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Dublin City Council

**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON
MONDAY 8th JUNE 2015
AT 3.00pm**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2 on **Monday 8th June 2015 at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

Dated this 3rd June 2015

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- 306.** Presentation on Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan – Public Consultation.
- 307.** Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2015 (pages 7 - 37).
- 308.** Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 62 – 70).
- 309. Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
- i. TAG Report Meeting Date 26th May 2015 (enclosed).
 - ii. Report on the processing of TAG items / traffic service requests (page 38).
 - iii. Further report on the establishment of a Community Gain Liaison Committee and Community Gain Fund in association with the Waste to Energy Project, Ringsend, Dublin 4 (pages 39 - 40).
- 310. Culture Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**
- i. Part 8 Report: Ranelagh Gardens Park (pages 41 – 44 and attached).
- 311. Planning & Development Department Matters**
- i. Proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures: City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 (pages 45 – 48 and enclosed).
 - ii. Proposed amendment to the Record of Protected Structures: Bride Street New / Long Lane, Dublin 8, Former School (proposed deletion) and 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, House to now read 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, Former School (amendment) (pages 49 – 50 and enclosed).
 - iii. Proposed grant of 20 year lease in the Ground Floor and Basement, No. 17 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2 to Leafwell Limited (pages 51 – 52 and enclosed).
 - iv. Update regarding the request for the addition of the two ESB chimneys at Poolbeg to the Record of Protected Structures (Page 53).
- 312. South East Area Matters**
- i. Area Manager's Report (pages 54 - 57).
 - ii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at 11A Grantham Place (page 58 and attached).
 - iii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at 122 Terenure Road North (page 59 and attached).
 - iv. Report on proposal to initiate procedure to have the development known as No. 9 to 13 Purser Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6 taken in charge by Dublin City Council (pages 60 - 61 and attached).

Motions

313. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the Area Manager would outline when it is intended to paint the balconies and ceilings of same in Beech Hill Villas given their poor condition.

314. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the Area Manager would respond to the report submitted by residents of Sandymount in relation to a children's playground.

315. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the Traffic Manager to undertake a feasibility study on widening the 'pinch-point' on the Grand Canal Cycle Way at Leeson Street Bridge, including the potential compulsory purchase of part of the rear gardens and front garden which may be required for same.

316. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will report on the next phase of flood protection measures – post 2015 – along the River Dodder.

317. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please deal with the following list received from Ranelagh Tidy Towns environment Group?

Bus Stops: Over a number of years, bus services in the area have been changed / reduced but the original metal posts have been left in place. As well as serving no useful purpose, these are a blot on the streetscape, are rusting and flaking and are a general eyesore. It is not clear who is responsible for their removal but action is required, initially by the City Council. Streets affected include: Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ashfield Avenue and Dunville Avenue – opposite Mortons.

Bicycle Locks: Abandoned locks (and even parts of bicycles) are to be seen all over the area. These are not just unsightly but can occasionally trip-up pedestrians.

Street Cleaning: Given that on-street parking is the norm in much of the area, the occasional automated cleaning carried out is almost totally useless in terms of clearing litter and other debris. While local residents can make a contribution, a formal 'professional' system is required, perhaps involving a number of 'no parking' days during the year.

Drain Clearing: This needs to be carried out on a regular / rota basis and not just in emergency / 'totally-blocked' circumstances. Along with a lack of street cleaning, this current situation encourages the growth of weeds and the collection of other debris in street gutters.

Lamp Posts: In the short term there is a problem with painting / maintenance. Longer-term there is a need to see these as an element of street furniture – with a consistency of design reflecting the Victorian and Edwardian heritage of the area.

Street Furniture: Other street furnishing, benches etc. is almost totally absent and where present doesn't follow any consistent design approach.

Pavements: These are in a sorry state after much laying and relaying, as well as inconsistent use of materials, such as granite sets. A long-term approach is required."

318. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a cul de sac sign and children playing sign be erected at the entrance to Glenavy Park.

319. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the Parks Department to erect "Dogs must be on leash at all times" signs (and see that same is enforced) on Dartmouth Square.

The square has recently become a de facto "dog park", a purpose for which it is wholly unsuitable.

320. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

Further to the, both informative and inspiring, presentation at last month's SEAC meeting, this committee requests that the Beta Projects team design a trial for a "Bicycle Boulevard" or small section of same, on a residential street in the area which they deem suitable.

A description of the concept may be seen at the following web address:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicycle_boulevard.

321. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Parks Department provides a report on the planned felling of trees and leaving a two year period for replacement; Greenlea Road in Terenure is a case in point. This committee agrees that no more trees will be felled in the South East area prior to discussion at the area committee.

322. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That double yellow lines (DYLs) be placed on both sides of the lane which runs to the east side of St. Enda's Road and rear of 65 to 68 Brighton Road. This lane has always been "in charge of the City Council". Currently some residents are being blocked from accessing and egressing the rear of their homes. The lane will also require a name sign and I propose St. Enda's Lane".

323. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

The dangerous practise of cyclists cycling on footpaths continues to go unchecked. In the absence of legislation which was promised by Minister for Transport, the Gardaí refuse to take action.

Cycling on footpaths, drivers entering cycle ways and drivers not keeping to their driving lane all add to a considerable amount of lawlessness on our roads. Most of all these practises are endangering pedestrians and cyclists.

In the absence of legislation from Department of Transport, Dublin City Council agrees to implement a pilot scheme in the Dublin South East area which has the highest number of cyclists and will:

1. Use Information Boards and all other media available to highlight dangers of cycling on footpaths, motorists in cycle ways and poor positioning of cars in road lanes.
2. Examine all the right turns, especially on to the canal from the main arteries to improve safety for cyclists turning right.
3. To highlight these problems and to raise awareness encourage citizens to take photos of such misdemeanours and that the council provide a display area for these photos.

As a first step that we receive a report to the September meeting setting out an implementation plan of these proposals.

324. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to strictly enforce the 3.5 ton limit on Newbridge Avenue, Sandymount and to report on what enforcement measures are being implemented.

325. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the Area Manager to examine the possibility of extending the paid parking times to seven days a week on Emorville Avenue, Dublin 8, to address the ongoing issue of long stay parking on the street at weekends. The residents have already conducted their own survey and have requested the council proceed with carrying out an examination of the parking situation and a plebiscite of residents on the street.

326. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks Dublin City Council to designate a suitable location, such as College Green / Dame Street area, for Pride 2015 celebrations. Given the scale of celebrations that are likely to take place due to the passing of the Marriage Equality Referendum the numbers attending the march are expected to be even greater this year and Merrion Square may not have the capacity to safely facilitate such large numbers.

327. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the Area Manager to replace the trees on Curzon Street, Dublin 8 that were recently removed by the Dublin City Council. This is one of the only streets in Portobello that now has no trees and the removal of the trees has dramatically changed the streetscape. Therefore could they please be replaced as a matter of priority?

328. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee requests that the Area Manager install pedestrian road signage to introduce more permanent pedestrian signage at the pedestrian crossing at the gyratory on Camden Street as a matter of urgency as the current temporary signs are too small, move around in the wind and are insufficient.

329. Motion from Councillor Kate O'Connell

This committee calls on the Manager to undertake a review of the parking permits issued in the area with a view to minimising the number of unjustly allocated spots and, once this has been completed, for changes in the bye-laws to be recommended to ensure that such discrepancies do not reoccur.

330. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council rejects the notion of medically supervised injecting rooms and instead favours a much more rehabilitative approach along the lines of residential treatment centres with the standard two year aftercare programmes. Medically supervised injecting rooms do not lead towards abstinence or desire to change they simply facilitate and enable further drug use and prolong rehabilitation. They are simply used to remove from sight those that are injecting in the public domain but they are then placed back on our streets under the influence of drugs. Medically supervised injecting rooms do not stop the sale of illegal drugs on our streets or reduce the numbers taking drugs. The tried and tested way of assisting addicts is residential recovery programmes.

331. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on the Chief Executive Officer not to proceed with the sale or lease or disposal of the unique mews / stables properties at Dawson Street – rear of 14 / 15 St. Stephen's Green North.

332. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to consider, as part of the council's housing policy, measures by which older people living in large houses may be encouraged to move into smaller accommodation. In particular, the council should seek to promote the construction of two bed roomed units in the city council area.

333. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the Area Manager reopens the three sets of steps along the Sandymount sea wall which were blocked up many years ago after a flood. This blocked access restricts many people from the beach. The sea only floods in very specific conditions. These conditions can be forecast long in advance and of course the high tide is timed to the minute. There now exists very effective and cheap gating which can block and gap, for example at Merrion Gates access.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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272. Presentation on the BETA Projects
Order: Noted.
273. Presentation on Flood Alleviation Works in the South East Area.
Order: Noted.
274. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2015 (pages 8 - 39).
Order: Agreed. Cllr. Lacey asked that his dissatisfaction with Chief Executive's not complying with the committee's resolutions regarding SUAS be recorded.
275. Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 61 - 68).
Order: Noted.
276. **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
Declan Wallace, Executive Manager, reported verbally on implementing Pay and Display parking in Palmerston Gardens.
Order: Noted.
- i. TAG Report dated 28th April 2015 (enclosed).
Order: Noted.
277. **Culture Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**
- i. Report on Grants towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2015 (page 40).
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on Upgrading Works at Mountpleasant Square Park (page 41).
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Report on Sandymount Green Conservation Study (enclosed).
Order: Noted.
278. **Planning & Development Department Matters**
- i. Planning Enforcement Report January – March 2015 (page 42 and enclosed).
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on addition of 107 Grafton Street to the Record of Protected Structures (pages 43 - 45).
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.
 - iii. Report on addition of 16A Kenilworth Road to the Record of Protected Structures (pages 46 - 47).
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.
 - iv. Report on addition of Ailesbury House, Ailesbury Road to the Record of Protected Structures (pages 48 - 50).
Order: Noted.

- v. Report on deletion of 28 Fenian Street from and addition of 38 Fenian Street to the Record of Protected Structures (pages 51 - 52).

Order: Noted.

Report on deletion of 26 Aston Quay from the Record of Protected Structures (pages 53 - 54).

Order: Noted.

- vi. Report on deletion of 98 99 Leeson Street from the Record of Protected Structures (pages 55 - 56).

Order: Noted.

279. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report (pages 57 - 60).

Order: Noted.

Motions

280. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update on the proposals for a cycleway along the Dodder in the South East Area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

281. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will clarify all matters relating to the clamping by NCPS at this location and what steps will be taken to stop this further happening.

NCPS

Parking NCPS

6 Mount Street Crescent, Dublin 2

20/04/2015

Clamping – 15/04/2015 - 04G5330

Dear Sir / Madam,

Last Wednesday 15th April a patient of ours could not obtain parking near our pharmacy and parked behind the public Dublin city council spaces on Ballsbridge Avenue adjacent to the Sweepstakes. A member of your team clamped the vehicle. This is Dublin City Council property and a public road and it is not within your company's remit to clamp in this location. The private road for which you are responsible for starts at the indicated line in the photo below. (Attached)

Traffic exiting Ballsbridge Avenue yields to traffic exiting the Sweepstakes as this section is a public road.

Please arrange to have a refund issued immediately.

Order: Report to Councillor.

282. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager if she will arrange for an "on site" meeting with the relevant decision making officials, herself, councillors and representatives of the Ross Road residents to discuss the locating of a children's playground in their complex.

Order: Report to Councillor.

283. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a response from the manager on the issues raised in the email submitted with this motion – relating to Barnardo Square.

Dear Councillors, I am writing to you in the hope that you can assist me. We are neighbours.

I'm sure your visits to City Hall don't show the scope of the anti-social behaviour around it. Previously, Barnardo Square was a park but whoever designed its current layout has left a space that invites antisocial behaviour. In the corner at City Hall we have a large group of aggressive drug-users, a mix of Romanian gypsies and Irish homeless people. At first we never minded, we all have to survive in this world but they have been involved in brutal beatings, they light fires in the corner, disturbingly they inject or smoke heroin in open view of the hundreds of tourists who use Barnardo Square as a meeting point for various tours throughout the day. Also we have gangs of youth who come to drink in the numerous black spots on the square, as I said the design is flawed. These gangs make living here dangerous. They also attract skateboarders all hours of the day and night, which bar being a nuisance trying to cross the square to get in the front door also the constant banging of the skateboard leaves you rattled. Plus, you know those stone slabs on the square have sharp corners if someone is hurt who pays? In my ten years, I have seen a man slit his wrists, people inject drugs, people being stabbed, bikes being stolen, people

urinating and defecating on our front door, countless arguments and assaults all on the door step of City Hall, one of our most beautiful landmarks and popular tourist spot. I know the problems I have listed are city wide but Barnardo Square is a unique city public space and it needs help, most parks etc have security, which check during the night, can Barnardo Square be added. Can we get skateboarding banned on the square as is done in most of Europe and in parks in Ireland I believe. In the extreme I'd say the council building on the other side of the square needs its fire escape redesigned to stop providing hiding spots for gangs drinking and drugging. I really hope you can help this beautiful square become a safe spot for tourists and residents. I look forward to hearing from you.

Order: Report to Councillor.

284. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees that the site of the former public toilets at Anglesea Road will not be "brought to the market" pending a full discussion and decision by this Committee on the future possibilities of same.

Order: Agreed.

285. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

That the Traffic Department performs a feasibility study assessing the impact of various mechanisms of preventing 'rat-runs' along Brighton Square, Garville Avenue, Garville Road and Frankfort Avenue. Including in this, the use of bollards at the medians of the junctions on Rathgar Avenue and Rathgar Road, which would prevent cars from using this route as a rat run, but still allowing cyclists to transverse these junctions (similar to those use at the junction of Lennox Street and Richmond Street, see attached).

Order: Report to Councillor.

286. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following traffic issue:

Motorists disregard red lights at the junction of Mount Street Lower and Merrion Square East. This happens with cars travelling from the direction of Merrion Square East into Holles Street. Given its proximity to the maternity hospital, sooner or later, there will be a serious accident. Issues arising here should be reviewed by the Traffic Advisory Group.

