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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 13 APRIL 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 13th April 2015 at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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Dated this 8th April 2015

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- 234. Presentation on the Litter Management Plan.
- 235. Presentation on Dublin City Council Housing Programme 2015 – 2017.
- 236. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2015 (pages 7 - 41).
- 237. Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 53 - 62).

238. Environment & Transportation Department Matters

Due to technical difficulties the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) was unable to meet this month and as a result the TAG Report and the Quarterly Service Requests Status Report are unavailable for this meeting. Once the TAG meet and the reports are made available to this office, they will be circulated to the South East Area Councillors.

239. Planning & Development Department Matters

- i. Report on proposed deletion of RPS Ref 5023: 109a Marlborough Road in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 & amendment of the existing entry for RPS Ref 5022: 109/109a Marlborough Road, House to read RPS Ref 5022: 109 Marlborough Road, House (pages 42 – 43 and enclosed).
- ii. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report (pages 44 – 46).
- iii. Report on proposed grant of licences in respect of the Rathmines Square Car Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6 (pages 47 – 48 and enclosed).

240. Culture Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

- i. Pre-Part 8 Notification for information purposes only re: New floodlights and synthetic surface to existing tennis courts in Bushy Park, Off Rathdown Avenue, Terenure, Dublin 6 (page 49 and enclosed).

241. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report (pages 50 - 52).

Motions

242. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests an update from the Chief Executive on the decision by this Committee to request the issuing of a letter of approval in relation to including City Council owned land as part of the SUAS Cable Car proposal without prejudice to the actual planning decision.

243. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests a report on what steps it would be necessary to take for Sandymount and Merrion Strands to achieve full Blue Flag Status and to report on what steps are being taken and will be taken to advance that cause.

244. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager treat as urgent and state when the parking space at the entrance to Observatory Lane be extinguished which is alongside a DYL. There is confusion about the status of this parking space and when a car is parked there it seriously impedes turning vision for traffic exiting Observatory Lane. Furthermore it causes traffic jams for cars accessing and egressing this area.

245. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Assistant City Manager for planning explain why a planning application was accepted for St. Clare's Convent site in Harold's Cross prior to the completion of a master plan which is a requirement for Z12 lands.

Furthermore because of the imminent development of many sites in the Harold's Cross area that the LAP process be urgently commenced for the area.

246. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this Area Committee supports the upgrading of the park in Beechill and that included in this would be the development of a floodlit astro training pitch that local clubs and organisations could use.

247. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this Area Committee supports the floodlighting of the grass pitch in Ringsend Park that runs along to the rear of Kennedy Court.

248. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the trees in Ringsend Park to the rear of Kennedy Court be cut back as committed to previously.

249. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the boundary wall in Vincent Street flats be repaired as committed to previously.

250. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the Area Manager assign the front civic space of the Swan Leisure Centre a litter black spot so the very heavy littering can be tackled and also the anti social drinking be addressed.

251. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the no parking sign and bollard be removed from the lane at the top of St Enda's Road and rear of 55, 56, and 57 Brighton Road. This is a public lane in charge of the council and such sign should be immediately removed.

252. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee supports the new public policing arrangements whereby members of the public order unit are utilised on a regular basis to ensure public safety. These new measures have given great confidence to the public, to communities and to the businesses in the city centre area and are a very welcome addition on our streets and have resulted in significant reduction of anti-social behaviour since their inauguration. It would be hoped that these new policing arrangements would be made permanent.

253. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of the South East Area calls on the City Council to install secure lock up parking for bicycles throughout Dublin City Council (DCC) housing estates. To that effect, that they initiate a pilot scheme within one of the DCC housing schemes in the Ringsend area that would be suitable for such a scheme. Many residents have reported to me that their bicycles are continually vandalised and stolen from flat complexes. Many of the pram sheds in these estates are already allocated and there does not appear to be adequate safe secure parking provision for bicycles. The emphasis has been placed solely on the parking of motor cars, vans etc.

254. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Derelict Sites and Planning Enforcement take every step that can be taken to protect and secure 201 Harold's Cross Road. Last week end it was broken into. There are also rats in the house. Local people are concerned that it might be put on fire, so it's a safety risk for neighbours. Whatever the legal difficulty it must be overcome to protect those living in the area.

255. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the Local Area office will undertake a public consultation with commuters at the junction at Harold's Cross Bridge to assess their experience using the junction and explore ways of making it function better for them and to refer the results to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) for consideration of possible upgrades to the junction.

Rationale: Problems with this junction are constantly coming up at this committee. This junction needs to be improved. A first step is to understand the functional difficulties faced by users - pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Consultation should include speaking with commuters at the junction and advertising at the junction a special email to receive comments from commuters passing through in cars and from local residents. A summary report outlining users' difficulties and identified solutions should be sent to the TAG, as well as shared with Councillors so that a plan to redevelop the junction so that it functions for the users can be put in place.

256. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

That the Local Area Office ensure that should white markings on footpaths to allow for disk parking be put in place, that the remaining footpath be at least the 1.8m minimum standard as laid out in the current *Design Manual Urban Roads and Streets* - Rationale: This distance is set to ensure adequate space for pedestrians and is need to ensure that those using the footpath who need extra space, such as people using wheel chairs, people pushing buggies, or more vulnerable pedestrians such as older people or visually impaired people, will still have adequate footpath space and will not be forced to walk in the middle of the road or left in a situation where they cannot get by.

- 257. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
To ask the Area Manager if a price has been sourced to implement a plan to have railings and a gate around the car park at the back of O'Carroll Villas flats. It is of great need for residents in dealing with vandalism to cars, robbed cars being left there, clamped cars taking up space from the little area residents have between two blocks of flats.
- 258. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton**
To ask the Area Manager to put a gate at the entrance to Digges Street flats as a matter of urgency. There is a narrow road coming out of the complex, traffic going both ways, cars and trucks are a danger to residents with small children.
- 259. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
That this area committee asks the Area Manager as a matter of urgency to call a meeting with NAMA with a view to ensuring that NAMA begins to deliver on the social dividend in the South East Area to assist in the provision of much needed youth and community services in the area.
- 260. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
That this area committee asks the Area Manager to introduce traffic calming measures at the junction of Hanover Street East and Lime Street as a measure to reduce speeding in the area. There are a number of young families living the area and a crèche at the junction and these speeding cars pose a threat to those trying to cross at this junction.
- 261. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
That this area committee asks the Area Manager to improve the sequencing of the pedestrian crossings at Leonard's Corner, Dublin 8, and in particular to increase the crossing time on the Clanbrassil Street side as it is not long enough for pedestrians to cross safely, and that this measure be introduced only as an interim solution while overall plans to improve pedestrian facilities at the junction are in development.
- 262. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
That this area committee will work to secure a location for mixed martial arts facility in Ringsend for young people in the local and surrounding areas.
- 263. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
That the Area Committee expresses concern at the anti social behaviour of supporters of both teams on the evening of the Ireland v Poland soccer international. Individuals were engaging in indiscriminate urination along Shelbourne Road and the walls of the Beggar's Bush complex. These concerns should be conveyed to the Aviva Stadium authorities so that there is no repeat in the future. This issue does not arise with rugby internationals.
- 264. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager to put in place a plan for the planting of appropriate native plants or shrubs and cleaning of the area at the beginning of the South Wall, and to add some suitable benches in the area.
- 265. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager to monitor the area beside No 7 Kerlogue Road, Irishtown for illegal dumping, to remove any bags or litter left there, and to actively manage the site to prevent and discourage further dumping.

266. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to remove some of the hoarding that has been erected along Sir John Rogerson's Quay, as some of the area cordoned off is completely unnecessary for the current work and is only being used as parking, while the hoarding is completely blocking the light and the view of Café Parigi, a local business. At least for the summer months the unnecessary section should be removed to allow the café to trade.

267. Motion from Councillor Kate O'Connell

A motion to call on the Manager to encourage the street parking services to make an exceptional effort to prevent illegal parking on Rathdown Avenue, Terenure, as we come to the park's busiest time of year. Saturday and Sunday mornings should be the focus of the increased effort due to the particularly intense disregard for the parking laws during this period. I would call for extra resources to be made available so that a van could be visible on site between 10.00am and 1.00pm on both days on a temporary basis. Such action would end the reputation that residents feel the area has for being soft on illegal parking. At the very least, this should be done in light of the new Terenure Village Market operating at that site.

268. Motion from Councillor Kate O'Connell

A motion to call on the Manager to secure some exceptional, modest funding for the York Road / Avenue street party in light of the huge success the event has been for the past number of years.

269. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

When allocating Dublin City Council pay and display parking spaces in the curtilage of Lidl Terenure and surrounding area; in keeping with Rathgar, Rathmines & Camden Street, that two hour free parking be allowed between 10.00a.m. and 2.0 to 4p.m. daily. Furthermore that parking should be from Monday to Friday. In the past Terenure village had this facility on Terenure Road North until very recently it was withdrawn by the Traffic Department.

270. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the Traffic Manager to introduce the "greenwave" traffic light system along suitable routes in the area as well as the proposed Dodder Cycle Route.

This system has been successfully implemented on a number of routes in the city of Copenhagen.

The 'greenwave' coordinates the traffic lights for cyclists so that if they ride at a speed of 20 km/h, they will hit green lights all the way into the city in the morning rush hour. The wave is reversed in the afternoon so bicycle users can flow smoothly home, too.

271. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the boundary wall between Glenavy Park and the rear of Parkmore Drive, Terenure be repaired.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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The committee expressed its condolences to Frank Lambe and to his family on the death of his father, the late Frank Lambe. Those present observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

198. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2015.
Order: Agreed.

199. Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.

200. Environment & Transportation Department Matters

i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 24th February 2015.
Order: Noted.

ii. Nominations of elected members to the Community Gain Liaison Committee in association with the Waste to Energy Project, Ringsend, Dublin 4.
Order: Cllrs. Chris Andrews, Claire Byrne and Kieran Binchy will serve from March 2015 to April 2017 and they will be replaced by Cllrs. Dermot Lacey, Frank Kennedy and Paddy McCartan from May 2017 to May 2019.

iii. Report on the oversight of road openings.
Order: Noted.

