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**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE TO  
BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
AT  
3.00pm**

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*TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE*

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2 on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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

**Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

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**803.** Presentation from Project Team from the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Extension

**804.** Update on the George's Quay Local Area Plan – Presentation

**805.** Road Maintenance Proposed Winter Programme for the South East Area – Presentation

**806.** Minutes of Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 (Pages 6 -10)

**807.** Questions to Dublin City Manager (Pages 30 - 36)

**808. Planning Matters**

i. Quarterly Enforcement Report - July to September 2011 (Enclosed)

**809. Development Matters**

i. With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Flemings Place, Dublin 4 (Page 26)

**810. Roads & Traffic Matters**

i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011 (Enclosed)

**811. Culture, Recreation & Amenity Matters.**

i. Grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2010 (Page 27)

**812. South East Area Matters**

i. Area Managers Report (Pages 28 - 29)

## **Motions**

- 813. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager if he can respond positively to the issues raised by St. Louis School Principal.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 821. Motion from Councillor Oisín 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.
- 822. Motion from Councillor Oisín 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.
- 823. Motion from Councillor Oisín 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.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/doitonline/pages/report-it.aspx)

**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.

**828. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

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.

**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.

**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.

**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?

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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The Committee expressed their thanks and appreciate to Mr. Sean Moran on his recent retirement and wished him well in the future.

- 772. Minutes of Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 773. Questions to Dublin City Manager**  
**Order: Circulated and noted.**
- 774. Development Matters**
- i. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report  
**Order: Noted. Paul Crowe is to contact the Law Agent regarding the former Petrol Station on Northumberland Road to furnish the current ownership details of this site.**
  - ii. Proposed deletion and amendment from the Record of Protected Structures of
    - i. 126, Leeson Street Upper, Dublin 4  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
    - ii. 143, Leeson Street Upper, Dublin 4  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
    - iii. 144, Leeson Street Upper, Dublin 4  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
  - iii. Proposed deletion from the Record of Protected Structures of
    - i. 11 & 12 Warrington Place, Dublin 2  
**Order: Agreed to initiate the process.**
- 775. Roads & Traffic Matters**
- ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
**Order: Noted. All items raised will be forwarded to Sally Redington for follow up.**
- 776. South East Area Matters**
- i. Area Managers Report  
**Order: Noted. Cllr Freehill is to speak to Dublin Tourism regarding Q31 and report back to the Committee. Michael O'Neill to ask the Project Team from the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Extension to come to the next area committee meeting. List of members of Grand Canal Sub Committee be**

circulated to all members. Cllr Parodi congratulated all the participants of the recent City Neighbourhoods Competition. On behalf of the Committee, Cllr Parodi welcomed a delegation from San Jose to the meeting.

## Motions

### **777. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee supports the request from various campaigners, for the Department of the Environment, the Office of Public Works and Dublin City Council, to work together to seek to acquire, from the National Assets Management Agency, the area adjacent to Booterstown Nature Reserve, outlined in the documentation submitted with this Motion.

**Order: Agreed. The Area Office is to write to the OPW, the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and the National Assets Management Agency. Councillors Lacey and O'Callaghan are to dictate this last letter and forward to the area office.**

### **778. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey and Councillor Paddy McCartan**

This Committee requests the Manager to;

- a) Clarify the ownership of the green triangular area at the entrance to Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook.
- b) Clarify if the owner is responsible for any sewage/drainage problems that occur at that location.
- c) Confirm that if the area is in the ownership of Dublin City Council that a set of keys will be given to the local Residents Association.

**Order: Report to Councillor. Councillor Lacey requested that he be kept up to date on the progress of these issues.**

### **779. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee agrees to immediately commence the process for the inclusion on the list of protected structures the two surviving Gate Piers, the statuary in the gardens in the front and the original railings to the rear of the site at the former Berkeley Court Hotel (now D4 hotel) and to seek to preserve the original shrubbery that was planted all from the original Trinity College Botanical gardens.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **780. Motion from Councillors Dermot Lacey and Mary Freehill**

This Committee requests the Manager to consider allocating number 22 Rathmines Avenue (which is currently in use as a Caretakers base) for use by the Rathmines Youth project under the auspices of the Rathmines Pembroke Partnership on which Dublin City Council is represented by both elected members and officials.

**Order: The Committee expressed their dissatisfaction with the report on this motion. The Committee requested that the Area Manager investigate the possibility of a more suitable venue in the area.**

### **781. Motion from Councillors Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the Traffic Engineer to meet on site with representatives of the residents of Dodder View Cottages, Ballsbridge, to discuss how the safety of residents and children in the area can be improved through a combination of residents initiatives and direct City Council approved measures.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

### **782. Motion from Councillors Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the following:

unauthorised advertising by A-Z taxis -

- a sign at the junction of Eglinton Rd and Milltown Rd/St James Terrace

- as I mentioned to you, an advertising vehicle parked at Milltown near the entrance to Alexandra College, contrary to s 71 Roads Act 1993

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**783. Motion from Councillors Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to consider the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing in a particular part of Sandymount. Coming from Sandymount Ave to Sandymount Green, parents and grandparents find it very dangerous crossing the road with children and have raised this issue as a safety concern. A pedestrian crossing is necessary here.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**784. Motion from Councillors Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have pay and display on the west side of the Church of St John the Evangelist Sandymount to allow church goers an opportunity to park outside the church because from December there will be extra services at St John's as they are getting a new priest.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**785. Motion from Councillors Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to ask Dublin Bus not to use the area opposite Wesley Rugby Club Donnybrook for their buses. Drivers change over here. As many as three buses can be parked there at any time causing serious traffic problems.

**Order: The Councillors requested that a meeting be arranged with Dublin Bus.**

**786. Motion from Councillors Jim O'Callaghan**

This Committee opposes any proposal to privatise the bin collection service provided by Dublin City Council.