Order: Report to Councillor.

287. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues that were raised with me regarding road surface repairs and maintenance:

Poor quality repairs of a temporary nature were carried out in March on the Merrion Road and Pembroke Street, and assurances were given that full repairs would be done in due course. This has not happened.

Footpaths on Pembroke Street and Leeson Street had their flagstones lifted and replaced with tarmac during ESB works. Dublin City Council needs to up its demands on utility providers to ensure that repairs to roads and paths are of the same standard they were to start with and should provide funding to the same end. Tarmac is a temporary repair and is not acceptable in this part of the city. Similar fates have befallen South William Street and St. Stephen's Green.

Order: Report to Councillor.

288. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to clarify the position of cars parking on the footpath beside Baggot Street Community Hospital. Vehicles habitually park on this section of Haddington Road despite a “No Parking” sign on the wall of the building. On many occasions this leads to impeding progress for pedestrians, pram-pushers and wheelchair users.

Order: Report to Councillor.

289. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That the Area Manager and relevant departments in the South East Area will work with the residents of St Kevin’s Road, Portobello, Dublin 8 to introduce the following:

- a. on-street planters
- b. secure bike parking facilities for residents
- c. ‘children at play’ road signage

Each of the above items would not only greatly enhance the street but would also serve as traffic calming measures to help address the on-going problems of rat-running and speeding on this residential street. The residents have some funding available to contribute to this, and their own design expertise, and would welcome the support of Dublin City Council in implementing these measures.

Order: Report to Councillor.

290. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to contact Greyhound and other waste service providers operating in the South East Area in relation to the collection of waste in both the Portobello area, where late collections are a regular occurrence often taking place on Tuesdays rather than the statutory Monday collection day, and in the Donnybrook area (in particular Morehampton Lane) where residents have complained that collections are taking place late at night causing disturbance. Both actions are in breach of the waste bye laws. Can the Area Manager outline how many fines have been enforced for late collections in these particular areas over the last 12 months.

Order: Report to Councillor.

291. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to introduce measures which would allow for the provision of visitors parking permits for residents who do not own a car but should also be entitled to visitors’ parking permits.

Order: Report to Councillor.

292. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to prioritise cultural uses in any possible disposal of the mews to the rear of 14 / 15 St. Stephen's Green.

Order: Report to Councillor.

293. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area committee of Dublin City Council calls on Dublin City Council to immediately initiate a local area plan and a precinct improvement plan for the entire Camden Street, Wexford Street, Redmond’s Hill, Aungier Street, George’s Street area. This entire area has become very neglected over the last number of years resulting in a shabby disordered appearance. It is fast becoming an area for anti social and rowdy drunken behaviour. For many of the residents that live here, they feel abandoned and ignored and have to face on a daily basis the aftermath of revellers. The fabric of the buildings and the streetscapes have become hostile and ghettoised and dilapidated. This is a major significant thoroughfare with many fine

outstanding buildings that are slowly being eroded. It is now in grave danger of being lost entirely to the sole purpose of alcohol consumption / late night revelry. Many of the business in the area are finding it very very difficult to continue to trade and it is fast losing its once high footfall.

Order: Report to Councillor.

294. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this South East Area Committee of Dublin City Council, calls on the government to lift the ban on alcohol consumption that is imposed on Good Friday throughout the republic. This ban goes back to 1927 Intoxicating Liquor Act and is wholly out of step with present day secular State and multi-cultural society. The choice is always there for those who do not wish to consume alcohol on Good Friday because of their religious beliefs. Equally the rights of those who wish to consume and or sell alcohol on that day need to be upheld and protected. There is also a considerable cost and revenue loss on this day and the ban on normal alcohol and consumption sales on Good Friday lead to panic buying and consumption of alcohol on the day prior to the ban. Equally for the many tourists that visit on the Easter week it is a rather peculiar practice that the public houses are closed as well as quite a lot of restaurants and the only way you can consume alcohol would be on public transport trains or in residents bars / hotels etc. It is time to reform these laws.

Order: Agreed.

295. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on the Traffic Department of Dublin City Council to issue a clear traffic management plan for Grafton Street and other pedestrianized areas of the South East Area where there are large delivery trucks making their rounds. Grafton Street, between the hours of 8am and 12, is a very dangerous place to be regarding congested traffic movements, as there are no signs and no order and no clear indications or demarcation lines between pedestrians and traffic. Also the levels of exhaust emissions would appear to be very high in this built up area around these times. This is also the case within the Temple Bar area. A robust traffic management and delivery plan needs to be created urgently, mindful of the health and safety of pedestrians.

Order: Report to Councillor.

296. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on Dublin City Council to carry out a full survey and examination and evaluation of the entire Temple Bar area cultural quarter with the view to refresh the entire area and make it fit for purpose. Many parts of the Temple Bar area have become dilapidated and worn. The area gives off a tiredness and is in danger of becoming rundown and ghettoised. It is fast becoming a health and safety issue with very little signage as to how to exit the area and very little emphasis on emergency evacuation plan. Given the vast numbers that visit this area on a 24hr basis it is time to reconsider this entire infrastructure with the view to a long overdue enhancement, improvement and upgrade.

Order: Report to Councillor.

297. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager for a recent full report on the removal of street trees on Curzon Street, Portobello to cover in detail each of the following:

1. The reason for removal
2. The consultation with local residents
3. The consultation with councillors
4. The plans for planting replacement trees

Order: Falls.

298. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager for an update on the conservation plan for Sandymount Green, and to ask the Manager to ensure that viability plans for a playground for the following locations are properly considered: Sandymount Promenade and Sean Moore Park.

Order: Falls.

299. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to put in proper surface road and lane markings along the junctions of the Charlemont Street, Harcourt Road and Harrington Street.

Order: Falls.

300. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to support DublinTown and ensure that the application for a closure of the Tangier Lane (Dublin 2) right of way is expedited as a matter of urgency in light of the potential for serious damage to the Gaiety Theatre and the other issues arising out of use of the lane.

Order: Report to Councillor.

301. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls upon the Chief Executive to review the opening hours of Fairfield Park, Rathgar in light of complaints from local residents that the park has been exposed to significant anti-social behaviour since a decision was made to keep it permanently open.

Order: Report to Councillor.

302. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this Area Committee agrees and requests that the Area Manager identifies a property, or looks for resources to develop a boxing club / martial arts club in the South East Area, with consideration being given to the extension of the Irishtown stadium for this facility and furthermore makes it a priority for this Area Committee.

Order: Report to Councillor.

303. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area will provide a public bin at the bus stop on Rathgar Road at Christ Church, Rathgar. The church is situated in the village of Rathgar in the middle of the road between Rathgar Road and High Field Road and has ongoing difficulties with rubbish being thrown over the wall at the bus stop.

Order: Report to Councillor.

304. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area office conduct a traffic survey and speed survey in relation to increased traffic using Mount Tallant Avenue, around Corrib Road / Melvin Road and through Neagh Road to access Lower Kimmage Road.

Rationale: The existence of bollards mean that traffic has to go a roundabout way to make the connection Harold's Cross Road to Lower Kimmage Road and this slows speed, but some residents have complained that speed of traffic / volume of traffic has become more noticeable, and that the speed is a danger. It would be useful to get an accurate picture of the volume and speed of traffic on these routes to fully understand the problems.

Order: Report to Councillor.

305. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the local area office conducts a review of the opening arrangements for parks in the area, in particular to review 24 hours opening in parks where there has been increased anti-social behaviour and to explore the possibility of having local key holders to lock the park in the evenings.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Chairperson

Dated 11th May 2015

Attendance

Members

Councillor M. Flynn (in the chair).

Councillors C. Byrne, D. Lacey, F. Kennedy, J. O'Callaghan, M. Freehill, P. McCartan, P. Smyth, P. Costello, R. McGinley and C. Andrews. Apologies from Cllr. Stapleton.

Officials

R. Kenny, Area Manager, South East Area Office.

F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area Office.

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

M. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

F. O'Brien, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

G. Geoghegan, Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

E. Martin, Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

S. Waring, Assistant Architect, City Architect's.

D. Brennan, Assistant Engineer, Traffic.

G. O'Connell, Engineer in Charge, Flood Defence.

D. Wallace, Executive Manager, Traffic.

K. Meade, Administrative Officer, Traffic.

C. Carroll, Senior Staff Officer, Traffic.

D. Hayden, Community and Social Development Officer, South East Area Office.

F. Worrall, Assistant Planning Enforcement Officer, Planning.

L. Moore, City Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscaping Services.

P. Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning.

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could outline the income received from the parking machines at the car park adjacent to the former O'Shea's Pub on Clonskeagh Road and the costs incurred in installing and maintaining them.

Reply:

The car park at this location is run by the Parking Enforcement Section on behalf of the Development Department. Total income received from the meter at this location is €2,155 since the machine was commissioned in June 2014. The cost of installing the parking scheme at this location was approximately €7,500 with annual running costs of approx. €650 per year.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will ensure that the works requested in the email submitted with this question are carried out.

Sydney Parade Residents' Association

You will recall the extra drains that we requested to be fitted on the section of our road between St. Alban's Park & the railway gates a little over a year ago.

The work was duly done & the road got a temporary fix.

One problem with this fix is that it is not level with the road & the water is not flowing properly into the drains. The other is that a large pothole has opened up close to the entrance to no.21.

We would be grateful if the pothole could be fixed pro tem & if the whole job could be sorted out in due course

Reply:

Road Maintenance will inspect this section of road during heavy rainfall and advise the Councillor of the outcome of this inspection.

The pothole outside No. 21 will be filled in.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will write to the OPW requesting them again to clean up the front of Donnybrook Garda Station as they previously committed to doing and never did.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will contact the Office of Public Works as requested.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to replace bollard on Ranelagh Road in front of Supervalu which has been removed by a truck.

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected the area outside Supervalu, Ranelagh. The missing bollard has been added to our works programme. These repair works will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Manager to undertake a detailed on site review of scope to increase on street parking at *details supplied.

Reply:

A request to extend the areas of pay and display and permit parking on (details supplied) at the above locations is listed already with the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to deal with a number of related matters (details supplied)

Reply:

1) This structure was inspected by Dangerous Buildings on the 28/01/2015 and again 29/04/2015. No change is reported in its condition and is not a matter for Dangerous Building's Section at this time. Road Maintenance had no previous dealings with this archway at (details supplied 1). This will be forwarded to Road Design to prepare a structural assessment.

2) The road surface of (details supplied 2) is serviceable and we do not have any plans to carry out major works in (details supplied). Due to renovation works near the archway, trenches have been placed in the carriageway which requires immediate remedial works. A letter will be issued to the developers to remedy these trenches.

3) 5) & 7) The requests for double yellow lines on Price's Lane and double yellow lines on Clifton Mews currently are listed with the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The request for the removal of the parking bay opposite No. 31 Mountpleasant Terrace has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

4) The request for a path has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

6) The undersigned met with Mr. McGovern on site on a number of occasions. A proposal was put forward by Mr. McGovern to use a strip of his land to move the current on street parking off the lane to facilitate access for the large lorries used for his business. Mr. Mc Govern also wanted to use some of this area for private parking. The proposal was examined by the Area Traffic Engineer and the Road Planning Division and Mr. McGovern was subsequently advised that the private element of the proposed parking would require Planning permission. A subsequent application was received on behalf of Mr. McGovern to remove the on-street parking on the lane and this is being examined by the Traffic Advisory Group.

Q.7 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the Traffic Manager why the parking spaces opposite No 13 Oakley Road, Ranelagh were removed recently?

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 15th October, 2009, recommended double yellow lines as follows:

- Eastside, from a point 5 metres north of lamp standard No. 6, extending northwards for 10 metres to a point opposite the northern boundary of the driveway to No. 13.

It transpired that the above double yellow lines were not implemented at the time and, therefore, were installed in 2014 following a request from a local Councillor.

A request to re-instate pay and display and permit parking opposite 13/14 Oakley Road and to examine other possible locations is being referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

Q.8 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the Traffic manager to assess the feasibility of placing new parking spaces along Oakley Road, which are currently covered by DYs? There is a 14 metre stretch outside No 50, as well as spaces outside No. 42, 47 & 45 / 46 which may be suitable. There are a number of aged residents, details below, who are having difficulty locating parking spaces since the removal of the spaces opposite No 13.

Reply:

The request to re-instate pay and display and permit parking opposite details supplied is being referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The request for additional parking on the road will also be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager why there would appear to be differing criteria for allocating Residential Parking discs to various residents of the Ross Road flats.

Reply:

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2014 set out the entitlement, eligibility and quota of parking permits that apply to each dwelling. Each building on Ross Road consists of 6 apartments and each apartment is entitled to one Resident Parking Permit. The criteria for availing of permits on Ross Road are identical regardless of the resident or apartment.

Any resident who has encountered difficulty with an application for a Resident Parking Permit should be encouraged to contact the Parking Policy & Enforcement Section directly, tel.: 222 2261 and they will be provided with every assistance possible.

Q.10 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the area maintenance team inspect *details supplied and have the necessary works carried out and also state if the building is structurally safe and move the occupant into senior citizens accommodation while the work is being done?

Reply:

A request was received from this tenant in March 2015 to have this dwelling inspected in relation to issues. The Area Maintenance Foreman called to carry out this inspection; however the tenant refused to allow access to the Foreman. A further call will be made in the coming weeks.

The previous repair request from this tenant was in 2009.

Q.11 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can Dublin City have the railings surrounding the park on Corrib Road painted?

Reply:

The railings around Corrib Road Park were painted a few years ago and it is considered that their present condition does not merit a repainting job as yet.

Q.12 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the parking at the bus stop on Rathmines Road Upper and Lower be moved further back from the designated bus stops, as the bus cannot get in parallel to the pavement, meaning those with disabilities do not now benefit from the raised pavement?

