramco building.

Reply

The following are the Fire safety Certificates submitted in respect of the above referenced development:-

97/1022	48 apartments, Bar, Restaurant and Function Room.
98/1184	New Licensed Premises at Ground and First Floor
98/1190	New Restaurant at part First Floor and Ground Floor.
98/1630	An Aparthotel consisting of 51 no. bedrooms, Bar and Restaurant
99/1229	Minor Alterations to Lower Ground Floor
03/1519	Material alteration at Ground and First Floor levels

The Occupancy of 1025 persons was attached at the annual renewal of the license in 2010, it was based on the design occupancies of 553 at ground floor and 472 at first floor.

As stated previously the disco is operating under the Public Dance License attached to the licensed premises, namely the Bar at ground and first floor to the front of the building.

The occupancy of the residential portion of the building is separate from the Licensed Premises and is based on the numbers residing in the apartments.

The Fire Safety Certificate files are stored off site and are not immediately available for inspection.

Q34. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to supply the number of Real Time on street electronic bus signs installed in the South East Area to date and the locations of future signs and also to give a date for the signs in Sandymount and Ringsend.

Reply

The location for RTPi signs is selected by the Public Transport Companies in agreement with the funding agency the National Transport Authority and Dublin City Council do not decide these locations.

I attach the list of agreed locations in the Dublin City Council area both completed and to be completed under the current agreed program, they are not broken down by area.

None of the numbers provided by the Councillor are on the deployment list. There are around one in ten bus stops being provided with RTPi signs and these locations have to meet certain criteria and ultimately the NTA as funding authority have the final say.

Also, to locate an specific bus stop, please use the www.rtpi.ie web site and will display a specific bus stop on the map.

Q35. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the road resurfaced at Ailesbury Gardens and St Alban's Park, Sandymount, to carry out repairs to the ramps, to have the manholes cleared and the roads swept on a more regular basis.

Reply

Waste Management Services have residential areas like Ailesbury Gardens and St Alban's Park cleaned once every twelve weeks as per Litter Management Plan, 2008-2011. We will ensure that this area is properly cleaned during the course of this schedule.

Ailesbury Gardens / St Alban's Park was inspected by the Road Maintenance Department on the 11th of November, 2011.

The road surface and ramps on Ailesbury Gardens are currently considered acceptable by Road Maintenance with the exception of the ramp outside No 6 Ailesbury Gardens. A utility opening through the ramp has not been permanently reinstated and the temporary reinstatement is deteriorating. Road Maintenance will investigate these works and contact the relevant Utility Company with regard to getting the ramp permanently reinstated.

The road surface overlay on St Alban's Park is deteriorating between Sydney Parade Avenue and No. 64. The ramps on St Alban's Park are considered to be an acceptable standard. The area where the surfacing is deteriorating will be included on the list of streets for possible inclusion in 2012 Road Maintenance Works Program. Resurfacing schemes for 2012 will be prioritised based on the level of funding available to the Road Maintenance Department.

All Manholes were pressure cleaned here after the flooding on the 24th of October 2011.

Q36. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to explain the functioning of the pumping station adjacent to St Alban's Park Sandymount and the areas covered by it and where at Sandymount is water discharged into the sea.

Reply

The Ailsbury Storm Water Pumping Station is a 2 pump facility maintained by Dublin City Council's Wastewater Services Division. It drains the St Alban's Park and Ailesbury Gardens area and takes the excess storm waters from the road gullies and pumps it to a discharge point into the sea which is adjacent to the St Alban's Park and Strand Road junction. On rare occasions, overflows from the combined sewer system enter this pumping station.

Q37. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to examine the parking arrangements at Harrington St as they apply on Sundays for mass goers. Currently, weekday parking restrictions and charges apply on Sundays. I am asking to have these restrictions removed as no obstruction is being caused by mass goers.

Reply

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised of the outcome in due course.

Q38. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to extend the ban on 5 axle vehicles using Strand Road Sandymount to 24 hours.

Reply

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendation of the group in due course.

Q39. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the shores on Gilford Road and Gilford Terrace, Sandymount cleaned and the roads swept on a regular basis. Residents there complain that the shores are never cleared.

Reply

Gilford Road gullies was last cleaned on 12/7/2011 (31 of 31 cleaned).

Gilford Terrace gullies was last cleaned on 21/6/2011 (4 of 4 cleaned).

This road is cleaned on average four times a year. We are back working in this area and we will clean these roads next week.

Q40. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to install signs and litter bins with bags to prevent dog fouling at the following two locations (details supplied) in the South East Area (or if such measures are not available to find other means to prevent dog fouling in these areas).

Reply

The programme for the installation of anti-dog fouling signs and dog bins has now been completed and it is not proposed to resume such a programme.

The only enforcement procedure open to Dublin City Council is the Litter Pollution Acts which has proven difficult to get convictions for in the past. Dublin City Council, together with a number of other local authorities in the region, are in the process of submitting a number of amendments to the Act, which includes Section 22 (dog fouling) to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government.

Q41. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to install (or re-install) a public litter bin in Ringsend at a location (details supplied).

Reply

Waste Management Services installed a litter bin opposite the front of the public library in Ringsend on the 8th November 2011.

Q42. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to install double yellow lines in the small lane-way that extends north of Victoria Terrace in Stella Gardens, Ringsend, Dublin 4, as was previously planned but never implemented.

Reply

If the Councillor gives details of the exact address the matter will be referred to the Traffic Officer for attention. Please email detail to traffic@dublincity.ie.

Q43. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to investigate a report that the end of a public laneway (details supplied) is being used as a private dump or for other unsuitable use, and to remedy the situation.

Reply

The laneway in question was inspected and found to be a private laneway, there was no rubbish visible from the road at time of inspection.

Q44. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to implement measures to prevent youths congregating and loitering at the gate to Ringsend Park at Cambridge Court in the evening.

Reply

Dublin City Council has no authority on this issue. All anti social behaviour should be reported to the Gardai.

Q45. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to introduce a yellow box or double yellow lines or a similar suitable measure at a location in order to keep an area at the end of the terrace open for turning as cars parking at the very end of the street by the Park are preventing residents from turning to leave the street.

Reply

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised in due course of the recommendations of the group.

Q46. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to prune the trees at the back of 115 Stella Gardens, Ringsend as they are preventing light from entering that house and its garden.

Reply

The trees at this location will be pruned over the coming weeks.

Q47. Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the Manager that the double yellow lines on Wellington Lane be completed. A space outside No. 33 was left undone which is causing problems for residents opposite in trying to exit from their home when cars are parked on this spot. Assuming the reason for the omission was that a car was parked there in the first place, so to ensure that the work can be done I request that a "no parking" cone is placed there prior to the work being carried out.

Reply

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Officer for attention. The work required will be carried out as soon as is feasible taking into account present work commitments and weather conditions.