**Order: Agreed. A vote was taken and Councillors Wynne, McCartan and Binchy voted against the motion. Councillors O'Callaghan, Parodi, Freehill, Lacey, Ashe and Flynn voted for.**

**787. Motion from Councillors Jim O'Callaghan**

This Committee calls upon the City Manager to ensure that Pearse Grove, Dublin 2 and the laneways off it are swept and cleaned on a more frequent basis in order to enable the children in the area to play safely throughout Pearse Grove.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**788. Motion from Councillors Jim O'Callaghan**

This Committee calls upon the City Manager to speed up the proposals for the refurbishment of the Sports Pavillion in Bushy Park which is needed by many sports clubs in the area.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**789. Motion from Councillors Jim O'Callaghan**

This Committee calls upon the City Manager to contact An Post to request it to reverse its decision to close the post office at the junction of Harold's Cross Road and Rathgar Avenue, located in the Spar Shop as it is greatly inconveniencing local residents and businesses in the vicinity.

**Order: Agreed. The area office to write to An Post.**

**790. Motion from Councillors Jim O'Callaghan**

This Council believes that Dean Swift should be commemorated by the City Council through the construction of some statue or bust of him in the vicinity of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

**Order: Agreed. The Area Office is to write to Jane Alger, to ask if this issue can be included in the UNESCO City of Literature programme.**

**791. Motion from Councillors Mary Freehill**

Would the Manager please state in relation to the Tramco Disco operation on Rathmines Rd the following

1. Has it a separate fire cert or it is adjoining the hotel licence
2. Relative to the current planning status what is the legal maximum no. of people allowed on the disco premises

3. When was the disco and the hotel last inspected by the Fire Officer.  
**Order: Report to Councillor. Councillor Freehill wants to know when the first fire certificate was granted for the disco.**

**792. Motion from Councillors Mary Freehill**

Would the Manager inform us of the current staffing allocation, names of personnel and geographical boundaries of each Planning Enforcement Inspector in the Dublin South East area please.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**793. Motion from Councillors Mary Freehill**

That Dublin City Council prune their tree outside No. 56 Mount Drummond Square, the height of the tree interferes with the light for the resident.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**794. Motion from Councillors Maria Parodi**

That this Committee requests the Manager to arrange for a meeting to be held with local councillors, Dublin City Council officials and the Gardai from Kevin Street Garda Station to discuss Halloween preparations for the local area.

**Order: Agreed. Area office to arrange for this meeting to take place.**

**795. Motion from Councillors Maria Parodi**

That this Committee asks that the City Manager reverses the recent decision to collect domestic waste at the Ringsend Recycling Centre.

**Order: Agreed. Cllr Parodi did not accept the report. A vote was taken and all Councillors voted in favour of this motion. Councillor Parodi gave the Area Manager a petition from the local community to give to the City Manager. The committee asked if planning approval was granted for "domestic waste".**

**796. Motion from Councillors Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager what is done by litter wardens or inspectors to tackle appliances and other rubbish being left in front gardens and on footpaths in the Portobello area.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**797. Motion from Councillors Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to investigate the level of noise and nuisance being caused to Council tenants by inter-city trains idling along the Dart line, in particular around the Macken St area, and to pursue the matter with Irish Rail.

**Order: Report to Councillor. Cllr. Parodi asked whether the Area office received a response back from the letter they sent to CIE in relation to her Motion, Item 711, from the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 SEA Committee Meeting. The area office is to write to CIE again.**

**798. Motion from Councillors Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to contact Waterways Ireland to ask that it simplify and tidy signage along the Grand Canal in the Portobello area as it is becoming cluttered and unsightly.

**Order: Agreed. The area office is to write to Waterways Ireland.**

**799. Motion from Councillors Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager for a progress report on the reconstruction of the wall at Fitzwilliam Quay.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**800. Motion from Councillors Mannix Flynn**

That this Committee call on the Minister for Transport Leo Varadkar to introduce clear guidelines and legislation with regards cycling on footpaths and in doing so to establish the sole primary rights of footpaths for the sole use of pedestrians.

**Order: Moved by Councillor O'Callaghan. Councillor Freehill requested that the wording of the motion be amended to read ".....establish the sole primary rights of the footpaths for the use of pedestrians, wheelchair users and persons with buggies."**

**801. Motion from Councillors Mannix Flynn**

Call on this Committee to debate the issues with regards the phenomenon of hard sell approach that charitable organisation are employing on our streets in order to get sign up customers. It is now difficult to get down some streets in the South East Area with regards with practice whereby you can be wholly obstructed by a line of agents working on behalf of these charities. It's time now to issue a code of conduct and practice with regards this form of commerce.

**Order: Moved by Councillor O'Callaghan.**

**802. Motion from Councillors Mannix Flynn**

That this Committee call on the Diagio company and Guinness Co Ltd. to discontinue with their present TV advert with regards Arthur Day. This advertisement shows clearly large groups of males drinking in a public place and cheering which could be construed as an encouragement for public disorder and street drinking.

**Order: Moved by Councillor O'Callaghan but objected by Councillor Lacey. A vote was taken and all Councillors voted against the motion. Motion defeated.**

**Cllr. Maria Parodi**

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**Chairperson**

**Dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 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

G. Gorman, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area

E. Martin, Area Housing Manager, South East Area

G. Geoghegan, Area Housing Manager, South East Area

P. Crowe, Senior Staff Officer, Derelict Sites Department

P. Hyde, Senior Planner, Conservation Section

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

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

**Q1. Councillor Edie Wynne**

Could the Manager please have the arrows on the road indicating one way only on Harrison Row as it leaves Brighton Road. The arrows were worn away when the houses in this area were being built and now some drivers are driving both ways on this very narrow lane.

**Reply**

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Officer for attention as soon as is possible.

**Q2. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to have potholes repaired at the following two locations (details supplied) and could the Manager please give some guideline as to when the work would be carried out.

**Reply**

- 1.) This pothole will be filled by Road Maintenance staff within the next few weeks.
- 2.) This pothole has already been filled and is not in a dangerous condition.