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.
Order: Agreed to initiate the Part 8 process.

202. Planning & Development Department Matters

i. Update on: The Architectural Case Study on the ESB Poolbeg Chimneys.
Taken with Motion 206.
Order: Noted.

ii. Report on the proposed addition of City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 to the Record of Protected Structures
Order: Agreed to initiate the process.

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
Order: Noted.

- ii. Tree Removal Works
Order: Noted.
- iii. Parks Improvement Works Programme for the South East Area 2015
Order: Noted.

204. South East Area Matters

- ii. Area Manager's Report.
Order: Noted.
- iii. Proposal for allocation of Additional South East Area Budget of €296,000 in 2015.
Taken with Motion 225.
Order: Agreed. Ring fence €4,000 for community notice boards subject to suitable sites and finance being available.
- iv. Report on a proposal to name and number a development at 21 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed.
- v. Report on a proposal to name and number a development at 59 Orwell Park, Rathgar, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed.
- vi. 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.
Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Taken with Item 202 (i).

Order: Agreed.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

213. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

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

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

- 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.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 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.
Taken with item 204 (ii).
Order: Agreed. Ring fence €4,000 for community notice boards subject to suitable sites and finance being available.
- 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.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 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.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 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.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 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.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 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.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 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.
Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

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.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Chairperson

Dated 9th March 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 and S. Stapleton.

Officials

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Naughton, Senior Executive Architect, City Architect's Department.

D. Flood, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department.

P. Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Economic Development Department.

C. Duggan, Heritage Officer, Planning and Economic Development Department.

M. Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Community, Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department.

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.”

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.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.

Reply:

The laneway in question is in charge of Dublin City Council and a public right of way exists over it.

A proposal to erect a “swing gate” at this location was forwarded to the Dublin City Council Senior Access Officer for his comments as Dublin City Council is committed to Access for All and Universal design in any new works it carries out. He has stated that the width of the lane is not sufficient to allow such a gate and also cater for wheelchair access.

The only other alternative to gate this laneway is to extinguish the public right of way over it. To begin the statutory procedure a formal written application would need to be submitted to the South East Area by someone in the locality representing local businesses and especially, local residents, requesting that the City Council consider extinguishing the public right of way at this location. It is unlikely that this proposal would attract support as this un-named laneway is a short cut and popular route from Harold’s Cross Road into Leinster Place and other residential streets beyond. However if a formal written application is submitted by the applicant/s to extinguish a public right of way at this location, the South East Area will initiate this procedure and invite observations as is normal.

Lighting was improved in the laneway in April 2014.

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.

Reply:

A motion at the February South East Area Committee meeting requested that the "Traffic Department as a matter of urgency examine the issue of parking on cycleways at Harold's Cross Bridge and also at the shopping area at the top of Harold's Cross Park" and outlined the dangers posed to cyclists. 90% of all enforcements carried out on Harold's Cross Road refer to parking on a cycle track, on a clearway, on a bus lane and on a footway. Parking is not allowed (even short-term) in a clearway or bus lane during the hours of operation (Monday to Saturday) and vehicles are usually relocated to facilitate the free-flow of traffic. Similarly, parking on a cycle track poses a danger to cyclists who have to merge into the general traffic lane. While the council always endeavours to operate the parking enforcement service in a balanced and proportionate manner, dangerous parking and illegal parking causing traffic disruptions cannot be ignored, regardless of its being short-term. Vehicles legally parked in a Pay & Display area are allowed a grace time of 10 minutes. While the council has no wish to interfere with businesses that operate on the road, it cannot ignore legitimate complaints. I would suggest that the businesses affected contact the Traffic Advisory Group to examine the possibility of relaxing parking restrictions at certain locations.

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.

Reply:

The Councillor has clarified that the request is for additional off-street parking on Harold's Cross Road in its entirety, but most particularly on the section from Harold's Cross Park to Rosie O'Grady's pub. However, the development of off-street parking with businesses on Harold's Cross Road does not fall within the remit of the Traffic Advisory Group.

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.

Reply:

It is the responsibility of the promoter or organiser of the event to put in place measures to prevent the cause of litter. The organiser/promoter must arrange to have the vicinity around the event cleaned after the event. Waste Management Services will contact the relevant people to ensure that this happens during events at the stadium in Donnybrook.

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.

Reply:

Approximately twelve trees in Elizabeth O' Farrell Park were selected, in consultation with local residents, for removal and were felled shortly thereafter. It is not considered that additional tree removal or pruning is required in the park at this time.

Trees on City Quay are on our tree works programme for 2015 and are currently being mapped. It is anticipated that works on these trees will be undertaken during the current calendar year.

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.

Reply:

The carriageway at the entrance Bremen Grove and the pedestrian crossing adjacent were inspected. The edge of the kerb of the pedestrian crossing and the pothole in the carriageway of the crossing will be added to our programme of works.

A pothole at the entrance to Bremen Grove was noted and added to our programme of works.

