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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 9th MARCH 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 9th March 2015 at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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Dated this 4th March 2015

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198. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February (pages 8 - 42).

199. Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 63 - 71).

200. Environment & Transportation Department Matters

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on (enclosed).
- ii. Nominations of elected members to the Community Gain Liaison Committee in association with the Waste to Energy Project, Ringsend, Dublin 4.
- iii. Report on the oversight of road openings (pages 43 – 44).

201. Housing and Residential Services

- i. Pre-Part 8 proposed amalgamation of bedsits and associated external works to 6 no. Blocks and 74 no. existing bedsit units at Verschoyle Court, Verschoyle Place, Dublin 2 (enclosed).

202. Planning & Development Department Matters

- i. Update on: The Architectural Case Study on the ESB Poolbeg Chimneys (pages 45 - 46).
- ii. Report on the proposed addition of City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 to the Record of Protected Structures (pages 47 – 49 and enclosed).

203. Culture Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

- i. Pre-Part 8 Notification: New floodlights and synthetic surface to existing tennis courts in Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 (page 50 and enclosed).
- ii. Tree Removal Works (page 51).
- iii. Parks Improvement Works Programme for the South East Area 2015 (page 52).

204. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report (pages 53 - 55).
- ii. Proposal for allocation of Additional South East Area Budget of €296,000 in 2015 (pages 56 - 59).
- iii. Report on a proposal to name and number a development at 21 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4 (page 60 and enclosed).
- iv. Report on a proposal to name and number a development at 59 Orwell Park, Rathgar, Dublin 6 (page 61 and enclosed).
- v. Report on a naming proposal for a development of a site at Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross Road, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W (page 62 and enclosed).

Motions

205. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Bearing in mind that Eglinton Terrace / Rampart Lane is immediately adjacent to the shops in Donnybrook, is adjacent to the football grounds and is the main walking route to Herbert Park; that it would get some additional street cleaning, beyond that of the normal residential street rota.

206. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee agrees to reject any proposals that involve the demolition of the Poolbeg Chimneys and agree to engage with ESB to explore alternative plans for the re-development of the lands surrounding the chimneys that will ensure the protection of these iconic features of the city skyline.

207. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee seeks a report from the Manager on what options are, or will be, considered in relation to a future development on the site of the former public toilets at Anglesea Road and agrees to discuss what proposals members might have for same.

208. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Due to the risk of raised footpaths caused by protruding tree roots, that the Parks Department prepares a report on actions that can be taken to make footpaths safer for pedestrians.

209. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This Committee calls on the Traffic Advisory Group to deviate from normal parking policy and to allow "zone" parking permits for residents of Wilfield Road, Sandymount Dublin 4, allowing them to park on adjacent streets such as Wilfield Park and Gilford Drive, which could have the effect of enabling residents to support the introduction of Pay & Display parking (and parking generally) on one side of Wilfield Road only, thus potentially resolving one of the most challenging parking problems in the city.

210. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the City Council will request that the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (CSI) do not place all the public seating on York Street as they tend to facilitate anti social behaviour particularly when the pubs and clubs are closing.

211. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This Committee will write to Hibernia Reit in respect of the development at Windmill Lane/intersection of Hanover Street and Creighton Street, to state the many concerns of the residents of Hanover Street, Creighton Street and Pearse House at the levels of noise and dust which will be generated by this project, as well as the health and safety risks arising from the increased volume of trucks, during the course of this development and to ask that all steps to taken to address these concerns.

212. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

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.

213. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update on progress on implementing flood protection measures for Strand Road/Beach Road, Sandymount.

214. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill.

In line with DCC / HSE Age Friendly Strategy 2014 - 2019 and conscious of the absence of a plan for the west side of DSE, this committee:

- Acknowledges the lack of suitable accommodation on the market for people who want to sell their homes and down size as they get older.
- Agrees to investigate the possibility of the City Architect initiating the design of a prototype block of age friendly apartments for older people that might possibly be located on the Rathmines Cleansing Yard Site. The process would involve investigation of appropriate age friendly design principles e.g. larger verandas for small gardens, common guest bedrooms, disabled access etc. The objective would be to produce a design in conjunction with the HSE to devise a sustainable model.

As a first step, a working group comprised of members of DSE LAC, HSE and other professionals could be established to progress this proposal.

215. Motion from Councillors Mary Freehill and Dermot Lacey

Until the Rathmines & Pembroke Drainage Rehabilitation Scheme and the Tymon Attenuation Works are completed, many areas in the DSE LAC are at risk of flooding at times of heavy, prolonged rain fall and high tides. It is agreed therefore that the LAC prepare a report setting out a protocol for these at risk area that will focus on:

- Gully cleaning
- Street sweeping
- Care in placing of trees close to gullies
- Ensuring that CCTV cameras are always in working order and very regular checking of grids
- Establishment of communication procedures with affected residents

Furthermore in the event of heavy rain or high tides that residents have access to emergency numbers.

That this report be presented to the LAC May meeting.

216. Motion from Councillors Paddy Smyth and Kate O'Connell

This committee calls on the traffic manager to ensure that all narrow side roads in the area (e.g. Brighton Avenue, Spire View, Rathgar Place) are assessed and provided with double yellow lines where necessary to ensure emergency vehicles are not hindered in accessing dwellings on these roads.

I have been contacted by a member of the association who lives on Brighton Avenue, who in the past has highlighted the problems with traffic on the avenue, apparently to no avail. Just before Christmas this member had the unfortunate need to call the emergency services to her home. The fire service and ambulance responded to the emergency call, but neither vehicle was able to access Brighton Avenue as the vehicles parked in Brighton Square. The attending personnel had to make their way on foot to the injured party to bring the patient to hospital. The patient is now recovering slowly at home. Being incapacitated due to the accident, the fact that emergency vehicles were not able to access her home is a major additional worry.

Recently I brought to the attention of Dublin City Council, vehicular issues regarding Spire View and Rathgar Place. The dismissive tone of the response is not what I expected. Should there ever be a need for emergency vehicles to access the rear of Grosvenor Road or York Road/Avenue; the outcome may not be what we would like

to hope. Brighton Avenue is a short narrow road, with parking on both sides creating a "Rat Run" from 7am 'til 9/9:30am. The traffic situation is chaotic and I urge you to take a fresh look at this situation at the earliest possible opportunity.

217. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee, noting the appalling condition of the footpaths on Dawson Street caused by works that have removed granite stone slabs and replaced them with tarmacadam, calls upon the Chief Executive to introduce a protocol to ensure that works by utility companies on footpaths in the centre of the city can only take place if the granite stone slabs are replaced after the works are completed.

218. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the South East Area calls on Dublin City Council to initiate an improvement plan or local area plan for the entire Camden Street / Wexford Street area. This is one of the main streets in our city and is suffering from great neglect. It is fast becoming a superhighway for traffic jams. The recent bus corridor has had a negative effect on this area creating a more hostile streetscape. It is now time that the city council redress this balance by making the necessary improvements that will make this wonderful area and street a much more enjoyable experience for all.

219. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on the Chief Executive to initiate a register to vote campaign with regards to the forthcoming constitutional referendum on marriage equality. Many people still remain unregistered to vote and every effort must be made to ensure everyone is on the register to vote and participates in the democratic process.

220. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That the South East Area Committee calls on the Royal College of Surgeons Dublin to be open and transparent, accountable and responsible in all their dealings with the residential community and others within the York Street, Mercer Street, Cuffe Lane, Ardilaun Court area with regards offers of compensation in relation to noise pollution and disturbances that will emanate during their build of the new college facilities at York Street. Further that Dublin City Council put in place a proper protocol and guideline regarding such initiatives that are being offered to communities in such circumstances where whole communities within Dublin City Council estates are affected and inconvenienced by construction works being carried out.

221. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee call on the City Manager to place the proclamation of 1916 in the Rotunda Room of the City Hall. This proclamation to replace the present Anne Madden Triptych that has been in City Hall for a number of years. The City Hall Rotunda is an ideal location for visitors and the like to view and read and study one of the most important proclamations in any republic.

222. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on the Manager to place appropriate signage at the Ringsend Library Plaza. Many traders in this area feel hemmed in and disregarded in this area and feel that the architecture surrounding them is hostile to social and business activities. Temporary signage here will attract more visitors to both the library and the businesses while we await the outcome of a previous motion for an upgrade and a redesign of this entire site.

- 223. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello**
That the local area office will increase the street cleaning in the bicycle lanes on Harcourt Street, Camden Street and Wexford Street which is needed due to the large amount of broken glass in the bike lane each morning as a result of the high volume pubs and clubs and people drinking on these streets. This broken glass is causing significant damage to commuting cyclists.
- 224. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello and Claire Byrne**
That the local area office, using the existing register of lands owned by Dublin City Council held by the Development Department of the City Council, will produce a report on vacant lands owned by Dublin City Council in the South East Area detailing the location, size and an assessment of the sites potential for development by way of building affordable temporary, modular or mobile homes as a means to address the housing crisis.
- 225. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello**
That this committee agrees to use a portion of the local area's discretionary budget to install public notice boards in central locations in villages in the area.
- 226. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
To ask the Area Manager if my constituents from McDonagh House and Whitefriar Gardens can have an estimated date as to when exterior painting will commence on their complex. Many years have passed since the last time these complexes were maintained.
- 227. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
To ask the Area Manager to replace front doors that are dated back over 50 years in some flats complexes in the south east area with new PVC doors that will keep heat in and also secure property. Many constituents have reported loss of heat from the front doors at great expense to them. I'm asking for an overhaul off all complexes or to subsidise residence for loss of heating cost.
- 228. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That Dublin City Council will place bins on South Lotts Road as there is a huge amount of footfall, particularly when there are events on in the Aviva Stadium.
- 229. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That the street lighting is improved on Home Villas in Donnybrook as it is particularly poor and older residents are concerned for their safety.
- 230. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That given the construction difficulties and faults residents in Gallery Quay and Longboat Quay are having and bearing in mind that Dublin City Council has a duty of care to those it proposed for housing in this development, that this area committee would ask for a presentation from the Director of the Approved Housing Bodies managing these developments and the Docklands Authority Chief Executive in order to establish the measures being taken to resolve the issues.
- 231. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That the trees on City Quay be cut back in the interest of personal security as they block out the public lighting.
- 232. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That the Parks Department and Cleansing co-operate with each other to tidy up the area outside Ranelagh Park at the Chelmsford Avenue end. Currently Parks are

dumping on the avenue and the area is unsightly. When approached Parks say it's not their job. It is agreed that both departments co-operate and improve the appearance of this patch of ground.

233. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager when selecting a supplier for the provision of new public bins for the city that bin designs that provide for source separation of general waste, mixed dry recyclables and food waste will be prioritised as a means to improve the city's recycling rates and to help reach the waste management targets that are outlined in the new Waste Management plans Eastern Midland Draft Regional Waste Management Plan.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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- 160.** Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2015.
Order: Agreed.
- 161.** Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
- 162. Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
- iv. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 27/01/2015.
Order: Noted.
- v. Report to the South East Area Committee on the establishment of a Community Gain Liaison Committee and Community Gain Fund in association with the Waste to Energy Project, Ringsend, Dublin 4.
Order: Noted. Agreed to initiate the process of obtaining nominations from members of the public. Nominations of Councillors will be undertaken at the March SEAC meeting.
- 163. Planning & Development Department Matters**
- i. Planning Enforcement Report for the South East Area October – December 2014.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Proposed grant of a further Licence at Neagh Road, Terenure to Mount Tallant Amateur Boxing Club.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- iii. Proposed Deletion from Record of Protected Structures of RPS Ref 863: Bride Street New, Long Lane, Dublin 8.
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.
- 164. Culture Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**
- i. Terenure Village Community Market.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Pre-Part 8 Report on Ranelagh Gardens Park.
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.
- iii. Report on Community Grants Scheme.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

165. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Proposal for allocation of Additional South East Area Budget of €296,000 in 2015.
Order: Deferred to March SEAC meeting, pending a more detailed report.
- iii. Report on a proposal to name and number a development at 21 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Deferred.
- iv. Report on a proposal to rename an office block from 7 Clanwilliam Court to 7 Grand Canal, Grand Canal Street Lower, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed.

Motions

166. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to advance the inclusion of the Poolbeg Chimneys on the Record of Protected Structures now as a matter of urgency and requests the Chief Executive to take the appropriate action to achieve this.

Order: Agreed.

167. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department as a matter of urgency examine the issue of parking on cycle-ways at Harold's Cross Bridge and also the shopping area at the top of Harold's Cross Park. Furthermore that the problem of cyclists cycling counter-flow at Harold's Cross Bridge to turn right on to the canal also be examined. All of these issues are extremely dangerous for both cyclists and pedestrians.

Order: Agreed.

168. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee seeks a response from the Manager on what action has been taken or will be taken to move the highly inappropriately located new bus stop (and now some sort of power supply box) outside the protected status Donnybrook Cemetery as raised at previous meeting of the Area Committee.

Order: Agreed.

169. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

For the library in Terenure Village and all libraries in the area which are currently not wheelchair accessible to be made so.

Order: Agreed.

170. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Traffic and Road Maintenance Departments examine the following:

1. Repair pot holes and damaged ramp in the Mount Pleasant Place and general area between Mount Pleasant Avenue Lower and Ranelagh Road, also the pot holes on Ely Place, all of which are particularly dangerous for cyclists.

2. Traffic Department to ensure that the right turn ban from Mount Pleasant Avenue is being adhered to in the morning times.

Order: Report to Councillor.

171. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Now that our LAC has a discretionary budget, this committee proposes that we agree to a household junk collection during 2015 that would cover the entire DSE area. Furthermore that residents are given fair advance notice of this collection.

Order: Report to Councillor.

172. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager for a definite schedule and timetable for the tree pruning works on Sydney Parade Avenue which were promised to the Residents' Association last year.

Order: Report to Councillor.

173. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed resolution of the footpath issues in front of Slattery's of Bath Avenue, and for an update on proposed works to improve the footpath and streetscape at this junction.

Order: Report to Councillor.

174. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to address the continuous problems with the road surface along Pembroke Gardens, Dublin 4. A number of large potholes reappear regularly despite ongoing repairs. The repairs seem to be superficial and not properly sealed and are no sooner completed when the traffic and weather re-open them very soon afterwards. The size of these potholes is quite dangerous, particularly if a person was crossing the road at night and was unaware of their size. A more permanent solution is required to properly address these potholes.

Order: Report to Councillor.

175. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the Area Committee sets as an objective the removal of a minimum of 50 superfluous poles in each of the two electoral wards each year for the remainder of this term and to include details of those removed in the Managers report every quarter.

Order: Report to Councillor.

176. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the extinguishment of the public right of way on Tangier Lane, Dublin 2.

Order: Report to Councillor.

177. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council South East Area, call on the Planning Department to make it a stipulation within planning applications the name of a premises or building as part of the overall planning process in the first instance. This would ensure that the public and councillors could make observations or raise objections to same. Concerns have been raised at a number of meetings where name changes or new names are being proposed for various developments etc. and the process would seem to be confused and unclear. To enshrine the naming of development within the planning process would make this issue clearer and lead to better decisions with regard appropriate names for developments etc.

Order: Report to Councillor.

178. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of SEA calls on the Minister for Justice Frances Fitzgerald TD to supply defibrillators in Garda vehicles. At present it is usually members of An Garda Síochána that arrive at an emergency scene first, particularly if it's a road traffic issue. The defibrillator is an essential tool in saving lives and all emergency and first response vehicles should carry such equipment in order to save lives.

Order: Agreed.

179. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

This motion attempts to reiterate a decision that has been made on many occasions both at this local area committee and at the full City Council. It relates to The City council taking charge of the Rathmines Town Hall which could be used as the Local Area Office and available to the people of Rathmines. While it is in the ownership of the Council it was given on a very long lease in 1932 to the VEC, so the only way to retrieve it, is to find alternative accommodation for the college.

“In the event of the DIT putting their premises The Conservatoire of Music (next door to Rathmines Library) up for sale, that it be purchased by Dublin City Council to facilitate the transfer of Rathmines college currently in Rathmines Town Hall to this building.”

Order: Agreed.

180. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to request the Gardaí to introduce barriers on major match days to restrict access in favour of residents of Home Villas / Pembroke Cottages / St. Broc's Cottages and Eglin Terrace / Rampart Lane similar to that operating in other areas close to football stadia.

Order: Agreed.

181. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a report on why the litter bin in the children's playground (Pembroke Cottages end) of Herbert Park has not yet been removed as repeatedly requested and if lighting could be provided over the playground to reduce the congregating of people there at night.

Order: Agreed.

182. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls upon the Chief Executive to review the call out charge for the fire brigade that has applied in Dublin City for the past three years and which at present stands at €500 and €610 in respect of calls to road traffic accidents. In particular, this Committee asks the Chief Executive to:

- i. Identify whether the call out charge has resulted in a reduction in calls in the past 3 years as compared with the 3 years preceding the introduction of the charge;
- ii. To consult with charities that are responsible for the elderly to determine whether the call out charges had a financial impact upon those charities;
- iii. To set up a consultation process to review the call out charge and its effectiveness.

Order: Agreed.

183. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

At the January 2014 South East Area Committee meeting the following motion was passed:

"This Committee requests Dublin City Council Executive to withdraw all current and previous instructions, agreements and actions regarding the ringing of the bells at St Bartholomew's Church, Ballsbridge and encourages ongoing discussions."

A year later, as ongoing discussions have failed to resolve the issue of the night-time ringing of bells, the Committee now requests that Dublin City Council carry out its function and take whatever action is necessary to bring the issue to a satisfactory conclusion for both residents and the rectory.

Order: Agreed.

184. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the junction at Serpentine Avenue and Homelee, Sandymount examined. Currently vehicles turning left from Serpentine Avenue into Homelee find the turning too tight as cars emerging from Serpentine Park block access. At present there are pay-and-display spaces for three cars. If double-yellow lines were extended by approximately 2m this would facilitate freer flow of traffic without loss of a parking space.

Order: Report to Councillor.

185. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to address concerns of residents of Barrow Street, Ringsend on an apparently unauthorised development at 6 - 7 Barrow Street. Residents are worried about the scale of the works and seek clarification as to what steps Dublin City Council propose to take if the development is indeed unauthorised.

Order: Report to Councillor.

186. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

The South East Area Committee requests that Dublin Bus deals with a lack of Real Time information travelling from Waterloo Rd to Donnybrook Church. Currently there are three bus-stops on Waterloo Rd, none of which has Real Time. There are four bus-stops servicing Donnybrook outbound with no Real Time information until one reaches Donnybrook Church.

Order: Report to Councillor.

187. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager when a plan can be put in place to secure parking for residents in O'Carroll Villas flat complex. Unfortunately residents have found their cars vandalized and when returning from work etc. they find the car park full of clamped cars that are not from the complex, which leaves residents having to pay for parking outside the complex. I ask that a full enquiry be put forward and steps taken to resolve this problem.

Order: Report to Councillor.

188. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to implement a plan for the exterior of all flat complexes in the South East Area to be painted. Many complexes have not been painted in many years and it brings down the morale of the community.

Order: Report to Councillor.

- 189. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
To ask the Area Manager to have a full investigation into the disturbance from O'Callaghan's Hotel on the residents of O'Carroll Villas being woken up very late at night with glass bottle bin collections. I have put this forward in questions on other occasions but this problem has to date not been resolved.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 190. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That the proposed partial residents parking scheme on Mount Drummond Square be postponed until such time as all residents on Mount Drummond Square are made aware of proposals for the parking scheme on the square.
Order: Deferred.
- 191. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That this area committee supports call for more residential units to be built on the Boland's Mills site.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 192. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That the AIB site is put on the derelict sites list (Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook).
Order: Taken with Motion 197. Report to Councillor.
- 193. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That bins are installed up around the football pitch / Pembroke Cottages side of Herbert Park.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 194. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That clampers pay particular attention to the Pembroke Cottages and Home Villas area on match days in the Aviva / RDS and Donnybrook.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 195. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That the Traffic Department consider erecting bollards along the east side of Harold's Cross Road at the bridge end. From the end of the bicycle shop up to Wharton Terrace. Cars tend to park on the footpath causing danger to pedestrians on this very narrow strip of footpath and also blocks cycle way.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 196. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
That this Area Committee calls on the council to ensure that YMCA Dublin and DePaul Ireland hold a meeting with residents of Peter's Place and the wider community to discuss the issues that have arisen since the facility has moved to a Supported Temporary Accommodation service and to do this as a matter of urgency.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 197. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager to engage with the current owners of the old AIB Building at Pembroke Cottages in Donnybrook to ensure that the building does not become even more derelict, and to ensure that in any development of the building the concerns of the local residents in relation to parking and to disruption and noise are addressed.
Order: Taken with Motion 192. Report to Councillor.

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Chairperson

Dated 9th February 2015

Attendance

Members

Councillor M. Flynn (in the chair).

Councillors C. Andrews, C. Byrne, D. Lacey, F. Kennedy, J. O'Callaghan, K. O'Connell, K. Binchy, M. Freehill, P. McCartan, P. Smyth, P. Costello, R. McGinley and S. Stapleton.

Officials

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

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

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

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

B. Kirk, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.

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

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

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

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

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

F. Worrall, Assistant Planning Enforcement Officer, Planning & Development Dept.

K. O'Neill, Senior Executive Landscape Architect, Culture, Recreation & Amenity Dept.

P. Fallon, Senior Planner, Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section.

D. Scully, Senior Planner, Docklands Unit.

D. Brennan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department.

H. McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Environment & Transport Department.

D. Wallace, Executive Manager, Environment & Transportation Department.

D. Brennan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department.

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask Area Manager to have road sign put up to reflect - since 1988 Olney Grove, Terenure has been an extension of Olney Crescent. No street sign exists at the entrance to Olney Crescent (from the Templeogue Road) to indicate that Olney Grove is an extension to Olney Crescent. This omission causes problems for visitors, deliveries etc. Proper signage would help.

Reply:

Only one name plate is situated at the entrance to an estate. There are many cases of the above throughout Dublin and alternating street names are not provided on neighbouring roads.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to give a definite date for Part 8 application for playground in Ranelagh Gardens. Q4 2014 had previously been indicated.

Reply:

The Part 8 application is in progress in accordance with procedural guidance and is currently due for submission by week commencing February 9th to the Registry Section as per paragraph 5 of that procedure. The formal Part 8 submission is therefore scheduled to occur at the beginning of March 2015 following required public notices.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to replace a young silver birch tree at 22 Rathdown Park Terenure, where recent footpath repairs killed current tree.

Reply:

The tree at (details supplied) will be replaced during the current planting season. Work will be carried out before the end of March.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she can arrange to have the works requested below to be carried out as soon as possible:

I'm writing concerning a few problems we have here in our Elm Park cul-de -sac.

(1) The pavements are in very poor condition with pavement stones all irregular one stone at least 3 inches raised above the other. We have been on to DCC about this for a few years now & nothing has been done about it. We have 7 residents on the road of 80+ years so you will appreciate how dangerous it is for them to go for a walk.

(2) We have been asking for the trees to be trimmed back for last five years but to no avail, they are very tall now.

(3) The white lines need to be renewed for parking purposes. I have also been on to DCC about this again nothing seems to happen anymore & this is why I am now writing to you.

Reply:

- (1) Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath at Elm Park. Repair works at this location have been added to our works programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in a neighbouring area.
- (2) The trees at this location have been inspected and are not considered to be in urgent need of pruning, therefore it is not intended to prioritise them at this time. This site will be considered in the context of future work programmes.
- (3) The Traffic Officer reports that he has asked that the above location be inspected and, where renewal is required, has requested that it be included on a task order renewal list for 2015 and given immediate attention.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to advise on any update in connection with drainage information on planning application Planning Application 4783/O6.

Reply:

The applicant's engineers and architects met with staff from Drainage Division on Tuesday 13th January where the requirements for a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), for the proposed development, were outlined to them.

They are now undertaking the work required to complete a FRA and will revert when this has been carried out. The approval of Drainage Division for the FRA must be obtained before they can commence any work on the proposed development.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to advise if a date has been set yet for water main pipe relaying on Terenure Road West and to ask the Area Manager to take action to repair footpaths and road carriageway in intervening period as both the footpath and road carriageway, especially in area to front of shops, continue to deteriorate to a degree that it represents a hazard for pedestrians and road users.

Reply:

Water main rehabilitation works in Terenure Road West were planned as part of an ongoing programme of works. Irish Water is now managing this programme and has no plans to address this area at present.

The Road Maintenance Section has inspected the footpath and carriageway of Terenure Road West. Repair works at this location have been added to our Works Programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in a neighbouring area

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will take action before this question is reached to remove the dumped waste at derelict site at Vernon Steel (entrance to Peter's Place).

Reply:

No.7 Adelaide Road remains on the Derelict Sites Register and a charge was registered on the land in September 2013. It is not the policy of the Derelict Sites Section to enter privately owned land in order to carry out remedial work.

A Section 9 Notice will be served in this case. This is a notice under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 requiring the owner to clean up the site.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

Arising from the reply issued and submitted with this question to ask the Manager if the footpaths outside number 72 *details supplied could be repaired in the same timescale as numbers 29 and 35.

“A commitment had been given last summer / autumn to repair footpaths between No. 29 and No. 35. These will take place in the next few weeks.”

The remainder of the footpath repairs will be carried out by a contractor this summer.

Reply:

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath outside No. 72 details supplied. Works at No. 72 will take place when the works at No. 29 to No. 35 are being completed.

Q.9 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the Manager to request that a 'lip' be installed in the footpath at the St. Joseph's end of Beechlawn Way (Terenure Village) to provide wheelchair access to the path beside Lidl. Currently wheelchair users need to go all the way down to Rathfarnham Road, which is an unnecessary danger.

Reply:

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath on Beechlawn Way at the St. Joseph's entrance. Repair works at this location have been added to our works programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in a neighbouring area.

Q.10 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the Manager to install a yellow box prohibiting car parking on the pedestrian path from Orwell Road to the Dodder Walkway.

Reply:

The request for parking restrictions at this location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course. Illegal Parking has been forwarded to Dublin Street Parking Services, tel.: 602 2500 for enforcement under the law.

A yellow box is not recommended on the footpath. It is an offense to park wholly or partly on a footpath. Incidents of illegal parking, as reported, are a matter for Dublin Street Parking Services to enforce.

Information regarding the issue of illegal parking on the footpath on Orwell Road at the Dodder Walkway is being forwarded to Dublin Street Parking Services. However individual incidents of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services (tel.: 602 2500) as they occur.

Q.11 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to reinstate the full cycle lane markings on Wexford Street, following the resurfacing of the road.

Reply:

Traffic Dept have been requested to re-instate the cycle lane markings on Wexford Street.

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Officer for investigation and repainting of line markings for when renewals are scheduled for the area.

Q.12 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the relatively new concrete footpath beside the cycle path along the Grand Canal by Leeson Street Bridge is properly salted or gritted during cold weather as it is treacherous in icy or frosty weather. The surface also needs to be looked at during wet weather as it becomes very slippery.

Reply:

It is Dublin City Council policy to salt the main arterial routes / bus routes and main roads. Currently, we do not have the resources to salt footpaths and segregated cycle lanes.

The Road Maintenance Services Division will examine the surface of the footpath during wet weather.

Q.13 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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.

Reply:

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

Q.14 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager (a) to provide an update on the status of the housing application of *details supplied and (b) to indicate when an employee of Dublin City Council will be calling to inspect the applicant's current accommodation in circumstances where, when she first applied in approximately January 2012, she was assured that a Council employee would call to her within two to three months to assess her living conditions but which assessment has yet to take place three years later.

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on band two of the housing list in 604th position for Area M (Pearse Street / Ringsend). Based on this position, the applicant will not be offered accommodation for some time.

Due to an improvement in the assessment and determination of eligibility and need, it is no longer required to inspect each applicant's accommodation at the time of their initial application. Due to the introduction of a revised housing application form and the details that are now required from applicants, it is possible to fully process the application from the initial form.