**Q3. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to examine and repair the level of the manhole at Terenure Cross Road because it is so deep as against the surface of the road that constituents are complaining that it is dangerous.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Division has contacted the relevant utility with a view to having this manhole raised

**Q4. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to have the connecting road between Leinster Road and Grosvenor Square repaired as the potholes are extensive, particularly close to Grosvenor Square.

**Reply**

The potholes on this road had been filled prior to this question being received.

**Q5. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to have the lane between St Enda's Road and Lakelands Terrace cleaned up as it has been reported to the Councillor that it is full of dumped black bags, unclaimed bins, builders waste, broken cans, garden waste and weeds and also to have the main drain at the rear of (details supplied) cleaned out as it has been blocked twice already this year.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had this lane cleaned up on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Drainage Division will power clean the main drains here in the next fortnight.

**Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will expedite and report on the long sought installation of a shower at (details supplied) and if he will arrange for the dangerous trees in the garden of same to be cut and pruned.

**Reply**

The application for the provision of a shower at this dwelling was assessed on medical grounds and awarded a moderate medical priority. Due to ongoing budgetary constraints, only those cases meriting a high medical priority are being considered at present. No commitment can be given as to when any works may be carried out at this property. A letter was forwarded to the tenant advising him of this on the 22nd September 2011.

In relation to the trees in the garden, the Senior Executive Parks Superintendent visited this site recently and has recommended that three to four mature trees be removed.

**Q7. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the surface of the roadway on Rampart Lane, Donnybrook to be upgraded and repaired.

**Reply**

The potholes on Rampart Lane will be filled by Road Maintenance staff over the coming weeks.

Given the likelihood of budgetary cuts in 2012, road resurfacing will need to be prioritised and only major routes are likely to be resurfaced. Rampart Lane is not a priority for resurfacing as it is not a major thoroughfare.

**Q8. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will report on what measures have been taken or will be taken to ensure that the particularly severe water pressure on the Herbert Park, Pembroke Park/Wellington Road part of Dublin will not reoccur in the event of similar bad weather to last year.

**Reply**

The extreme weather experienced over the last two winters resulted in very severe water restrictions having to be imposed by the Water Services Division across the entire Dublin Region. These helped ensure that all consumers had water for a period each day. However broken water mains and supply pipes in many areas, made the situation much harder for consumers in their vicinity while Dublin City Council were organising to get crews in to locate and carry out the repairs. This was the case for the residents in the Herbert Park, Pembroke Park/Wellington Road area where a number of broken mains occurred in the vicinity last winter. These breaks in the mains were all repaired as quickly as possible following their occurrence.

Water Services Division carried out 310 repairs to both water mains and service pipes across the city between 27/12/2010 and 19/01/2011 following the thaw.

Should we experience similar severe weather this winter we can not guarantee that this area or any of the other areas within Dublin City Council will not be similarly affected. However, we will endeavour to complete repairs as quickly as possible once they occur.

**Q9. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager if will investigate the cause of the foul odour emanating near (details supplied) and also to arrange to have the bedroom window at same address repaired.

**Reply**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the odour will be investigated, and any necessary repairs to the bedroom window will be carried out.

**Q10. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager to ensure that (details supplied) is properly secured and that all the gates on the complex are fully operational as there is on going issues with anti-social behaviour and drugs use on the site due to current the ease of access

**Reply**

The maintenance of the gates referred to is the responsibility of Treasury Holdings as they own the gates and the ground they sit on. If the Councillor wishes to pass on specific information regarding the anti-social behaviour we will investigate the matter with the Gardai.

**Q11. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the pathway outside (details supplied) properly reinstated as soon as possible as the temporary surface is uneven and in very poor condition.

**Reply**

This is a utility opening that has been returned to Road Maintenance for permanent reinstatement. This will happen over the coming weeks when a works crew becomes available.

**Q12. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager who decided, when and why to change the pay parking periods on Sandymount Promenade to operate until 6.00pm instead of the agreed 5.00pm.

**Reply**

The operating times for the scheme are 11.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Originally this was 6.00 pm but following further discussion it was agreed that the time be changed to 5.00 pm.

The Traffic Officer will check signs to ensure there is no confusion.

**Q13. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager who decided, when and why not to replace the plastics recycling container on Sandymount Promenade.

**Reply**

From Wednesday 2nd February 2011, plastic bottles were no longer accepted at the bottle banks on Strand Road, Sandymount. Arrangements for the collection of textiles, glass, aluminium & steel cans were not affected by this recycling change.

This change was as a result of the installation of paid parking and disabled spaces. The general feeling was that its relocation to an alternative area within the car park was not feasible due to space restrictions.

It is important to note that there are plastic recycling facilities available nearby at the Recycling Centre on Pigeon House Road and at Milltown car park.

Furthermore all plastic types are accepted in the kerbside green bin which is collected on a fortnightly basis from householders across the City.

**Q14. Councillor Oisín Quinn**

Can the Manager contact An Post and ask them when they propose to reopen the post office in the Spar shop at the junction of Harold's Cross Road and Rathgar Avenue?

**Reply**

The South East Area Office has forwarded this query to An Post. The Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

**Q15. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to enquire from An Post why the post office at the junction of Harold's Cross road and Rathgar Avenue, located in the Spar shop there, recently closed without any explanation except that an Post say it is temporary and beyond their control, and to ask when the post office will open.

**Reply**

The South East Area Office has forwarded this query to An Post. The Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

**Q16. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he would arrange with the City Manager to detail plans to deal with a heavy snowfall this winter similar to last year with a specific reference to the South East Area.

To include in the reply details of what guidelines will be issued to residents and business premise owners and to state any other matter that he believes relevant in this context.

**Reply**

The report on the review group which considered the Dublin City Council response to the severe weather experienced in the winter period 2010/2011 was circulated to all Members on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. This report details the proposed response by the various Dublin City Council Departments.

The salting/gritting map is shown on the Dublin City Council website. If you need further information please contact the undersigned.