Q48. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager have the granite seat at the bottom of Georges St/Exchequer St relocated. Further, can the bicycle parking bays at this location be reduced and relocated in order declutter this very busy corner. Also, in relation to the seat, it has become a location for constant anti-social behaviour with street drinkers. People eating nearby and passerbys including tourists have constantly to deal with public drunkenness and disorder and harassment. There is also an issue regarding the phone boxes which are now being used constantly by intravenous drug users. Would it be possible that we can contact Eircom and have these two phone boxes relocated. At this particular location there are 4 phones boxes. Also at this location there are two seats, one at either end and there is ample parking for bicycles. Not withstanding the fact that the Christmas tree which is traditionally placed at this

spot can cause further congestion. Perhaps this tree can be relocated to the footpath on Exchequer St. These measures would assist crime prevention and anti-social behaviour at this location considerably.

Reply

An Engineer from Traffic Management and Control visited this site and efforts will be made to address all of the above issues raised by the Councillor.

Q49. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager assist the residents at Holles Row, at the rear of Holles St. Maternity Hospital in their efforts to curtail the noise and dust and general disruption that is taking place in this location as a result of the building of the new extensions at Holles St Hospital. Residents here are exhausted in their efforts to gain some measure of consideration for their needs as residents. There is constant heavy duty trucks from early morning going on in this very small narrow street. There are complaints of complete disregard for the residents concerns and a lack of respect for the community at this location. Also can the Manager inspect these properties which are owned by Dublin City Council to ascertain whether there has been any damage caused to the houses in Holles row by the heavy plant machinery working in this area. And also that the area is properly cleaned and maintained on a daily basis by the builders.

Reply

There have been a number of planning permissions granted to the Board of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, the most recent of which was permission for a 2 storey extension to blocks 3 and 4 of the premises.

This permission contains a condition that site and building works be restricted to the hours of 7.00 am to 6.00 pm, Monday to Friday and from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturdays with no work permitted on Sundays or bank holidays. The Council's Enforcement Section has not received any complaints that these hours are being breached.

On receipt of details of any alleged breach – beginning/finishing times etc – the matter will be investigated.

Q50. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a complete report on the responses with regard to the recent flooding in the South East Area of the city. This report to include a complete breakdown of all gully cleaning and all leave removal operations. Also can the Manager show the effects of cemented gardens and driveways are having in relation to drainage and flooding. Can the Manager give a complete update on the flood defence walls that are to be installed in the South East Inner City area with particular regard to the defences that will effect the views of Dublin Bay in order to avoid a repeat of the situation that has arisen with regards similar defences at Clontarf.

Reply

Detailed investigations and reports on the flooding events of 24/10/2011 are currently being prepared for the affected areas within the City Council. A "Report on Dublin City Flood Risk and interim report on extreme pluvial flooding event affecting East Coast and Dublin City on 24th. October, 2011" was brought before the City Council on 7/11/2011. A further report will be made to the City Council when all information is gathered and examined and the issue in the above question will be addressed.

Q51. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager examine whether it is possible that Dublin City Council would be able to bring households and business properties that are unable to get flood insurance into some Dublin City Council insurance policy or bond.

Reply

In order to become involved in insuring a property Dublin City Council would have to own or have an interest in that property.

Q52. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how much money Dublin City Council has offered by way of grants to voluntary housing agencies in the South East Area of the City over the past two years and what measures were in place in evaluating the way this money was spent and audited. Also, could the Manager provide how much money via grants was given to organisations dealing with the homeless and emergency shelter and what mechanisms of monitoring this spend has taken place.

Reply

Dublin City Council provides funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) for approved housing bodies by way of a grant for the provision of rental accommodation. In the period from the 1/12/2009 to date €3,282,579.60 has been paid under this scheme in the South East Area for various projects.

To be eligible for funding under CAS the body has to have 'approved status' as a housing body from the DECLG. and must (a) have as primary objects the relief of housing needs or poverty or hardship or the welfare of Travellers and the provision and management of housing and (b) have in its memorandum of association or registered rules provisions prohibiting the distribution of any surplus, profit bonus or dividend to members and requiring that the assets of the body be applied solely towards its objects.

All projects seeking funding under CAS are assessed on the basis of (1)Value for money, (2) Design and (3)Need and deemed appropriate before an application for funding is made to the DECLG.

When projects are complete a non-repayable mortgage is put in place between Dublin City Council and the Approved Housing body to ensure the property is used for the purpose for which it is funded.

The response to the above question is divided into three sections and relates specifically to funding allocated to homeless service providers across the Dublin City Council Administrative Area, they do not refer specifically to the South East Area.

(a) Details of all monies/grants given to DCC and provided to voluntary homeless service providers in the DCC administrative area in 2009, 2010 and so far in 2011.

2009 - €18,519,067.89

2010 - €18,419,228.08

2011 - €14,005,034.54 (*please note this is from January to mid October only*)

(b) Terms and conditions of which these grants were provided

Voluntary homeless service providers are paid funds based on a vouched expenditure basis. Service providers are then required to submit quarterly returns to Dublin City Council, which are examined to verify expenditure. Please note that payments in any year may include arrears for the previous year.

(c) Evaluating expenditure on homeless services in Dublin

Following a progress review in 2007, the first year of implementing action plan *A Key to the Door 2007-2010*, the Board of the Homeless Agency Partnership agreed three priority actions for 2008 including:

1. Measure and evidence the extent of need and projected requirements
2. Develop and agree a model of service delivery for homeless services in Dublin
3. Review current expenditure on homeless services and develop and propose a capital and revenue funding mechanism to be agreed as part of a revised funding regime.

The overall objective of the *Review of Current Expenditure* was to undertake a value for money exercise that examines and considers in detail the cost effectiveness of homeless

services in Dublin, their equity (equality of outcome), as well as their economy and overall efficiency.

The primary conclusion of this report is that changes both in policy and service provided would be required. It identified that the configuration of services at that time was managing the homeless situation in Dublin in the short-term by maintaining people experiencing homelessness in temporary accommodation, private emergency accommodation and transitional accommodation.

The report identified an over-investment in emergency and transitional accommodation options and an under-investment in long-term housing and accommodation options, with appropriate support services as required.

The report called for the formal adoption of 'Housing First' approach that would deliver greater access to housing and accommodation, with supports as required, in addition to achieving the better coordination of capital and revenue funding decision making for housing and homeless service provision.

It outlined the following key recommendations, which have been the focus of the work completed by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (formerly the Homeless Agency) since the end of 2008.

1. Increase the availability of long-term housing and support
2. Changes to the funding regime for housing and supports for people experiencing homelessness
3. Reconfiguration of housing and homeless services on a local area basis
4. Investment in care and case management
5. Investment in personal and social development to progress towards participation in training, education and employment opportunities
6. Developing quality standards
7. Service level agreements
8. Analyse unit costs, develop a unit costing system and increased shared services
9. Integrated data and performance management information system

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive is provided by Dublin City Council as the lead statutory local authority in the response to homelessness in Dublin and adopts a shared service approach across South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council. It is responsible for providing support and services to the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive replaced the Homeless Agency in July 2011.

Q53. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager invite Dublin Bus to the South East Area Committee meeting to answer questions with regard the alterations and discontinuation of Dublin Bus Routes within the South East Area.