Reply:

The request to rescind pay and display and permit parking areas close to the relevant bus stops on Rathmines Road Upper and Lower and widen the bus cages at these locations has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can Dublin City Council put a name plate on the entrance to Mount Pleasant Villas in Rathmines, Dublin 6?

Reply:

A nameplate has been ordered for Mount Pleasant Villas in Dublin 6. This sign will be erected once the sign comes into the depot and a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager have the tree outside *details supplied removed?

Reply:

The tree in question has been inspected and it was decided that pruning was the most appropriate course of action. The pruning has been carried out.

Q.15 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will Area Manager reposition the new bench that was put close to number 2 and 3 Beechill Court and consult with residents about its repositioning?

Reply:

I have arranged for this matter will be dealt with by the area community officer.

Q.16 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager have the tree stump that was left behind removed and the footpath replaced outside houses 3 to 8 Lombard Street as there is a lot of the footpath in this area in a hazardous state?

Reply:

Road Maintenance assumes the location was 3A to 17A Lombard Street and not 3 to Lombard Street due to the location of the photos attached, which were very helpful. Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath outside No. 3A – 17A Lombard Street East and added these repair works of the footpath to our works programme.

These works have been added as urgent however, the constituent advised the lifting is due to roots which are still growing which needs removal. Parks Dept will be contacted with regard to this first prior to works being arranged and commencing.

Q.17 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager have this tree to the rear of 6 Lombard Street cut down or the footpath repaired so it is not a danger to health?

Reply:

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath to the rear of houses No. 3A -17A Lombard Street East. Parks Dept have been contacted with regard to this tree, we will await their findings prior to planning any works to the footpath.

Q.18 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager have this repaired with the same bricks as originally used outside 61 George Reynolds House in Irishtown?

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer is sourcing suitable replacement cobble-lock for this area, and will make arrangements to have it laid when available.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues at the green area adjacent to Stella Gardens, Irishtown:

- The grass remains unkempt and this discourages dog owners from cleaning up after their dogs. If it was cut regularly, dog litter would be more likely to be seen and removed. At present droppings become enmeshed in shoes, footballs, etc. on a daily basis and are brought into local houses.
- Why were more than a dozen trees cut down to within about a foot from the ground? Will the remaining trunks be completely removed?
- Also, beer cans, bottles, etc. are discarded on the grass area. Residents find they have to pick up other people's rubbish. They request the following; grass needs to be cut more often, permanent signs to warn people about the implications of not picking up dog excrement, permanent anti-litter signs.

Reply:

Stella Gardens has been prioritised for grass cutting and improvements should be noticeable.

Some groups of trees had become very dense, and had been subject to complaints from local residents for a period of time. Thinning of these trees addressed these complaints and was beneficial to the remaining trees. The stumps have been removed.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could the Manager please tell us when hanging baskets and flower tubs / pots will be located for the summer season in Irishtown and Ringsend?

Reply:

Hanging baskets are due to be erected in Ringsend and in Irishtown this June for the summer season.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager when the 400m running track at Irishtown Stadium will become operational again? At present there seems to be a cessation of activity to the detriment of the running clubs and the community in Ringsend and Irishtown.

Reply:

On Monday 27th April 2015 the construction works recommenced on the track. The progress of the works is weather dependant but it is anticipated the track will be operational by September 2015.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager when the public tendering process will be undertaken to contract an operator to manage the operation of the East Link toll bridge.

Reply:

At present we are exploring the available options in relation to the transfer of the East link operation to Dublin City Council with effect from 1st January 2016. It is imperative that the process achieves a number of outcomes. These include the following:

No adverse impact should be experienced by the affected staff and their employment entitlements must be honoured. There should be no loss of income to Dublin City Council. All contractual and legal obligations be properly discharged.

We are actively involved in discussions with the relevant parties with a view to achieving all of the above. We will report to the Transportation SPC when we have definite arrangements to achieve the above outcomes.

Q.23 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to advise on any previous traffic calming studies in Rathgar area and to instigate a new study having regard to increased level of rat running traffic which is interfering with residential amenity and giving rise to safety concerns due to inappropriate speeding

Reply:

No traffic calming study has been carried out in the Rathgar area in recent times. The Councillor should contact Ms. Helen Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, tel.: 222 2584 to further discuss specific details regarding the Councillor's proposal.

Q.24 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to have the Parks Department take steps to improve the amenity value of Fairfield Park in Rathgar in conjunction with local residents.

Reply:

The residents should submit their concerns and ideas for improving the amenity of Fairfield Park to the undersigned and I will be happy to meet them to discuss their proposals.

Q.25 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to advise completion date for Maxwell Road housing development currently underway.

Reply:

The City Architect's Division has advised that this development is expected to be completed towards the end of June 2015.

Q.26 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can confirm whether planning permission is required for the portaloo urinal situated outside Flannery's Bar on Camden Street, and if so, whether such planning permission is in place.

Reply:

As this is a Dublin City Council initiative provided on a temporary basis as a convenience to the public in order to prevent public urination no planning permission is required.

Q.27 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if there are any additional measures that could be introduced to improve the awareness of the one way system on Pleasants Street, Dublin 8, to help reduce traffic illegally turning left onto Pleasants Street from Heytesbury Street and using this as a rat run in the mornings.

Reply:

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.28 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can please fix the potholes on the stretch of Donnybrook Road between Brendan Road and Victoria as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected Donnybrook Road between Brendan Road and Victoria Avenue. No potholes were noted in this area. Please clarify the exact location of the potholes, if they are not included in the two defects below?

1. A sink in the road surface was noted around 3 water valves, this was forwarded to Irish Water/drainage Dept for their inspection and repair.
2. A minor pothole was noted on the Donnybrook Road alongside the Tesco in the inbound lane which has been added to our works programme for repair.

Q.29 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager to consider a ban on skateboarding in Barnardo Square in the interest of public safety.

Reply:

The Parks and Open Spaces Bye-laws 2002 state:

"No person shall cycle or use any skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, or other vehicle in any park or open space except on such routes and in such places as may be designated by the council for that purpose."

There are also other anti-social behaviour issues which are ongoing at Barnardo Square.

The Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department and the South East Area Office have met on site to investigate and discuss the ongoing anti-social behaviour issues at Barnardo Sq. There is no doubt that these issues are present and causing difficulties to local residents and visitors to the area.

The Gardaí are aware of the constant anti-social behaviour in this area and do monitor it regularly. The area is cleaned on a daily basis.

The South East Area Office will continue to work proactively with the Gardaí and others to address these issues.

Q.30 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can remove one of the planters from the island on Donnybrook Road in between Auburn Avenue and Victoria Avenue as local elderly residents are finding it difficult to cross the road here as there is no room to stand on the island.

Reply:

These planters were supplied by the South East Area Office working in conjunction with the Donnybrook Tidy Towns Committee. They will be inspected over the next week as regards the safety of the general public and action taken as necessary.

Q.31 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager whether there are further works planned for the triangle of land at the junction of St Broc's Cottages and Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook and is she can outline what long term maintenance plans are in place for this land.

Reply:

The green triangle area at the above location has been upgraded by the South East Area office with the support of the residents association and as part of that support the residents agreed that they would maintain this area into the future.

Q.32 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can please replace the tree outside number 37 Heytesbury Street, Dublin 8.

Reply:

This tree will be replaced during the next planting season January / February 2016.

Q.33 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she could please introduce individual parking boxes on Lennox Street, Dublin 8, as a measure to improve parking systems on the street.

Reply:

Dublin City Council does not delineate individual parking bays on-street for residential parking schemes. By their very nature residential parking areas are usually occupied 24 hours a day. As a result it would be virtually impossible to arrange to have a whole street cleared of parking in order to delineate individual bays. The Council does not have the resources or indeed spare parking capacity to arrange for this at a time which suits the line marking contractors. The current practice of a continuous line delineating the parking areas has been found to be the most efficient way of marking these areas as same can be carried out with vehicles in situ and avoids the need for multiple repeat visits by the contractors to complete the road markings. In addition the marking of spaces in this manner is more economic than marking individual spaces.

Q.34 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair a dangerous pothole on the Merrion Road, on the stretch of road between Merrion Church and the Merrion gates. The pothole lies on

the road outside No. 266 Merrion Road. It is in a very bad way and is causing cars to swerve to avoid it, which is dangerous.

Reply:

The pot hole will be kept under review and kept filled in until we can make arrangements to investigate the cause with a dig. The area will be permanently reinstated as soon as is possible following this investigation.

Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to implement any measures which Dublin City Council (as opposed to the Gardaí) can to require greater compliance with red traffic lights at the junction of Mount Street Lower and Merrion Square East? Cars often break the lights at this junction with the majority travelling from the direction of Merrion Square East onto Holles Street, which is most alarming due to the proximity of the junction to the Maternity Hospital.

Reply:

The Enforcement of Red Light Violation is a matter for An Garda Síochána. However Dublin City Council have been concerned regarding ongoing violations and so undertook a joint project with AGS to install a number of Red Light Running automated enforcement cameras in Dublin City. The first of these will be connected to the Garda enforcement system and be operational in the next number of weeks. Once this is in place and operating satisfactorily then a review will take place to determine where additional cameras should be located.

Q.36 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the appalling lack of visibility for cars when exiting Dermot O'Hurley Avenue (Stella Gardens), Irishtown, Dublin 4. At present due to cars parked right up to the junction it is extremely difficult to see oncoming traffic, and extremely dangerous.

Reply:

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.37 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager for a full report on the flood defence works programme along the Dodder at Anglesea Road, and to bring about a faster rate of progress, in circumstances where local residents are concerned and frustrated at the pace of works.

Reply:

As local residents have pointed out, the original programme of works for the Lower Dodder from Lansdowne Road Railway Bridge to the Smurfit Weirs on Beaver Row has fallen significantly behind its original programme for a large number of reasons.

Virtually none of the existing river estuary walls, most of which are over 100 years old, have proven to have the capability of resisting the design tidal and river flood levels. Currently one or two wall collapses occur on the Dodder River every year which is an unfortunate testament that the design life of many of the existing walls having been exceeded. This and very poor ground conditions in general has created a significant amount of extra work. Rather than stopping and resourcing design, resources and funding; the City Council and the Office of Public Works (OPW) has progressed with new designs, re-designs, as well as increasing resources and funding. Flooding of the river and tidal restrictions are another cause of delay.

Significant reductions in work speed are also due to Inland Fisheries and National Parks and Wildlife statutory restrictions which reduce possible work periods in order to preserve wildlife and the environment in the area, as far as is reasonably possible.

The OPW work force has doubled this year to combat to some degree this extra workload. Most of this work is subject to reasonable weather and ground conditions.

The current programme is for:-

The embankment construction in the Licence Vintners, Hazeldene, Merrion Cricket Club and Leinster Rugby Grounds is scheduled between May and July 2015.

The concrete flood wall in Herbert Park is currently under construction.

The new flood wall beside Herbert Park Hotel is currently under Construction.

Flood wall in Somerset and Dunluce May-June 2015.

Flood embankment in Somerset and Dunluce July – August 2015.

RDS flood wall piles Q3 2015. RDS masonry flood wall Q4 2014.

Ulster Bank to Oval Shopping Centre underpinning and new flood wall May to December 2015.

Q.38 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to progress the housing application of *details supplied in circumstances where the applicant is depressed, has an 18 month old daughter, and is living in a room with five people.

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is listed for housing Area M (Pearse St. / Ringsend). She is residing in a two bedroom flat and is listed in band two in recognition of the overcrowding. Unfortunately, the applicant is currently in 198th position as she is a relatively recent applicant on the social housing waiting list.

Q.39 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the situation of *details supplied in circumstances where the applicant is located in a flat where the tenant in the flat above has repeatedly flooded the applicant's flat, including in late April 2015, and is a source of extremely anti-social behaviour, with the result that the applicant is seriously depressed.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer will make arrangements to have this flat inspected. There is no record of the maintenance incidents referred to on our Anite computer system.

Q.40 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the footpath repairs due throughout St. Alban's Park, and in particular, to repair as a matter of urgency the stretch of footpath outside 27 - 27A St. Alban's Park.

Reply:

Works have been completed on the footpaths in 29 – 35 and also outside no. 72 St. Alban's Park.

The remainder of the works will be completed by a contractor when they have been appointed.

The footpath works outside no. 27 – 27A have been added to our works programme, however due to a lack of resources, the contractor may complete these works if they are in the area prior to our crews.

Q.41 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager is it correct that spraying of rat prevention material at Sandymount Strand was stopped and if so what the reason was for this, and further to ask the Area Manager to take immediate action to address the drastic rat problem on Sandymount Strand at present.

Reply:

The Parks and Landscape Services Division operate a continuous controlled system of rat control at this location.

Q.42 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to investigate measures to resolve the dangerous and unsatisfactory situation for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicular traffic (in particular, pedestrians) at the intersections of Sandymount Road, Seafort Terrace and Sandymount Green (the Spar / Sandymount House - Ryan's pub / AIB junction on the northern side of Sandymount Green).

Reply:

A request for traffic calming on Sandymount Road at the intersection with Seafort Terrace and Sandymount Green has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.43 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager for a report on the leasing of the council premises at 4 Scarlet Row, Essex Street West, Dublin 8, including a breakdown of the criteria used to decide on the appropriate tenant, and to ask if priority will be given to a cultural / heritage venture given the location.

Reply:

The Temple-Bar DCC project team engaged a commercial agent to begin marketing this property in January 2015. Interest in this unit was slow to develop with an initial enquiry from an IT company, which was refused primarily on the basis of its unsuitability to the area.

The unit was brought back to the market in February 2015 and at the end of this marketing period two further proposals were received. These proposals were then assessed primarily on their suitability to the Area by the City Valuer's office

A recommendation was then made by the City Council's Valuer's office and the board of directors (Temple Bar Cultural Trust) approved this recommendation. The company's law agents were subsequently instructed to draft a lease and complete all related administrative issues. We are happy to talk with the unsuccessful bidder with regard to future opportunities that may arise in the area.