**Q17. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the stairwells in (details supplied) are cleaned and hosed down on a regular basis.

**Reply**

The Team Leader of our Caretaking Service for this area has confirmed that the stairwells of this complex are checked and brushed every day and washed down once per week.

In addition to this they are power-washed (hot) when required, in recent times on 5th July and 27th September 2011.

**Q18. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the netting on top of the football pitch at (details supplied) is fitted as soon as possible and to have a defined opening hours decided for the pitch.

**Reply**

Repair works will shortly be carried out on the perimeter fencing in the basketball pitch in (details supplied) pitch. Currently the cost of providing a net is prohibitive. The pitch is currently opened and closed by one of the residents on a daily basis.

**Q19. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the pathways at (details supplied) properly repaired and permanently resurfaced as they are in very poor condition.

**Reply**

The footpath at the junction of Newgrove Avenue and Durham Road will be repaired by Road Maintenance staff over the coming weeks.

**Q20. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager following a request from the resident at 17a Clanbrassil Street if the overgrown trees can be pruned this year.

**Reply**

The pruning of this tree (17A Clanbrassil Street) will be added to the tree pruning programme for the area and it is anticipated that the work will be undertaken over the coming 6/8 weeks.

**Q21. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager if the trees blocking the light at 1 Pine Road can be pruned this year.

**Reply**

The pruning of this tree (No. 1 Pine Road) will be added to the Parks and Landscape Services Division's Tree Pruning Programme for the area and the work will be undertaken over the next 6/8 weeks.

**Q22. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have the metal bars on the top of the Dodder river bridge in Donnybrook which are broken, repaired and the stonework cleaned.

**Reply**

The bridge was inspected and the railings on top of the bridge parapets are structurally sound with the exception of a broken joint on the south west corner at Beaver Row. Road Maintenance Division will get this repaired. The stonework of the bridge isn't unduly dirty and the cleaning of the bridge cannot be recommended due to shortage of funds. More important work has recently been carried out to the Beaver Row footbridge and Balls Bridge. This work involved repairs to the protection to the foundations of these bridges. This protection is provided to prevent damage to the foundations from storm flows in the river.

**Q23. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have more litterbins installed in the Donnybrook village area.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had 6 extra litter bins installed in the Donnybrook village area on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**Q24. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to request that Dublin Bus erect a seat at the bus stop at Gilford Rd /Strand Rd Junction, Sandymount.

**Reply**

This query has been forward to Dublin Bus and the Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

**Q25. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to again ask Dublin Bus to explain why the 39a bus does not stop at St. Stephens Green.

**Reply**

This query has been forward to Dublin Bus again and the Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

**Q26. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have remedial work carried out at the Archway on the Dodder at Lansdowne Railway Bridge adjacent to Marian College. This area floods at high tide and also after heavy rain.

**Reply**

The area in question is owned by Irish Rail.

This area is in front of proposed flood alleviation measures and will flood to the same extent as currently in significant tidal or rainfall events. The proposed flood alleviation measures are designed to protect dwellings & buildings behind them.

**Q27. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to provide one resident's parking disc for (details supplied).

**Reply**

The person who is the subject of this question should make application for a resident's parking permit and the application will be processed in the normal way.

**Q28. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager to address the restrictive and inconvenient opening hours of the Bring Centres in Ranelagh and Rathgar areas.

**Reply**

Due to financial constraints, the four main Bring Centres in the City: Collins Avenue, Oscar Traynor Road, Windmill Road and Rathmines are no longer open on Sundays or Bank Holidays. The new opening hours from May 2011 are as follows: -

Mon – Thurs 9am – 4pm  
Fri 9am – 1pm  
Sat 10am – 4pm

There are no plans to review opening hours at this time.

This decision was not taken lightly, however it is considered reasonable given that Bring Centres remain open six days out of seven.

With regards the Bring Centre at Herzog Park, Rathgar and as a result of residential pressure in the area, this facility has remained closed at weekends since February 2009.

It is worth noting that the City Council operate two Recycling Centres which are located in Ringsend and North Strand which accept a wider range of recyclable material and householders benefit from more extensive opening hours particularly at the Ringsend facility.

**Q29. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the City Manager whether potholes on Elmwood Avenue, Dublin 6 can be filled in.

**Reply**

There are no potholes on the carriageway of Elmwood Avenue. This road has been recently resurfaced (within the last 5 years) and the carriageway is in good condition. If the Councillor could contact the undersigned with the exact location of these potholes arrangement will be made to have them filled in.

**Q30. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the City Manager what is the current status of the housing application of the person whose (details are supplied).

**Reply**

I can confirm that the applicant (details supplied) is currently on the City Council's Transfer list with a Priority under the Exceptional Social Grounds Scheme for suitable accommodation in Area N (Harold's Cross, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Terenure). The applicant (details supplied) will be given every consideration should a suitable vacancy arise.

**Q31. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the City Manager what is the procedure for seeking to erect a plaque onto the wall of the house on Beechwood Avenue Upper, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 commemorating the birthplace of Maureen O'Hara.

**Reply**

Such plaques are erected by Dublin Tourism. In response to a previous request, Dublin Tourism stated that "bronze plaques erected by Dublin Tourism are a series of commemorative plaques erected to historical deceased figures." In these circumstances they would be unable to fulfil this request at this time.

**Q32. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the City Manager whether the timing of the Mount Drummond Square bin collection on Friday mornings could be changed to a later time than 6.00/6.30 a.m. or if the collections could be made with lesser noise.

**Reply**

We are not in a position to alter the bin collection schedule for this area at this time. The bin collection crew for this area have been asked to carry out the collections in Mount Drummond Square as quietly as they can.

**Q33. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the City Manager for an update on the developments at St. Michaels and Johns Church, Essex Street, Dublin 2 that resulted in the Council sending a warning letter under Section 152 of the Planning Act.

**Report**

A Warning Letter pursuant to section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 was sent to the occupiers of St Michael's & John's Church, Essex Street concerning a metal duct that has been attached to the building.