Reply

This request will be forwarded to Dublin Bus and the Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

Q54. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager ensure that the wishes of the residents of York St apartments and the residents in the surrounding area not to have the York St entrance of the Royal College of Surgeons opened are acknowledged and taken into consideration by Dublin City Council in the planning application regarding this matter.

Reply

A planning application was received on the 22nd August 2011 for the conversion of the existing emergency vehicular entrance to a vehicular entrance into Surgeons car park from York Street including replacing the existing gate, reconfiguring the existing footpath dishing and new signage. Planning permission was granted subject to conditions on the 13th October 2011.

A submission was received by the New York Street Apartments Residents Association on the 13th September 2011 objecting to the proposed development. This submission was considered by the Roads and Traffic Department when making a recommendation to the Planning Department. However it was recommended that permission be granted for the proposed development as the construction and operational phase of Metro North / Luas BX will impact significantly on access from St. Stephen's Green North. The schemes will also remove access to Glover's Alley from St. Stephen's Green West. The proposed access will ensure that access is maintained to the car park for vehicles travelling from Hume Street and Leeson Street that would otherwise have a lengthy detour via Aungier Street. This currently accounts for approx 46% of trips to the car park. It will also decrease pressure that would otherwise be placed on the Mercer Street access.

It was considered that the conversion of the emergency entrance to a vehicular access will have a positive impact on traffic conditions in the vicinity as it will provide vehicles with a more direct route to the car park and remove the need to pass through two signalised junctions. The Transport Assessment submitted with the application found that the provision of the access will remove 13% of inbound trips from Harcourt Street / Cuffe Street.

Q55. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager assure this committee that all apartment buildings in the South East Area built in the last 15 years in the so-called Boom by private builders and others meet with the Dublin City Council's fire standards and other regulations. The recent situation at Priory Hall should concern us all and we should ensure that apartment blocks are up to the standard of health and safety.

Reply

Dublin City Council, in implementing the building control system set down in law has, via the Fire Brigade, issued fire safety certificates in respect of such apartment buildings. These certificates state that if the building is built in accordance with the drawings supplied with the application, together with compliance with any conditions attached to the certificate, the building will comply with the fire safety portion of the building regulations.

Under the building control system, a small proportion of buildings being constructed are inspected. This does not guarantee that the buildings are constructed correctly in their entirety.

Under the building control system, it is a matter for the developer to ensure that construction is carried out in accordance with the fire safety certificate, as well as the other sections of the building regulations.

Q56. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager install cameras at Bride Close in order to prevent constant illegal dumping of household goods. Also, there is an archway into this courtyard which is the subject of constant illegal parking by non residents, emergency service vehicles have not been able to drive into this courtyard as a result of the parked illegal cars. There is also an issue of non residents who work in the area parking their cars in this close causing great frustration to the elderly residents as they park there from early morning and take up the residents car spaces. Residents here are in fear of taking their cars out as the spaces are quickly taken by opportunistic non residents.

Reply

Due to budgetary restraints at this time it would not be possible to supply a CCTV system in Bride Close.

A number of initiatives were initiated in relation to Bride Close regarding parking management of the courtyard. Those initiatives involved the installation of bollards over the last number of years however these bollards were either stolen or removed. In 2008 the residents were surveyed regarding the introduction of clamping in Bride Close. Unfortunately these proposals were rejected by the local representatives in the area in consultation with the residents.

A further survey will be carried out to establish if the residents are willing to go along with clamping within the courtyard area.

Q57. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give an explanation as to why the €1 euro charge on waste collection in Dublin City Council social housing estates that was agreed at last years Dublin City Council budgetary meeting was not collected and what effect this has had on service provision of waste management within the South East Area.

Reply

The 2011 estimates proposed a €1 per week service charge for tenants of flat complexes to be implemented on 1st November 2011. This was proposed in anticipation of the commencement of the provisions of section 31 Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2009.

A review of the above is now taking place as the relevant section of the Act is not commenced. This review will form part of the 2012 budgetary process.

Q58. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager put in place a traffic management plan for Grafton Street and other pedestrianised areas where there are major deliveries made every morning. Grafton Street from early morning until midday is fast becoming a busy roadway with vans and large trucks moving at speed with no particular order up and down the pedestrian street, beeping their horns at pedestrians and revving their engines etc. The street can be very unpleasant with fumes and noise. With the Christmas season fast approaching some order needs to be brought to this serious traffic congestion problem on this street.

Reply

We will ask the Garda to enforce the regulations on this street during the hours when loading and unloading on the street is allowed. In the longer term we are actively working to bring forward a delivery strategy for the city centre and especially the Grafton Street area.

Q59. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager provide a report on the investigation that was conducted on all the areas that were badly affected by the flooding on the 24th October in the South East Area.

Reply

Detailed investigations and reports on the flooding events of 24/10/2011 are currently being prepared for the affected areas within the City Council. A "Report on Dublin City Flood Risk and interim report on extreme pluvial flooding event affecting East Coast and Dublin City on 24th October, 2011" was brought before the City Council on 7/11/2011. A further report will be made to the City Council when all information is gathered and examined.

Q60. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to investigate the issue of illegal parking at (details supplied) and for parking enforcement to monitor this area and take action against any illegally parked vehicles.

Reply

Double yellow lines have now been painted on this section of road and it is fully enforceable. Any vehicles parked there will be liable to enforcement.

Q61. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager for a response to the following questions regarding the Ringsend Recycling Centre:

- (a) What does the original licence for the recycling centre include.
- (b) Who approved the decision to allow household waste at the centre.
- (c) When did Dublin City Council apply to the EPA to amend the licence.
- (d) Why wasn't there any public consultation with local residents to inform them of these changes before the decision was implemented.
- (e) Could you provide a copy of the original EPA licence and a copy of the amended licence for this site.
- (f) Can the Manager provide details on the exact quantities of all categories of waste permitted to be stored on the site, before and after the amendment was applied, if quantities have changed.

Reply

A reply to the above question is being prepared and this will be forwarded directly to Councillor Parodi as soon as possible.

Q62. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to arrange for an inspection to be carried out at (details supplied) to determine the causes of the flooding that damaged this location.

Reply

Detailed investigations and reports on the flooding events of 24/10/2011 are currently being prepared for the affected areas within the City Council. An interim report was presented to Dublin City Council on 07/11/11. When all necessary information, details and data is collected a further report will be made available which will include all areas of the city.

Q63. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager the following:

- (a) To install a yellow box at (details supplied) as it is proving extremely difficult for local residents to access and exit their road.
- (b) To make arrangements for the residents of (details supplied) to park on an adjacent street.

Reply

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendation of this group in due course.

Q64. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to carry out the following regarding the serious issues occurring on (details supplied)

- (a) Clean the street as a matter of urgency
- (b) Investigate the matter and schedule daily cleaning for the area concern
- (c) Can Dublin City Council provide a long term solution by means of closing off the area so that people can no longer use this street to defecate.

Reply

Exchange Street Lower is cleaned by Waste Management staff on a daily basis. However, the main problem referred to above relates to a private area beside the (details supplied). The Management Company of these apartments can submit proposals to the South East Area to have this area closed off to members of the public.