Q.44 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the extremely damaged and broken stretch of footpath on Tara Street immediately after turning left onto Tara Street from the

quays. This footpath is very badly damaged and subject to very heavy levels of footfall every day.

Reply:

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath on Tara Street. This footpath has been added to our works programme for repair.

These repairs will be carried out once a crew become available in the neighbouring area.

Q.45 Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Area Manager to look at the possibility of using planter boxes (possibly with bicycle parking bars attached) or planting trees along the non parking side of St. Kevin's Road, Portobello, Dublin 8 as a method of slowing down traffic instead of the more costly and visually less attractive speed ramps.

Reply:

The request to examine the area for traffic calming on St. Kevin's Road has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.46 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager about the motivation behind a possible change in council policy. It has been suggested that, previously, the Council's policy was not to disturb the status quo in circumstances such as those which recently arose on Palmerston Gardens in the absence of a 'clear, significant, majority' (i.e. larger than a single vote or fraction of a vote). Is this an accurate opinion? If so, what has brought about a change in the case of Palmerston Gardens - why was there intervention in the absence of the usual unified position?

Reply:

The Executive Manager, Environment & Transportation Department will present a verbal report to the Committee meeting.

Q.47 Councillor Kate O'Connell

Can the Area Manager please provide a full update on the latest status of the Palmerston Gardens parking situation.

Reply:

The Executive Manager, Environment & Transportation Department will present a verbal report to the Committee meeting.

Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager carry out a full review and assessment of all street furniture on Exchequer Street and Wicklow Street? Many traders here are seeking street furniture licences particularly around the summer time in order to attract business. There would appear to be great inconsistency in the policy with regards the permissions of such permits.

Reply:

Dublin City Council Roads and Traffic Department recommends a minimum pedestrian clearance of 1.8m on public footpaths, for high volumes of pedestrians, a width of 1.8m is considered insufficient and would cause difficulties for vulnerable road users and would result in pedestrians stepping on to the roadway.

The Planning Department has reported that the placing of tables and chairs on Exchequer St and Wicklow St is not in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area by reason that the reduction in the width of the pavement along these streets would be contrary to the objectives of Dublin City Council for pedestrian routes, to provide for footpath widening on all city centre footpaths with heavy pedestrian traffic. (Paragraph 8.9.0 of the Dublin City Development Plan, 1999).

Wicklow Street is designated as a “Pedestrian and Heritage Route” - (Appendix 1c Route 7) within the Dublin City Development Plan 1999. This route commences in Nassau Street/Trinity College to Dublin Castle via Wicklow Street, Andrew Street and Dame Lane. It is the objective of Dublin City Council to prioritise a cycle/pedestrian scheme at this location.

Taking into account the volume of pedestrian traffic at this location, and the policies of Dublin City Council to develop Pedestrian Priority Routes and Heritage Ways – which are physically attractive, accessible and to provide for footpath widening on all city centre footpaths, it is considered that the placing of tables and chairs on Wicklow Street would significantly reduce the width of the footpath along this “Category 1” Principal Shopping Street restricting the pedestrian movement at this location and would be contrary to the objective paragraph 8.9.0 and Appendix 1c of the Dublin City Development Plan, 1999.

Regarding Exchequer St it is the opinion of the Planning Authority that some of the proposals have been at odds with the design guidelines for shop fronts (section 4(i)) and would be out of keeping with the architectural character of the area and detract from established shop fronts. Applications have been refused to avoid setting a precedent for this Architectural Conservation Area which is incompatible with the overall character of the area therefore contrary to Section 6 Street Furniture objective of the South City Retail Quarter Architectural Conservation Area.

Furthermore, it is the opinion of the Planning Authority that the subject footpath is located in the South City Retail Core and heavily pedestrianised on a daily basis. There would result a conflict between patrons of premises with street furniture and the general public along this section of public footpath, which would be compounded by wheelchair users and parents with prams. The general public would be forced to share the carriageway with vehicles.

Therefore applications have been refused by reason of setting a precedent for this Architectural Conservation Area which is incompatible with the overall character of the area therefore contrary to Section 6 Street Furniture objective of the South City Retail Quarter Architectural Conservation Area, inadequate footpath width, inadequate circulation space and resultant traffic hazard.

Applications on Wicklow Street

Application Year	Premises	No.	Decision
1996	Café Rio	17	Refused
1996	Sweater Shop	9	Refused
2003	Cornucopia	19	Refused

2004	Trent Uno	31	Refused
2007	Café Leon	17	Refused
2007	A.K.A	6	Refused
2014	Mary's Bar	6	Refused
2003/14/15	International Bar	23	Refused

Applications on **Exchequer Street**

Application Year	Premises	No.	Decision
2000	Flora Flower shop	34	Granted (Display racks)
2002	Olesya's	18	Refused
2003	Old Stand		Refused (Private Landing here)
2006	Boulevard Cafe	27	Refused
2007	Fallon & Byrne	11	Refused
2007	The Green Hen	33	Refused
2010	The Exchequer	2	Refused

Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue an update regarding my request to have the phone boxes outside of Dunnes Stores on George's Street removed? These phone boxes along with many others in the city centre area have become synonymous with anti social behaviour and drug use as well as being used as open lavatories. It would appear that Eircom are simply using these phone boxes for advertising purposes. The phone boxes at George's Street are of particular concern as they are used constantly during the day by individuals engaged in intravenous drug use.

Reply:

In accordance with the removal criteria set out in Section 4.1 of *Provision of Public Payphones Universal Service: Scope and Designation (ComReg 14/69) July 2014*, Dublin City Council requested that the public payphones outside Dunnes Stores on Georges Street be removed on the grounds of anti-social behaviour. This removal will be carried out by Eircom subject to consultation by Dublin City Council with the Homeless Section, whose customers use Eircom public payphones to access beds.

Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager examine the possibility of removing a street pole on Wicklow Street outside the Green Hen Restaurant? This pole is a regular spot where bicycles are parked and as a result many pedestrians are tripping up over the bikes and injuring themselves. Can this pole be relocated to a more appropriate location?

Reply:

The traffic officer has advised that the "pole" in question has a 'Clearway' sign on it. If it were to be removed it would diminish the statutory signage in the immediate vicinity.

This pole is for a statutory "Loading Bay" sign and therefore cannot be removed.

Q.51 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report as to how many sand bags have been issued for flood prevention measures in the South East Area? How many of these bags have been returned? Also the overall cost of these measures? Also can we have an overall assessment of the effectiveness and deployment of these sandbags during high flood alerts?

Reply:

There are two locations in the South East Area where sandbags are made available during a potential high tide, Strand Road in Sandymount and Stella Gardens in Ringsend.

At Stella Gardens, two pallets are dropped in the green area opposite the houses for use by the residents at a cost of €270. These are not returned and it is the responsibility of the householders to dispose of them. Dublin City Council (DCC) also deploys one tonne sandbags at this location at a cost of €27 each. These are removed by DCC, and stored for future use.

At Strand Road, there are six containers, which are opened prior to a high tide, for use by the residents. The cost of stocking these containers is €3,500. During an event, these containers are emptied by the residents. These sandbags are generally not returned, save for a few dumped beside the containers after the events. If the bags are wet, they are of no use. It is the responsibility of the householders to dispose of these bags. Again, one tonne bags are deployed by DCC at these locations, and are removed post the event.

As you are aware DCC has a sandbag policy:

<http://dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/WaterWasteEnvironment/WasteWater/Documents/DCCSandbagPolicy.pdf>

DCC has not carried out any study on the effectiveness of sandbags, but it is our opinion, that they are only useful when it is marginal as to whether a property will get flooded or not. DCC would encourage all property owners in susceptible area to invest in flood defences.

The Pitt Review in the UK carried out a detailed study after flooding in 2007. It came to the conclusion that to properly protect a property, approximately 30 sand bags would be needed per property.

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100807034701/http://archive.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/pittreview/thepittreview/final_report.html

Q.52 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards the length of time it takes for an examination to be carried out with regards to the granting of an order of 'protected structure' of a building. There would appear to be an undue delay in furnishing this committee with reports and updates on such requests by city councillors.

Reply:

There is no specific time period for the preparation of a report to an Area Committee on a request from an Elected Member to add a structure to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The preparation timescale is dependent on the workload of the Conservation Section, the expertise required and the resources available. There is no

distinction made between any of the Area Committees in terms of reporting by the Conservation Section.

The Conservation Team, within the Section (which also includes archaeology and heritage), has the following professional resources:

- Assistant Conservation Officer – currently full-time on development management (planning applications) since the beginning of the year.
- Senior Executive Planner (Conservation) – assigned to conservation policy including the preparation and review of ACAs; currently full-time assigned to drafting the conservation and heritage policy background papers and the relevant chapter for the new Development Plan.
- Two Conservation Research Officers – assigned to Section 5 (exempted development) applications on protected structures, outstanding reports on errors in the existing RPS, research and drafting of proposed Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) and liaison and geo-referencing (mapping accuracy) recommendations for additions to the RPS arising from the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) survey of Dublin City.

As Team Leader, I am responsible for workload management, project development and implementation, and report and project supervision across the Section, including archaeology and heritage.

Where expertise and resources are available within the team, a report on a proposal to add a structure to the RPS can be prepared within 6 - 8 weeks, depending on the nature of the structure and the research required.

In other cases, especially in relation to more unique structures or certain 20th Century structures, a consultant conservation architect and/or architectural historian must be procured (in accordance with Departmental requirements) and a brief prepared. For these proposals, the research required may be considerable and wide ranging and the preparation of the consultant's report may take 4 to 6 months, after commencement (site inspection etc.). This report then requires review and, often clarification, prior to the making of a written recommendation to the Assistant Chief Executive. This is the case, for example, in relation to the proposal regarding the ESB chimneys at Poolbeg.

At present, there is an existing outstanding backlog of 152 additions and deletions to the RPS which have arisen since 2012 (including more recent requests), as well as 62 identified outstanding errors in the existing RPS. The Conservation Section are prioritising the 62 errors and 18 priority new additions (from the backlog), in order to ensure that the RPS for the new Development Plan is as up-to-date as possible. However, this means that the two Conservation Research Officers are committed for the rest of the year in terms of RPS work.

Unfortunately, there are at present no professional resources available to the Conservation Section to undertake further research and prepare reports on requests by any Elected Members in any Committee Area regarding additions to the RPS.

Q.53 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report and update on the progress of the Chocolate Factory Park at Docklands?

Reply:

A new master plan landscape design has just been completed for Chocolate Park, which involved public consultation locally at both pre-design and draft design stage. Now that this is complete, Dublin City Council (DCC) is moving ahead with the next stage of the project. The next steps are (i) a safety audit of the feature play element and (ii) the preparation of a Part 8 planning application to be presented to the council so that this new master plan is granted permission. Both of these steps are being put in train at present.

The Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA) continues to seek the handover of the ownership of a portion of the park that is associated with the Butlers Court development. We are awaiting a response at present from the legal teams representing the owners and the management company. Rather than wait until ownership of this portion of the Park is with DDDA or DCC, it was decided to keep the project moving so that all design work and permissions needed run concurrent to the legal transfer.

In relation to the delivery of the Park, the approach to implementing the Park is being reconsidered to reflect the fact that the second half of the Park which falls within the site of the Reveal Developments Ltd permission has now been granted. The opportunity may now exist for the entire park to be delivered in one piece rather than DCC proceeding with the easternmost half as a first phase, which would significantly reduce costs. It is intended to approach the developer to explore this possibility once the Part 8 is in place.

The complexity of this project, including the need to proceed with a Part 8 and if the option of delivering all of the park presents itself, which was not originally envisaged, means that the delivery timeframe has been extended. Once clarity on timelines and implementation is available an update report will be given to the Committee.

Q.54 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how much revenue has been generated by the hiring of the city hall for social events? And also, can moves be made to reopen the city hall during the summer months on Sundays? Many tourists are visiting the city at weekends and City Hall has been closed on Sundays for a number of years now. It is time to make this facility available to the tourists and the citizens at least during the summer months, on Sundays.

Reply:

In 2014 City Hall hosted 48 events and 70 civil partnership, civil ceremonies and humanist ceremonies. The revenue generated was €65,274 and €50,820 respectively.

It is difficult to establish the demand for Sunday opening. It is also difficult to correlate the costs associated with this additional opening with the benefits gained by visitors to the City. It is proposed that as a pilot City Hall will open on Sundays from 11am to 5pm for the month of June 2015. A detailed record of visitors will be maintained and this information will be used to form a value based decision on future viability of Sunday opening. This additional opening will be advertised on social media, through links with other tourist attractions and through tourist accommodation throughout the City.

Q.55 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to investigate dog fouling at the back of Bride Street Lane, dogs left roaming, alert residents that this is not acceptable.

Reply:

Arrangements will be put in place to detail Dog Wardens and Litter Wardens to patrol Bride Street Lane and to distribute Green Dog Walker post cards which informs dog owners of their responsibilities re dog fouling.

Q.56 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to have graffiti painted over on walls at Digges Street flats and O' Carroll Villas flats.

Reply:

The graffiti has been painted over at this location.

Q.57 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to investigate why *details supplied have been refused transfer in the York Street area on three different occasions. This couple has been waiting a long time for their family to be transferred to suitable accommodation. I realise that there is a system in place, but the couple feels their family have been overtaken in the queue for these flats due to the length of time other families have been waiting etc.

Reply:

The applicants (details supplied) are currently listed on band two of the transfer list in 58th position for two bed accommodation. The applicants are in regular contact with the Allocations Section regarding two bed properties that do become available in the area. They have not been refused a transfer of accommodation but have not yet been reached for such an offer.

On occasion, it is possible to consider tenants or housing applicants already residing within a specific flat complex for vacancies that do become available, however, applicants are still selected based on their length of time on the waiting list.

The applicant's interest in being considered for arising vacancies in the complex has been noted. While it is not possible to give a definitive timescale on when they will be made an offer, the family will be accommodated in their area of preference when such an offer becomes possible.