The duct has not been removed. As a result, an Enforcement Notice pursuant to section 154 of the Act was served on 30 September 2011 requiring the removal of the unauthorised duct and the replacement of the original stonework to the satisfaction of the Council. The recipients have until 9 December 2011 to complete the required works.

**Q34. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the City Manager whether the bye-laws governing application forms necessary for renewing parking permits can be changed so as to ensure previous permit holders avail of their renewed permit without having to provide the same information again i.e. proof of residence etc.

**Reply**

Any permit holder may renew his/her resident's parking permit without supplying evidence of residence or any other details required of first-time applicants, provided the application for renewal is received within 28 days of the date of expiry of the existing permit. Renewal applications may be made by post, by phone from 08:00 to 18:00, Monday – Friday, in person at the Customer Services Centre in the Civic Offices from 09:00 to 17:00, Monday – Friday or on the Council's website. A Service Request providing for the renewal opens 28 days before the expiry date and the permit may be renewed at any time within the following 56 day period. As a matter of courtesy, a renewal notice is posted to each permit holder at the time the Service Request opens.

The permit of the person who is the subject of this question expired on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and a renewal notice issued to him on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The Service Request closed on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011 as an application to renew the permit had not been received by that date.

As the permit was not renewed within the renewal period, this applicant is required to submit a new application for a resident's parking permit in accordance with Bye-Law 26 (2) of the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2011 which provides as follows:

“A resident's parking permit must be renewed within the renewal period, which ends 28 days after the expiry date of the existing permit. Where a permit is not renewed within the renewal period, the holder of an expired permit shall, on subsequent application for a resident's parking permit for that address, be considered as a first time applicant under these Bye-Laws and a permit shall not issue unless the applicant is eligible for a permit under these Bye-Laws at the time of the subsequent application and where a quota applies, eligibility for a new resident's parking permit will be determined by reference to the quota at the time the subsequent permit application is made.”

The renewal period provision is necessary to ensure the integrity of the residents parking permit system. The period of 56 days is considered adequate to enable permit holders successfully renew their permits.

**Q35. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

To ask the Manager to arrange to have (details supplied) properly repaired and redecorated following a recent water leak.

**Reply**

The Area Maintenance Officer has reported that there was a leak in the toilet pan which has been repaired. He also confirms that the hall, stairs and landing will be re-painted.

**Q36. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have the dangerous pothole near no 26 Airfield Court Donnybrook filled in.

**Reply**

Arrangement will be made by Roads Maintenance to reinstate the surface at this location in the next few weeks.

**Q37. Councillor Gerry Ashe**

Could the area Manager arrange to have the large potholes on the road outside Marks Lane health Centre filled in as these are posing a big risk to wheelchair users who regularly use the Centre.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance staff will repair these potholes. This should happen within the coming weeks.

**Q38. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to arrange for a Dublin City Council Dog Warden to investigate (details supplied).

**Reply**

In relation to (details supplied 1) Dublin City Council is satisfied that the owner has complied with all relevant regulations pertaining to the animal. The dog at (details supplied 2) is a terrier pup and is not a restricted breed of dog.

**Q39. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager for the trees along (details supplied) to be pruned.

**Reply**

The trees at this location have been added to our tree pruning works programme and it is proposed to commence work over the coming weeks.

**Q40. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager when the traffic lights at the junction of Cardiff Lane and the Grand Canal theatre will be operational.

**Reply**

We cannot give a date as when these lights are being switched on as we are waiting on building contractors to complete their work first.

**Q41. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to install a new bin on (details supplied).

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had to remove the litter bin from the corner of Pleasant's Street and Pleasant's Place as it was being used to dispose of domestic refuse and in fact became a focal point for dumping with bags of refuse being regularly left at this bin. Also youths used to congregate around this bin and regularly set it on fire. We would not be in favour of installing a litter bin at this location.

**Q42. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager to respond to the urgent issues outlined in (details supplied).

**Reply**

I can confirm that the applicant (details supplied) is currently on the City Council's Housing List with a Medical Priority for Area M (City Quay, Donnybrook, Mount St., Pearse St., Ringsend, Irishtown). An adapted unit became available in Area H and the applicant (details supplied) was contacted and a viewing was arranged. However, the applicant (details

supplied) considered that the location was too far away from his family. As such accommodation is in very short supply across Dublin City, the Allocations Section endeavour to consider all applicants with such a requirement, as it is not possible to state when a suitable unit will become available in the applicant's (details supplied) area of preference. This offer will be considered as a refusal, however, the Allocations Section will continue to consider his application for other suitable units that may become available in his area of preference.

**Q43. Councillor Maria Parodi**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q44. Councillor Maria Parodi**

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

**Reply**

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

**Q45. Councillor Maria Parodi**

To ask the Manager for a response to the following queries in (details supplied).

**Reply**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed the following:

- a) The report of mould in this dwelling will be investigated and any necessary repairs carried out.
- b) The footpath will be taken up and re-instated due to the uprooting caused by the tree. The tree outside (details supplied) has been inspected and it is proposed to include on our tree removal programme for the area. The works will be undertaken in early 2012 subject to available funding.
- c) The tree on (details supplied) behind the houses on (details supplied) and overshadowing (details supplied) has been added to our tree pruning programme and it is anticipated that the work will be undertaken over the coming weeks.

**Q46. Councillor Maria Parodi**

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

**Reply**

**A)**

The Astro Pitch at (details supplied) has been operating since September 2008. At this time a 3 year agreement was implemented between (details supplied) and a number of local clubs/teams who are known as 'the umbrella group'.

The agreement outlined hours of usage for clubs/teams that train and/or play match fixtures on the pitch. The fee for this usage was charged to the umbrella group collectively and this was fixed for the duration of the agreement at €20,000 per year.

It was the umbrella group's responsibility to agree amongst themselves the amount of hours each team would require for training and/or match fixtures. Obviously the teams who used most, paid most. Once the usage requirements for each team were identified, the umbrella group submitted a break down of how much of the collective fee each team/club would pay to the stadium.