In addition, as the current Allocations Scheme is based on the length of time and as many applicants can change address during the course of their application, multiple inspections are an inefficient use of resources. The current practice that now pertains is that when an applicant is within the offer range, their full details are verified to ensure they are still eligible and in need of housing.

Q.15 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to clean and sweep the footpath and road surface of Richelieu Park, Dublin 4, and in particular to remove the detritus of winter leaves which has built up, congealed and formed into slippery and extremely dangerous patches on portions of both the footpath and road surface in particular outside numbers 1, 3 and 5 on one side, and numbers 8 and 10 on the opposite side.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the footpaths and road surface of Richelieu Park swept and cleaned up on the 28th January 2015.

Q.16 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to:

- (a) To provide an update on the status of the housing application of *details supplied;
- (b) To clarify whether this applicant has been accorded priority status;
- (c) to clarify whether, in circumstances where the applicant has confirmed to me that she can provide medical certification that one of her daughters has acute left frontal lobe damage, this fact would expedite her application; and
- (d) If the answer to (c) is yes, how and to whom should the applicant forward this medical certification?

Reply:

a & b) The applicant (details supplied) is on the transfer list and welfare priority status was awarded in July 2014 for alternative suitable accommodation.

c) Applicants can only be awarded one category of priority and the applicant already has welfare priority status. While medical details regarding her daughter may be of benefit in assessing the requirement for alternative accommodation, if these details have already been assessed by the Welfare Section in 2014, there would be no need to resubmit this information.

However, applicants cannot be considered for a transfer unless their account is maintained in a satisfactory manner. There are substantial arrears on this account which prohibit the applicant being considered for a transfer.

Q.17 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the status of the housing application of:

- (a) *details supplied (a); and
- (b) *details supplied (b)
who are brother and sister.

Reply:

The applicant referred to at (a) above is currently on the waiting list in 456th position in Band two for single person accommodation in Area M (Pearse Street / Ringsend). The applicant referred to at (b) is on the waiting list in 231st position in Band two accommodation. Based on these positions, they will not be considered for accommodation for some time.

Q.18 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager (a) to provide a full breakdown of flood defence works which took place within the period 2009 - 2014 for the purpose of increasing flood defences and flood protection for the residents of St. Alban's Park, Dublin 4 and

Sydney Parade Avenue, Dublin 4, and (b) what further works, if any, are intended from the period 2014-2019.

Reply:

St. Alban's and Ailesbury Gardens is built on a lake and is susceptible to flooding, the last time the area flooded was in August 2012.

In 2013 Dublin City Council (DCC) Drainage laid a new rising main, parallel to the existing from the pumping station out to the strand, which substantially increased the flow rates.

Extra gullies were also constructed close to the junction on Sydney Parade Avenue between the junctions with Ailesbury Gardens and St. Alban's Park in 2014.

For the record, DCC Drainage recently repaired a collapsed main at St. Alban's Park.

There are no plans to do further work in this area.

Q.19 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to remove the tree outside No. 1 Beech Hill Crescent, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, in circumstances where the roots of the tree are digging up and damaging the footpath surface and also digging into and damaging the garden of the property at No.1.

Reply:

The path at this location has been recently repaired and is considered to be safe. The removal of this tree will form part of a phased removal of trees in the area; however this work is not included in the works programme for 2015.

Q.20 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the implementation of the traffic calming measures which were promised for the Strand Road in 2014 by stating (a) what precise measures will be introduced and (b) when they will be introduced.

Reply:

Two Radar Speed Signs are to be introduced on Strand Road/Beach Road in the first quarter of 2015 as part of a project to determine the traffic calming effectiveness of such signage in an urban environment.

Q.21 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to remove or trim the large coniferous tree which is located to the right hand side of the back garden of No. 12 Bellevue Park Avenue, Booterstown, Dublin as one looks facing the house (this property is within both the Dublin City Council area and the Pembroke-South Dock ward), in circumstances where this coniferous tree totally overshadows the back garden of No. 12 and also creates a serious health and safety risk that it will fall over and cause serious damage.

Reply:

Parks and Landscapes Services will carry out an inspection of the location within the next two weeks.

Q.22 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager (a) to provide a report to indicate what measures have been taken to ensure that the car park at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium,

South Lotts Road, Dublin 4, is only used as a car park at the times when it is permitted to do so, and (b) to state the precise times that this car park is permitted to operate as such.

Reply:

The greyhound stadium at Shelbourne Park, South Lotts Road, Dublin 4 long predates the introduction of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963.

Developments that predate the introduction of the Act on 1 October 1964 do not require planning permission. Two separate permissions were granted in 1995, one for the erection of kennels, the other for additional uses of the grandstand area. Neither of these permissions included a limit on operating hours. As a result, there are no planning conditions restricting the hours at which the stadium car park may be operated.

Q.23 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In August 2014, as the deadline for payment in respect of the (Non-Principal Private Residence) NPPR charge approached, the following was communicated to me:

“An agreement, at national level, between Local Authorities & the Ombudsman Office has been put in place which provides for a 50% reduction in late payment fees in very exceptional circumstances. The agreement was to primarily address a situation where a person living abroad was not aware of the NPPR Charge and to qualify for the reduction in late payment fees that person would have to:

- Be resident outside the country for some considerable time and visited the Country infrequently; and,
- The property was not managed by an agent during the relevant period; and,
- They owned no more than one property liable for the NPPR charge; and,
- The property was not registered with the (Private Rental Tenancies Board) PRTB; and,
- They did not by their own actions, or inaction, hinder the local authority from notifying them of their liability; and
- They were not notified of the liability by the local authority before penalties accrued.”

I have repeatedly tried since receipt of that communication in August 2014 to obtain formal confirmation that Dublin City Council (and, through it, the South East Area of DCC), entered into this agreement and therefore is bound by it.

This is a formal request to ask the Area Manager to confirm that Dublin City Council is a party to this agreement and will abide by it.

Reply:

Guidelines were issued on the 31st July by the NPPR Bureau following intervention with the Office of the Ombudsman. The purpose of the agreement was to set out an approach which should be followed by each local authority in reviewing specific cases with a view to resolving cases that were with the Ombudsman for decision. Notwithstanding that the guidelines were prepared to deal with specific cases; it is

considered that the principles contained in the guidelines should form the basis of dealing with future cases satisfying the same criteria that might arise.

Dublin City Council has adopted the terms of these guidelines in cases where the necessary evidence of compliance with these criteria is fulfilled.

Q.24 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to set out DCC's understanding of sheds being located on public road in Colliers Avenue Ranelagh and whether any remedial action has been sought by DCC to secure access to public roadway?

Reply:

Residents of Colliers Avenue, who have sheds on Colliers Avenue were sent a letter stating "The full length of Colliers Avenue is a public road, it is an offence to erect a garden shed, maintain a vegetation area or use the public road for any other uses. Such items narrow the width of the carriageway and are hazards and obstruct emergency services and utility companies should they require immediate access. Any such items should be removed from Colliers Avenue by 14th March 2015."

The Law Dept. has advised the owners of the sheds do not have a right to have the sheds based on adverse possession as a public right of way is a statutory right. As Colliers Avenue is a public right of way, that right of way could not be blocked by buildings.

Q.25 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to report on the number of currently vacant units in the senior citizen complexes of Maxwell Court, Mount Drummond Court and Oxford Grove.

Reply:

There are currently three units vacant in these complexes; one in Maxwell Court which has been identified for refurbishment under the framework agreement and two units in Oxford Grove which have been identified for conversion from two units into one.

Q.26 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager who owns the fenced-off triangular patch of grass in Pembroke Gardens, Dublin 4, and if it is owned by the council can the council work with residents to put it to constructive use.

Reply:

The area in question is owned by Dublin City Council. A plan of work is now in place as agreed with the local residents' association. It is envisaged that this work will commence in the next few weeks.

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report and update with regards the Dublin initiative and the works relating to Bernardo Square and 3 Palace Street?

Reply:

The Dublin Discovery Trail is a joint project between Fáilte Ireland and Dublin City Council. This tourism project includes three main elements; the Construction of a Visitor Information Hub at Barnardo Square, Improvements to Public Realm and Improvements to Wayfinding and Interpretation.

Barnardo Square - The tender documents and detailed construction drawings prepared by Fáilte Ireland for the Visitor Information Hub and landscaping works are currently being considered.

Public Realm – Drawings and documents are currently being prepared for a Part 8 planning application for environmental improvement works on High Street. It is hoped to begin the Part 8 planning process in May.

WayFinding – It is planned to install the Dublin WayFinding system over the next two months. The installation of the Dublin Information Panels requires additional survey and construction work and will be installed in the summer.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards the ongoing negotiations between the Royal College of Surgeons York Street and the Tenants of the York Street apartments in relation to financial compensation for noise etc? This report to include what Councillors, if any, were informed of this initiative. What Councillors were invited to meetings to discuss this initiative? What involvement if any does DCC have in this initiative? And what are Dublin City Council's views regarding this initiative?

Reply:

Dublin City Council had no involvement in this matter between the residents of York Street apartments and the Royal College of Surgeons.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a report with regards the removal of racist graffiti on the walls of the flat complex in Glovers Court? This report to include what complaints were made to DCC estate management regarding this issue and what efforts, if any, are made to remove such graffiti immediately?

Reply:

A complaint was received in the South East Area office on the 19th January 2015 regarding racist graffiti on the walls. The Housing Maintenance Section was contacted immediately to arrange for a painter to be dispatched to the flat complex to remove the graffiti. The situation will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour, vandalism and malicious damage to property at Ringsend Park? This report to include what steps are being taken to protect the adjoining private properties in and near this park. Recently there was a series of fires close to private homes. This situation has led to residents fearing that as a result of this vandalism their homes are in danger of being destroyed.

Reply:

The South East Area Office has been in contact with Irishtown Garda Station in relation to recent incidents in Ringsend Park. A meeting will be arranged with South East Area staff, Parks Services, residents, Councillors and Community Garda in the near future to try to address these issues.

There have been a number of incidences of anti-social behaviour after park closing times at Ringsend Park, where small fires have been set, usually in wheelie-bins which have been removed from outside houses in the locality.

A specific incident occurred where a fire was started beside a beech hedge and low railing within the park which is adjacent the garden of a private house. A garden shed was damaged by this fire. The gardener in charge at Ringsend Park, Mr. Noel Keegan, is prepared to meet the householder in question to assess the extent of damages in this case.

It is the policy of Parks and Landscape Services to close all gates at Ringsend Park at the designated closing times. Any access to the parks after closing time constitutes illegal activity. The Garda Síochána has been provided with keys to the park to facilitate their access to the park at these times.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate a survey of O'Carroll Villas with regards the dampness and the lack of any insulation in this entire block with particular reference to the bedsits on the ground floor? Many residents at this location have raised concerns about the dampness and mould that is now very evident in many of these dwellings.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer is not aware of any ongoing issues with dampness / mould in this flat complex. If the Councillor or any tenant wishes to identify a specific unit / address where there are concerns over dampness/condensation this will be investigated.

In general, maintenance requests from tenants in which they refer to "dampness" or "mould growth" are responded to in the following manner:

- An inspection of the area in question by an inspector/foreman to determine if the damage is caused by a leak, flooding from above or condensation. This inspection to include a protometer (sometimes referred to as a "dampmeter") check of the area along with a measure of the ambient water vapour in the room.
- If the readings indicate dampness (water ingress through leaks, flooding, etc) then the foreman can take other standard remedial action as appropriate and arrange to repair any leak and to have the affected area remediated.
- If the readings indicate that the mould/damage is as a result of condensation then the inspector will check if there are vents already installed and if they are operating properly (i.e. not covered up or blocked in such a way as to reduce air movement and ventilation).
- If there are no vents or an extra vent is deemed necessary, then the inspector will offer the tenant the option of the installation of a passive vent in the affected wall (or nearest point to an external wall).
- The inspector will also check the condition of the windows and assess if they are in working order, capable of being opened, vents operational, etc.
- Other issues which might add to condensation (presence of washing/drying machines, etc) will also be noted.
- The inspector will also offer the tenant an info leaflet on methods of mitigating condensation and other advice.

WATER VAPOUR / CONDENSATION / MOULD GROWTH

97% of maintenance requests to Dublin City Council which refer to "dampness" are eventually identified as being due to condensation.

Condensation is excess water vapour in the air turning back to liquid water on a cold surface.

Water vapour is created by generating steam (cooking, baths, showers, drying clothes, etc) it is even exhaled by residents, for example the breath of four people will produce 2.5 litres (5 pints) of water a day.

The generation of water vapour which leads to condensation (and in some cases mould growth) is not due to the way the building is constructed but to the way the building is used.

While the minute water droplets on a wall might not be visible the mould growth which thrives on wet surfaces will. The mould will take the form of unsightly black patches and will grow as long as the wall is moist.

The best way to get rid of water vapour / condensation / mould growth is to:

- Attack the source
- Turn on extractor fan when cooking.
- Keep the kitchen door closed.
- Open windows after a shower or a bath.
- Don't block the ventilators
- Ventilate the flat by opening windows for a short period in the morning especially on dry windy days.
- Spray the affected areas with a propriety mould remover (available in most stores) or a diluted bleach product.

It is the City Council's policy not to intervene in cases of condensation – in fact it stipulates that damage to a property as a result of condensation (such as mould growth) is solely to responsibility of the tenant.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report regarding the amenities that are available for children at the Bridgefoot Street apartment blocks that are now being used to temporarily house the residents of Crampton Buildings? The residents at this block have requested on numerous occasions to have access to the courtyard in order for their children to play and get fresh air. There are a number of young children at this location and there is a great need for these children to play in the open space rather than the basement area of this particular block.

Reply:

This request was examined by Dublin City Council and Circle Voluntary Housing Association. There is no direct access from the block in question to the courtyard. The only direct access to the courtyard is for the commercial units only.

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards any meetings that have taken place in relation to the vacant site at the bottom of Georges Street / Dame Lane? This report to include what was discussed at the meeting. Who was present at the meeting and what was the outcome of the meeting with regards the potential use of this site?