These repairs will be carried out when a crew becomes available.

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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council, together with the three other Dublin Local Authorities launched an anti-dog fouling campaign in 2013 with the introduction of the Litter Hotline 1800 251 500. This was followed up in 2014 with the introduction of a suite of signs which have been put in place throughout the city.

This office is aware that dog fouling is still a major problem in the city. To this end, Waste Management Services and Parks & Landscapes Services have joined forces to try to eliminate dog fouling in parks and open green spaces and indeed throughout the city.

Meeting have taken place between representatives of both departments who have agreed there is a need to:

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

Anti-dog fouling signs were erected at details supplied, but must have been removed. Meanwhile, arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at details supplied again.

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.

Reply:

Park Services will arrange for the weeds at the base of this monument to be removed as requested.

Two old sign poles were removed from this island.

The monument is not a Protected Structure, but it is an important feature in the public domain and any works to it, including re-pointing and cleaning require careful assessment and appropriate conservation methods. The Conservation Section and Heritage Officer will provide guidance to the Area Office prior to any re-pointing or cleaning works being carried out to the monument.

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.

Reply:

Road Maintenance does not have any repair or upgrade works planned for the ramps on Beaver Row. These are already asphalt material.

This location will be inspected and if renewal of markings is required it will be listed for completion.

Q.11 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to have litter officer check ongoing littering at (details supplied).

Reply:

The bags in the car park outlined are in a private car park which is under the control of details supplied 2. The South East Area Office will contact details supplied 2 and request them to remove these bags from the car park.

Q.12 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to look at road signage at junction of (details supplied).

Reply:

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

Q.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.

Reply:

The Libraries' Equality Team is examining the access problems in Terenure library and reviewing the plans previously drafted. The Team will visit the library on 10th March and a report will be prepared subsequently.

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.

Reply:

The public lighting pole in question is in the South Dublin County Council Area. A request to investigate the possibility of its removal has been made to the Traffic Department there. The initial reaction has been that this is not included in any budget for this year and that alternate finance could be a difficulty. A further look is being taken to investigate the potential for any action on this item.

The junction of Bushy Park Road, Rathfarnham Road and Rathdown Park is being investigated in relation to the delays to public transport, and general traffic in the area. The staggered layout of the side roads joining Rathfarnham Road, the individual road and lane widths and the volume of all modes of traffic make this a difficult problem.

Finance or space is not available to make an immediate improvement. Currently signal modifications to timings and phasing are being looked at.

Q.15 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to install DYs 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 DY is possible for entire length of road, partial DY would improve current situation.

Reply:

The request for double yellow lines has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.

Reply:

Planning application, Plan No.2186/15 was lodged on 10th February 2015. The application seeks permission for the redevelopment of the former St. Clare's Convent site on Harold's Cross Road and No. 115 – 119 Harold's Cross Road to provide apartments and offices. The former convent site contains the following protected structures ref.3583: *the Mortuary Chapel, the main convent building and chapels*. The application submission includes a conservation report which details the proposals for the retention and reuse of the protected structures and the Bethany orphanage building. It is proposed to convert the convent and Bethany building to residential use. The main chapel building would be converted to mixed use with offices occupying the double height ground floor area. The Nun's Chapel and room above would be converted to an apartment/duplex. The Mortuary Chapel does not form part of the planning application.

Q.17 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to clean the gullies on the public road at Lansdowne Village, Dublin 4.

Reply:

The gullies at Lansdowne Village, Dublin 4 were inspected and cleaned on 25/02/15.

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.

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is currently a RAS tenant and is on band three of the transfer list for two bed accommodation with the following positions:

113th for Area E (Cabra / Finglas)
28th for Area M (Pearse Street / Ringsend)
48th for Area N (Ranelagh / Rathmines)

Please note that applicant's positions can be subject to change as applicants may change their areas of preference (once per year). For example, if an applicant who applied before this applicant chose to add one of the same areas of preference as this applicant that they hadn't chosen previously, then that person would be ahead of the applicant (details supplied). It is important to note that the original date of any application does not change.

Positions may also be effected in priority cases where, for example, an applicant who has a priority and initially had a housing need for 2 bedroom accommodation now needs a 3 bedroom vacancy. This could occur where an applicant had another child. While this is likely to be infrequent it may occur from time to time.

In addition, the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the 2011 Housing Assessment Regulations provided that applicants housed under the Rental Accommodation Scheme after April 2011 were no longer eligible to remain on Local Authority housing lists and provision must be made by each Authority to provide a Transfer pathway for RAS tenants seeking housing. RAS tenants housed prior to April 2011 were placed on the transfer list in 2013 with their original application date as was the applicant (details supplied) who was a RAS tenant since 2008 but who has an effective date of 31/07/00.

Applicants housed by the City Council under the Rental Accommodation Scheme after April 2011 were initially removed from the housing list and advised that they could make a transfer application in the same way as City Council tenants and tenants of Voluntary Bodies within the City area after 2 years tenancy where the rent assessment is up to date and the rent account is clear.