Q65. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to provide me with a report on the councils official policy on the erection of outdoor street furniture (including glass partition screens).

Reply

Annual renewable licences are issued by Road Maintenance section for tables and chairs on the public footpath outside Cafes/ Restaurants/ Public Houses subject to satisfying various criteria ie. that the furniture is screened to reduce visual clutter and that a minimum of 1.8m clearance (sometimes 2m) of footpath width is maintained at all times for pedestrians to pass safely. In general it is the Council's policy to allow tables and chairs on the public path

wherever feasible and acknowledges their contribution to the ambience of the street life. Dublin City Council Planning Division favours neutral canvas screening and is not in favour of solid screens.

Q66. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to investigate and remove the tree in (details supplied).

Reply

The area will be inspected and if necessary this tree will be included in the schedule of works in 2012.

Q67. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager arrange for a Dublin City Council noise monitoring reading to be carried out in Conway Court due to level of noise from the trains parked beside their complex.

Reply

If the contact details of the residents affected in Conway Court by the noise can be forwarded to the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit, the residents will be contacted and an investigation carried out. The investigation may constitute carrying out noise level monitoring. The Environmental Unit of Iarnroid Eireann will be contacted about this complaint.

Q68. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to implement temporary parking arrangements for collection and drop off at (details supplied).

Reply

There is no provision in the parking regulations or the Council's Parking Control Bye-Laws for the issue of permits such as those requested in the details supplied with this question.

However, if full details of the location of the proposed facility and the times for drop-off and collection of the attendees are submitted to the Roads & Traffic Department, the matter can be examined to ascertain what assistance the Council may be in a position to provide to this facility.

Development Department
Civic Offices

12th December 2011

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

With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Flemings Place, Dublin 4

The City Council has received a request from Matheson Ormsby Prentice Solicitors on behalf of Castle Market Holdings Limited, Diamond Bay Limited, Volpine Limited & Pewley CMBS (Propco) Limited to purchase lands at Fleming's Place. The subject lands are surrounded by the applicants' properties known as Baggot Buildings and Durrow Mews.

It is proposed disposing of the lands to Castle Market Holdings Limited, Diamond Bay Limited, Volpine Limited & Pewley CMBS (Propco) Limited subject to the following agreed terms and conditions.

1. That the subject sites are outlined in red and blue on the attached map index no: 17866/2 (which is for identification purposes only). The plot outlined red has an approximate area of 18m². The plot outlined blue has an approximate area of 54 m².
2. That the applicants shall pay the Council **€15,000 (Fifteen thousand euro)** plus VAT if applicable in full and final settlement for the Council's interest in this land.
3. That the applicant shall pay a Valuers fee of **€800 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT**.
4. That the applicant shall pay a legal fee of **€800 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT** plus any reasonable vouched outlay.

**Declan Wallace
Executive Manager**

**Development Department,
Civic Offices.**

12th December 2011

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

With reference to the proposed grant of a sub- lease in a premises known as Unit 1, 2/3, Parker Hill to Rathmines Pembroke Community Partnership (RPCP).

Dublin City Council acquired a lease in premises known as Unit 1, 2/3, Parker Hill, Rathmines from David Walsh, 7a, Anglesea Avenue, Blackrock for the period 1st August 2004 to 31st January 2014. The unit has not been used by DCC since October 2011 when the Rathmines Library staff who were housed there during the refurbishment of Rathmines Library vacated it. The Landlord Mr. Walsh has given his consent to DCC to sub lease the premises until 31st January 2014.

It is proposed to grant a sub-lease of Unit 1 to Rathmines Pembroke Community Partnership (RPCP). The unit is shown outlined in red on attached draft map (for identification purposes only)

The sub-lease shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. That the proposed sub-lessee be granted a sub-lease of part of the ground floor known as unit 1, 2-3, Parker Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6.
2. That Dublin City Council shall be prepared to grant a sub-lease to the proposed sub-lessee commencing on a date to be agreed between both parties and that the lease shall be co-terminus with the head-lease held by DCC.
3. That the sub-lease shall be on a (F.R.I.) full repairing and insuring basis with the exception of structural repairs at a rent of €18,000 euro plus vat is applicable per annum (eighteen thousand euro), exclusive of outgoings. That the rent is payable yearly in advance.
4. All rates, charges and utilities associated with the subject premises will be the responsibility of the proposed sub-lessee from the date of occupation.
5. The proposed sub-lessee is to arrange and include public and employers liability insurance in the sum of €6,400,000 (six million four hundred thousand euro) and €12,700,000 (twelve million seven hundred thousand euro) respectively and to indemnify the City Council against all claims.
6. That the proposed sub-lessee shall undertake not to use the property for any other purposes other than community purposes.
7. That the proposed sub-lessee shall be responsible for the full 'fit-out' cost of the demised premises.

8. That the proposed sub-lessee shall not erect any signage on the external walls of the building without receiving the prior consent of the Council and full planning permission for same if required.
9. That on the expiry of the sub-lease the proposed sub-lessee shall surrender its sub-lease without payment or fine or recompense by either party (or its assignees or sub-lessees). The Council will be required to give the sub-lessee a notice period of 3 months.
10. That each party shall be responsible for their own fees in this matter.
11. The sub-lease shall be subject to any other such terms and conditions that the City Council's Law Agent deems appropriate in a sub-lease of this nature.
12. That the sub-lease shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as the head lease save for the terms detailed above.

Dated this 6th day of December 2011

Declan Wallace
Executive Manager

12th December 2011

To the Chairperson and Members of the South East Area Committee

**South East Area Sport & Leisure Services Quarterly Report
September to November 2011**

The City Council provides a wide range of sports and leisure services and facilities in the South East Area. The main facilities include Irishtown Stadium and Markievicz Leisure Centre.

Markievicz Leisure Centre

Markievicz Leisure Centre is a busy facility utilised on a daily basis by individuals, families, children, schools and community groups. The following facilities and services are currently available in Markievicz Leisure Centre:

25 Metre Pool	Fitness Assessments
Sauna	Teen Gym
Aqua fit	Spinning Classes
Learn to Swim Group Child Lessons	Step Classes
Group Swimming Lessons Adults	Toning Classes
Personal Swimming Lessons	Circuit/Boot camp Classes
Lane Swimming	Yoga
Family Swimming	Cardio Combat
Atlantis Swimming Club	Passport for Leisure
Fully Equipped Gym	Senior Citizens Free

Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday	07:00 to 22:00
Friday	07:00 to 21:00
Saturday	09:00 to 18:00
Sunday	10:00 to 16:00

Recent developments at Markievicz Leisure Centre

Atlantis Swimming Club

Markievicz Leisure Centre became the home of Atlantis Swimming Club in August 2011. From August to November members of the club have doubled. Atlantis' coach is Nickey Bourke who is a Swim Ireland and the Irish Swim Team Coach. Free trials are available for young people looking to partake in competitive swimming. The club operates from 5am to 7am Monday to Thursday, and 5pm to 7pm Tuesday and Thursday. For more information visit www.atlantisswimmingclub.org

Sales and Marketing Promotions

Markievicz Leisure Centre is currently running a number of offers to the following users of the facility:

- New Customers
- Existing Customers
- Corporate Customers
- Dublin City Council Staff
- Students.