Reply:

Meetings have taken place in 2013 and 2014 with an adjoining owner who had expressed an interest in this site however they have since informed us that they are no longer interested. A subsequent internal meeting with Planning, Development and the Chief Valuers Office was also held to discuss the options to progress the use of this site and it is anticipated that the site will be marketed in the coming months with a view to developing it for a use consistent with the Development Plan. Following receipt of expressions of interest and the selection of a 'preferred bidder' any such proposal will be brought before the elected members for approval.

Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding the usage of the recently installed equipment at Sandymount seafront? This fitness equipment was installed sometime last year and it would be important to have a survey as to how many people, if any, are actually using this.

Reply:

It is considered that the new gym equipment adds to the amenity of the promenade. The workstations are designed to be used by all age groups with some of the machines being wheelchair friendly. The gym equipment was installed in Sandymount in line with Dublin City Council's Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2009 – 2016. Objective AF 5 states: "Dublin City Council will continue to develop public open-air adult trim trail/health stations in parks and public areas."

We have no plans to survey the usage of the gym equipment at this time. These facilities have been a great success in many other locations around the city and country and the informal response from local users has been positive.

In keeping with Dublin City Council's Policy to encourage the public to be active and participate in outdoor exercise 12 No. outdoor gym equipment were installed at six locations along Sandymount Promenade in May/June 2014.

The equipment has been designed to suit all fitness levels, age groups and to be universally accessible. The equipment has been well received by the general public and is used regularly by them.

The aim is to promote exercise and encourage people to participate, irrespective of their fitness levels. It is not practicable at this time to carry out a survey of the numbers of users however the indications are that these prominently located installations are proving successful in this endeavour.

Q.35 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards the NYE Festival? This report to include attendance, expenditures, fees etc. Also what company is now managing this event? What impact it has on tourism in the city? Whether there are any drinks sponsors involved?

Reply:

Following discussions with Fáilte Ireland in early 2014 on foot of the success of the New Year Festivals in the previous three years 2011 - 2013, it was agreed to maintain the Fáilte Ireland / Dublin City Council Partnership approach to deliver a Dublin New Year Festival for a further period of five years.

A procurement process conducted by lead partner Fáilte Ireland, in association with Dublin City Council, resulted in a new contractor, Holohan Leisure being appointed to programme and deliver the New Year Festival via a Concession Agreement between Fáilte Ireland and Leisure Project management Ltd. T/A Holohan Leisure, for a three year period to February 2017. Under the terms of a Concession Agreement, which in this case provides for the financial contributions of the funding partners, the Contractor bears all the risks and responsibility for the provision of the services and is also entitled to retain any profit arising in the course of provision of the services. It is a matter for Holohan Leisure to enter into contractual arrangements with other parties to deliver the services and the funding partners have no involvement or entitlement to details of contractual negotiations between Holohan Leisure and any third party.

The annual cash contributions committed by the partners are €200,000 (excl.) VAT by Fáilte Ireland and €100,000 (excl VAT) by Dublin City Council. These cash contributions are supplemented by in-kind support. In the case of Dublin City Council in-kind support to the value of approx. €100,000 was provided to the Festival. This included use of public spaces, promotional activity and waiver of some fees/charges. Dublin City Council's annual financial contribution is transferred directly to Fáilte Ireland to fund the festival in accordance with the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding, separate to the Concession Agreement. This includes a stipulation that Dublin City Council financial contribution is to be directed towards the elements of the Festival programme that are either free to the public or in the case of entry fee charging cultural attractions, result in no additional charges over and above the normal cost of entry. Dublin City Council has no contractual relationship with Holohan Leisure but is represented on the NYF Project Monitoring Group.

The 2014/2015 Festival which took place from 30/12/2014 – 01/01/2015 was delivered successfully. A number of formal post-event evaluation exercises are being undertaken including the Public Event Licence de-brief by Dublin City Council Planning Department, evaluation of the cultural programme by an independent expert group and independent market research agency B&A (Behaviour & Attitudes) engaged by Fáilte Ireland. The statistical information compiled on festival attendance, attendee profile, domestic and overseas visitors etc. is currently being analysed and the findings will be made available as soon as possible.

Q.36 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager to consider arranging for the painting of lamp posts around Belgrave Square.

Reply:

Painting of the public lighting standards here will be considered for inclusion in a future painting programme, subject to finances available.

Q.37 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the status of the bollard on Maxwell Road which I requested be repaired some time ago.

Reply:

The original large bollard was re-erected on the 12th Dec 2014. Historically an additional slimmer bollard was present in this location, this will also be re-erected.

Q.38 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager for an update for the possible redesign of the junction at Orwell Road and Zion Road to better facilitate cyclists.

Reply:

The existing road layout on Orwell Road allows cyclists to share the carriageway with other road users. Cyclists are not permitted to ride on or across a footpath, other than where a cycle track is provided on the footpath.

Orwell Road has been identified as a secondary route in the Cycle Network for the Greater Dublin Area. The implementation of the Plan is funded by the National Transport Authority. The implementation of the Primary routes has been prioritised. All available resources have been assigned to the delivery of the primary network. The Environment and Transportation Department will not be in a position to assign resources for the assessment of this route in 2015.

Q.39 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Harold's Cross Bridge, where Clanbrassil Street meets Harold's Cross Road.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 27th June, 2013, reported that the pedestrian crossings requested at Harold's Cross Bridge are located in close proximity to the proposed route of the Grand Canal Cycle Route from Portobello to Blackhorse. A pedestrian crossing across Grove Road at Harold's Cross Bridge may be considered as part of this project.

The National Transport Authority is funding the Grand Canal Cycle Route from Portobello to Blackhorse under the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants. Land acquisition negotiations are underway. The outcome of these will inform the finalisation of the preliminary design drawings for the route. Once agreed and approved by the NTA, details of the Scheme will go through the Part 8 public notification process and for consideration by the City Councillors.

Q.40 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the condition of Mount Pleasant Place and carry out any necessary repair works.

Reply:

Road Maintenance have inspected Mount Pleasant Place and taken note of the defects. The ramp will be included in our 2015 Ramps Programme and the repair of potholes has been added to our Works Programme. These repairs will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.41 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager for a full update on the progress of the Palmerston Gardens parking situation as was agreed at the last meeting.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 27th January, 2015, reported that following an extremely close ballot result a clear decision in relation to the introduction of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme on Palmerston Gardens could not be determined. Subsequently, residents have provided information to the Parking Policy and Enforcement Section which indicated that the result would likely have been different had the laneway been included in the proposed residential parking scheme. Therefore the proposal will be re-drafted to include the laneway and residents will be balloted once more.

Q.42 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager to address two serious traffic hazards on Harold's Cross Road, which represent a danger to cyclists and cause delays to the bus users along the route? Almost every day a handful of cars are illegally parked in two key places that disrupt this busy radial route:

1. On the footpath / cycle lane outside the AM/PM shop at Harold's Cross Bridge
2. On the cycle lane outside Centra just south of Harold's Cross Park (despite it being a signed clearway from 7-10am and 12-7pm Monday to Saturday)

It is highly dangerous for cyclists to swerve into the general traffic lane to avoid these cars. Furthermore, the parked cars effectively block a lane, causing disruption to

general traffic and to the buses on the Rathfarnham QBC (16, 49, 9, 54a).

Perhaps double yellow lines, mandatory cycle lanes, footpath bollards, clearer marking as a clearway or simply greater enforcement are needed.

Report:

The issue of parking at the above locations has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

The Council's parking enforcement contractor Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) has carried out 84 enforcements including relocating 14 vehicles on Harold's Cross Road over the past year. Most of these offences are clearway, buslane, footpath and cycle lane offences. DSPS have been instructed to regularly monitor the two locations mentioned and take enforcement action where necessary.

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

Q.43 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Area Manager to address the issue of inaccessibility by the emergency services to Brighton Avenue & Road as a result of cars parked in the immediate and surrounding areas.

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.

On Wednesday 4th February 2015, the first fire appliance from Donnybrook Fire Station visited the above location and the access was found to be acceptable.

It was reported however that if a vehicle was parked on the corner of the road that it may possibly impede access. Such an occurrence is however unlikely as it would constitute illegal parking.

The second fire appliance attached to Donnybrook Fire Station, is a "light first strike" appliance designed to access narrow streets and roads. This appliance is narrower than standard fire appliances thus enabling an initial intervention by the fire service in areas having narrow streets / roads.

Q.44 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager for a report on recent meetings between the South East Area Office or staff and the Donnybrook Residents' Association.

Reply:

No formal meetings have taken place between South East Area Office staff and Donnybrook Residents' Association in recent times. However, occasional informal contacts are made at times in relation to environmental matters or community events.

Q.45 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive when short term remedial works might be undertaken in Terenure Library to facilitate wheelchair users and people with mobility difficulties to use the library freely and whether funds will be allocated this year to provide wheelchair access facilities.

Reply:

Dublin City Public Libraries is committed to making all of its branch libraries accessible. In our recently adopted five-year development plan we committed to considering and engaging with all opportunities for replacement or up-grade of branch libraries, including Terenure.

The programme of library access improvement works had originally prioritised the least accessible nine libraries for works. So far improvement works have been carried out at Drumcondra Library; Pembroke Library; Rathmines Library; Ballyfermot Library, and are currently underway at Kevin St. Library. Works to Inchicore Library and Coolock Library will be progressed this year.

In line with all DCC buildings, Terenure library was audited in 2006 and a sketched proposal for making it accessible was produced.

The library is the original 1930's building to the front joined to its 1970's extension at the rear by a narrow corridor. There is a slight step at the front of the building, a narrow entrance door into the porch, and then a sharp turn to the right to enter the children's library. Works identified as being required included the construction of an access ramp compliant with part M of the building regulations, reconfiguration of the porch, installation of an accessible toilet, replacement of the public counter and shelving etc., as well as re-configuring of the layout to allow movement and turning space for wheelchair users in the space.

This proposal is incomplete and therefore it is difficult to estimate the cost of the required works as listed above.

We accept this is a very unsatisfactory situation for wheelchair users and others with mobility difficulties. We propose to look again at the library to see if we can undertake any remedial works in the short term which would allow wheelchair users and others with mobility issues, to use the library.

Q.46 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to list the volume and value of injury claims for compensation from members of the public against Dublin City Council; to outline the nature of injuries sustained; to state the legal fees associated with these claims; to outline any preventative measures taken by Dublin City Council associated with these claims thereby reducing potential for further injury.

Reply:

The number of claims received in respect of 2014 for public liability was 1,206. The cost of claims settled in 2014 was €7.7M. The types of injuries sustained were of broken limbs, facial injuries, shoulder and back injuries and many others. The cost of legal fees is not available at this time.

The Council monitors the causes of claims very carefully. The Central Claims Unit works closely with each department helping them to identify the risk factors and discusses what preventative measures can be taken. Risk management is taken very

Q.47 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plans for the future roll out of the Dublin bike scheme detailing locations, dates and costs associated with the expansion.

Reply:

The dublinbikes scheme has just completed a phase 2 expansion. The completion of phase 2 has increased the size of the scheme to 100 stations and 1,500 bikes. This represents roughly double the number of stations and three times the amount of bikes compared to the initial scheme. The phase 2 expansion was based on the longer-term 14 phase development strategy for the dublinbikes scheme (dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework). This strategy was adopted by the elected members of Dublin City Council in 2010 and proposes an ambitious expansion programme which will provide for 5,000 bikes and approximately 300 bike stations throughout the city.

Future expansion is based on the plan led approach set out in the dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework providing for co-ordinated geographical growth. Specific station locations are determined at the design stage of each particular phase in the expansion. A dedicated working group will assess and determine the most appropriate locations for future bike stations within the phased expansion areas in accordance with the approach taken to date.

There are no definite timeframes in place for the delivery of the next expansion phases after phase 2. All further expansion will be subject to securing the necessary levels of substantial funding for both capital and annual operational costs over the life of the scheme. The Planning Department is investigating measures by which future expansion phases can be advanced. All feasible potential funding sources are being explored including central government funding, generating revenue through direct advertising provision in the public realm and generating revenue through the growth of the subscription base. Costing for future expansion phases will be subject to the legislative requirements of the public procurement process and delivering a project that represents best value for money. It is not considered prudent to disclose anticipated potential costing for future expansion phases as this would undermine any attempt to achieve value for money for Dublin City Council during a future procurement / tendering process.

Q.48 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask Chief Executive if recruitment to Dublin Fire Brigade will be advertised in 2015.

Reply:

Under Croke Park / Haddington Road Agreements Dublin Fire Brigade has provided a series of cost savings and efficiencies. These include new staffing arrangements in the East Region Control Centre with the replacement of fire-fighters with Civilian Controllers. Civilian Controllers were recruited by way of open competition. Staffing needs are assessed on an ongoing basis and when the above measures are finalised, the brigade will carry out a further assessment.

Q.49 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council paid a de-clamping fee to Dublin Street Parking Services following the clamping of a Dublin City Council vehicle from the waste services division on Grafton Street on January 8th 2015; to outline if the clamping of Dublin City Council vehicles by DSPS that are being used by Council staff in the course of carrying out their public service duties is safe, practical and fair practice under the terms of contract between Dublin City Council and Dublin Street Parking Services.

Reply:

Dublin City Council did not pay Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) for the de-clamping of this vehicle. Drivers of all Dublin City Council vehicles are responsible for any motoring or parking offences incurred while the vehicle is in their charge. In this instance the vehicle was in breach of Section 45 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997, i.e. being parked in a pedestrianised street outside the permitted hours. Goods vehicles only are allowed access to Grafton Street between 0600H and 1100H 7 days a week. The vehicle was clamped at 1125H. The only exemptions from parking regulations for Dublin City Council vehicles are for fire brigades, ambulances or vehicles being used in connection with the carrying out of roadworks (Section 5 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997). The contract between Dublin City Council and DSPS is to enforce all parking regulations for all vehicles, with the only exemptions being for those specified in parking regulations.