However, in accordance with revised directives from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government, applicants housed into RAS accommodation after 2011 who initially had their housing applications cancelled have now been reinstated on the City Council's Transfer list with their original date of application being the effective date of their transfer application. This exercise was recently undertaken by the Allocations Section resulting in 438 RAS tenants having their applications reviewed and placed on the transfer list with their revised position.

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?

Reply:

This repair work has been included in our works programme for the area and will be undertaken over the coming weeks.

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>

Reply:

The placing of a limit on the height of a residential hedge is outside the power of the council to regulate by way of bye laws. Section 199 of the Local Government Act, 2001 authorises a local authority to make bye laws:-

1. in relation to land or services provided by or under the control or management of the local authority and
2. Where it is in the interest of the common good that (a) a specific activity is regulated or (b) a nuisance is controlled or suppressed.

In a legal sense the height of a hedge between adjoining residences is not a public nuisance.

Section 199 also provides that bye laws may not be made where another piece of legislation deals with that particular purpose. In this context, Section 70 of the Roads Act, 1993 gives a statutory remedy to the road authority where a tree or hedge is a potential hazard to those using the public road.

In the UK, local authorities may utilise the Anti Social Behaviour Act (2003). This gives local authorities a statutory remedy by way of serving Notices on landowners where a complaint is made by a person to the local authority.

The UK example cited at <http://www.leylandii.com/leylandii.html> is based on legislation under section 8 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 (i.e. not under planning legislation) which allows councils to take action where hedging has grown to a height where it is “adversely affecting the complainants reasonable enjoyment of their property”. Action to resolve any dispute is via the local council whereby the owner of the hedge can be forced to cut it back to a “reasonable height” – as determined by the content of a 2004 document titled “High Hedging and Light Loss”. Failure to cut the hedge can result in prosecution and a £1000 fine. This is also explained at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/commonprojects/highhedges/>

For Dublin City, the legislative context is very different, and in response to earlier queries, the matter of hedging impacting on residential amenity has been raised previously ...

In Dáil Eireann Debate (2010) – Appendix A

At Dublin City Council’s monthly meeting (14/01/2013) – Appendix B

In Oireachtas debate (23/01/2013) – Appendix C

In Dáil Debate (24/04/2013) – Appendix D

The matters raised in each of the above cases, and responses thereto are summarised separately hereunder in Appendices A-D below:

To summarise, at the Dublin City Council meeting in January 2013 (at Appendix A below) the Managers response included the following;

“The Economic Development, Planning & International Relations SPC has explored the option of making bye-laws by the City Council as a means of addressing the problem but the City Council’s Law Agent has advised that this is not possible as bye-laws can only be made in respect of property which is under the control of the Council and private lands are not under its control. The Law Agent has further advised that it would be preferable in any event for action to be taken by a national legislative measure which would apply universally rather than for individual Local Authorities.”

The Economic Development, Planning & International Affairs SPC brought the matter to the attention of Seanad Éireann and sought their support to carry forward legislation proposals to deal with the nuisance. The subject was debated in the Seanad on January 23rd 2013 (please see excerpts at Appendix C).

Dáil Debate followed on 24/4/13 (see Appendix ‘D’ below for full detail)

The then Minister for Justice and Equality stated that the manner in which problems associated with high hedges and trees are resolved in both England and Wales and Northern Ireland demonstrates a clear preference for the resolution of such disputes at local level, preferably by mediation, with recourse to the courts only as a last resort. The introduction of such legislation in this jurisdiction would be a matter for the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government and his Department. Under our existing law, a person may be in a position to seek damages or an injunction requiring the cutting of boundary hedges or trees under the tort of nuisance. In order for the nuisance to be actionable, the person would have to show that an easement existed, i.e., whether an easement of light or otherwise, and that there had been a substantial interference with that right.

The Minister added that it was his intention to bring forward a Mediation Bill to promote mediation as a viable, effective and efficient alternative to court proceedings, thereby reducing legal costs and speeding up the resolution of disputes.

Conclusion

Dublin City Councils Law Agent has previously advised (2013) that bye-laws can only be made in respect of property which is under the control of the Council, and private lands are not under its control. Also, it would be preferable for any action addressing this to be taken by a national legislative measure rather than by individual Local Authorities.

The content of a Seanad debate in 2013 supported this approach, stating that legislative change is required to enable Local Authorities to take action where private lands have been poorly managed.

It is understood that it is the intention of the Minister for Justice and Equality to bring forward a mediation bill, to promote mediation as a viable, effective and efficient alternative to court proceedings, thereby reducing legal costs and speeding up the resolution of disputes.

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.

Reply:

The Gardaí were requested to be in attendance at the removal of the cameras at *details supplied to prevent a public order incident occurring. A Garda Síochána was not armed when attending this process.

In relation to the installation of cameras at the above apartment, under Section 14 of the Tenancy Agreement it states:

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

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

Reply:

The South East Area Office has received estimates from security companies for the installation of CCTV at the above mentioned complex. Unfortunately, due to budget restraints and the high estimates received, it would not be possible to proceed with installing CCTV at this time. The Garda Crime Prevention Unit in Donnybrook Dublin 4 has advised the area office on ways of providing additional security measures at this complex.