A general advertising campaign is scheduled to run in Tara Street Station from 12 December 2011 to end of February 2012.

For further information on Markievicz Leisure Centre please visit www.dublincity.ie/leisure or contact the centre Manager directly on Tel: 087 7547145 email: shauna.mcintyre@dublincity.ie

Irishtown Stadium

Irishtown stadium is used on an ongoing basis by individuals, families, children, schools, sporting organisations and community groups. Below are details of all facilities and activities available at Irishtown Stadium from September to November 2011:

Full Size Astro Pitch	Fully Equipped Gym
5 * 5-Aside Soccer Pitches	Fitness Assessments
Adult Soccer	Spinning
Schoolboy Soccer	Circuit Training
FAI Soccer FAS Course	Pump & Tone
Tag Rugby	Teen Gym
8 Lane 400 metre Track	Passport for Leisure
Athletics	Senior Citizens Free
Track & Field Events	Stage School
School & College sports Days	Karate
Charity Events & Tournaments	Tai Chi for Gal Group
Community Events & Festivals	Child Birthday Parties
Studio	Training & Meeting Room

Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday	10:00 to 22:00
Friday	10:00 to 21:00
Saturday	10:00 to 17:00
Sunday	10:00 to 16:00

Recent events at Irishtown Stadium

Ringsend & Irishtown Halloween Festival 2011

The Halloween Festival took place from Thursday 27 October to Friday 4 November 2011. The festival was organised by the Parks Working Group of the South East Area joint policing sub committee. And was sponsored by East-Link, Aviva Stadium, Tesco's Ireland and Dublin City Council.

The event was a huge success catering for hundreds of children & adults. Festival activities included:

- Scary arts and crafts in Ringsend Library and Cambridge Court Hall.
- Irish Stage School open day in Irishtown Stadium.
- Halloween Party in Spellman Centre.
- Fancy Dress Disco in Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre.
- Witches Coven Halloween Party in Cambridge Court Senior Citizens Centre.
- Bark in the Park (event for dog owners) in Ringsend Park.
- Halloween Parade from Irishtown Stadium to Clan na Gael.
- Parade after-party in Clan na Gael with performance by Irishtown Stage School.
- Soccer Camp in Ringsend Park and Irishtown Stadium.
- Cricket, Tag Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee and It's a Knock Out in Irishtown Stadium.

For further information on Irishtown Stadium please visit www.dublincity.ie/leisure or contact the centre Manager directly by Tel: 087 7547145 email: shauna.mcintyre@dublincity.ie

A Sport and Recreation Officer, Sports Development Officer, Boxing in the Community Development Officer and FAI Sports Officer are also assigned to encourage and develop sporting activities in the South East Area.

Sport & Recreation

The Sport and Recreation Officer operates in the South East Area focusing specifically on groups identified by the Dublin City Sports Network (DCSN) including: older adults, people with disabilities,

ethnic minority groups, women, girls and children under 10 years. Following are activities and programmes arranged or assisted by Ms Tonya Allen from September to November 2011.

Skyride

Skyride was a massive event which took place on Sunday 11 September 2011. The event was organised by a number of stakeholders aiming to encourage people of all ages to get on their bikes and cycle through the streets of Dublin. Free bike checks and a Bike Safety workshop in Rathmines Town Square preceded the event. Skyride was a huge success with over 8000 participants and it is hoped this will be an annual event going forward.

Old time Dance Classes

The Ringsend and Ranelagh active retirement groups took part in old time dance classes during September to November 2011. There were 40 men and women in total who participated in sequence dancing displayed some eloquent moves.

Older Adults Sports Day

The annual older adults sports day took place in Ballyfermot Leisure Centre on 29 September from 11am to 4pm. Over one hundred men and women participated in a variety of activities including aqua aerobics, soccer, chair aerobics, crazy golf, archery, shuffleboard, line dancing and fun filled classics such as the egg and spoon race. This was the first year participants from the South East area were involved. Ten representatives from the Ranelagh active retirement group and eight participants from the Bell group based in Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 were among the attendees who are hoping to take part again next year.

Get Ireland Active Launch

The Get Ireland Active website was launched in City Hall on 5 October 2011. The website highlights the variety of sports and recreational activities available in Ireland. The website is wonderful resource providing opportunities for groups to network and for individuals to become more involved in their local community. Groups are encouraged to use the website to showcase their activities and attract participants.

Get a Life (G.A.L.)

The over-fifties ladies G.A.L. group from Irishtown and Ringsend continue to take part in multi-activities on Monday evenings in Irishtown Stadium. There are approximately 20 women in the programme who have previously participated in yoga, dance and circuit classes. The women are committed to these recreational sessions and are enjoying Tai Chi at present.

Halloween Activities

From 1 to 4 November 2011 sport camps were held in the following 3 South East Area locations: Irishtown Stadium, Cabbage Patch in New Street and P.A.R.C. in Pearse Street. The camps were organised and assisted in a co-ordinated effort by Dublin City Council's Sport Development and Community officers. In total over 100 boys and girls aged 8 to 12 years participated in the camps that included: Soccer, Tag rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, Boxing and Cricket.

Gaelic 4 Girls

The Gaelic 4 Girls (G4G) programme commenced in October 2011 and is designed to equip girls with Gaelic football skills in a fun environment. There are currently 15 participants in the programme which is supported and delivered by the L.G.F.A. (Ladies Gaelic Football Association), Clan na Gael Fontenoy and students completing the Sports and Recreation Management Degree at D.I.T. On the final day of the programme in December a blitz will be held between the Ringsend and Ballybough participants.

After schools Programme

A 5-week yoga and dance programme has commenced in St Patrick's school Ringsend aimed at boys and girls aged 4 to 12 years. This programme has taken place in other schools across Dublin and proved extremely successful.

Sport & Recreation Officer Contact Details

For further information on Sport & Recreation programmes and activities in the South East Area, please contact Ms Tonya Allen, Mob: 087 0544034 Email: tonya.allen@dublincity.ie

Sport Development

The Sports Development Officer operates in the South East Area part of the South Inner City Local Drugs Task Force Area. The Following is an update on Sport Development programmes and activities arranged or assisted by Mr John Sweeney September to November 2011.

Community Games Swimming Programme

The community games swimming programme runs in conjunction with the Talk About Youth Project. There are currently 6 participants in the programme who are coached by Markievicz Leisure Centre staff on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm. The group are hoping to represent their area in the 2012 Community Games competition for the second consecutive year.

After school Sports in Gloucester Street Sports Centre

The after schools sports programme takes place on Friday afternoons from 2:15pm to 3:15pm. There are approximately 20 boys and girls aged 13 to 15 years participating in the programme from C.B.S Westland Row. Activities included are varied sports such as football and basketball.

C.B.S Westland Row Sport Group

This programme was organised by the School Completion Co-ordinator Julie O Hagan and assisted by staff of Gloucester Street Sports Centre and the Sport Development Officer. The programme took place in Irishtown Stadium on 26 October 2011 with 6 attendees. The boys and girls participated in a blitz of Olympic style events including discuss, javelin and hurdles.