Q.50 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether a general clean up and removal of weeds and grass can take place at Synge Place, Dublin 8.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had a complete clean up carried out in Synge Place on the 2nd February 2015.

Q.51 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether Washerwoman's Lane (off Orwell Road, behind Supervalu and Highfield Road back gardens) can be tended to in terms of being tidied up, foliage, hedges and young trees which are threatening to affect boundary walls in Highfield Court.

Reply:

The Road Maintenance Services Division has inspected Washerwoman's Lane and will cut back any foliage impeding the walkway.

This section of Washerwoman's Lane is not in charge and does not come under our cleaning remit.

Q.52 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive if the terrace outside *details supplied can be cleaned up and the bushes which have overgrown onto the public road be trimmed back.

Reply:

The Road Maintenance Services Division has inspected details supplied (a). The Parks Department will be required to prune back the trees and shrubs on details supplied (a) prior to Road Maintenance issuing any notices to residents of details supplied (b) to trim foliage growing over their boundary walls.

The bushes along (details supplied a) are in private ownership so would not come under the responsibility of Park Services. Three lime trees at this location can be added to our pruning schedule. This work will be carried out before the end of March.

Q.53 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce proper lighting at the end of Westmoreland Park, Ranelagh.

Reply:

As there is no public lighting improvement programme this year, improvements to the lighting here will be placed on a list for consideration on a future improvement programme, subject to finances available.

Q.54 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the road on Westmoreland Park, Ranelagh can be resurfaced.

Reply:

Westmoreland Park was inspected by the Road Maintenance Services Division and found to be serviceable. Resurfacing is not feasible. Minor repairs will be carried out on Westmoreland Park. These repairs have been added to our Works Programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.55 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the section of road at Homelee adjoining Serpentine Park, Sandymount, resurfaced. The surface is breaking up and very uneven.

Reply:

The resurfacing programme has been agreed for 2015 and does not contain Homelee.

Road Maintenance has inspected the aforementioned location. Repair works have been added to our works programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in a neighbouring area.

Q.56 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have a large pothole filled outside the entrance to the Clyde Court Hotel on Lansdowne Road.

Reply:

The Road Maintenance Services Division has inspected the pothole outside Clyde Court Hotel on Lansdowne Road and added this repair to the Works Programme. This repair will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.57 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have a malfunctioning parking meter adjacent to the Spar shop on Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, assessed. There have been many complaints at various times last year that it was temperamental.

Reply:

Meter 9308 Thorncastle Street is the most modern model of the 1079 Pay & Display Machines throughout the city with direct communication links to the Parking Enforcement Section for fault monitoring and other transaction monitoring. An analysis of the operation of this machine from November 2013 to date has shown that it has been transacting normally (with the same average number of weekly transactions). There were only two faults on this machine over the past year both of which were attended to and repaired within 3 hours of the fault being reported. Both faults were attributable to vandalism in that the coin slot had been jammed. There is a free phone number on the meter to assist in reporting faults. In addition motorists experiencing any difficulty paying at this meter can pay for their parking in the adjacent Spar Shop which is a Payzone outlet with the Council's Retail Parking Payment option.

Q.58 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the issue of broken windows at the following address, details supplied. When can replacement windows be expected?

Reply:

There was no record of a broken window on our Anite computer system prior to this question. Our glazier called to this dwelling and rang the phone contact number for the tenant, however no response was received. Contact details have been left for the tenant. When contact is made with the local depot by the tenant, arrangements will be made to have any necessary repairs carried out.

Q.59 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager if she will arrange to have the phone box on Lombard Street East removed as it is a source of anti-social behaviour. Here is the exact location:

<https://www.google.ie/maps/@53.346041,-6.24795,3a,75y,90t/data=!3m4!1e1!3m2!1sbVhxTltM0HS07vnlmXusYA!2e0?hl=en>

Reply:

This Eircom phone box will be listed to Eircom with a recommendation that it be removed.

Q.60 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager to give the cost of widening Wilfield Road Sandymount by taking 500 mm off the footpath on each side. This would leave the footpaths on both sides wide enough even for wheelchairs and buggies but also make room for parking bays on either side.

Reply:

It is against the current policy of Dublin City Council to reduce pedestrian facilities in favour of vehicle parking. It is the policy of Dublin City Council To continue to promote the modal shift from private car use towards increased use of more sustainable forms of transport such as cycling, walking and public transport and to implement the initiatives contained in the government's, 'Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020'. A cost estimate is therefore meaningless as this type of work should not be supported.

Q.61 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Area Manager please state what action has been taken on the gates illegally erected at the entrance to Wharton Terrace, Harold's Cross. Back last July I submitted evidence of this being a public road way which had a terrace of houses prior to the ESB Station and also a city council road sign.

Also Wharton Hall on this Terrace; there is a Bord Pleanála decision that this building be returned to its original height. The city council has the power to take over this building if the owner is not prepared to comply with the Bord's decision. Would the Manager please state why no action has been taken on both of these cases?

Reply:

There is a dispute over ownership of this lane. This issue must be resolved before a decision can be made on enforcement proceedings in respect of the gate.

Planning permission was granted on 29 January 2009 for the demolition of the existing roof, internal partitions and sections of front & rear elevations, provision of 2 parking spaces at ground floor, refurbishment of existing 1st floor office, construction of a new 2 bedroom apartment at 2nd floor with 15m2 terrace at rear and 6 no. roof lights at Wharton Hall, Harold's Cross (Planning Register reference 4070/08 refers). The development was not carried out in accordance with the approved plans in that the height and pitch of the roof was not as approved under planning permission 4070/08. In addition, 6 additional roof lights which were not shown on the approved drawings were installed.

In June 2009, an enforcement notice was served on the property owner seeking full compliance with the permission granted. The Notice was not complied with. However, it subsequently transpired that the developer had left the site and was uncontactable. As a result, legal proceedings for non-compliance with the enforcement notice were not possible at that time.

The permission for this house has now expired and a further permission will be required to complete the development. There is no record that the property has changed hands. However, efforts will continue to identify and locate the current owner and to take appropriate enforcement action.

Q.62 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager for a full list of properties owned by DCC in the Temple Bar area, both vacant and occupied. As for properties occupied if the Manager can supply information as to rents received from these properties and if these are being used for residential or business etc.

Reply:

List of properties owned by Dublin City Council in the Temple Bar area, both vacant and occupied attached below:

Address	Interest Held by DCC	Vacant or Occupied	Nature of Occupation	If Occupied Rents Received
Smock Alley Court Apartments. Essex St. West/ Fishamble St/Exchange St Lr	Freehold	Occupied	Residential	DCC Housing Tenancy Rents
Smock Alley Court Retail units (4) Ground Floor Essex St. West/ Fishamble St	Freehold held jointly with TBP subject to Leases	2 Vacant on Fishamble Street 2 Occupied on Essex Street West	Business	Managed by TBP

Demolished Site at 29/30 Fishamble St.(formerly Staffords)	Freehold	Vacant Site	N/A	N/A
Crampton Buildings 54 of the 70 Apts, 1st & 2nd flr level Crampton Quay/ Bedford Row	Leasehold 999 yrs from 1998	Occupied	Residential	DCC Housing Tenancy Rents
ESB Offices Bedford Row/ Fleet St.	Freehold subject to 2 Leases granted by DCC to the ESB	Occupied	Business	€305 Per Annum

Q.63 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to put a new front door in ***details supplied**. The front door is in very bad condition, heat getting out etc. It can't be fixed with draft excluders etc. as this has been tried and unsuccessful.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Foreman called to this dwelling in the past few days. The front door is not in need of replacement. There is a draught excluder fitted to this door.

Q.64 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager when the trees at the front of O'Carroll Villas will be removed. Confirmation of removal has already been given but if resident could have an approximate time.

Reply:

The trees have been surveyed this week by our Health and Safety Officer. The works will necessitate the use of a hoist from the public pathway. It is anticipated that the works will be completed within the next two weeks.

Q.65 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the area manager to investigate road traffic signs at York Street flats. Residents report lack of road traffic signage.

Reply:

The Traffic Officer reports that an extra sign pole and signage (Positive Left Arrow facing the laneway (Proud's Lane) on York Street) was erected on 03/02/15 in relation to this request.

Q.66 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to investigate flat with no water running from sink in Bathroom. This resident (details supplied) is very distressed by these standards and I ask that the problem be resolved as soon as possible. He has tried to have problem resolved but is getting nowhere.

Reply:

Currently there is only a cold water supply to the hand basin in the bathroom of this dwelling. A hot water supply will be installed over the next few weeks.

Q.67 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager clarify how much the pitch in Digges Street cost and how much, if any, did the FAI contribute to its construction and how much did Dublin City Council contribute from the money that it received from The Royal College of surgeons and can the Area Manager also clarify of how much of this €500,000 Dublin City Council received was spent in the York Street flats and indicate what it was spent on?

Reply:

This facility was constructed during 2008/2009 at a total cost of €195,591.71.

The Dept. of Arts, Sport & Tourism contributed €25,000 under Sports Capital Grants Scheme.

The FAI contributed €10,000 under the terms of the 'UEFA/FAI Mini Pitch Programme'.

Dublin City Council paid the balance of €160,591.71.

A total of sixty six housing units at York Street were handed over to the Council by the contractor in 2008. An examination of the records show that the total cost of the development was €20.5m. An amount of €12m was received from the Royal College of Surgeons in respect of part of the site at York St that was sold to the College. This entire amount of €12m was used to pay for the development of York Street with the balance funded by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and Dublin City Council.

Q.68 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager ensure that spikes are put on the rooftop of *details supplied as the pigeons sit on the roof at this point and destroy the doorway below and it becomes unsafe for the senior citizen who has to walk over it.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer will arrange for an inspection of this flat complex. However, there are no measures that can be taken to eliminate pigeons resting on or soiling surfaces outside dwellings.

Q.69 Councillor Chris Andrews

What measures is Dublin City Council taking to ensure that flats have hot water installed in the bathroom in flat complexes like Pearse House and Markievicz House?

Reply:

Where there is only a cold water supply to the hand basin in the bathroom of dwellings in these complexes, a hot water supply will be installed. This work is being carried out on an ongoing basis. If any tenant who does not have a hot water supply contacts Housing Maintenance on 222 2091, or the local Area Maintenance Depot, arrangements will be made to have a hot water supply installed.

Q.70 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager give an update as to the progress being made in terms of making the vacant site on Ross Road open to residents and developing a play ground?

Reply:

To date DCC have met with local residents on a number of occasions regarding this issue and discussions have begun regarding the development of alternative play provision as opposed to a standard fixed playground. Residents are open to discussion and interested in engaging in a consultation process that will include local children/young people to develop a 'play space'. This type of play space may be a possible solution to concerns regarding a play facility for the residents of Ross Road and surrounding area. In order to move forward, further consultation and agreements with residents regarding, local workshops, planning, risk assessment and local management of the play area will be discussed at future meetings with residents.

Q.71 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the City Manager carry out a full maintenance audit of *details supplied and indicate how many flats have issues with the following: 1) dampness 2) mould 3) electrical 4) sewage

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer is not aware of any unresolved or ongoing problems with the issues referred to by the Councillor in these complexes. However a report will be forwarded to the Councillor within the next two weeks detailing the number of complaints received relating to these issues in the past year from these flats.

Q.72 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager organize to have the large amount of earth to the rear of *details supplied which is up against the wall and acts as a rick for break-ins to this home?

Reply:

Staff from the South East Area and an engineer from the Drainage Division are examining the strip of land at the side of Stella Gardens that includes the area in question. Any works carried out in this area have to be carefully monitored so as not to damage the main sewer. Talks are ongoing with BADRA regarding allowing them access to the area to clean it up and do some planting.

Q.73 Councillor Paddy Costello

To ask the Area Manager to provide an update on the bollards at Corrib Road and making them more permeable for cyclists as in the attached picture. Previously the Area Manager replied to another councillor:

'The Traffic Dept. would have no issue with points raised by the applicant in relation to making Corrib Road a more permeable route for commuting and leisure cyclists and making the area more cycling friendly in general. The Traffic Dept. would envisage a re-design of the barriers at Corrib Road and also at Aideen Avenue and Aideen Drive similar to the solution proposed by the applicant. Consultation with residents of affected streets may be undertaken prior to construction. The request has been listed for future works on the Traffic Dept. Minor Works Programme which will be reviewed towards the end of this year for 2015 construction.'

Reply:

As this area is now contained in the South East Electoral Area an examination of the previous recommendation will be carried out and the councillor will be updated in due

course. The request will remain listed for future works on the Traffic Dept. Minor Works Programme.

Q.74 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if assessments have been carried out to evaluate the potential impact on pedestrians and cyclists the additional 40 buses per hour that have been routed down Richmond Street South, Camden Street, Wexford Street, Aungier Street and South Great Georges Street due to the Luas works may have, and if those reports can be made available.

Reply:

Specific assessments to evaluate potential impacts on pedestrians and cyclists due to the increases in the volumes of buses travelling on the Richmond Street South, Camden Street, Wexford Street, Aungier Street and South Great Georges Street route were not carried out; however an overall assessment of the Harcourt Gyratory to ascertain feasibility of potential works such as the Camden Street Contra-flow were carried out. From this assessment it was noted that approximately 1,400 in both directions (700 per direction) bus services pass through this important bus corridor in both directions over the course of a typical work day. An additional estimated 40 buses per hour in both directions should not greatly affect the capacity of this bus corridor.

Following on from the Camden Street Contra-flow recent works, cyclists now have a dedicated cycle lane on Camden Street Upper, both inbound and outbound where a lane did not previously exist. Furthermore the upgrading of the pedestrian crossing facilitates at the junction of Camden St. upper, lower and Charlotte Way has increased safety for all road users.

Q.75 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to please fix the lights at the public square at Portobello Bridge as one of the street lights is currently not working, and if she can also review the overall lighting in the area with a view to making improvements.

Reply:

Repairs to the lighting standards here will be carried out as soon as possible. There are no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here.

Q.76 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Chief Executive to please fix the pathways at the bottom of (details supplied) where trees have uprooted the pathway, but to ensure that these works are carried out without removing the trees.