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.

Reply:

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpaths on Charleville Road. Minor repairs have been added to our works programme. These repairs will be carried out once a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

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.

Reply:

The total area here for the graffiti on both the bridge and the nearby utility box was 50 square metres and the cost of removal was €400.00 overall (plus vat @ 13.5%).

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.

Reply:

This graffiti has been listed for removal.

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.

Reply:

Road Maintenance has inspected Marlborough Road at its junction with Sandford Road, Ranelagh. The pothole at this location has been added to our works programme to be filled.

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?

Reply:

Planning and detailed design stages are complete. Tenders were received from contractors on the 20th of February 2015. It is expected to appoint a contractor in March 2015 and it is expected to have refurbishment & restoration works complete in July / August 2015. The estimated project cost is €450,000.00 (which includes V.A.T.).

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.

Reply:

Tree works required to facilitate the installation of a perimeter footpath in Merrion Square Park were completed by the end of February. Additional works involving the regrading of topsoil, grass seeding, laying of footpaths and screening of the park depot will be undertaken over the coming weeks.

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.

Reply:

This would appear to be a bicycle in good condition, but attached at this location for the last 10 weeks or so. However, arrangements will be made to have it removed.

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?

Reply:

Dublin City Council, together with the 3 other Dublin Local Authorities launched an anti-dog fouling campaign in 2013 with the introduction of the Litter Hotline 1800 251 500. This was followed up in 2014 with the introduction of a suite of signs which have been put in place throughout the city.

This office is aware that dog fouling is still a major problem in the city. To this end, Waste Management Services and Parks & Landscapes Services have joined forces to try to eliminate dog fouling in parks and open green spaces and indeed throughout the city.

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

- To develop a strategy.
- Set a broad policy.
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- Then roll out policy.

Meanwhile, arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs.

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.

Reply:

The poor quality of grass on the verge at this location is primarily a result of shade cast by mature trees.

A contract is in place here for grass cutting but it does not extend to repair works. The very high quality of the verges on Elgin Road is contributed to by a major voluntary effort by local residents.

Road Maintenance have inspected Raglan Road and added the tidy up of the kerbs and verges to our works programme. These repairs will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

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.

Reply:

In previous correspondence the reasons why this location had been chosen were outlined. Please see below:

Sign R137-01 was installed on Terenure Place as part of the NRA reclassification of the National Road within the city boundary. The R137 was formerly the N81. The sign is located on the common boundary between the Beauty Parlour and Head to Toe.

This location was chosen after much consideration.

A number of locations along this footpath were surveyed with the following results;

- 1) Corner of Terenure Place /Terenure Road North at Brady's Pub inside the pedestrian barrier. There is an underground chamber running from the footpath onto the carriageway which means we are unable to construct a concrete foundation for the sign at this location. This location was therefore considered not suitable.
- 2) On the footpath outside Brady's Pub. Locating it here would obscure a primary traffic signal which is already situated here which would then create a safety hazard. This location was also determined as unsuitable.
- 3) On the common boundary of the car dealer's premises and The Beauty Parlour. Situating it here would mean that vehicles on Templeogue Road would be unable to see the sign from a safe distance and would therefore create a safety hazard. This location was also determined as unsuitable.
- 4) The location on the public footpath at the common boundary of The Beauty Parlour and Head to Toe has no underground services to obstruct the concrete foundation and gives optimum visibility to inbound traffic from both Templeogue Road and Terenure Road West.

The answers to the questions raised are;

- 1) Although Brady's has a long frontage, the footpath outside Brady's has a large amount of underground services therefore it was not deemed a suitable location. Another restriction on this location was the presence of awnings on each of the windows.
- 2) These signs are mounted at a height of 2.3m (approx 7'-6") and the poles and concrete bases are designed to suit this mounting height.

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.

Report:

Waste Management Services have the main roads and the shop fronts in the Rathmines area cleaned on a daily basis. The residential streets in this area are cleaned on a twelve week cycle which is the standard residential cleaning schedule citywide. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of the Rathmines area to see if any improvements can be made within this existing cleaning schedule.

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.

Report:

Residential parking schemes with more restrictive operational hours are generally viewed by residents as a necessary inconvenience in order to ensure availability of parking for the residents. The operation hours on Maxwell Road are currently Mon-Fri 08.00-18.30 while those on York Road are Mon-Sat 07.00-24.00.

The Council's experience is that inclusion of a road, other than where the resident resides, on a residents parking permit inevitably gives rise to complaint from the residents of the road in question who complain of the loss of parking space and then also seek the same concession. Having granted the concession to one resident there are no legitimate grounds upon which to then refuse a similar concession to another resident.

The City Council therefore does not generally favour widespread extension in eligibility and inclusion of additional roads on any resident parking permit.

Nevertheless, applications from residents for inclusion of additional roads on a permit are considered on a case by case basis. Such applications will generally be successful only where either,

- (a) the applicants dwelling directly adjoins the road and residential parking scheme being sought, or
- (b) Demand for parking from residents is close to or exceeds the capacity available on the road where they reside and there is sufficient spare capacity available on the road being sought to cater for the additional demand that would arise as a result.