At the end of the 2010/2011 season the 3 year agreement came to an end. A new 1 year agreement is now in place for the current football season. Again in this agreement it was the umbrella group's responsibility to divide the collective fee across all teams/clubs based on their usage of the pitch.

A 25% increase was applied to the collective fee this year because the previous fee was unsustainable. Furthermore there is an ongoing effort in Sport and Leisure Services Section to align charges applied to users of similar pitches across the city in the interest of equity and transparency.

Since 2008 two clubs within the umbrella group have folded. On both occasions the individual club fees were not passed on to the umbrella group collectively. (Details supplied) subtracted the individual amounts from the collective fee. See below breakdown:

<b>Football Season</b>	<b>Original Fee Agreed</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Notes</b>
2008/2009	€20,000	€20,000	
2009/2010	€20,000	€18,050	- 1 team folded at end of season with unpaid fees of €1,950.
2010/2011	€17,700	€17,700	- The fee was reduced from 20k due to team folding.
2011/2012	€18,555	Current Season	- 25% increase on previous season fee was applied = €22,125 - 1 team folded - This team's individual contribution to the €22,125 was €3,570 - Therefore the collective fee for the year was revised downwards to €18,555

## **B)**

Adult football teams/clubs apply for permits to use the grass infield in (details supplied) and public grass pitches in (details supplied) annually. Each club pays an administration fee of €50.00 and €280.00 for each adult team permit per season.

Schoolboy clubs/teams do not pay administration or permit fees for the use of grass pitches in (details supplied).

At this time there are no plans to increase these prices going forward.

An agreement has been made with schoolboy clubs/teams from Ringsend and Irishtown to pay €40.00 per match played on the Full Size Astro. Schoolboy teams book the Astro pitch on an ad hoc basis as the need arises.

The umbrella group fees for training and match fixtures in the 2011 – 2012 are €18,555. The umbrella group agreement is reviewed on an annual basis and fees charged may be increased in the future. In the Sport and Leisure Services Section there is an effort to align charges applied to users of similar pitches across the city in the interest of equity and transparency.

Other adult football teams not included in the umbrella group are charged €150.00 per match fixture. Depending on their success and the number of teams within their league, teams can play up to 15 matches per season.

Adult football teams not included in the umbrella group are charged €100.00 per hour for training on the Astro pitch using the full pitch; and €60.00 per hour for half pitch.

**Q47. Councillor Edie Wynne**

To ask the Manager when the Bus Shelter in Palmerston Gardens will be restored and when a real-time notice will be erected at this bus stop.

**Reply**

This query has been forward to Dublin Bus and the Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

**Q48. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager if mechanical bollards controllable by remote to provide access for locals only are an option that the Council can use in controlling traffic.

**Reply**

It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to facilitate the privatisation of public roads by putting measures in place which grant access and exit rights to local residents only using mechanical bollards controllable by remote.

**Q49. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to investigate the following houses (details supplied) with a view to adding them to the derelict sites register, or to bring enforcement proceedings if they are being used as commercial storage rather than as residences

**Reply**

These houses will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section to ascertain if any action is warranted and a report will be sent to the Councillor within one month.

Warning Letters pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 have been sent to the owners and occupiers of the two houses concerned in relation to the alleged unauthorised use of these properties. The recipients have 4 weeks to respond to the letters.

**Q50. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the streets of Stella Gardens are swept regularly and properly.

**Reply**

Under the Litter Management Plan, 2008-2011, residential areas such as Stella Gardens are scheduled to be cleaned once every twelve weeks. However, as this area is on a weekly bag collection, it is regularly checked for spilled rubbish from bags and cleaned when necessary.

**Q51. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to repaint or replace the street plaques in Stella Gardens on which the paint has peeled or faded.

**Reply**

Such street nameplates as are defective in Stella Gardens will be replaced by Road Maintenance Staff as soon as possible. There is a lead in time on the supply of signs so this request may take some time to fully implement.

**Q52. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to remedy the surface outside 115 Stella Gardens as for a number of years there has been a dangerous uneven patch in the road, and a resident has tripped on it a number of times. It seems to be the result of a failure to re-instate the road surface after works a number of years ago, possibly water-works.

**Reply**

The footpath outside 115 Stella Gardens (Philomena Terrace) is in good condition. The carriageway at the junction of Oliver Plunkett Avenue and Philomena Terrace is not properly reinstated and will be repaired by Road Maintenance. This will happen over the coming weeks.

**Q53. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to investigate and remedy the surface of Merrion Road as it is used as a commuter route by cyclists, and cyclists are finding that the dips, bumps and uneven surfaces are increasingly dangerous.

**Reply**

Merrion Road is currently being resurfaced between the canal and Sandymount Avenue; and between Shrewsbury Park and Nutley Lane.

**Q54. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager for an update on the progress with the improvement of the pedestrian crossing options at the junction of Shelbourne Road and Lansdowne Road.

**Reply**

An upgrade of the pedestrian crossings facilities at the junction of Shelbourne Road and Lansdowne Road is due to commence. Three additional pedestrian crossings are to be constructed, making the junction into a wrap around pedestrian crossing. The contract has been awarded to Sierra Construction. This work will be finished by early November.

This work is funded by the NTA and is part of their Cycling/Walking Programme to encourage more sustainable transport.

**Q55. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager ensure that ample warnings are given of the placing of poisons in public places where there is rat infestations. Ross Road residents have concerns about the recent placing of rat poison with regards their pets/dogs consuming also concerns around their children playing nearby.

**Reply**

The Rats and Mice (Destruction ) Act 1919 is enforced by the Health Service Executive. In all probability in this instance it was the Health Service Executive who laid the poison. The responsibility rests with the Executive to adequately inform the residents that poison has been laid.

Should poison be laid on Council lands the Council should stipulate to the pest control contractor that adequate public notices be placed in visible places advising residents that poison has been laid and the precautions to be taken.