South East Area mid-term Sports Camps

From 1 to 4 November 2011 sport camps were held in the following 3 South East Area locations: Irishtown Stadium, Cabbage Patch and P.A.R.C. The camps were organised and assisted in a co-ordinated effort by Dublin City Council's Sport Development and Community officers. In total over 100 boys and girls aged 8 to 12 years participated in the camps that included: Soccer, Tag rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, Boxing and Cricket.

It's a Knockout Fun Afternoon:

On Friday 4 November 2011 It's a Knockout took place in Irishtown Stadium from 1:30pm to 3pm. Bobby Neil from Dublin City Council Community Section assisted with this event which was part of the Ringsend and Irishtown Halloween Festival programme. Approximately 30 boys and girls aged between 10 and 13 participated. Activities included an obstacle course, penalty shootouts and other fun games.

Sport Development Officer Contact Details

For further information on Sport Development programmes and activities in the South East Area, please contact Mr John Sweeney, Mob: 087 9809095 Email: john.sweeney@dublincity.ie

Boxing in the Community

The Boxing Development Officer is employed by the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) and their target group is 10 to 21 year olds. Their aim is to develop the 'Start Boxing Programme' and deliver this to youth clubs, community centres, schools, after school projects and drug rehabilitation clinics within the area. The following is an update on Boxing Development Programmes arranged by Mr Eric Donovan from September to November 2011.

Start Box Programmes in South East Area Schools

St Enda's Primary School

The start box bronze and silver levels are currently being delivered to boys and girls in St Enda's Primary School, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. The programme commenced on Wednesday 21 September and will be completed on Thursday 22 December 2011. The participants are boys and girls in fifth and sixth class who primarily live in the Aungier Street, York Street and Mercier Street areas. Training sessions take place on Wednesdays from 1:15pm to 2:15pm.

Star of the Sea Primary School

The start box bronze and silver levels are currently being delivered to boys in Star of the Sea Primary School, Sandymount, Dublin 4. The programme commenced on Friday 16 September and will be completed on Friday 16 December 2011. The participants are from fifth and sixth class and have training sessions on Fridays from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Five participants of this programme will be

competing in the Primary School Showcase at the National Stadium on 16 December 2011.

Francis Street Primary School

The start box bronze and silver levels are currently being delivered to boys in Francis Street Primary School, Dublin 8. The programme commenced on Friday 16 September and will be completed on Friday 16 December 2011. The participants are from 3 classes aged between 10 and 12 years. Training sessions are on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Nine participants of this programme will be completing in the Primary School Showcase on 16 December 2011 in the National Stadium.

Marian College

Boys in first and fourth year are currently completing the start box bronze and silver levels in Marian College. The programme commenced on Thursday 6 October and will be completed in 2012. Training sessions are on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11am, Wednesdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm and Thursdays from 10am to 11am.

Primary School Showcase in National Stadium

On the 16 December 2011 a Showcase will be held in the National Boxing Stadium for participants of Start Box programmes in Primary Schools. The event will run from 4pm to 8pm and will be attended by boys and girls from across the city. The showcase is an opportunity for the participants to show off their new skills to friends and family. Previous showcases have been hugely successful with approximately 500 people attending.

Start Box Programmes in South East Area Community & Youth Reach Centres

P.A.R.C. Pearse Street, Dublin 2

The start box bronze and silver levels are being delivered to boys and girls in P.A.R.C from 14 September to 14 December 2011. Participants are aged 10 to 13 years and are located in the Pearse Street and Markievicz House areas. Training Sessions take place on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm.

Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre (R.I.C.C.)

The start box bronze and silver levels are being delivered to boys and girls in R.I.C.C. from 15 September to 15 December 2011. Participants are from the local area and are aged 10 to 13 years. Training Sessions take place on Thursdays from 5pm to 6pm.

Y.M.C. A

The start box bronze and silver levels were completed by boys and girls from Y.M.C.A. in Aungier Street, Dublin 2. The programme commenced on 19 September and finished on 24 October 2011. Participants are from the Aungier Street, York Street and Mercier Street and are aged 10 to 13 years. Training Sessions took place on Mondays from 4pm to 5pm.

Pleasant Street Youth Reach

The start box bronze and silver levels are currently being completed by boys and girls from Pleasant Street Youth Reach. The programme commenced on 4 October 2011 and will run into 2012. Participants are aged 16 to 20 years. Training Sessions take place on Tuesdays from 2pm to 3pm in Drimnagh Boxing Club, Dublin 12.

Start Box Gold Award

The start box Gold Award is currently running in the high performance gymnasium of the National Stadium, South Circular Road, Dublin 6. Boys and girls from across the city attend training sessions on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm. The programme commenced on 23 November and will finish up on 7 December. Participants of the programme are aged between 10 and 13 with some also preparing for the primary school showcase on 16 December 2011.

Boxing in the Community Officer Contact Details

For further information on Boxing in the Community programmes and activities in the South East Area, please contact Mr Eric Donovan, Mob: 087 9929228

Football in the Community Development

Details of programmes and actives organised or assisted by Mr Jonathon Tormey, F.A.I. Officer from September to November 2011 are listed below:

Soccer Mammies Programme

The soccer mammies' programme is an ongoing project that runs in St Patrick's Boys School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm. The programme is aimed at women aged 16 years upwards who want to get fit and have fun in a relaxed and friendly environment. The women attending the programme are from the Pearse Street and Ringsend areas.

Sprog Soccer

Sprog Soccer runs every Friday from 3pm to 5pm in Irishtown Stadium and in Y.M.C.A on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm. The programme is for 3 to 6 year old boys and girls from the Pearse Street and Ringsend areas. The aim of the programme is to involve children from a young age in sport and give them the opportunity to socialise with their peers. The programme is also a tool for developing and improving motor skills and hand to eye coordination.

Afterschool Programme

An afterschool soccer programme commenced in Star of the Sea in September 2011. This weekly programme will run until the end of June 2012 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3pm to 5pm. The boys and girls involved are aged from 6 to 12 years and the aim of the programme is to encourage positive relationships between students and teachers.

Intersevens League

The Intersevens leagues in an ongoing social soccer programme running in Irishtown Stadium from 6pm to 8pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Over 200 participants in the league come from all areas across the city and are aged 16 years upwards. The FAI officer's involvement in this project is to help with the development and improvement of the league going forward.

Kick Start 1 Soccer Course

This course was held in Irishtown Stadium on Saturday 23 September 2011 from 10am to 3pm. The course is designed for local soccer clubs to gain more knowledge of Soccer skills. Participants are both male and female aged 16 to 50 years.

School Tournaments

On 12 and 13 September 2011, 2 school soccer tournaments took place in Irishtown Stadium from 10am to 1pm each day. The schools partaking in the tournament were from local areas and greater Dublin. Approximately 50 boys and girls aged 12 years participated in each blitz.