Q.58 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to investigate a lady ***details supplied** that is staying in Novis House in Finglas. This lady has been a long time homeless and in desperate need of accommodation. She is 6 months pregnant and will end up back on the streets with her new baby if nothing is done to secure permanent accommodation for her.

Reply:

This question has been referred to the North West Area Office for a reply, which will be issued directly to the Councillor.

Q.59 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to resolve the following issue on Lombard Street West *details supplied and to provide an update on the request for bollards to protect the footpath at this point.

Reply:

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.60 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager for an update on the closure of the temporary homeless hostel at the rear of the old Camden Hall Hostel.

Reply:

The Dublin local authorities are experiencing an unprecedented demand for emergency accommodation for singles and families, which has resulted in the need to retain all capacity that is currently in place, to open additional capacity where feasible and to use hotels to provide an emergency response.

Over the period Q1, 2014 to Q1 2015, there have been an additional 681 adult individuals accessing emergency accommodation across the Dublin region. This is a 30% increase in capacity over the year.

The homeless service at the rear of the old Camden Hall Hostel will remain open for the foreseeable future, in order to provide an emergency response to persons in need.

Q.61 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to tackle ongoing anti-social behaviour issues in Bernardo Square.

Report:

The Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department and the South East Area Office have met on site to investigate and discuss the ongoing anti-social behaviour issues at Barnardo Sq. There is no doubt that these issues are present and causing difficulties to local residents and visitors to the area.

The Gardaí are aware of the constant anti-social behaviour in this area and do monitor it regularly. The area is cleaned on a daily basis.

The South East Area Office will continue to work proactively with the Gardaí and others to address these issues.

Q.62 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to repaint the parking lines on Desmond Street, Portobello, Dublin 8, as they were removed during recent road works.

Report:

This location will be inspected, if renewal is required, it will be listed and tasked for reinstatement.

Q.63 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the following issue (details supplied):

Reply:

The Enforcement of Red Light Violation is a matter for An Garda Síochána. However Dublin City Council have been concerned regarding ongoing violations and so undertook a joint project with AGS to install a number of Red Light Running automated enforcement cameras in Dublin City. The first of these will be connected to the Garda enforcement system and be operational in the next number of weeks. Once this is in place and operating satisfactorily then a review will take place to determine where additional cameras should be located.

Q.64 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to address the problem with dumping at the following location: On the other side of the Sean Moore roundabout onto the toll bridge from my house there is a massive amount of waste dumped behind concrete bollards. I believe these bollards were erected by the council to prevent a group of travellers who had been living there to move back. I walk that section of the road frequently on my way to the South Wall and over the last 6 months the situation has remained the same. Large quantities of rubbish dumped and half burnt behind the bollards.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the build up of dumped rubbish removed from this location at a few different times during the year.

Q.65 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the issues raised in the following email *details supplied.

Reply:

The macadam repairs on the modular pavements on Pembroke Street Upper and on the carriageway on the Merrion Road are temporary. Dublin City Council's (DCC'S) policy is to get the utility that carries out the dig to return the opening to us to carry out the permanent reinstatement. The utility pays DCC to carry out this work. Work on modular pavements requires skilled tradesmen and we can better control the quality of the works carried out by doing it ourselves. The utility is required to return any antique granite to DCC so it can be reused during the course of the permanent reinstatement. With asphalt roads and in-situ concrete footpaths utility companies can carry out the permanent reinstatement themselves - these permanent reinstatements are inspected by DCC inspectors to ensure the works are carried out to the required standard.

Some of these sites have been returned to DCC for permanent reinstatement and those that are not will be. We have a back log of openings to permanently reinstate at present. The permanent reinstatements are prioritised depending on their severity. These works are on our list of works to be carried out. We will carry out the works as soon as we can make the necessary arrangements.

Q.66 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to consider installing a pedestrian crossing across the Harold's Cross Road at the intersection of the south side of Brighton Avenue and Harold's Cross Road.

Reply:

The request for a pedestrian crossing on Harold's Crossing Road at the junction with Brighton Square has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.67 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive - with reference to the 'Young People Leaving State Care Joint Working Protocol between Tusla, the Child and Family Agency and Housing Authorities' - when was this protocol adopted by the Council and how many young persons have been supported to complete a Housing Needs Assessment in advance of their 18th birthday since that date.

Reply:

A reply will be issued to the Councillor within two weeks.

Q.68 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether Oxford Road (particularly the end that leads onto the Ranelagh end at Charleston Road) can be cleaned more often.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have residential areas like Oxford Road cleaned on a twelve week cycle. We will ensure that the outlined part of this road receives particular attention during the course of this cleaning schedule.

Q.69 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether notification can be given to the owner of a house on Charleston Road (at the end of Oxford Road - on the left hand side) to have a tree which is protruding from the back garden pruned back.

Reply:

A letter will be issued to the Resident of the house on the resident of the aforementioned house to prune back their tree.

Q.70 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether Terenure Road West can be resurfaced as it is in significant need of repair due to potholes (particularly up by the KCR end).

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to fill in the potholes as required. There are plans to upgrade the water mains on Terenure Road West. When these works are completed Road Maintenance Services will make arrangements to resurface Terenure Road West.

Q.71 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the overgrown trees between Nos. 41 and 75 Larkfield Grove, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6 can be pruned back as they have grown excessively and are overshadowing houses.

Reply:

The trees at this location were pruned in the last twelve month and it is considered that they not require additional pruning at this time.

Q.72 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the tarmacadam at the corner outside this person's (details supplied) home, which is heaving up due to the previous removal of trees (without removing the roots), can be replaced / resurfaced and whether the roots of the trees can be taken out. This area has become a trip hazard and has caused people to trip previously.

Reply:

Road Maintenance have inspected the footpath outside details supplied and added these repair works of the footpath to our works programme.

These works have been added as urgent however, the constituent advised the lifting is due to roots which are still growing which needs removal. Parks Department will be contacted with regard to this first prior to works being arranged and commencing.

Q.73 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether a traffic light with a right filter turn can be installed for traffic travelling down Parnell Road that wishes to turn right onto Harold's Cross Road at the junction by the canal (Robert Emmett Bridge).

Reply:

In relation to the above request, the Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting 29th April, 2014, reported that a review for a right turn only signal from Parnell Road on to Harold's Cross Road had been carried out. Due to the capacity on Harold's Cross Road, which is a major bus route into and out of the city, the Traffic Advisory Group reported that it is not possible to install a right turn only signal from Parnell Road as this would add a significant delay to the inbound and outbound traffic over the canal. The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend a right turn filter light at this location.

Q.74 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether an update as to any progress made re; traffic recommendations for Westmoreland Park in respect of continuing damage to property, breaches of delivery times and the recent tragic death of an individual can be issued to residents of Westmoreland Park, Dublin 6.

Reply:

Following a meeting between residents and Councillors earlier this year it was agreed to rescind the loading bay and replace it with double yellow lines, provide additional 'cul-de-sac' signage and request the provision of a name plate for Westmoreland Park. The area engineer has requested an update from each department involved with the provision of the agreed changes and will provide a more detailed update to the Councillor as soon as possible.

Q.75 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive if The Dublin City Age Friendly Alliance has concluded the Older People Remaining at Home (OPRAH) project and if so what were the findings and recommendations; to ask the Chief Executive if those findings have been sent to senior managers within the HSE in Dublin for consideration when planning supports for older people such as the Meals on Wheels scheme which is in need of a significant funding allocation.

Reply:

OPRAH (Older People Remaining at Home) is a research action project which is in the last six months of the pilot phase. It is a national project implemented within the Age Friendly Cities & Counties Programme by Age Friendly Ireland and not the Dublin City Age Friendly Alliance. The HSE are represented on Age Friendly Ireland's Executive Committee, which will be provided with a copy of the findings and recommendations of the project when they are available.

Q.76 Councillor Chris Andrews

Are Dublin City Council residents allowed to install CCTV / recording devices inside their property and have it faced towards communal areas such as the entrance to stair wells?

Reply:

Under Section 14 of the Tenancy Agreement it states:

"The tenant shall not be at liberty to erect any aerial or hang or place any fixtures on the exterior of the premises without the written consent of the Council".

There are no regulations in the tenancy agreement preventing tenants from having CCTV in their apartments.

Q.77 Councillor Chris Andrews

To ask the Manager about fixing large potholes filling with water in the Mount Tallant area. These have been brought to my attention by several residents who are very concerned. Can the Manager provide an outline of when these roads will be repaired?

Reply:

Road Maintenance inspected Mount Tallant Avenue. No large potholes were noted in this area. Please clarify the exact location of the potholes, if they are not included in the two defects below?

1. Two sinks in the concrete road outside No. 82 and 69.
2. A minor pothole was noted outside No. 2 Mount Tallant Avenue and No. 8 Cedar Court.

The above minor repairs will be added to our Work Programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

To the Chair and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Report on the processing of TAG items / traffic service requests

At the May meeting of the South East Area Committee, Councillors requested a report on the operation of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) system and the possible causes of increasing delays in processing traffic service requests.

The two main issues affecting the current status of the TAG requests are the increased volume of requests and staff resources.

A full review of the TAG system, including workforce planning is currently underway.

It is intended to submit a comprehensive report to the September meeting of this committee.

Brian White
Acting Executive Manager

To the Chair and Members of the
South East Area Committee

**Further Report on the establishment of a
Community Gain Liaison Committee and Community Gain Fund in association with
the Waste to Energy Project, Ringsend, Dublin 4.**

Further to my report to the Committee on the 9th February 2015, I wish to advise you of progress made to date in the establishment of the Community Gain Liaison Committee (CGLC) and Fund:

Membership:

The committee shall comprise ten members having an independent chairperson, three local community representatives, three elected members of Dublin City Council, two officials of Dublin City Council and one representative from the operators of the waste to energy facility.

The Independent Chair

The Chief Executive has appointed Peter McLoone as independent Chairperson of the CGLC. Peter has considerable experience on various boards, committees and agencies in a variety of organisations and sectors. He has accepted the appointment and the Terms of Reference issued to him and will receive an annual allowance of €15,000 for his role as Independent Chairperson, which is within the departmental guidelines and which will be funded from the Community Gain Fund.

Three Local Community Representatives

An Assessment Panel comprising the Chair, the Lord Mayor and the Executive Manager, Environment & Transportation Department will meet shortly to assess the applications received for membership of the committee from the following sectors:

(i) community / voluntary / disadvantage (ii) education / sports / art / culture / environment and (iii) business. The Panel will nominate one group from each sector following which the Chief Executive will appoint the three community representatives.

Three Elected Representatives

The three elected representatives have been selected by the South East Area Committee (SEAC) at its meeting on the 9th March. The SEAC has agreed that the following three Councillors will sit on the CGLC from March 2015 to April 2017:

Cllr. Chris Andrews

Cllr. Claire Byrne

Cllr. Kieran Binchy

The following three Councillors will sit on the CGLC from May 2017 to May 2019:

Cllr. Dermot Lacy

Cllr. Frank Kennedy

Cllr. Paddy McCartan

Two Officials of Dublin City Council

The Chief Executive has appointed the South East Area Manager and the Senior Executive Officer, Environment & Transportation Department to the CGLC.

One Representative from the Operator of the facility

Covanta has appointed its General Manager, John Daly to the committee.

When the community representatives are appointed, it is the intention of the Chair to convene the first meeting of the CGLC.

Establishment of Community Gain Fund:

The Fund is in place and the contractor has lodged €2.1m to date. The next lodgement is due on the 31st July 2015 in the amount of €1,157,480.

Monitoring Role:

The CGLC will also act as a liaison committee with the local community in relation to ongoing monitoring of the construction and operation of the facility. Once established, the CGLC will receive regular environmental reports and progress reports on construction.

Declan Wallace
Executive Manager

To the Chair and Members of the
South East Area Committee

(a) Planning and Development Act 2000 & Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (Part 8)
(b) Local Government Act 2001

In compliance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, I hereby notify you that it is proposed to carry out the following development:

Proposed Enhancement Works at Ranelagh Gardens Park

(A) The Site

Ranelagh Gardens Park is a small public park (approximately 1ha) located adjacent to Ranelagh village. It contains a pond with surrounding amenity landscape of a somewhat secluded character, but highly accessible to the surrounding residential areas at Northbrook and Chelmsford avenues.

(B) The Proposal

The proposed works are:

1. The upgrade of the main entrance area from Ranelagh Road, consisting of an upgraded surface, new entrance sign, lighting, interpretation, artwork and refurbishment of an existing entrance gate.
2. The provision of a new children's playground.
3. The provision of a bird garden zone, consisting of new bird and bat boxes, and a birdsong interpretation feature.
4. Undertaking pond edge works, consisting of re-grading of the southern edge, provision of railings to the western end, provision of a re-aligned path and new planting.
5. The upgrade of the path between the Northbrook Avenue and Temple Place entrances.
6. The upgrade of pavement at the Richard Crosbie sculpture and installation of an interpretation plaque.
7. The provision of an outdoor gym.
8. The upgrading of existing entrances onto Northbrook Park and park seating.

It is anticipated that the works will commence in Autumn/Winter 2015 and take approximately 12 months to complete.

(C) Submissions

13 third party submissions were received as follows:

1. David Newman Johnson, 11 Chelmsford Avenue, Ranelagh.
2. Mary Donnelly, 17 Northbrook Road, Ranelagh.
3. Yvonne McCabe, 7 Northbrook Avenue, Ranelagh.

4. Donal Donnelly on behalf of Northbrook Avenue Community Group, 37 Northbrook Avenue.
5. Geraldine Griffin, 11 Northbrook Avenue, Ranelagh.
6. Niamh Donnelly, 79 Northbrook Avenue, Ranelagh.
7. Christopher Grace, 14 Ranelagh Close, Ranelagh.
8. Kiely Harrington, 14 Sallymount Avenue, Ranelagh.
9. Aoibhinn Marie Gilroy, Shiva Productions, 5 Oakley Square, Ranelagh.
10. Florence Kearney, 16 Ranelagh Close.
11. Caitriona MacGuinness, 30 Chelmsford Road.
12. Maureen Kane, 15 Ranelagh Close.
13. Pauline O'Reagan, 8 Barton Court, Dundrum.