**Q56. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the City Manager, have a safety barrier placed on the footpaths on Camden place in order to stop the casual trading stall from blowing into the street during high winds. I have raised this issue on a number of occasions and I would ask that due to the oncoming winter and high winds that this be given a priority.

**Reply**

The Traffic Engineer will meet with The Roads Maintenance Engineer this week to agree location for barriers as appropriate with a view to these being put in place within the next six weeks.

**Q57. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Call on the Manager to issue monthly reports to the South East Area committee regarding the activities and services provided by Dublin ambulance and Fire brigade services. These

services are supplied by Dublin City Council and are of vital importance to the City's working order. It is appropriate that we receive reports so as to monitor and improve responses etc.

**Reply**

The activities and services of the Fire Brigade and Ambulance are wide and varied. While the issue of monthly reports is possible it would be necessary to meet with Councillor Flynn to determine the exact information required.

**Q58. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the City Manager give me an update on the issue regarding a boxing club being set up in the York St/Whitefriar St/Mercer Street area.

**Reply**

At present there are two boxing programmes (Start Box) currently running in the York Street/Whitefriar area, below are the details of these programmes.

Monday's 4p.m. - 5p.m. in the YMCA, Aungier Street.

Wednesday's 1.30p.m. - 2.30p.m. In St Enda's Primary School, Whitefriar Street.

Eric Donovan is the Dublin City Council/ Irish Amateur Boxing Association -- Boxing in the Community Officer for Dublin South East and he has been working with interested parties to ascertain if a local club could be set up in this area. To establish a sustainable club a number of criteria would have to be met, including:

- A Committee would have to be established.
- A suitable premises would have to be secured.
- Local Volunteers would need to be identified.
- A sustainable funding model would have to be developed.
- Coaches would need to be identified, vetted and trained.
- Affiliation from the Dublin County Board and Insurances would have to be secured.

Dublin City Council's Sport & Recreation staff in conjunction with Eric O'Donovan and other key partners are currently working on the establishment of a South East Area Boxing Club. This Club will represent the whole south east area. All young people taking part in the start box programmes in York Street/Whitefriar Street/Mercer Street will be invited to join and visit the club. Depending on numbers and the demand, this club will be used as a sample model going forward, for possible set up of other clubs if requested.

For any further information or questions please contact us.

**Q59. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the City Manager supply me with information regarding a questionnaire that was sent to residents of the senior citizens housing complexes regarding the discontinuation of liaison services. A number of constituents are alarmed at such a suggestion and I have been inundated with calls from concerned constituents.

**Reply**

Currently there are no plans to cut the senior citizen liaison service. The rationale behind the letter to the senior citizens, is to assist us to plan for the future, and to respect the wishes of the persons living in the older persons complexes, to avail of the current liaison service, or not, as we have been made aware, by some of the residents, that they are quite independent, may be working, and do not want anyone calling on them. The distribution of the survey letters is being done by the Liaison Officers, and as such every assistance is given to those who may have literacy problems. The Liaison Officers are also aware of the more vulnerable residents and assistance will be given to them also. Following the return of the questionnaires, and the closing date for same, we will be linking with the Liaison Officers, re the non returns.

The survey is also geared to assist in getting the names of residents who wish to volunteer in taking part in work undertaken by the voluntary committee, if there is a voluntary committee in their complex. If not they may wish to assist in setting up same. Many of our complexes have very active and vibrant committees, who organise outings, do gardening, have book clubs, bingo sessions, etc, all adding to the quality of life of the residents. As this is the "Year of the Volunteer" every encouragement is given by our Community Staff and Liaison Officers to get people involved in their community.

**Q60. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the City Manager give me an update when the new traffic lights installed at upper Clanbrassil Street will be turned on and working. Also, in that area can the City Manager give me a report as to whether the bus shelter/stop beside Bu Alli Restaurant will be removed. This spot has become a hive of criminal activity and criminal damage and is of grave concern to all who reside in this area.

**Reply**

There is a new pedestrian crossing being installed on Clanbrassil Street close to Mace shop. We are currently waiting on ESB supply and a safety audit. Unfortunately, we cannot give a date at this stage as to when it will be switched on as waiting on outside agencies.

**Q61. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the City Manager ascertain how many sleeping bags have been issued to those street sleeping in the South East Area.

**Reply**

It is important to note that the experience of rough sleeping and presentation to emergency homeless services is dynamic and can change on a daily basis. The monitoring and coordination of bed capacity and occupancy from the structures outlined below has resulted in 55 additional beds, with supports for persons as required with planning underway to further increase provision.

The Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) operated by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) generates vital information in terms of managing access to accommodation. The system therefore provides 'real-time' information in terms of homeless presentation and bed occupancy, therefore allowing emergency provision to be reviewed and necessary planning to be undertaken, in terms of adjusting bed space capacity.

Appropriate expertise is in place to monitor and review capacity needs in the sector via the following 'inter-sectoral' structures. That is, there are two structures in place that continually monitor the information from the PASS system and in terms of 'provider organisation experience', these include:

1. An Intersectoral Accommodation Coordination Group which includes senior management from voluntary and statutory homeless accommodation providers who are experts in the area of managing the level of capacity and occupancy within homeless service provision. They ensure that there is sufficient capacity in place at all times to meet presenting need. The group routinely address any operational concerns or procedural blockages that may be in place across temporary accommodation provision and ensure that there is a standardised approach in terms of policy and practice across all homeless accommodation providers.
2. The Intersectoral Accommodation Coordination Group works under the guidance of the Implementation Advisory Group (IAG), which is in place to oversee the implementation of a *Pathway to Home*. Representation includes the Dublin local Authorities, the Homeless Network and the DRHE.

It is not possible to ascertain the number of sleeping bags given out specifically in the South East Area, the below confirms the number of sleeping bags provided over the previous seven nights across the Dublin City Council Administrative area.