Intercultural Soccer Tournaments

This programme was held in Irishtown Stadium on Friday 28 October and Friday 4 November 2011 from 6pm to 9pm each evening. Participants were both male and female aged between 12 and 19 years from the Ringsend, Sandymount and Pearse Street areas. The programme was organised to encourage non-Irish nationals to become involved in local soccer. Since the tournaments 3 participants have joined Pearse Rangers Soccer Club.

Halloween Soccer Camps

The Halloween soccer camps are programmes designed to give young boys and girls an opportunity to take part in soccer activities during the Halloween break. There were 2 camps held from 1 to 4 November 2011; one in Irishtown Stadium from 10am to 1pm. The other in PARC from 2pm to 4pm. Participants were aged 6 to 14 years and came from the Pearse Street, Sandymount and Ringsend areas.

Football in the Community Development Officer Contact Details

For further information on Soccer in the Community programmes and activities in the South East Area, please contact Mr Jonathan Tormey, Mob: 087 1323252

Shauna Mc Intyre
Centre Manager



To the Chairperson and Members of
The South East Area Committee

12th December 2011

Area Manager's Report

Dodder Flood Alleviation Works

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

Grafton Street Quarter

The pilot improvement scheme for Fade Street is almost complete. Work on the preparation of a Draft Public Realm Strategy for the Grafton Street Quarter is continuing. A proposal has been received for a Christmas Market on Dame Court / Dame Lane to operate from 17th to 23rd December.

Fitzwilliam Quay Wall

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

Rathmines and Pembroke Drainage Scheme

The Rathmines and Pembroke (R&P) High-Level Catchment is located to the south of the River Liffey in the centre of Dublin. The catchment extends from Harold's Cross, in the west, to Ballsbridge, in the east, and includes the districts of Rathmines, Ranelagh, Rathgar, Milltown and Donnybrook. The Catchment is bordered by the Grand Canal to the north and the River Dodder to the south. The catchment area is approximately 840 hectares with a population of approximately 59,000.

Construction of the original R&P High-Level combined sewerage system was completed in 1881. Over the passage of time and with increased development in the catchment, the original system has become hydraulically, environmentally and structurally deficient in certain areas. Due to the necessity of maintaining a functioning network, Dublin City Council commissioned Consultants HR Wallingford Ltd in 1999, to prepare a Drainage Area Plan (DAP) for the R&P Catchment.

The objective of the DAP was to identify and prioritise cost-effective solutions that addressed the hydraulic, environmental and structural deficiencies of the R&P High Level combined sewerage system. The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government (DECLG) reviewed the DAP and gave approval to (i) examine the engineering solutions identified in the DAP, (ii) review the cost estimates, (iii) recommend the optimal solution and (iv) advise on phasing of the works. In so doing the DAP was to be brought to Preliminary Report status.

The scheme is listed as a *Scheme at Planning Stage* in the current DECLG Water Services Investment Programme (WSIP) for 2010-2012.

In April 2006, the DECLG gave approval to funding of the first construction contract being an Advance Works Contract to rehabilitate the trunk sewer between Bath Avenue and Lansdowne Road. These

works has now been completed together with works on the Swan culvert between Shelbourne Road and the River Dodder. The Swan culvert works consisted of the construction of a new reinforced concrete box culvert.

Delivery of these projects is dependent on Dublin City Council staff being available to project manage their delivery. The DECLG has given Dublin City Council approval to recruit a Senior Executive Engineer and Assistant Engineer on a contract basis to progress this Scheme. Payroll costs for these posts will be recouped by the DECLG. Interviews for the Senior Executive Engineer have been completed and the interviews for the Assistant Engineer will take place before the end of the year. Once these staff have been allocated to the project it will be necessary to advertise for a Consultant to bring the Drainage Area Plan to Preliminary Report status.

Marlborough Street Public Transport Priority Bridge

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

Swan Leisure, Rathmines

Membership

Swan Leisure currently has 2,735 members across all age groups.

Usage

An average of 8,500 people a week are currently using the facility. Over 283,000 people have used the facility so far in 2011 with the facility operating at near capacity.

Bookings

Interest in booking space within the building is very strong with all peak hours currently booked. Swan Leisure is now actively trying to fill non-peak hours.

Café

Following negotiations with several local café companies the contract to operate the café in Swan Leisure was awarded to Café Moda. They have been operating now for several weeks and are still trying to establish themselves fully.

Classes

Demand for gym and swimming classes has been very strong and Swan Leisure currently offers 53 swimming classes and 65 gym fitness classes per week.

Website

The website for the leisure centre has been completely revamped and can be viewed at www.swanleisure.ie

Christmas Tree Lighting

Christmas tree lighting events have taken place in the following areas in the South East Area: Ranelagh on Thursday the 1st of December at 4.00pm, the car park in Terenure on Friday the 2nd of December at 5.30pm (this was organised by the South Central area office), Donnybrook on Sunday the 4th of December at 6.00pm, Rathmines plaza in Rathmines on Tuesday the 6th of December at 3.30pm, Rathgar, at Christchurch, on Friday the 9th of December at 7.00pm and in Sandymount on Friday the 9th of December at 5.30pm.

Tall Ships 2012

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

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

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

South East Area Strings Project / Instrument Appeal

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

Michael O'Neill
Area Manager

12th December 2011

To The Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

**With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment
of the Public Right of Way to part of Church Lane South, Dublin 8**

Proposal

An application has been received from Gardiner Architects (on behalf of the Dublin Institute of Technology) to extinguish the public right of way to part of the laneway at the above-mentioned location. The extent of the proposed extinguishment is shown on Drawing No. R.M. 25404 (see folders). The area in question is owned by the Dublin Institute of Technology but is in charge of Dublin City Council.

The applicant states that the lane is currently used for a variety of anti-social purposes. The applicant also states that the closure would contribute significantly to the Health and Safety Plan for the staff and students of Kevin Street College and the Church Lane Annexe.

Service Check

A service check has been initiated and there are a number of requirements from service providers to date.

ESB Networks require 24 hour access to the laneway to maintain the ESB LV(400 Volts), MV (10,000 Volts) and HV(38,000 Volts) underground cables. Bord Gáis require continued access to a 63mm Gas Main and meters present in the laneway. They would be satisfied if they had unfettered, independent access to the laneway, admittance by coded keypad would be their preferred arrangement. Dublin Fire Brigade have no objection to the proposal however, any gate or fence erected would be required to have a Pedestrian Gate inserted into it which may be easily opened from the inside without the use of a key. Also there must be strictly no parking anywhere along the laneway as this would restrict Fire Brigade Access. Dublin City Council's Water Services Division has a 5 inch water main serving two hydrants in this area. They would be satisfied if they had unfettered, independent access to the laneway, admittance by coded keypad would be their preferred arrangement.

An Garda Síochána, Kevin Street state that there have been a number of serious incidents in Church Lane South over the past 5 years including assaults, rape and criminal damage to vehicles.

Statutory Requirement

The statutory procedure requires that public notice of the proposal is placed in one or more newspapers circulating in the City and that a notice is placed at each end of the right of way for a period of not less than 14 days. Members of the public are given a month in which to view the plans of the proposed extinguishment and objections or representations in relation to the proposal can then be made within 14 days of the end of that period. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the elected members of the City Council who shall consider any objections or representations made and not withdrawn.