The main issue raised is the development of a playground. 7 submissions objected to the playground with the key concern that it will cause noise nuisance due to the intensification of use of the park. This is raised as a particular concern by residents of Ranelagh Close Senior Citizens Complex. Other objections are based on the impact the proposals will have on the character of the park by the impact of the physical works required to install the playground, including the removal of a soil mound, the potential loss of biodiversity and the potential limiting impact on the use of the park for cultural events.

Six submissions, including a submission on behalf of the Northbrook Avenue Community Group, which included a petition signed by approximately 200 people and an online petition, favour the development of a playground on the basis of the demonstrated need for the facility and that the additional activity will improve safety and discourage anti-social activity. A number of these submissions raised an issue that the playground should be designed for children up to the age of 12.

The other issues raised were:

Concern that the provision of the outdoor gym's physical impact and that it might attract anti-social activity.

The need or value of the bird garden.

The appropriateness of the proposed signage and lighting at the main entrance

The need to upgrade footpaths, provide litterbins and address anti-social activity is of general concern.

The omission of proposals for the Chelmsford Road entrance.

In response to the main issue of the playground:

It is demonstrated that there is a demand and that the park serves as an excellent accessible location for this provision. The provision is supported by Dublin City Development Plan Policy GC33: *To provide children's playgrounds to an appropriate standard of amenity, safety, and accessibility and to create safe and accessible places for socializing and informal play and for connecting with nature and art, having regard to Dublin City Council Policy on Children's Play.* The location is proposed on an area containing an existing soil mound which when removed will visually open up this end of the park and enhance the experience of entering the park from the main Ranelagh Road entrance. The play area is relatively small and by designing it for younger children it will have less noise nuisance. In conclusion it is considered that the playground can coexist with residential development while providing needed play opportunities in Ranelagh.

In response to the other issues raised:

The provision of an outdoor gym is an appropriate addition to this park as it provides active recreational opportunities for older members of the community and its provision is supported by Objective GCO29 of the Dublin city Development plan: *To encourage and facilitate the introduction of adult amenities in parks such as table tennis, outdoor gyms, basket ball courts, bowling greens etc.*

The addition of a bird garden is considered appropriate and acceptable as it adds both biodiversity value and interpretation value. Its addition is considered appropriate in this park, which attracts visitors to view the existing birdlife associated with the pond.

The enhancement of entrances is considered acceptable as it improves the identity of the park, welcomes visitors, as well as providing information on the park history and features. Proposals for the Chelmsford Avenue entrance may also be prepared by the Parks & Landscape Services Division.

The upgrading of footpaths, provision of new seating and general improvements all assist to improve the quality of parks. Upgrading and the provision of new recreational opportunities encourage greater use of the park resource by the local community, which in turn can help mitigate the presence of anti-social activities.

The Roads and Traffic Planning Division commented:

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements in the Code of Practice,

The Drainage Division commented:

That the developer shall comply with the greater Dublin Regional Code of practice for Drainage Works

That there is an existing public sewer , requiring a 3 meter clearance zone, its exact location to be determined prior to works commencement and that no additional loading on sewer is allowed and any damage to it shall be rectified at the developer's expense.

The development shall incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems in the management of storm-water as agreed with the drainage division prior to works commencement.

(D) Evaluation

The principle of enhancing this public park is in accordance with its Z9 zoning and supported by existing Development Plan policies. The proposed upgrading is to be welcomed as it addresses current issues in the park and creates new recreational opportunities.

The Planning Department considers the proposed development to be consistent with the policies and objectives of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 and in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable of development of the area and it is recommended, therefore, that the upgrading works to Ranelagh Gardens Park should proceed as proposed having regard to the following:

1. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Division and the Roads and Traffic Planning Division of Dublin City Council, in the interest of orderly and sustainable development.
2. Subject to the agreement of the Railway Procurement Agency, details of the proposed park entrance signage and lighting shall be agreed with the Planning Department prior to incorporation into the proposed development, in the interest of visual amenity.

This report will be submitted to the City Council pursuant to Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, subject to the provisions of Section 139 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Owen Keegan
Dublin City Chief Executive

**Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section
Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development Department**

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

Proposed amendments to the Record of Protected Structures

The following reports are due to be presented to the July City Council Meeting. In advance of that meeting, they are being circulated to the local area committee as a matter of courtesy. They have already been before the area committee prior to being publicly advertised.

1. City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 (proposed addition).
2. Bride Street New / Long Lane, Dublin 8, Former School (proposed deletion) and 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, House to now read 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, Former School (amendment).

**Paraic Fallon
Senior Planner**

**Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section
Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development Department**

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

Addition of City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

PHOTO OF STRUCTURE

See enclosed.

Procedure Followed

In accordance with the procedures set out in Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Dublin City Council indicated its intention to add **City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8** to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The proposed addition was advertised in the Irish Times on 26th March, 2015. The public display period was from 26th March, 2015 to 7th May, 2015, inclusive.

Request for Addition

- Conservation Section, Dublin City Council

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Addition

Conservation Section, Dublin City Council: During the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, it came to light that this surviving section of city wall at the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices was not on the RPS and it was recommended that it be included on the RPS. It is the only section of surviving upstanding city wall that is not already included in the RPS.

Dublin City Walls & Defences, Conservation Plan

Extract from Conservation Plan showing map with route of city wall and surviving upstanding sections (highlighted in red, yellow and pink).

Site Location & Zoning Map

See enclosed.

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

The approximate location of the city wall in the Wood Quay Venue at Civic Offices is highlighted in green.

Current Designations

National Monuments Acts and Amendment Acts 1930, 1954, 1987, 1994, 2004 & 2014

The City Walls and Defences are protected under the National Monuments Acts which protects the archaeological heritage. The Dublin City Walls and Defences Conservation Plan (2005) states that the monument is listed as a *composite group of individual designations in the Record of Monuments and Places. The 'Historic City' as a Zone of Archaeological*

Potential has the identity DU 018-02000, while elements of the walled circuit (just the towers and gateway sites) are each listed separately with a sequence of almost forty individual identities and numbers from DU 018-02001 through to DU 018-02039 (2005, 23).

Record of Protected Structures (2011-2017 Development Plan)

The existing upstanding sections of city wall, apart from the present section at Civic Offices, are also included in the Dublin City Record of Protected Structures.

RPS Ref No	Address	Description
2041	Cook Street, Dublin 8	City Wall and St. Audeon's Arch
2716	Exchange Street Lower/Essex Quay, Dublin 8	Base of mural tower (Isolde's)
4061	John Dillon Street, Dublin 8	The City Wall
4276	Lamb Alley, Dublin 8	The City Wall
6846	Power's Square, Dublin 8	City Wall
7390	Ross Road, Dublin 8	12th-century city wall, 13th-century city wall and 13th-century rectangular stone structure
7538	Ship Street Little, Werburgh Street to Austin's Gate, Dublin 8	City wall
7573	St. Augustine Street, Dublin 8	City wall
8457	Werburgh Street, Dublin 8	City wall as it survives above and below ground

Hiberno Norse (Viking) Wall

Under the rule of the Irish King Muirchertach Ua Briain who ruled Dublin for 40 years until AD 1115, the existing Norse defensive earthen banks (surmounted by timber palisade fencing) that protected the city gave way for a new rubble masonry wall, which enlarged almost threefold the previously defended area.

Of varied size and construction, the new masonry city wall was approximately 7 metres high and between 1.5 and 3 metres wide. Substantial refortification and alterations occurred in the 12th century, including the construction of the City Moat, a massive ditch up to 20m wide and 9m deep.

Two significant stretches of this phase of the north end of the city wall survive in a modern context along the south side of Cook Street (RPS 2041) and here in the Wood Quay Venue (currently not included on the RPS).

Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning & Development Act 2000

- Archaeological & Historical

Significance / NIAH Rating:

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for this area. The NIAH uses eight categories of special interest (architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of

International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS.

Using the NIAH System of rating, this structure is considered to be of Regional significance. These are structures or sites that make a significant contribution to the architectural heritage within their region or area.

Submissions / Objections Received

None

Meeting of the Area Committee

The proposed addition of the structure was brought forward to the South-East Area Committee on 9th March, 2015 where it was agreed by the elected members to initiate the procedure to add it to the RPS.

Recommendation to the City Council

In accordance with section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, it is recommended that **City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8** be added to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017.

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

Paraic Fallon
Senior Planner

Location of existing protected structures & proposed protected structures

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

The approximate location of the city wall in the Wood Quay Venue at Civic Offices is highlighted in green.

See map enclosed.

Photographs of City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8

See enclosed.

**Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section
Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development Department**

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

Deletion of Bride Street New / Long Lane, Dublin 8, Former School from the Record of Protected Structures and amendment of existing entry, 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, House to now read 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, Former School to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

PHOTO OF STRUCTURE

See enclosed.

Procedure Followed

In accordance with the procedures set out in Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Dublin City Council indicated its intention to delete **Bride Street New / Long Lane, Dublin 8, Former School and amend 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, House to now read 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, Former School** on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The proposed deletion/amendment was advertised in the Irish Times on 26th March, 2015. The public display period was from 26th March, 2015 to 7th May, 2015 inclusive.

Request for Deletion / Amendment

Conservation Section, Planning and Development Department, Dublin City Council.

During the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, it came to light that 17a Bride Street New was entered twice on the RPS (Ref. Nos. 862 & 863). It is recommended that this second entry be formally deleted from the Record of Protected Structures: *RPS Ref 863: Bride Street New/ Long Lane, Dublin 8 - Former School*. Furthermore the first entry refers to the building in question as *House*; therefore it is also recommended that the existing description in the RPS be amended to read *Former School*.

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Deletion/Amendment

During the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, it came to light that this building (17a Bride Street New) was entered twice into the RPS (RPS Ref 862 and 863). It is recommended that the second entry be formally deleted from the Record of Protected Structures: *RPS Ref 863: Bride Street New, Long Lane, Dublin 8, Former School*. Furthermore the first entry refers to the building in question as *House*; therefore it is also recommended that the existing description in the RPS be amended to read *Former School*.

Site Location & Zoning Map

See enclosed.

Extract from current RPS (2011-2017) showing double entry for same building

RPS Ref	Address	Description
862	17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8	House
863	Bride Street New/Long Lane, Dublin 8	Former School

Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning & Development Act 2000

- Architectural & Social

Significance / NIAH Rating:

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for this area. The NIAH identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS.

Using the NIAH System of rating this structure is considered to be of Regional significance. These are structures or sites that make a significant contribution to the architectural heritage within their region or area.

Submissions / Objections Received

None

Meeting of the Area Committee

The proposed deletion/amendment of the structure was brought forward to the South-East Area Committee on 9th February, 2015 where it was agreed by the elected members to initiate the procedure to delete/amend it from/to the RPS

Recommendation to the City Council

In accordance with section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, it is recommended that **Bride Street New / Long Lane, Dublin 8, Former School** be deleted from the Record of Protected Structures and **17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, House** be amended on the Record of Protected Structures to now read **17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, Former School** in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017.

The making of any deletion/amendment from/to the Record of Protected Structures is a reserved function of the City Council.

Paraic Fallon
Senior Planner

Photos:

See enclosed.

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

With reference to the proposed grant of 20 year lease in the Ground Floor and Basement, No. 17 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2 to Leafwell Limited c/o Niall Clerkin, Clerkin Lynch, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2.

By way of Indenture of Lease dated the 21st December 1995, the basement and ground floor of No. 17 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2 was demised by Dublin City Council to Emmet Young for a term of 20 years from the 1st March 1995 subject to an initial annual rent of €25,394.76 subject to a rent review at the end of every fifth year thereafter. The current passing rent is €54,000 per annum and the current lessee is Leafwell Limited.

The aforementioned Lease expired on 28th February 2015. Leafwell Limited has continued in occupation of the premises and has applied to Dublin City Council for the grant of a new lease.

It is proposed to grant a new lease of the basement & ground floor, No. 17 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2 outlined red and coloured pink on Map Index No. SM-2015-0624 to Leafwell Limited subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the demised premises comprises of the ground floor and basement of No.17 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2 which is more particularly shown outlined in red and coloured pink on Map Index No. SM2015-0624.
2. That Dublin City Council shall be prepared to grant a 20-year lease to Leafwell Limited, commencing on the 1st March 2015, with 5 yearly rent reviews by agreement. If no agreement is reached the matter shall be referred to arbitration.
3. That the lease will include a break option at year 10, for both parties, requiring six months notice in writing.
4. That the lease shall be on an internal repairing and insuring (I.R.I.) basis.
5. That the rent payable in respect of the first three years of the lease shall be the sum of €60,000 (sixty thousand euro) per annum and in respect of the 4th and 5th years of the term the rent shall be the sum of €65,000 (sixty five thousand euro) per annum.
6. The rent payable is exclusive of V.A.T. and all other outgoings and shall be payable quarterly in advance by direct debit mandate.
7. That the applicant shall be liable for all rates, taxes, charges and other outgoings including water and electricity, relating to the demised premises.
8. That the lessee shall have a right of way over the area shown coloured yellow on the attached copy map and a right in common with the first floor occupier to use the area coloured blue on the attached copy map.