Currently, there is a much higher potential demand for parking on York Road with 79 permits issued and 105 spaces available (75%) when compared with Maxwell Road with 33 permits issued and 92 spaces available (36%).

There is no mechanism by which the Council can restrict any permit holder to parking on a specific section of 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.

Report:

The public lighting standards here have been added to a list for inclusion in a future painting programme, subject to finances available.

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.

Reply:

The Acting Traffic Officer has reported that works are currently taking place at the location concerned. When works are completed, there will be pedestrian crossings on 3 sides of the junction. The bridge side, however, cannot accommodate a pedestrian crossing. It is expected that the pedestrian lights will become operational in the next four weeks.

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.

Report:

The property referred to above is under the control of the Road Maintenance Division. This property has been inspected by Road Maintenance and Drainage Division.

The drums (containing an oil/ bitumen material) are not leaking but will be removed. The drains were inspected by Drainage Dept who advised they are not leaking into the drainage system.

Arrangements are being made to remove the pigeons and block their entrance points to ensure they don't return.

Drainage Division have inspected the internal drainage layout at this property and the public sewer outside, and found no evidence of oil or other similar substance.

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.

Report:

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at John St. and St. Michael's Terrace, Blackpitts, Dublin 8.

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.

Report:

The Area Maintenance Foreman inspected this dwelling in the past week. There is no evidence of dampness, however there is condensation. A vent will be installed in this dwelling to assist the tenant in dealing with this issue.

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).

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.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.

Reply:

Dublin City Council currently operates 1,079 On-Street Pay & Display Ticket machines. Over €17.8M in coin was collected in 2014 in over 75,000 individual collections carried out by the Council's contractor. The service includes coin collection, banking and auditing and also includes the reporting of security issues and machine testing and fault reporting. The service operates efficiently with the contractor reimbursing the Council for monies and equipment stolen while in their charge. The Council has no proposal to assign staff resources to this work.

The Council provides a number of alternatives to payment by cash. The Parking Tag (pay-by-phone) service recorded over 2.15M transactions in 2014 (amounting to €5.7M) with almost 77,000 registered motorists. The Parking Tag Retail solution (pay-in-shop) service recorded over 24,000 transactions in 2014 and the number of transactions at Card Only machines was almost 70,000. The Council is currently undertaking a review of on-street Pay & Display machines and it is envisaged that this review will result in a reduction in the number of coin machines on street and consequently a reduction in coin collection costs.

Q.41 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether suitable accommodation can be allocated to *details supplied.

Report:

The applicants (details supplied) are on band two of the housing list for three bed accommodation with the following positions:

187th for Area K (Crumlin / Walkinstown / Drimnagh)

135th for Area L (Clanbrassil Street / Dolphins Barn / James Street)

158th for Area N (Ranelagh / Rathmines / Harold's Cross)

Based on these positions, the applicants will not be reached for an offer of accommodation for some time. The applicants have been in contact with the Allocations Section and they have been advised that as they are a relatively short time on the list they will not be reached for an offer of housing in the near future.

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.

Reply:

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. Please forward to traffic@dublincity.ie additional details regarding the problems referred to. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

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.

Report:

In addition to the normal routine maintenance works undertaken by Facilities Management on a day to day basis, the following significant works are at early stages of implementation or are at planning/scoping stage.

Exact costs will not be known until the jobs concerned are tendered for and quotes received. Provision has been made in the Civic Offices Capital Account to cover the costs of approved works.

Table 1: Projects 2015

Description	Estimated Cost € Excl VAT
Air Conditioning Blocks 1 & 2	500,000
Repair Leaks Tower Atrium	80,000
Heating Pump Replacement Basement Area	60,000
Chiller Pump Replacement Basement Area	90,000
Replace Roofing Membrane Blocks 1 & 2	60,000
Replacement of Christchurch Door	150,000
Replacement of Boilers	200,000
Replacement of Chillers	250,000
Fire Dampers	30,000
Lift Refurbishment / replacement in all Blocks	400,000
Toilets Refurbishment Blocks 3 and 4	100,000
Customer Service Centre Reconfiguration	N/A
Visitor Management System	N/A

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>.

Report:

During the Luas Cross City works, the RPA and their Contractors implement temporary traffic management schemes to provide for the safety of all road users including pedestrians. These temporary traffic management schemes are required to comply with the relevant standards including:

- Dept. of Transport – Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 8.
- Dept. of Transport - Guidance for the Control and Management of Traffic at Road Works (which has a particular focus on pedestrians and urban roads).
- DCC – Directions for the Control and Management of Roadworks in Dublin City.
- HSA - Guidelines for Working on Roads, Guide to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 423 of 2008).

The temporary traffic management plans developed by the contractor are reviewed, prior to implementation, by both the RPA and the Luas Cross City Traffic Group. The LCC Traffic Group includes representatives from National Transport Authority, Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, RPA and LCC Contractors. As part of this review process it is considered whether the proposed temporary traffic management schemes adequately cater for the needs and safety of all road users including pedestrians while maintaining the function of the streets.