The approval of the Committee, to initiate procedures under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 to extinguish the public right of way over the area indicated on Drawing No. R.M. 25404 (see folders), is requested.

Michael O'Neill
Area Manager

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

- Q1. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To thank the Manager for the 'clean-ups' in Maxwell Lane and to ask if it is possible to find a more permanent solution to the problem as this is a constantly recurring situation.
- Q2. Councillor Gerry Ashe**
To ask the Manager when the cost benefit analysis and full capital appraisal of precinct improvement works for Canon Mooney Gardens, Ringsend, Dublin 4 will be submitted to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.
- Q3. Councillor Gerry Ashe**
To ask the Manager to arrange to have the stairwells at (details supplied) cleaned as thoroughly as possible with a particular emphasis being paid to the landings as there is an on-going problem with the cleanliness of the stairwells.
- Q4. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager to have the blocked shore at the end of the laneway adjacent to number 1 and 2 Templemore Avenue cleared as they are a cause of serious flooding.
- Q5. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager to have the litter bins that were removed from Grosvenor Road, Rathmines (1 bin) and Rathgar Road (2 bins) restored.
- Q6. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager that he request that An Post install a post box at a central point in Rathgar village, perhaps close to the pharmacist and AIB where there is short term parking available as this would at least facilitate An Post's customers to post letters locally.
- Q7. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager for a full report on the status or progress of any plans, if any, for flood defence works in Sandymount.
- Q8. Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if he could respond to the issues relating to the Ranelagh Luas Bridge outlined in this attachment submitted with this question.
- Q9. Councillor Mary Freehill**
Would the Manager please state when will the extended footpaths at the junction of Leinster Rd and Charleville Rd be removed. This was the subject of a motion agreed at least nine months ago, when I pointed out that to make a right turn from Charleville, it is necessary to veer over to the other side of the road to make the turn and has resulted in many local cars have been scraped and damaged.
- Q10. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager promote an initiative to combat anti-social behaviour by establishing neighbourhood walks within the communities. This initiative has proved very effective in other jurisdictions in combatting unacceptable social behaviour. The initiative involves groups of neighbours taking their walks together around their respective neighbourhoods.
- Q11. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager look to establish Dublin city artists forum.
- Q12. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager examine the street lighting arrangement in the Temple Bar area with the view to upgrading and establishing more onstreet lighting.

- Q13. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager investigate the use of a skip in Synge Lane off Synge Street at the back of the Copper House Gallery known as Fire Printers.
- Q14. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager establish a cleaning regime for the Camden Street/Wexford St/ Aungier Street areas.
- Q15. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager prune the trees in the Long lane area.
- Q16. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager give a complete update on the proposals for a new years festival at Dame St/College Green area and as to whether there will be alcohol on sale at this event.
- Q17. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager ensure that there is equality with regards community grants to all community groups in the South East Area.
- Q18. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager give this committee an update as to what future of Charlemont Street redevelopment project and given that this project will be delayed for a further number of years what community initiatives if any are being rolled out to support the community at Charlemont in their present situation.
- Q19. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager issue a report as to whether film companies using City Hall or any other premises belonging to Dublin City Council are being charged any fees and if so what are those fees.
- Q20. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager liaise with the school children and teachers at Westland Row school with regarding a process of street clean in their immediate environment.
- Q21. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager when the yellow box will be restored at its junction opposite Eglinton Terrace. It was removed because of roadworks on Donnybrook Road.
- Q22. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager whether a yellow box can be provided on Donnybrook Road at its junction with Rampart Lane as the roads serve a minimum of 50 houses/apartments and is necessary particularly in the mornings for residents trying to get to work and schools.
- Q23. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager whether residents of Serpentine Avenue, Dublin 4 who do not have off-street parking, can be issued with some form of parking pass when the RDS are hosting events with attendees in their thousands, so that residents' cars are not clamped due to car parking spaces not being available on these occasions.
- Q24. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager whether steps can be taken to ensure that the unauthorised use of the premises (details supplied) is subject to appropriate planning enforcement measures by the City Council.
- Q25. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager whether it would consider dipping the paths at the entrance gates to the five houses at Garville Terrace, Rathgar, Dublin 6 to facilitate the residents in gaining access to their homes without having to drive over the footpath.

- Q26. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager what steps can be taken in order to ameliorate the effects of heavy rain and flooding on the Chelmsford Road area, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.
- Q27. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager whether the amber traffic light on the lights leading from Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper onto Belgrave Square can be repaired.
- Q28. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager whether the person (details supplied) can have her flat refurbished immediately since it was badly damaged in the recent flooding.
- Q29. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manger whether any steps can be taken by the City Council to resolve the ongoing problem at the address detailed below where there is an ongoing squat which is detrimental to businesses and residents in the area.
- Q30. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Manager whether any coordinated steps are being taken by the Council in respect of the listed buildings as attached which appear to be owned by the same party and which are being kept in an ongoing state of disrepair. In particular, can the Council ascertain from the owner what steps he will take in order to ensure that the listed properties are properly preserved.
- Q31. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager to deal with both issues raised in the following message (details supplied).
- Q32. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager if trees on Veronica Terrace, Stella Gardens, Irishtown could be pruned sufficiently so as to prevent them from blocking light to residents homes on Veronica Terrace.
- Q33. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager if consideration could be given to the suggestion of installing speed ramps on Curzon Street, Dublin 8 to combat excessive speeding by cars rat running from Heytesbury Street to the South Circular road.
- Q34. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager to investigate the upkeep of Grant's Row, Lower Mount Street. Upgrade of lighting, regular removable of litter, remove graffiti from walls also new street sign required as current sign is faded and illegible.
- Q35. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager to consider installing double yellow lines or similar safety measures at a location (details supplied) so that those driving in and out of the terrace can see around the corner.
- Q36. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager to resurface the footpath surface on the stretch of Clanbrassil St between Lombard St and Vincent St, on the Lombard St/Vincent St side of Clanbrassil St.
- Q37. Councillor Mary Freehill**
Would the Manager to explain why litter bins have been removed from Charleville Rd Rathmines and please have them returned.
- Q38. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to investigate the cause of water egress and dampness at (details supplied) and to arrange to have any remedial and repair work carried out.

- Q39. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to take all the necessary steps to repair the state of the road surface in (details supplied).
- Q40. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager if the process to extinguish the right of way of the lane behind (details supplied) was ever initiated. If so, can the Manager provide a report on what stage DCC are at in the process.
- Q41. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to implement traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on (details supplied).
- Q42. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to address the following urgent issues raised by Westland Row CBS in (details supplied).
- Q43. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to investigate implementing traffic calming measures on (details supplied).
- Q44. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager for a report on the following in (details supplied).
- Q45. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to allocate the necessary funding for the upgrading of (details supplied).
- Q46. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to address the following in (details supplied).
- Q47. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to provide an update on (details supplied).
- Q48. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager for (details supplied) to be cleaned as residents have expressed to me that it hasn't been cleaned in 3 months.