9. That the applicant shall undertake to not use the property for any other purposes other than as a coffee shop / restaurant and bakery.
10. That the lessees shall be responsible for fully insuring the premises and shall indemnify Dublin City Council against any and all claims arising from its use of the premises. The lessees shall take out and produce to Dublin City Council Public Liability Insurance in the sum of €6,400,000 (six million, four hundred thousand euro) and Employer Liability Insurance in the sum of €13,000,000 (thirteen million euro) for any incident with a recognised Insurance Company with offices in the State and the policy shall indemnify the Council against all liability as owner of the property.
11. That the applicant shall not sublet or assign the lease without receiving the prior consent in writing of Dublin City Council, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
12. That the applicant shall meet each and every requirement of the City Council's Fire Officer and any Health and Safety Officer appointed by the Council, at all times. Failure to comply with this condition shall be a ground for forfeiture of the lease.
13. That each party shall be responsible for their own fees in this matter.
14. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

Paul Clegg
Executive Manager

**Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section
Planning & Development Department**

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

**Update regarding the request for addition of the two ESB chimneys at Poolbeg to the
Record of Protected Structures.**

Re: Motion 1 (Councillor Dermot Lacey) SEAC Meeting February 2014 and also Motion 30 (Councillor Claire Byrne) SEAC Meeting March 2015

As reported to the Area Committee in March, the Planning Department commissioned architectural historians to undertake a case study of the two 1970's ESB chimneys at Poolbeg Generating Station, including research and assessment under the subject areas set out in Section 54(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The Case Study Report found that there are grounds under which the two 1970's ESB Chimneys are considered to be of some special technical and cultural/social interest within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Meanwhile, the ESB have contacted the Planning Department and have stated that the two chimneys are being capped in steel to prevent further deterioration of the structures, at significant expense to the company. The ESB have also stated that it has a 10-year Management Plan with an appropriate budget to maintain the chimneys for the foreseeable future and that the capping is just one element of this Plan.

Furthermore, the ESB have invited the Members of the Area Committee to visit the site on a date to be agreed.

Having regard to the above, the Area Committee is requested to consider deferring the above Motions until after the site visit to Poolbeg.

**Paraic Fallon
Senior Planner**

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Area Manager's Report

Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. Foundation works for the new flood alleviation wall on George's Quay are ongoing. The works are being carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and various sub-contractors and supervised by various consultants for different aspects of these works. A number of ground condition problems have slowed this project down to date. The bulk of this project is being funded by the OPW who disclose their internal costings on a yearly basis. The estimated cost of this whole project from Butt Bridge to Cardiff Lane is €3.5m and the current programme is to substantially complete the works in Q2 2016.

Grand Canal Sub Group

Two large projects were carried out this year so far: Rathmines / Portobello Music and Culture Festival - CANALAPHONIC (8th & 9th May 2015) and the Dublin Canals Action Day (25th April 2015). There has been no meeting of the Waterways Ireland Operation Liaison Group (OLG) since September 2014. Canal Volunteers were thanked at the Lord Mayor's Appreciation night at the Mansion House on 6th May 2015. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held in June 2015.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

Pre-part 8 proposals were brought to the Area Committee in February 2015. Parks Services formally lodged the Part 8 application on 6th March 2015 (Reg. Ref. 2326/15). Submissions and observations closed on at end of Thursday 7th May 2015. The Planning Report has now been completed and the Part 8 is to be included in the agenda for the City Council meeting on Monday 8th June 2015.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January South East Area Committee. Areas to be addressed in the short-term (2015) include public lighting, Village Notice Board, replacement of bollards in village, clean out of woodlands at Herzog Park and creation of plan for park and surrounding lands. Clean out of woodland area is complete and Biodiversity Officer is engaging with Stratford College to initiate a biodiversity project in this area. REDscape, Landscape Architects, has been appointed to carry our plan for Herzog Park and public consultation meeting was held on Wednesday 13th May 2015. A further meeting will need to be held in June / July to clarify proposed improvements prior to REDscape issuing their report. An implementation plan for 2015, including costings, is currently being drawn up and will be circulated in due course.

London Bridge Slí na Sláinte

The Irish Heart Foundation has completed art work for the brochure and map board in conjunction with BADRA and arrangements are being made to procure the required signage. The Slí na Sláinte will be launched in 2015 when flood alleviation works along Beatty's Avenue are completed.

Sandymount Green Conservation Study

Parks Services appointed Howley Hayes Conservation Architects to carry out a Conservation Study of Sandymount Green. As part of the public consultation phase a public meeting was held in Sandymount on 26th November 2014. Howley Hayes presented various options to enhance enjoyment and amenity for all users while at the same time ensuring the integrity of the green into the future. Comments and ideas were canvassed from the public and elected representatives and will be incorporated into a revised report. The final report was brought to the May South East Area Committee. Parks Services will arrange a presentation to local residents/groups in Sandymount in early July 2015.

Community Garden O'Carroll Villas

A series of meetings took place between South East Area Office, Community Section and Stephen Doyle of Care After Prison (CAP) on establishing a community garden at O'Carroll Villas between August and October 2014. An outline plan to create a community garden in the unused green area to the front of O'Carroll Villas was lodged and the residents have now given their support to the venture. A draft licence has been agreed by Care After Prison and Development Department have been instructed to carry out legal searches and commence drafting a formal licence to be signed by representatives of all parties prior to works commencing on the garden.

'City Living Initiative'

The Planning Department is examining the 'City Living Initiative', which was launched on the 5th May 2015. It is anticipated that a report will be prepared for the June meeting of the Planning and International Relations Strategic Policy Committee. Once that is completed, the presentation will be prepared for the South East Area Committee.

Charlemont / Tom Kelly / Ffrench Mullen

The 11th of June 2015 has been agreed as the final date for the submission of the tender. Following on from the submission, the tender will be reviewed and assessed by the NTMA and Dublin City Council. A tender report will issue shortly thereafter. The Local Project Office is working with the community on a programme for the summer projects.

Grafton Street Quarter

The public realm improvement works on Wicklow Street (from Grafton Street to Clarendon Street) and at Johnson's Court are progressing well. Local discussions are taking place with affected businesses. The improvement works are due for completion in September.

Crampton Buildings

The main refurbishment works are continuing with an expected completion date of the end of 2015.

Community

June 1st: BLOOM Fringe Day

June 6th: Terenure Village Market

Terenure Dog Show – Focus on Waste Management- Dog fouling prevention

Come Sing and Dance – Iris Charles Centre 2pm

Let's Walk and Talk – Visit to Airfield – Dropping Well 2pm

June 8th-10th: Judging City Neighbourhoods.

June 9th: Verschoyle Court Garden Party 2pm

June 10th: Let's Walk and Talk – Visit to Airfield – Kildare Place 2pm

June 13th: Yeats Heritage Event 150 years - Sandymount 2pm

June 14th: Terenure Village Market 11am – 4pm

June 16th: **BLOOMSDAY:**

- Bloomsday Breakfast – Iris Charles Centre, Sandymount 11am
 Bloom Fringe – Bloomsday Rathgar Village 4pm
 Bloomsday – Ranelagh on the Streets
 A Musical Tale of Three Cities – Sandford Parish Church
 Nature Tour – As Gaeilge Canal 12 noon
- June 19th:** Terenure Tea Dance 2-4pm
 Beechill Garden Party 2pm
- June 20th:** Midsummer Fair in the Square – 2-5pm Belgrave Square
 Rathmines Dog Show – 2pm
 Sandymount Walking Tree Trail
 Older Person's Network Garden Party (To be confirmed)
 Terenure Village Market – 11am – 4pm
 Morehampton Terrace Street Party
 Havelock Square Tea Party
 Ranelagh Street Party
- June 21st:** Community Day - Sandymount 2-5pm
- June 23rd:** Beggar's Bush Garden Party
- June 24th:** 'Sao Jao' Lantern Centre 2-4pm
- June 27th:** Neagh Road Fun Day
 Terenure Village Market 11-4pm

In addition to the above programme a number of weekly events continue to take place as part of ongoing community work including older person's activities, six weekly walking groups and allotment links.

Free sessions on the Dublin City Council inflatable boat based in Dun Laoghaire have been arranged via our Sports Development Officer as a part of the Youth on Water (YOW) initiative. Additional funding of €1000 has been provided to resource the group with catering / refreshment items to cover the various summer activities and projects undertaken by the group.

We are also running an awareness evening in Ringsend / Irishtown with the older community to promote the 'Message in a bottle' campaign in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade. Time and location is to be confirmed.

Events

- Dublin Pride Festival 19th to 28th June.

Flower Baskets

Flower baskets will be erected this week in the following locations:

- Fleet Street, Temple Bar
- Harcourt Street
- Pearse Street / Ringsend
- Upper Baggot Street

Graffiti

A total of almost 3,000 square metres of graffiti has been removed by the Dublin City Council appointed contractor from the start of 2015 up to the end of May. In addition, other individual

businesses and residents and groups are constantly involved in the removal of graffiti. The South East Area facilitates residents groups in this task.

Intensive Village Cleaning Programme

A programme of gum removal / intensive street washing of high footfall commercial streets throughout villages in the South East Area is being carried out at present. This work involves using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, stains and dog foul and the cleaning of street furniture. It also includes the application of disinfectant on areas where needed, including around bins and the removal of waste. The work is being carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant. The work will be carried out four times during 2015, and work commenced in April.

The areas being covered are:

- Ranelagh Village
- Rathmines Village
- Donnybrook Village
- Sandymount Village
- Rathgar
- Harold's Cross
- Terenure

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

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

Naming and numbering a development of 3 houses at 11A Grantham Place

1, 2 and 3 Grantham Close / Clós Grantham

An application was received from Collins Maher Martin to name and number a development at 11A Grantham Place. The name and numbers 1, 2 and 3 Grantham Close were proposed. A fourth house will retain the existing name and number 11A Grantham Place.

The applicant's rationale for the proposed the renaming and renumbering is as follows: Grantham Close is a location identifier as the development is in the vicinity of Grantham Street and Grantham Place.

The building is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36446 (see attached).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The name proposed is considered suitable and is recommended for approval.

**Rose Kenny
Area Manager**

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

Naming and numbering a development at 122 Terenure Road North

1 – 5 Terenure Close / Clós Thír an Iúir

An application was received from Hussey Architects to name and number a development at 122 Terenure Road North. The name and numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Terenure Close were proposed. A building to the front of the development will retain the address 122 Terenure Road North.

The applicant's rationale for the proposed the renaming and renumbering is as follows: Terenure is a location identifier and Close is chosen because there is an internal court yard.

The building is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36448 (see attached).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The name proposed is considered suitable and is recommended for approval.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

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

With reference to a proposal to initiate procedure to have the development known as No. 9 to 13 Purser Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6 taken in charge by Dublin City Council.

Proposal

A request was received from the house owners and qualified electors residing at No. 9 – 13, Purser Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6 to have the development which is approved under Planning Permission Register Reference No. 3266/79 taken in charge by Dublin City Council.

The request was accompanied by a petition of original signatures from the owners, along with proof of ownership of the dwellings, confirming their intent to have the development taken in charge. The list was confirmed by Dublin City Council Law Department, Property and Title Research Section as representing the majority of qualified owners of the dwellings. The request therefore satisfies the requirements of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010.

The Executive Manager, Planning Department has instructed that formal procedures be initiated through the South East Area to have the development known as No. 9 – 13 Purser Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6 taken in charge by Dublin City Council under Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993 as set out in Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010.

Service Check

A service check was initiated with the Service Divisions in Dublin City Council.

The Public Lighting Department and Planning Department do not object to the area being taken in charge.

The Roads Maintenance Division reported that the carriageway and footpath are not up to taking in charge standard.

Under the terms of the City Council's Taking in Charge Policy 2012, as this development was complete in excess of 7 years ago, the roads will be taken in charge in their current condition.

There are no issues regarding Water and Drainage Services for this development. The Water and Drainage Services infrastructure that the development is connected to had already been taken in charge/in public ownership by Dublin City Council and therefore transferred to Irish Water's ownership on 20th January 2015 by Ministerial Order under Statutory Instrument 13 of 2015.

Statutory Requirement

The statutory procedure requires that public notice of the proposal is placed in one or more newspapers circulating in the City and that the relevant documents in relation to the development to be taken in charge go on public display for a period of 1 month. Objections or representations in relation to the proposal can then be made by members of the public within 2 weeks of the end of that period. Taking in Charge is a function reserved to the

elected members of the City Council who shall consider any objections or representations made and not withdrawn

Recommendation

The South East Area intends to initiate the procedure to have the development known as No. 9 – 13 Purser Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6 taken in charge by Dublin City Council under Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993 as set out in Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 as indicated on Drawing R.M.36437A.

Taking in charge is a function reserved to the City Council.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

Q.1 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to add the Scouts Hall at the top of Mount Argus Road to the List of Protected Structures. The hall is more than a hundred years old and has connections with many historical events

Q.2 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager if the Roads Department proposes taking action in consultation with local residents in connection with dangerous trees at Glenavy Park Terenure.

Q.3 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the Traffic Manager supply details of what system is used along the Grand Canal to sequence the traffic lights? Are the junctions co-ordinated / timed with each other or does each junction operate on a stand-alone basis? Can the junction sequences be operated remotely (off site)?

Q.4 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed report on gully cleaning on Ranelagh Road and Lower Beechwood Avenue?

Q.5 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to remove disused bus stops on Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ashfield Avenue and Dunville Avenue – opposite Mortons.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to repaint lamp standard at 24 Palmerston Gardens - this particular lamp standard has degraded and is now an eyesore.

Q.7 Councillor Paddy Smyth

The National Transport Authority's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan (http://www.nationaltransport.ie/downloads/A3_Cycle_Network_Plan_LOW_RES.pdf) shows a number of residential streets in the South East area as "feeder" routes. Can the Traffic Manager clarify what exactly this means from an engineering perspective? Will these roads have designated cycle lanes? Will vehicular traffic be discouraged from these routes? Do plans exist for these feeder routes in the South East area?

Q.8 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to advise on (details supplied)

Q.9 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to remove two phone booths on Ranelagh Road at nurse on call office. Disused booths are blocking path at a busy location

Q.10 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to remove 2 dead trees on Upper Beechwood Avenue and arrange replacement.

Q.11 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to arrange to take action in relation to an overflowing Keywaste bin left on Ranelagh Road at Ranelagh Market for 3 days.