Monday October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	13
Sunday October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9
Saturday October 1 <sup>st</sup>	4
Friday September 30 <sup>th</sup>	5
Thursday September 29 <sup>th</sup>	12
Wednesday September 28 <sup>th</sup>	3
Tuesday September 27 <sup>th</sup>	11

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive/ Dublin City Council are aware that the distribution of sleeping bags is not a satisfactory response to homelessness. The response to rough sleeping is not about distributing sleeping bags as an alternative to accommodation but rather removing the need to sleep rough entirely. Sleeping bags are available from four homeless service providers if required.

In mid September, the practice of being accommodated on a 1 –night-only basis changed to providing temporary accommodation for a duration of up to seven nights. This has provided stability for persons who would were accessing accommodation on a one-night-only basis through the 24 hour FREEPHONE service.

If you require further information please contact the Dublin Region Homeless Executive on [lisa.kelleher@dublincity.ie](mailto:lisa.kelleher@dublincity.ie) or 01 7036106.



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**To the Chairman 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 Durrrow 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 18m<sup>2</sup>. The plot outlined blue has an approximate area of 54 m<sup>2</sup>.
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**



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

**Culture, Recreation & Amenity Department,  
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14<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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

**Re: Grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2010**

An application has been received for financial assistance towards the running costs of the private swimming pool listed below for the year 2010. The Pool Administrator has submitted accounts showing the operating costs. The pool provides swimming facilities for schools, clubs, groups and the general public in its catchment area.

I recommend that approval be given to the grant as listed below.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Swimming Pool</u>	<u>Grant paid Year 2009</u>	<u>Grant Recommended For 2010</u>
Marian College, Lansdowne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	Marian College Swimming Pool	€15,000	€15,000

**Philip Maquire  
Assistant City Manager**

**South East Area Office,  
Block 2, Floor 4,  
Civic Offices.**



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

**14<sup>th</sup> November 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.

#### **Cabbage Patch Football Pitch**

The pitch is currently being used by a large number of local schools, colleges and football clubs in the area. If anybody would like to book pitch contact: **Carol Finlay, Mobile: 086 8151507 / e-mail: carol.finlay@dublincity.ie**

**Timetable:** The opening time is always under revision at Halloween with the increased antisocial activity it was decided in consultation with some residents of the area to close the pitch earlier. The revised opening hours are as follows: **Monday to Saturday 9.00am to 8.30pm and Sunday 11am to 8.00pm.**

The FAI and Dublin City Council held a Multi-Sport and Football Halloween Camp from the 1<sup>st</sup> November to the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Twelve children took part in the Multi-Sport and Football week in Cabbage Patch Football Pitch which consisted of Football, Cricket, Boxing, Ultimate Frisbee and Tag Rugby. Mr. Jonathon Tormey, FAI, Development Officer organised the Football Camp and John Sweeney, Sport Development Officer organised the camp with the development officers from each sport. The children really enjoyed the programme.

#### **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.

#### **South East Area Local Policing Fora (LPF)**

The Local Policing Forums in Pearse Street, Ringsend and in the Charlemont/Whitefriar Street area meet on a regular basis and updates are provided to the South East Area Joint Policing Subcommittee quarterly meetings. Issues discussed at the meetings include the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the local area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs) and the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area. It is planned that public meetings will be held in the New Year once the forums have become more established.

#### **Grand Canal Networking Event**

The Grand Canal Sub Committee held a networking event in the Hilton Hotel, **Charlemont Place, Dublin 2 on Thursday 20th October 2011.** The event was well attended with interested parties participating from Drimnagh to Grand Canal Basin.

Presentations were made by the various members of the sub committee to give an overview of the activities they are involved in. Support was offered from Dublin City Council for any clean-ups arranged. These include litter pickers, gloves, bags etc.

Questions and comments were invited from the floor. Several suggestions, questions and concerns were made which the Committee will investigate and report on.

The Grand Canal Sub Committee was set up in accordance with the recommendations of the Dublin City Canals Study. The group is represented on the Operational Liaison Group of the study, which is tasked with implementing the study and framework.

#### **Fitzwilliam Quay Wall**

A letter of acceptance has been signed by Dublin City Council for the contractor. It is expected that the contractor will commence on site on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. The duration of the works is approximately 5 months.

#### **Pride of Place Competition 2011**

The Pride of Place Competition is run by Co-operation Ireland in partnership with the All-Ireland Local Authority Steering Forum, a forum which encourages strategic and sustainable approaches to cross-boarder co-operation by Local Authorities. This year, the South East Area nominated the Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2 and it was a winner in Category One of the Cities Competition, which is for communities with a population of under 1,000. Their facility provides a wonderful resource for the local community and it is a focal point for a special community spirit. Social, recreational and economic services are all provided under the auspices of this landmark centre.

#### **Rathmines and Pembroke Drainage Scheme**

The Area Office has spoken to the Project Design section of the Drainage Division and they will issue an update to the area committee once it becomes available.

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

**QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER**  
**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Q2. Councillor Edie Wynne**  
To ask the Manager when will a real-time sign for the 18 bus be installed outside Lenihan's, Rathmines.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Q10. Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager to respond to the detailed letter submitted with this question.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- Q14. Councillor Gerry Ashe**  
To ask the Manager to arrange to have the tree in the back garden of (details supplied) properly pruned.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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?
- 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?
- 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.
- 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.

- Q27. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Manager when the ramp at the entrance to Mount Drummond Avenue, Dublin 6 will be repaired.
- Q28. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Manager when the works on the Dodder at Lansdowne Road Bridge will be completed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- Q38. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to extend the ban on 5 axle vehicles using Strand Road Sandymount to 24 hours.
- 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.
- 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).
- Q41. Councillor Kieran Binchy**  
To ask the Manager to install (or re-install) a public litter bin in Ringsend at a location (details supplied).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**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.

**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 Mananger show the effects of cemened 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 budgetry meeting was not collected and what effect this has had on service provision of waste management within the South East Area.

**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.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> October in the South East Area.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**Q66. Councillor Maria Parodi**

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

**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.

**Q68. Councillor Maria Parodi**

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