Reply:

The Area Engineer has inspected *details supplied. Repair works have been added to the Works Programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in a neighbouring area.

Q.77 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can tell me where on allotment waiting list lies (details supplied) and if the Manager can provide the waiting list for allotments in Ringsend.

Reply:

Details supplied* is presently 4th on the waiting list. South East Area are expecting some allotments back as we are now renewing the licences so there may be some

vacancies. Details supplied* will be informed in the coming two weeks if a place is available. The licence renewal is from February 1st – December 31st 2015.

Q.78 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can outline the process by which an owner of a building can apply for a change of rates categorisation and the average time it takes for such a decision to be made.

Reply:

If there is a change of use in a commercial property the owner should apply to the Valuation Office to have the valuation revised. All valuations are determined by the Valuation Office and they are independent of local authorities. Further information is available on www.valoffice.ie.

Q.79 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many staff are currently deployed to manage Herbert Park, what budget is allocated to the maintenance of the park and if further staff and bins can be provided in the park as part of that budget.

Reply:

Herbert Park is the main depot for the area and currently has twelve members of staff operating from this location, including supervisory grades / trades / park ranger and general operatives.

There are four to five general operatives undertaking maintenance work in the park at any given time. However, these staff members are not confined to Herbert Park as they are also responsible for outline parks / open spaces and street trees in the area.

It is proposed to increase the number of staff undertaking maintenance work in Herbert Park as part of the work force review which is currently being undertaken.

There is no specific budget for the maintenance of Herbert Park as it is included in the overall budget for the district.

It is considered that there are sufficient rubbish bins in Herbert Park and it is not necessary to increase the number of bins in the park at this time.

Q.80 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to clarify who made the decision to keep the gates of Herbert Park open at night and what is the process by which this decision can be reviewed in order to allow for the closure of gates, in particular the two gates adjacent to the residential areas.

Reply:

During the winter/spring of 2011/'12 there was a number of serious vandalism and arson incidents in Herbert Park. At a meeting between Gardaí, Park and Area Office personnel in May 2012 to discuss ways of reducing such incidents it was proposed that the gates of the park could be left open to allow Garda patrols access to the park after normal park closing times.

The Area Committee was notified of this proposal and it was agreed that the gates at the R. Dodder side of the park would be left open on a trial basis over a three month period.

A review took place after the time period had lapsed and it was agreed to extend the gate opening into the future.

Since gate opening has been in operation there has been a substantial decrease in the level of vandalism and anti-social activity in the park. There is still some evidence of late-night drinking in the park, which continues to be monitored by Garda patrols.

Also some local residents were concerned that the gate opening would lead to an increase in public order offences in the local community. However this does not tally with official Garda records for the area.

We have also removed high shrubbery at the entrance gates which has improved visibility and passive surveillance by the public and also improved the perception of public safety in the park.

Gate opening has also had the benefit of allowing access to the park for users when it would normally have been locked. This has been of particular benefit to the public during the long day-light hours over the summer months and also at weekends throughout the year when the park would only be opened at 10am.

Review of the gate opening is ongoing and we continually look to deal with public concerns in this regard. However, considering the benefits of park opening to the general public and the reduction in anti-social activity it is not proposed to revert back to gate closing as requested.

Q.81 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to resurface the footpath at the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Grafton Street and College Green which is uneven and hazardous and gathers pools of water during heavy rains.

Reply:

This tarmacadam area was laid as a temporary measure whilst Luas works are ongoing. This area of footpath will be re-laid once Luas works are complete in this area.

The councillor's issue was passed onto the Railway Procurement Agency (RPA) for action. This temporary ramp has now been removed by the RPA's utility contractor, GMC and repairs carried out at this location. It was further discovered that there was a partial blockage on the adjacent gully and this will be cleared in the next week.

Q.82 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to remove the graffiti under the Harold's Cross Bridge.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made for the removal of this graffiti.

Q.83 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what measures will be put in place to minimise the potential impacts of additional traffic in the Portobello area due to the closure of Bishop Street.

Reply:

The entire area directly affected will remain under review following the closure works on Bishop Street with changes made as appropriate. Please forward requests for any specific measures to traffic@dublincity.ie.

Q.84 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to install bins in Herbert Park in the area close to Pembroke Cottages.

Reply:

It is considered that there are sufficient bins at this end of Herbert Park. A number of bins have been removed in the past from this location as they were being used for disposing of domestic rubbish.

Q.85 Councillor Paddy Costello

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for pruning of the trees on Clogher Road as soon as possible.

Reply:

Many of the trees along Clogher Road have been pruned over the past 3 years. Park Services can be contacted directly with the resident's details if a specific tree is causing problems. An inspection can then be organised to ascertain if work can be carried out.

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

Report on Monitoring of Road Openings.

For the purpose of expanding on the process outlined in the response to Motion 152 SEAC Meeting January 2015, this report covers utility works that Dublin City Council (DCC) monitored on a daily basis in 2014.

10,341 T2s/T3s were granted for external and internal utilities, each of which corresponds to works on the Dublin City Council road network. Inspections were carried out during the works by the six Traffic Officers in the Roadworks Control Unit (RCU) and the two Technicians in the Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU). These inspections are prompted by the following:

- Live T2s/T3s on the RCOE i.e.10,341 in 2014
- Daily whereabouts e-mails of contractors.
- Phone calls from utilities/contractors
- Complaints from the public, elected representatives and other stakeholders

9002 T5s were returned to Dublin City Council by internal and external utilities via the Roadworks Control Online Extranet (RCOE). Each T5 resulted in an inspection by a member of the inspectorate in The IMU. The IMU inspectorate consists of four measurers and two Technicians.

External utilities carry out their own reinstatements where the original surface is concrete or bitumen (tarmac). 2709 permanent reinstatements were carried out by utilities in 2014. All of these were inspected by IMU staff. Last year 345 T5s were found to be substandard, these T5s were rejected and the utility was notified of the problem via the RCOE.

Roads Maintenance carry out permanent reinstatements for modular paving surfaces such as antique paving, flags, cobbles and granite kerbs. Internal utilities usually return all temporary reinstatements to Roads Maintenance for permanent reinstatement.

Citywide, 3619 permanent reinstatements were carried out by Roads Maintenance in 2014. 1967 correspond to openings returned in 2014 and 1652 correspond to openings returned in previous years. Roads Maintenance does not have the resources to carry out all reinstatement immediately following submission of T5s by utilities.

There are currently 115 openings (corresponding to T5s submitted by external utilities) in the South East Area waiting for permanent reinstatement by Roads Maintenance. Most permanent reinstatements carried out by Roads Maintenance are as a result of temporary reinstatements returned (T5s) by Irish Water SLA, formerly the Water Services Section in DCC.

Problems relating to services being laid without sufficient cover/depth can only be captured during the works. The IMU inspectorate visit sites where ongoing larger work is taking place and notify the utility if the works are being carried out in contravention of *The Direction for*

the Control and Management of Roadworks in Dublin City 2010. DCC does not have the resources to inspect all openings as they are being dug, but it should be noted the services remain in the ownership of the utility and if the reinstatement fails within two years of a T5 being accepted, the utility is responsible for the repair of the reinstatement and any associated damage to the carriageway/footway.

An example of a problem followed up by the IMU inspectorate relates to the Bord Gáis works on Grove Road at Harold's Cross Bridge. Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) formerly Bord Gáis Eireann had a major gas leak at Harold's Cross Bridge last November, GNI tracked the leak to pipe work under the footway adjacent to their above ground installation (AGI) on Grove Road. The contractor for GNI excavated a section of concrete flagged path and granite kerbs. This GNI contractor temporarily reinstated the footway adequately in macadam. Due to the emergency nature of the situation, the contractor for GNI carried out the pipe repair without a T2. On foot of Cllr. Freehill's complaint, GNI were instructed by The IMU to regularise their permit situation which they did and applied for a T2 and subsequently submitted a T5, requesting Roads Maintenance to carry out the permanent reinstatement (a DCC requirement for modular paving) at the beginning of December. It was not possible for Roads Maintenance to permanently reinstate this section of footway in December due to Operation Free Flow which prohibits roadworks at traffic sensitive locations such as Harold's Cross Bridge/ Grove Road during the Christmas season. These works were done by Roads Maintenance on Saturday 28th February. This was the first available opportunity to carry out this work as Roads Maintenance also had to source granite kerbs which were irreparably damaged by the GNI contractor during the emergency pipe repair. GNI will pay Dublin City Council for the supply and lay of the kerbs and flags in accordance with the Roads Maintenance reinstatement rates.

The above example is the exception rather than the norm, in that the utility contractor commenced work without Dublin City Council being notified in advance. There is a separate process for emergency works (T4s) which was not adhered to in this instance by GNI.

In conclusion, utility works are inspected daily by The RCU and IMU staff and problems are dealt with efficiently when they occur. Utility reinstatement work assigned to Roads Maintenance is programmed and carried out along with all the other road works obligations, using the diminishing resources available.

Deri Flood
Senior Executive Engineer

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

Update on: The Architectural Case Study on the ESB Poolbeg Chimneys

In late 2014, the architectural historian and research team preparing the 20th Century Architecture in Dublin Research Project (on behalf of the City Council, with the support of the Heritage Council), were requested to undertake a study on the ESB Chimneys at Poolbeg generating station.

This study is examining a comprehensive range of relevant historic material and research, which is informed by engineering, materials (i.e. technology), social conditions and economic exigencies. Interviews have been recently completed with relevant protagonists.

The structure of the case study is as follows:

Physical Record

- General Description
- Street / Context
- Construction and materials
- Planning History

Architectural History

- Original Brief
- Protagonists
- Architectural influences and reception
- Technical evaluation

Social and Cultural History

Sources identified for the study on the Poolbeg Chimneys include the following:

- Archives including: the ESB Archive, Robinson Keefe & Devane (RKD) archives and private archives.
- Planning Files: relevant DCC Planning Department planning application files and documents.
- Journals and Articles including: RIA Architecture, ESB Journal, Plan Magazine and newspaper articles.
- Books including: Carroll, Peter (Ed.), *A Heritage Inventory of ESB Buildings in Ireland*, (ESB Ireland, 2005), Kearney, M., *Twenty-five Years of Poolbeg 1971-1996: A Brief History of Poolbeg Power Station* (1996), Manning, Maurice & McDowell, Moore, *Electricity Supply in Ireland – The History of the ESB* (Dublin, 1984) and others.

- Film including: Poolbeg: The Story of a Generating Station (George Fleischmann, 1977) and Columbarium (Tony Kenny, 2006).
- Oral Accounts: Interviews and discussions.
- Other references including: the Industrial Heritage Guide (Heritage Council), Dublin Docklands Authority, Industrial Heritage of Ireland (IAA), History of Engineering in Ireland (IAA), www.esbelectricmail.com

When complete in March 2015 the case study research will inform the Planning Department as it assesses the merits of the chimneys for addition to the Record of Protected Structures. A copy of the completed case study will be made available to the Elected Members along with the recommendation of the Chief Executive in due course.

Paraic Fallon
Senior Planner

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Recommendation: Addition of City Wall, Woodquay Venue, Civic Offices, Woodquay, 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.

Introduction

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 54 and Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to add **City Wall, Woodquay Venue, Civic Offices, Woodquay, Dublin 8** to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

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 Woodquay 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).

See enclosed.

Site Location & Zoning Map

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.*

See enclosed.

The approximate location of the city wall in the Woodquay 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.

Recommendation:

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

**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.*
See enclosed.

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

Photographs of City Wall, Woodquay Venue, Civic Offices, Woodquay, Dublin 8

See enclosed.

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

Pre-Part 8 Notification: New floodlights and synthetic surface to existing tennis courts in Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

As part of a refurbishment programme involving works to the existing Tennis / Bowling Pavilion, it is proposed to install new floodlights at the tennis courts to provide an improved facility for community and club development purposes.

The works also comprises resurfacing of 6 No. tennis courts with sand filled artificial turf to meet the requirements of full size tennis courts for doubles play.

The scope of works necessitates rectification works to the existing court bases, surfacing of the courts with sand filled artificial turf, foundation works for floodlights, public lighting of pedestrian paths through Croquet Lawn, bollard type lights along pedestrian path from renovated Bowling/Tearoom Pavilion to Herbert Park Road and CCTV installation.

It is proposed that the works will commence June 2015 or with a construction period of approximately 4 weeks.

Parks and Landscape Services wishes to notify the South East Area Committee of their intentions to submit a Part 8 in March 2015

Bernard Brady
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Tree Removal Works

Based on recent Visual Tree Assessments (V.T.A.) of the trees at the following locations it is proposed to undertake tree removal due to disease, poor condition and structural weakness of the trees.

Location	House Name/ Number	Tree Species	Comment
Greenfield Park	El Carmen, also No. 5/6/11/8/12/15/14/22/24/30/32/ opp. No 34	Cherry/ Rowan/ Hawthorn	Disease & Structural Weakness
Green Field Crescent	Outside House Numbers 17/12/5/6/7 /11	All Cherries	Disease and structural Weakness
Nutley Lane	Outside House Numbers 61/67/77/79/81/83/85	Cherry Trees and one crab apple tree	Disease and leaning
Northbrook Avenue	Outside House Number 65 Northbrook Avenue, Ranelagh	Chestnut Trees x 2	Fungal Decay and poor crown structure

The trees have been marked and the resident associations have been informed of the proposed felling. Quotations are currently being sought and it is anticipated that works will be undertaken as soon as practicable

Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Parks Improvement Works Programme for the South East Area in 2015

Please find list of proposed works to be undertaken in the South East Area in 2015.

Location	Project
Herbert Park	Playground upgrading and commence implementation of conservation management plan
Ranelagh Gardens Park	Install new playground
Sandymount Green	Revised conservation study will inform.
Dartmouth Square Park	Undertake repairs to the pergola and implement recommendation outlined in the Management Study
Mountpleasant Square	Implement park upgrading
Hertzog Park	Undertake landscape masterplan for the park
Palmerston Park	Undertake phased implementation of the conservation management plan of the park, with emphasis on the pond and shelter
Bushy Park	Undertake footpath upgrading
Eamonn Ceannt Park	Implement park improvements
Neagh Road Park	Continue open space upgrading

Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Area Manager's Report

Grafton Street Quarter

The repaving, public lighting and other improvement works are complete. Tenders have been received and are being assessed for the next series of public realm improvement projects - those streets to the west of Grafton Street – commencing with Wicklow Street (part) and Johnson's Court. Councillors will be advised when the tender process is complete and a contractor has been appointed with a date for commencement of works.