- Q.12 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask Area Manager to arrange for public realm officer to remove bicycle locks from street signage on Ranelagh Road at various locations. It is a hazard for pedestrians and is unsightly.
- Q.13 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the Area Manager to repaint lamp standards on Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh.
- Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have graffiti removed from an ESB generator-cum-telecommunication box on the main footpath at the Wilfield Estate on Sandymount Avenue. Despite best efforts from the managing agent of Wilfield Estate, involving numerous letters and follow-up telephone calls to various council departments through Dublin City to remove same, no action has been taken.
- Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Area Manager to give me a progress report on the following issue. At the September 2014 Area Committee Meeting it was confirmed that Road Maintenance would look into the installation of a sloped kerb at the entrance to Wilfield Estate, Sandymount Avenue. No works have been carried out and the condition of the footpath and height difference between the road and footpath has deteriorated further. Residents would greatly appreciate that this matter be expedited.
- Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Area Manager to address the following issue: Approximately 17 years ago Sandymount residents fought strongly and successfully and won their battle to have a three ton limit implemented as part of a HGV exclusion zone. Residents were sick and tired of HGVs rat-running through avenues and roads. Over the past 24 months since Kilsaran Concrete Products moved premises from Hanover Quay to their new location in Ringsend, their drivers have been flouting the law in that they drive along Church Place and then turn left into Tritonville Road, despite the fact there has been a three ton limit sign in place there for ten years. Similarly, when returning, these same drivers turn down Pembroke Road and onto Lansdowne Road, again where a three ton limit is in place.
- Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager when will weed-spraying be completed in Home Villas, Broc's Cottages and Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook?
- Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager when will the footpaths in Pembroke Cottages and Broc's Cottages be repaired, and public lighting improved in these areas.
- Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager to ensure that more litter bins are installed around the football pitches in Herbert Park.
- Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager when the next meeting of the Herbert Park users' group is scheduled.
- Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager to furnish an explanation for the removal of railings from Herbert Park as part of the Dodder flood alleviation works. Could she confirm that a wall

which is being constructed is a temporary measure, and that the railings will be reinstated? Residents are concerned that the park will become an open field and a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

Q.22 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to provide an explanation of the rationale as to why Go Car vehicles are permitted to park on Pleasants Street, Dublin 8, when they are not in use. Previously they were parked on a private space off Pleasants Street between Synge Street and Camden Street, which did not affect the parking available to residents. However in the past approx six months they park on the Pleasants Street rather than in the private space.

Q.23 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to introduce measures which will improve visibility for cars turning at the various junctions of Dromard Avenue, Seafort Terrace and Seafort Avenue.

Q.24 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to introduce adequate facilities and signage to address the dog fouling issue adjacent to Pearse House, Dublin 2.

Q.25 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a manual cleaning of the part of the road beside the footpath kerbs on Grand Canal Street, Dublin 2 to address the fact that, due to the problem of parked cars, it is not possible to clean the area properly with machines.

Q.26 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the pothole on the Merrion Road at bus stop No.422 (outside the nursing home beside the Topaz garage on the Merrion Road, and opposite St. Vincent's Hospital). (See two photos attached).

Q.27 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the damaged stretch of footpath on the Sandymount side (as opposed to the Merrion side) of the Martello Tower, Strand Road, which is in the vicinity of the public toilet cubicle. (See photo attached).

Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the large and dangerous pothole on Newgrove Avenue, on the stretch of road outside St. Cathryn's Court.

Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the following housing query [details supplied]

Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the following road traffic problem *details supplied.

Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Below is a question which I asked at the March SEAC meeting together with the answer I received:

Q: "This Committee calls on the Manager to place adequate signage and to install dog waste bins and scooping facilities in Ringsend Park and on the surrounding streets to deal with the problem of dog fouling."

A: "Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at Ringsend Park and surrounding streets.

Waste Management Services and Parks & Landscapes Services have joined forces to try to eliminate dog fouling in parks, open green spaces and indeed throughout the city.

Meetings have taken place between representatives of both Departments who have agreed there is a need to:

- To develop a strategy.
- Set a broad policy.
- Put a model in place.
- Ensure the Area Offices are involved.
- Then roll out policy."

To ask the Area Manager to outline what precise steps have taken place in the past three months to implement the signage referred to in the answer above.

Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Below is a question which I asked at the February SEAC meeting together with the answer I received:

Q. To ask the Area Manager to insert hand rails on the steps which access the beach from the promenade on Sandymount Strand where rails are not currently there. At present on the second set of steps as one enters the Strand from the Sandymount end (i.e. the second set of steps walking away from the white sculpture given by the President of Mexico) there is no hand rail. Some years ago there had been a hand rail here but it was removed due to rust and never replaced. It renders these steps unusable to those with reduced mobility such as elderly people.

A. This task has been included in the work schedule for 2015. It is expected that it will be completed prior to the summer.

To ask the Area Manager whether the completion date of "*prior to the summer*" will be met as previously indicated?

Q.33 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the grass on the Dublin City Council owned strip of land at the entrance to Belmont Villas, Donnybrook, to be cut and the area cleaned up of dumping that has occurred.

Q.34 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to install a sign outside Sydney Parade Dart Station directing people to St. Vincent's Hospital, as many visitors to the hospital arrive by Dart and then foot, but the way is currently not marked as they leave the Dart station.

Q.35 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to tackle the following issue *details supplied/

Q.36 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the application for a disabled parking spot at the following location *details supplied.

- Q.37 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager to remove the graffiti from the Grand Canal Bridge (McMahon Bridge).
- Q.38 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager to give a serious pruning to the fruit-bearing tree at the following location *details supplied.
- Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager if she can explore possible solutions to the ongoing issue of parking on footpaths on Marlborough Road, Dublin 4, and if such solutions could include the placing of bollards along the footpaths here.
- Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager if she can please replace the public litter bins on Synge Street / Grantham Street in Portobello to help address the on-going issue of litter in the area.
- Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager if she can please increase the frequency of street cleaning on Pearse Street and Grand Canal Street and to install anti dog fouling signs along these streets as there have been complaints about serious litter and dog fouling problems in the area.
- Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager if she will install a yellow box at the west end of Pearse Square to allow residents of the square to access and exit more easily as it is regularly blocked by traffic heading towards the Macken Street Junction. This would also help deter other drivers attempting to use the square as a rat run which is another frequent occurrence.
- Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager to install 'no dumping' signs at the West corner of Pearse Square as there is regular illegal dumping taking place here
- Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager if there are plans to replace the tree that was removed at the corner of Emorville Avenue and Lombard Street, Dublin 8, and when this replacement will take place.
- Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager if she can introduce measures to enhance the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists using the Grand Canal cycle route, such as introducing more yellow boxes and better signalling at key junctions to minimise the risk of cars breaking red lights and moving into incoming walkers and cyclists, and if a full examination can be carried out to assess driver and cyclist behaviour at these junctions.
- Q.46 Councillor Kate O'Connell**
To ask the Manager to consider requiring all dogs in Dartmouth Square to be kept on a leash in the interest of all of the park users.
- Q.47 Councillor Kate O'Connell**
To ask the Manager for a report on any maintenance and improvement work that has been carried out in Hertzog Park in the last three months.

Q.48 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager to inspect the trees at 88 Greenlea Road and report as to whether or not they have been cut back by the owner as was requested, or to confirm that Council intervention was needed following the problems that these trees caused earlier in the year. If this issue has been resolved, is it likely to arise again shortly as we enter the summer season?

Q.49 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager to investigate the possibility of easing traffic congestion along Terenure Road West as inbound tailbacks are now stretching beyond the entrance to Parkmore Drive. Is there any possibility for the department to monitor the situation by installing a camera and altering the traffic light sequencing as and when is needed? In addition, frequently road users on Terenure Road West have a green light but cannot proceed because there is a red light at the adjacent junction with Rathfarnham Road. Can this also be investigated? Should this go to the TAG / Engineer, I would appreciate the reference being provided in the reply.

Q.50 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager if there are still plans afoot to change the operating times of the bus lane along Rathgar Road from ceasing at 10am, to continuing all day. If so, at what stage is this plan?

Q.51 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager for a history of Dublin City Council's involvement with the parking situation on Wilfield Road.

Q.52 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the measures in place as part of Dublin City Council's Dublin Cruise Traffic and Urban Regeneration Plan (CTUR) and work to date by the Council under this plan to actively promote cruise ship tourism to Dublin. Cruise ship tourism is the fastest sector in global tourism. 1,642 ships arrived into Dublin Port in the first three months of this year so it is economically prudent for the Council to capitalise on this sector growth.

Q.53 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive for a status update on the proposal by Dublin Port Company to transfer 10.5 hectares of land it owns on the western side of Bull Island beside the North Bull Wall, adjacent to the Royal Dublin golf club, to Dublin City Council. The land transfer, in addition to a payment of €1.2 million towards new visitor facilities on the island, was included as a "community gain" element in its planning application to An Bord Pleanála to provide new and deeper berths in the Alexandra Basin.

Q.54 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive the location and identity of Dublin City Council (DCC) buildings currently in breach of disability legislation concerning access for wheelchair users; to ask the Chief Executive the number of DCC public buildings currently in need of modification and refurbishment to ensure adequate and appropriate access for wheelchair users.

Q.55 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether any steps have been taken to install a pedestrian crossing at Harold's Cross Bridge, particularly from Clanbrassil Street onto Harold's Cross Road.

- Q.56 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether the trees on Terenure Road East (outside Terenure town houses) can be taken into public charge and pruned.
- Q.57 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether Terenure Road West and its footpath can be resurfaced in order to facilitate safe cycling as Irish Water have confirmed that 'the works that were planned previously for Terenure Road West have been de-scoped by Irish Water Asset Strategy and will no longer be commencing and that there are no other works planned at present for Terenure Road West.'
- Q.58 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether any steps have been taken by the City Council, in consultation with the other Dublin Local Authorities or otherwise, to promote the establishment of a designated film studio within the Dublin City or County boundaries.
- Q.59 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether grass cutting of the green areas can take place at Oaklands Drive, Rathgar, Dublin 6 as soon as possible.
- Q.60 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether a Traffic Engineer could review the parking situation at the entrance to St. Luke's Hospital whereby cars are being parked on the road down to the corner which leaves only one car lane which causes delays for ambulances, patient buses, regular traffic and congestion at the corner backing onto Highfield Road. Perhaps the double yellow lines could be extended.
- Q.61 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether details of the 'handover' of the recent works on the bowling pavilion in Herbert Park can be provided to members of the Herbert Park Bowling Club – such as whether the Council will have an official opening, whether the landscaping around the green will be tended to, whether signage on the building will be provided etc.
- Q.62 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the removal of historic kerb stones and flag stones within the south east area during the construction of Luas cross line? The report to include that this historic stone is safe and secure and will be put back in proper order in the exact locations that it was removed from. There is grave concern by many citizens that this historic stone will not be replaced and will become either lost or stolen in the construction process of the Luas cross city.
- Q.63 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards the removal of phone boxes on Georges Street also this report to include the removal of the smart phone stands that are littering the streets of the South East Area?
- Q.64 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager ensure that the children at the Bridgefoot Street apartments, formerly residents of Crampton Buildings, are given full access to the play areas within that apartment block for their children?

Q.65 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager investigate the possibility of relocating the bottle banks and bring centre from the Milltown Road area to the much more appropriate and very accessible O'Shea's pub area? The residents at Milltown Road are greatly inconvenienced by the noise from this bring centre and the general disturbance from dangerous traffic entering and exiting this car park at all hours of the day and night. It is also a huge issue around Christmas time when trees and wrapping etc. and waste are just dumped here.

Q.66 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager furnish me with a report that all English speaking schools that facilitate foreign language students within the South East Area are in full compliance with their rates and their building codes, fire and safety codes etc?. Also, what English language schools, if any, are in arrears regarding rates?

Q.67 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager ensure that there is adequate public notice for the reopening of City Hall on Sundays for the month of June and that the free admission to the exhibition on the city's history is well advertised and that the community sector inform all of the community groups in the city and the local walking tours etc.? Also to ensure that there is adequate signage at City Hall indicating that all are welcome.

Q.68 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a report regarding the administration and application and regulation of street furniture in the south east area? Many shops and business are now complaining about being greatly inconvenienced by enormous structures that are being erected outside of restaurants and some bars etc. These extended trading areas make the neighbours businesses / shop fronts invisible. Indeed, many of these structures are now adding planters, sandwich boards and other such obstacles making it very difficult for the public and visually impaired persons the navigate their way on the footpaths. Also, there appears to be a conflict between licensed street furniture and public domain in that certain shops are allowed place a vast amount of goods outside their doors because they have so called private landings or basements while others are not allowed to put a single table outside. There is a huge inconsistency in this area resulting in clutter and near chaos on some of our streets. It is also clearly becoming detrimental to some businesses and profitable to others and is now in great need of clarity and regulation and proper administration. Can the Area Manager also supply me with how many staff work on enforcement in this particular area?

Q.69 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of relocating the bicycle parking facilities that are attached to the historic and protected structures of the Mansion House and put them in a more appropriate place where they are not interfering with that structure? It is not appropriate for these kind of constructions to be attached to listed buildings in this manner.

Q.70 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report that includes the selected bidder for the muse properties at the back of 14/15 St Stephen's Green, the property of Dublin City Council? This report to include a full disclosure of the bid.

Q.71 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager have a gate erected at *details supplied for security in the same way as resident at the other end of balcony has the gate erected?

Q.72 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager have the two trees that were cut down on details supplied replaced with slow growing trees appropriate to the size of the street?

Q.73 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager have a speed ramp put just inside the gate of Mercer House outside the old rents office next to number 1 Mercer House? Cars tend to speed up to the corner and very often there are children running over to the playground which makes it very unsafe.

Q.74 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager consider transferring *details supplied to senior citizen accommodation in the Artane / Donnycarney / Raheny / Belarmine area, as she is in very poor health and originally came from these areas would have more supports if transferred.

Q.75 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager give any update on the progression of works on the Beaver Row footbridge over the Dodder in Donnybrook?