Crampton Buildings

The main refurbishment works are continuing with an expected completion date in November 2015.

Aviva Community Grants Scheme – Open for Applications

Applications are currently invited for grant assistance from the Aviva Community Grants Scheme. Applications can be made by eligible groups (within a 1 km radius of the stadium) until 30th April 2015. Applications should be forwarded to Aviva Stadium Community Grants Scheme 2015 c/o Roddy Guiney, Honorary Secretary, Stadium Community Committee, c/o WH, 6 Ely Place, Dublin 2.

Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme

Planning approval was received from An Bord Pleanála in May 2012 and Dublin City Council appointed consultants to complete the detailed design of the project and bring it through the tendering and construction phases. An information meeting for residents and Councillors was held on Monday 10th March 2014 in Gloucester Street Sports Centre. A presentation was made by Dublin City Council's design consultants and residents were given an opportunity to ask questions. The OPW who are funding the project are now going to carry out the works themselves. Works started on Monday 13th October and will continue for 15 months. Georges Quay will be the first works location, with site offices east of BJ Marine Buildings.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The group last met on 11th February 2015 and are due to meet again on 11th March 2015. Two large projects are underway at present: Rathmines / Portobello Music and Culture Festival (8th & 9th May 2015) and the Dublin Canals Action Day (25th April 2015). Meetings in relation to the Dublin Canals Action Day were held on 21st January and 12th February 2015 with representatives from both canal groups, Waterways Ireland and DCC in attendance. The Canals Action Day group are due to meet next on 12th March 2015.

Rathmines / Portobello Music and Culture Festival - 8th & 9th May 2015

Meetings were held on 12th November 2014 and 22nd January and 24th February 2015 with Rathmines College and community representatives in relation to planning a music/cultural festival at Rathmines Plaza/Portobello Harbour on 8th and 9th May 2015. This is to tie in with Inland Waterways Association of Ireland Rally in May 2015. We are working in partnership with Waterways Ireland, Bord Fáilte, OXFAM, TXFM, local businesses and Abner Brown's Barbershop. Preliminary event timings and a draft Event Management Plan are currently being compiled with formal launch planned for 11th April 2015.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

Pre-part 8 proposals were brought to the Area Committee in February 2015. Parks Services intend to formally lodge the Part 8 application on 6th March 2015. This being the case, the final date for making submissions in relation to the proposal will be 16th April 2015. All stakeholders will be notified once the Part 8 has been lodged.

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 already complete and Biodiversity Officer is engaging with Stratford College to initiate a biodiversity project in this area. An implementation plan for 2015, including costings, is currently being drawn up and will be circulated in due course.

London Bridge Slí na Sláinte

IHF have commenced preparation of 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 revised report is due to be forwarded to the Parks Department in the coming weeks.

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 commence drafting a formal licence to be signed by representatives of all parties prior to works commencing on the garden.

Charlemont, Tom Kelly, Ffrench Mullen.

The Dublin City Council Project Office continues to provide for the needs of the local community and to support the Charlemont / Tom Kelly / Ffrench Mullen Regeneration Board. Discussions are ongoing with the potential developer and are expected to conclude shortly.

Events

St. Patrick's Festival: 14th to 17th March

Jameson Dublin International Film Festival: 19th to 29th March

Community Development Report

Allotments - Licences for allotments at Ringsend Park (34) and Herbert Park (13) renewed in February. Enhancement works (pathway and tool shed) due to be carried out at Herbert Park at the end of March.

Friends of Green Spaces – Support continues to be provided by the Community Development Section on 30 environmental projects.

Senior Citizens' Activities - Activities for older people (adult education classes, knitting group, coffee mornings, art, bingo, sing-along afternoons/tea dances) continue in Sheltered Housing Schemes on a weekly basis as well as other seasonal events in the wider community.

Vibrant Villages Walking Trail Map & Guides – Map & Guides for Ballsbridge, Sandymount, Rathgar and Harold's Cross villages are currently being developed with a view to launching these trails during the Summer / Autumn.

Older Persons' Network - Monthly meetings have resumed at the Salvation Army Centre, Rathmines. The group continue to develop and a yearly plan has been produced.

Let's Walk & Talk – The six walking groups in the South East Area continue to meet on a weekly basis, taking in a number of tours during February including the Number 29 Georgian Museum and the Wax Museum.

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Proposal for allocation of Additional South East Area Budget of €296,000 in 2015

The budget for 2015 approved by the City Council includes an allocation of €296,000 to the South East Area for a programme of works to be agreed by the Area Committee. This represents an increase of €80,000 on the allocation for 2014. The following sets out a list of proposed projects for 2015:

1 Public Realm Enhancements:

An allocation of € 80,000 on a programme of gum removal / intensive street washing of high footfall commercial streets throughout villages in the SEA and the following is proposed:

Description of work to be carried out:

This work involves using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, but also stains and dog foul, the cleaning of street furniture, application of disinfectant on areas where needed including around bins, and the removal of waste. The work will be carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant.

This work can be carried out 4 times during 2015, and I suggest commencing in March, May, July and September. The proposed village areas are listed below along with the cost per clean:

Description of areas to be covered:

- i. Ranelagh Village from the Luas Bridge on Ranelagh Road to the junction of Ranelagh Road and Chelmsford Road on both sides of the road and to include the Ranelagh Triangle.
€1820.00 per clean.
- ii. Rathmines Village from the junction of Lower Rathmines Road and Military Road to the junction of Upper Rathmines Road and Church Avenue on both sides of the road with special attention to the open space outside the Leisure Centre.
€5800.00 per clean.
- iii. Donnybrook Village from the junction of Donnybrook Road and Belmont Avenue to the junction of Donnybrook Road and Eglinton Road on both sides of the road. Also, on one side of Morehampton Road at the junction of Marlborough Road up to Belmont Avenue.
€3840.00 per clean.
- iv. Sandymount Village from Tesco, the footpath both sides of the street towards the village and also on the footpaths in front of the shops on Sandymount Green.
€1210.00 per clean.

- v. Rathgar Village in front of businesses on Highfield Road, Rathgar Road, Rathgar Avenue, Orwell Road and Terenure Road East. The areas in front of the church will also be included.
€1210.00 per clean.
- vi. Ringsend from Bridge Street both sides, junction Fitzwilliam Quay to Saint Patricks Villas, Thorncastle Street to junction Cambridge Road. Also including Fitzwilliam Street and the plaza area at the library.
€2290.00 per clean.
- vii. Harold's Cross from Harold's Cross Road at the junction of Kenilworth Lower to Parkview Avenue and to include in front of the shops at the corner of Rathgar Avenue.
€1400.00 per clean.
- viii. Terenure from Terenure Road North, junction of Eaton Road to Beechlawn Way, Terenure Road East from Saint Joseph's Church to Hannaville Park.
€1600.00 per clean.

1. **Vibrant Villages**

€95,000 to be allocated on the Vibrant Villages Programme to carry out local improvements identified by the Public Realm Officer, Tidy Town Committees and Local Community Groups as listed below.

Actions:	€
Bushy Park Festival-large scale family event in Bushy Park.	€ 4,000.00
Kimmage Village Enhancement	€ 3,000.00
Ranelagh Arts Festival-three week long comprehensive community festival.	€ 7,000.00
Harold's Cross Community Festival-week long annual festival	€ 8,000.00
Rose Festival-annual environmental project run from the Carmelite Centre	€ 4,000.00
Taking Liberties Family day-held in the Cabbage Patch, Kevin Street	€ 2,000.00
Terenure Village Enhancements/Improvements-planters, hanging baskets, street furniture.	€ 9,000.00
Village Greening Projects-village improvement projects for Donnybrook, Sandymount, Rathgar, Sandymount, Harold's Cross and Ranelagh.	€ 18,000.00
Friends of Green Spaces-ongoing projects at up to 25 locations including some new projects including York Street, Macken Street, Pearse House, George Reynolds House, Whelan House, McDonagh House, Whitefriar Gardens, Iveagh Trust, Beech Hill Court, Heskin Court & Oxford Court.	€14,000.00

Ross Road and Environs Family Day	€ 3,0000
Ringsend and Herbert Park Allotments-ongoing upgrade and maintenance of the allotments at these locations.	€ 7,000.00
Older Persons Social Events-Numerous small-scale social activities	€ 6,000.00
Intercultural Events-three events celebrating social diversity	€ 5,000.00
Total	€95,000.00

2. **Resident Initiatives:** – €10,000 will be made available to assist residential clean ups, autumnal leaf collection and other environmental awareness campaigns. This local initiative commenced in 2013.
3. **Litter Black-spots:** - €15,000 will be allocated to target specific areas, especially at Halloween to ensure the safety of the general public.
4. **Rathgar Village Improvement Plan:** - €42,000 to be allocated to actions identified in the V.I.P. as listed below:

Actions:	€
Compile and produce walking guide-10,000 copies	€2,500.00
Village Notice Board	€500.00
Reinstatement of collapsed river bank at Orwell Park	€5,000.00
Pedestrian Barriers at Rathgar Avenue	€2,000.00
Herzog Park landscape Report	€4,000.00
Clear out of Herzog Park Woodland area	€10,000.00
Installation of 6 no. new lamp standards	€13,000.00
Install uniform black bollards in Village centre	€3,000.00
Provision of cycle parking	€2,000.00
Total	€42,000.00

5. **Portobello Cultural Event:** - €10,000 will be allocated on establishing a musical / cultural event at Portobello Plaza in early summer of 2015.
6. **Dodder Environmental Enhancement Works:** - €40,000 to be allocated to continue the programme of improvement works along the Dodder Walk. (This figure includes a commitment of €12,000 for works carried out at the start of this year). It is planned to extend the improved walking route up as far as Orwell Park during 2015.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Naming proposal for a development at a site at 21 Anglesea Road and rear 23 – 41 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4.

“Dunluce / Dún Libhse”

A request has been received from Mr. Derek Tynan, DTA Architects, 12 – 14 College Green, Dublin 2 to have a name and numbers assigned to a development of a site at 21 Anglesea Road and rear 23 – 41 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4. The name suggested is “Dunluce / Dún Libhse”.

The application states that that the proposed name “Dunluce” is appropriate for the following reason:

“The development is on the site traditionally known as “Dunluce” the residence of no. 19 Anglesea Road. It is proposed that the development will be known as Dunluce, 21 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4.”

In addition, the application further states:

“As per the historic mapping in Appendix the site of the two houses has, since lease mapping of 1905, been known as Somerset & Dunluce. The proposed retention of Dunluce as the principal nomenclature for the development retains the continuity of the established numbering.”

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36359 (see enclosed).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The numbering scheme proposed for this development is as follows:

Block A	1 – 4 Dunluce
Block B	5 – 9 Dunluce
Block C	10 – 15 Dunluce
Block D	16 – 25 Dunluce

The naming and numbering proposal is considered suitable and is recommended for approval.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Naming proposal for a development of a site at 59 Orwell Park, Rathgar, Dublin 6

The Weir / An Chora

A request has been received from Ms. Sandra Nowlan of Studio 3 Architecture Ltd., Unit G, Mountpleasant Business Centre, Mountpleasant Avenue Upper, Dublin 6 to have a name and numbers assigned to a development of a site at 59 Orwell Park, Rathgar, Dublin 6. The name suggested is "**The Weir / An Chora**", with the numbers 1 - 16.

The application states that that the proposed name "The Weir" is an appropriate name as the Dodder River Weir is located directly behind the site and is indicated on OSI Historic maps.

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36434.

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The name and numbers proposed are considered suitable and are recommended for approval.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Naming proposal for a development of a site at Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross Road, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W.

Greenmount Close / Clós an Chnocáin Ghlais

A request has been received from Mr. John Lennon, C.J. Falconer & Associates, St. Patrick's House, Newtown, Waterford to have a name and numbers assigned to a development of a site at Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross Road, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W. The name suggested is "**Greenmount Close / Clós an Chnocáin Ghlais**" with the numbers 1 - 32.

The application states that that the proposed name "Greenmount Close" is an appropriate name as, on the site of the hospice the original house was called Greenmount.

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36432.

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The name and numbers proposed are considered suitable and are recommended for approval.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to advise status on works previously committed to:

“The Traffic Dept. would envisage a re-design of the barriers at Corrib Road and also at Aideen Avenue and Aideen Drive similar to the solution proposed by the applicant. Consultation with residents of affected streets may be undertaken prior to construction.

The request has been listed for future works on the Traffic Dept. Minor Works Programme which will be reviewed towards the end of this year for 2015 construction.”

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to install gate at laneway (details supplied) as part of safety measures need to deal with a total of 9 armed robberies at this location.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that clamping operations on Harold’s Cross Road operate in a proportionate manner such that the trading of the approx 70 businesses that operate on that road are not interfered with. Concerns have been expressed included Sunday am as to disproportionate impact of clamping on short set down parking as distinct to longer parking periods.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to engage with businesses in Harold’s Cross area to see if additional off street parking can be developed. Such spaces will help to support the ongoing trading of the many businesses in the area, many of which are recently established.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if additional/temporary bins can be provided through agreement with the Leinster Branch IRFU outside the stadium at Donnybrook to cater for additional waste and litter generated.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager will she arrange for the trees in Elizabeth O’Farrell Park, City Quay to be pruned and removed as agreed approximately a year ago.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for a dangerous pothole in the middle of the road at the entrance to Bremen Grove, Ringsend to be filled as soon as possible and the pavement at the adjacent pedestrian crossing to be repaired as it is quite simply dangerous for infirm and blind people in its present condition.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to respond with action to the issues raised in the email submitted with this question relating to dog dirt in the Ringsend area.

- Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the Morrison monument at the junction of Ailesbury and Anglesea Roads to be cleared of weeds and re-pointed and if the adjacent direction pole could be either repainted or removed.
- Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if the ramps on Beaver Row could be upgraded and the white arrows that have faded on them be repainted.
- Q.11 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the Manager to have litter officer check ongoing littering at (details supplied).
- Q.12 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the Manager to look at road signage at junction of *details supplied.
- Q.13 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the Manager to advise on wheelchair ramp installation in Terenure Library and to set out other planned improvement works for this library.
- Q.14 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the Manager to set out possible improvements to traffic flow at junction of Bushy Park Road, Rathfarnham Road and Rathdown Park and to comment if works are progressing on removal of redundant public light pole at Rathfarnham Road Bridge, which would contribute to improved traffic flows on this main access route to the city.
- Q.15 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the Manager to install DYLS on one side of Aideen Avenue. There are instances of traffic being blocked by cars parked on both sides of the road which is causing safety hazards for all classes of road users - cars, cyclists, motor cyclists and vans. A DLY is possible for entire length of road, partial DYL would improve current situation.
- Q.16 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**
To ask the Manager to set out the listed buildings on the former St. Clare's Convent site 91 – 101 Harold's Cross and to detail how these buildings will be retained in proposed development on site.
- Q.17 Councillor Frank Kennedy**
To ask the Manager to clean the gullies on the public road at Lansdowne Village, Dublin 4.
- Q.18 Councillor Frank Kennedy**
To ask the Manager to provide an update on the status on the housing list of *details supplied] and also to explain why this individual has not moved on this list at all between the period December 2013 to date, or, if the resident is mistaken in this belief, to indicate the alteration in this individual's status on the list for the Ringsend area.
- Q.19 Councillor Frank Kennedy**
To ask the Manager to repair the various benches on Sandymount Strand which have fallen into disrepair, and need painting and restoration.

Q.20 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager whether it would be possible for Dublin City Council to introduce bye laws to place a limit on the height of residential hedges, as has taken place in the UK: <http://www.leylandii.com/leylandii.html>

Q.21 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager (a) for an explanation as to why it was considered necessary to have, apparently, armed members of An Garda Síochána attend at the home of [details supplied] to take down CCTV which the resident had erected for her safety and (b) to explain why this individual is not allowed to install CCTV when many other residents in these apartments are allowed to do so.

Q.22 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to install a CCTV system in Woodstock Court senior citizen complex to help deal with security concerns of residents.

Q.23 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please state when the footpaths on Charleville Road, Dublin 6 will be repaired? They are now in a dangerous state for pedestrians and need to be made safe.

Q.24 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please state the cost of removal of "Free the 5" graffiti painted on Harold's Cross Bridge and also the Gas Box on Grove Road?

Q.25 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to arrange to have recent graffiti removed from Ringsend Bridge. People have commented on the high quality of cleaning work done 18 months ago to this magnificent structure and are disappointed that it has been thus vandalised.

Q.26 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have a major pothole filled on Marlborough Road at its junction with Sandford Road, Ranelagh.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to give an update on progress for repairs and refurbishment for the Beaver Row footbridge in Donnybrook. Could you please furnish me with a completion date and approximate cost of the project?

Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to outline the extent of tree pruning and felling in Merrion Square to the end of February, and any other measures that have been completed.

Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have an abandoned bicycle removed from the following location: It is attached to a pole on Morehampton Road at its junction with Morehampton Terrace, Donnybrook.

Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue on Cambridge Road and in Ringsend Park, Ringsend: The area is a popular dog-walking destination, and residents are disgusted by the amount of dog dirt on the footpaths. Provision of signage, dog-dirt bins and pooper-scooper bags is inadequate (non-existent) in the area. Could something be done as a matter of urgency to rectify this serious public health issue in an area where children play?

Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the grass verges along the footpaths on Raglan Road, Ballsbridge improved. Some brickwork edging is missing alongside the verges and footfall and cars have degraded the verges to a muddy, almost grassless state in parts. The planting of some suitable young trees would also improve the road significantly. Elgin Road is an example of a well restored and maintained verge. This is a stark contrast to the situation on Raglan Road.

Q.32 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager, re: Sign R137-01 was installed on Terenure Place (see q.10 SEA committee meeting in January) if either of the below solutions would be feasible:

(1) As Brady's Public House has a very extensive street frontage of approximately 100 ft. (30.5 m.) there must be some suitable spot on this large stretch of street frontage to re-locate the sign here. The "Head to Toe" Shop front is approximately 9ft. (2.7m.) – a fraction of Brady's street frontage!). We do not accept that there is not some element for pathway where the sign can be re-accommodated on the Brady's stretch. Perhaps the height of the sign can also be raised so as not to knock out visibility of the sign of Brady's public house extensive frontage.

(2) To raise the height of the sign in its existing location by a suggested 6 ft. (1.8m.), thereby enabling the visibility of both the shop sign and the traffic sign.

Q.33 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Rathmines area can be swept on a more regular basis as there has been an increased volume of litter on the footpaths in Rathmines over the past year.

Q.34 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether it is possible for people living on Maxwell Road, Dublin 6 to also park on that small part of York Road which leads up onto Maxwell Road.

Q.35 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to have the lamp posts in Rathmines Park, Dublin 6 maintained to a good standard.

Q.36 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to consider introducing pedestrian crossings at Canal Road and Grand Parade and Ranelagh Road and Charlemont Street to assist pedestrians crossing these busy roads.

Q.37 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether an old property at the back of 39 Gulistan Cottages (just in front of the Bring Centre) can be investigated as it is leaking oil into the drainage system and is infested with pigeons.

Q.38 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether anti dog fouling signs can be erected at John Street and St. Michael's Terrace, Blackpitts, Dublin 8 to deter dog owners from allowing their dogs to foul the footpaths.

- Q.39 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether repair works can be carried out to this older person's home *details supplied in an effort to combat damp and condensation which is affecting the individual's health.
- Q.40 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether the Council will consider paying staff a nominal rate to collect coins in parking meters which would reduce considerably the cost of having to pay a private company and whether it will consider allowing people to pay by card in the future.
- Q.41 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether suitable accommodation can be allocated to *details supplied.
- Q.42 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether the Traffic Engineer will call out to Terenure to assess the problems at the junction of Rathfarnham Road and Rathdown Park.
- Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager issue a full report and update regarding the intended refurbishment works at the Civic Office this report to include detail of budget and expenditures, plans, and designs? Start and completion dates.
- Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager issue a full report as to what measures are being taken by the Railway Procurement Agency for the safety of pedestrians in the South East Area during the build of the cross city Luas line? At present it is extremely unsafe at the Nassau Street area. The footpaths are extremely narrow and the works themselves and the protections in place are of a shoddy and inconsiderate nature. They are badly lit and in the dark evenings very poor visibility. Also they are an absolute visual pollutant. Can the Manager ascertain as to whether the company is on compliance with considerate construction scheme as would be the standard the UK. <http://www.ccscheme.org.uk/> Please see Code Of Practice <http://www.ccscheme.org.uk/index.php/ccs-ltd/what-is-the-ccs/code-of-considerate-practice>.
- Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager supply an update on the implementation of the recently passed street performance / busking bye laws. This report to include a roll out date for implementation and the methods in which these bye laws will be administrated. Also what reporting mechanisms are in place with regards the continuation of noisy amplified street performers / buskers.
- Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager examine the possibility of relocating the two JC Decaux advertising cabinets at the top of Camden Street beside the traffic lights? These two structures are a hindrance to visibility at this very busy junction and crossroads. They are positioned right at the traffic lights and the traffic island and literally render invisible at certain points, pedestrians who are crossing the road. This is a major hazard for motorists and pedestrians whose visibility is impaired by these obstacles. See Images attached.

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager examine the possibility of increasing the fund to set up a community project at the Ross Road / Bride Street area? The residents here are very committed to the well being and improvement of their area. They have formed a committee and are establishing bank accounts and governance procedures in order to proceed with creating amenities for their area including children's activities senior citizens etc. A small amount of money has been given by DCC to initiate this, however, because this project is in its infancy and involves a lot of initiative from people I believe the funds should be increased as this is a start up project and needs to be supported into the future. The extra money would ensure a strong foundation to build on and this standard needs to be set for such community start ups and initiatives within the South East Area.

Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report with regards the flood alleviation works taking place on the Liffey - at Sir John Rogerson's Quay? This report to include what stage the works are at, the cost of the works to date and completion dates.

Q.49 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to place "Go Slow" signs and other appropriate signage at both ends of Claremont Road to deal with the extremely dangerous area of congestion and blind spot which arises from the Sandymount Green end of Claremont Road up to and beyond the entrance to Claremont Park.

Q.50 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the footpath on the Claremont Park side of Claremont Road, between the entrance to Claremont Park and the Sandymount Green entrance to Claremont Road, which is dangerous, especially for elderly persons on walking frames.

Q.51 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to install new windows at *details supplied.

Q.52 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to clarify the ownership of and responsibility for the banks on Richmond Avenue South alongside the Luas tracks, they are in need of significant cleaning due to a build up of litter and currently no one except the local residents are taking responsibility.

Q.53 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to give a time when the needed repairs in Orwell Park due to collapse of the river bank will be undertaken and to clarify that needed repairs will continue to be undertaken despite the upcoming redevelopment.

Q.54 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on the status of the Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre Cycle Route.

Q.55 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

When was the last time Dublin city council flats were checked for electric faults i.e., fixed replaced to EU standards?

Q.56 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager to investigate *details supplied 1. They have been promised many inter transfers and things have fallen through at the last minute due to the

homeless list. There is a flat in Mercer House, *details supplied 2. I have put their name forward for this and would also like to put their name forward for other flat in Mercer House *details supplied 3. Please check their file for petition from residents that was presented to me due to problems for many years due to previous residents who were occupying the flat and were an eye sore and danger to residence and children. The community are very worried as to who will become resident now and would be happy to have details supplied 1 as they are from the area and very well respected. They have had a massive struggle to secure suitable accommodation. They have had many promises but no action, trying to raise their family from a one bedroom flat. We could transfer them in inter transfer and use their flat to secure single occupancy for someone desperately needing accommodation in hostel.

Q.57 Councillor Paddy Costello

To ask the Area Manager to examine speeding on Harold's Cross Road between Harold's Cross Park and the canal. Several residents have complained to me about this issue, particularly people speeding to get through amber lights at the pedestrian crossing near Mount Drummond. This is yet another symptom of the dysfunctional junction and road system at Harold's Cross Road and the canal that does not work for any road user pedestrians, cyclists or drivers.

Q.58 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager provide a detailed account of the 500,000 Euro donated by the Royal College of Surgeons in 2009 to the new York Street Apartments for community/garden projects (And separate to the E12 Million paid by RCSI in respect of the site on York Street) and provide a breakdown on exactly how this 500,000 Euro was invested to the benefit of the residents of the York Street Apartments.

Q.59 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager give an update on the present status of the five solar panels on the roofs of the York Street Apartments and what plans, if any, there are to repair the non-functioning solar panels.

Q.60 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager on behalf of DCC instruct Lynch Interact, the heating contracting company for York Street Apartments, to organise a presentation or 'information day' for residents of the York Street Apartments in order to explain the complicated heating regulator system and how best to operate it in an energy saving manner.

Q.61 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Manager have the bollard on the footpath at 1 Pembroke Cottages replaced in the interests of pedestrian safety?

Q.62 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Manager give councillors a copy of the structural report for Moss Street site and outline what measures need to be taken in order to fast track the development of Moss Street so this empty site is developed as a matter of urgency?

Q.63 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Manager indicate when the windows will be replaced in (details supplied) as was indicated previously?

Q.64 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please state why it is taking so long to ascertain ownership of Wharton Terrace where a gate was erected 6 months ago consequently turning the Terrace into a private area?

This area has always been in public ownership and “in charge”, the City Council Green on the wall along with local knowledge confirms that.

Because it was always in public ownership adverse possession would not apply and no proposal was ever presented to the Council to change that. Therefore I ask when this issue will be resolved.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to outline the reasons why the trees on Bride Street were felled and removed, whether there was a consultation with the local residents in advance of the felling, and if she can please replace these with trees or some alternative greenery such as a hedgerow or potted planters, which is Parks policy when trees are removed.

Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she is aware of any plans to develop the following sites *details supplied and whether the council could consider either of these locations for the provision of a community centre and playground for the local area.

Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can carry out the following on details supplied:

- Increase the frequency of street cleaning. Improvements were made in late 2014 however it seems the frequency of cleaning has reduced again and the area requires further cleansing as there is an ongoing problem with dog fouling and broken glass.
- To please arrange to have ‘no dog fouling’ signs erected on the street as a matter of urgency as was proposed in a reply to a question to the Committee November 2014 and may help to address to problem.
- To reinstate the double yellow lines which were removed during recent road works as cars and trucks are now parking on the footpath creating access issues.

Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can provide details on the conditions attached to the planning permission for the redevelopment of the Bank of Ireland Headquarters on Baggot Street, Dublin 2 and if she can carry out an inspection to examine whether they are in breach of these planning conditions as there have been complaints from residents about building taking place up until 10pm at night.

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what measures are in place for cleaning the Grand Canal and if improvements can be made as there was a serious back up of litter in the canal last Saturday, and can the Area Manager work with Waterways Ireland to encourage the installation of more bins along the canal in order minimise the amount of rubbish in the canal.

Q.70 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can erect ‘No Dog Fouling’ signs on *details supplied to help address the problem of dog fouling in the area.

Q.71 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if it is possible to extend the yellow box on the South Circular Road at the bottom of Longwood Avenue as it is causing a build up of cars at the junction queuing at the lights at Leonard's Corner, which makes it difficult for cars turning out of or into Longwood Avenue.

Q.72 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager if a full evaluation report can be done on flats in the south east area as to the extent of dampness in homes experienced by residents and what will be done to rectify this.

Q.73 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to reinstate the cycle lane on Merrion Street Lower which I understand was removed when the road was re-surfaced for the Giro D'Italia but needs to be replaced as there is currently little room for cyclists with three lanes of traffic and a high volume of cyclists using the route.