Once approved, the temporary traffic management schemes are installed on site and their operation is monitored to ensure undesirable behaviour by road users do not occur. Throughout the period of the works, the traffic management schemes are audited regularly to ensure compliance with the relevant standards and the approved traffic management schemes.

In respect of compliance with considerate construction scheme as would be the standard the UK. Obviously in the first instance this scheme does not apply within Ireland. The Luas Cross City Scheme is being constructed in accordance with the Approved Railway Order granted by An Bord Pleanála in October 2011. As part of the Railway Order application the impact of the LCC scheme was assessed for both the operational and construction periods. A condition of the railway order was that "The proposed scheme shall be carried out in accordance with all mitigation measures contained in the environmental impact statement, the construction traffic management strategy and the scheme traffic management measures except as may otherwise be required to comply with the following conditions."

The mitigation measures as noted by An Bord Pleanála and the contract requirements for Luas Cross City Works address the issues raised within five parts of the code of practice of the Considerate Construction Scheme i.e. Care and Appearance, respect the Community, Protect the Environment, Secure Everyone's Safety and Value the Workforce.

In the UK where the Considerate Construction Scheme applies the methodologies and systems in place for the construction of light rail schemes are similar to those currently in place on the Luas Cross City Scheme.

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?

Report:

On 2nd February 2015, the Street Performance Bye Laws were made by City Council and they will come into effect on 7th April 2015.

The Bye Laws will be administered by the Licensing Section of Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department where staff will process application forms, issue permits, deal with queries and investigate complaints / reports.

A Code of Practice booklet explaining the Bye Laws will be made available, free of charge, to street performers when they are being issued permits and to anyone else who seeks a copy. It is intended to meet and brief street performers, businesses, residents and An Garda Síochána on the Bye Laws before they become effective.

A member of staff has been assigned on a full time basis to enforce the Bye Laws and other members of staff will be designated as Authorised Officers to assist her. While it will not be possible to monitor all street performers at all times we will have staff on inspections as often as is practicable.

Businesses, residents and members of the public will be able to report breaches of the Bye Laws by telephoning the Licensing Unit on **222 2165**, by email to streetperformers@dublincity.ie or online at www.dublincity.ie

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.

Report:

The two metropanels at Camden Street were the subject of a planning application process during which the Planning Authority assessed issues such as the impact on the character of the streetscape, visual amenities, traffic safety and the overall impact of the structures on the receiving environment. The structures were subsequently erected in compliance with the requirements of the Roads Department and were subject to an independently prepared Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. Following the completion of this audit no specific issues relating to road safety were noted at the identified locations. The advertisement structures in question form part of a number of such structures which have been erected in order to part-fund the dublinbikes scheme. There are no proposals to relocate the two metropanels at this time.

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.

Reply:

A group of residents from the Ross Road, Nicholas Street and Bride Street / Bride Road area have been meeting officials from Dublin City Council and representatives of An Garda Síochána on a monthly basis since September 2014. The group has a number of concerns about the area including anti-social activity, maintenance of the flats / open spaces and the lack of a separate play space within the complex for younger residents. The group is very much at the inception phase of forming a Residents Committee and has applied to the Community and Enterprise Grant Scheme 2015 for a start-up grant, with a sum of €500 having been approved subject to the members opening a bank account. This amount is above the standard allocation for support of Resident Associations which is normally in the €250 / €300 range. In addition, the South East Area Office is financially supporting a pilot environmental initiative on some of the open spaces in the complex and will also be paying the bulk of the costs of the Ross Road Family Fun Day which is planned for the 31st of May 2015.

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.

Reply:

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. The first month was spent building site compound beside large BJ Marine Building and hoarding off a significant portion of George's Quay. Foundation works for the new flood alleviation wall on George's Quay are ongoing. A further section of Georges Quay will be hoarded off next week. The works are being carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and various sub-contractors and supervised by various consultants for different aspects of these works. A number of ground condition problems have slowed this project down to date.

The bulk of this Project is being funded by the OPW who disclose their internal costings on a yearly basis. The estimated cost of this whole project from Butt Bridge to Cardiff Lane is €3.5m and the current programme is to substantially complete the works in Q2 2016. Ground conditions, supplier problems for specific materials and adverse weather including high tides could significantly affect this programme.

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.

Report:

Dublin City Council does not provide "slow" signs in residential areas where the speed limit of 50kph exists and where the onus is on the motorist to drive with due care and at a speed appropriate for the prevailing conditions as this would lead to a proliferation of such signs throughout the city.

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?

Reply:

Road Maintenance have inspected the area of Claremont Road and taken note of defects on the footpath. These repairs have been added to our works programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.51 Councillor Frank Kennedy

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

Report:

The buildings at details supplied are not the property of the Dublin City Council; therefore the responsibility for replacing the windows lies with the owners of these flats.

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.

Report:

Dublin City Council does not own this land: Luas operated by Transdev Ireland arrange all the cleaning along their tracks and the matter will be referred to them.

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.

Report:

Drainage Division are seeking quotations for the reinstatement works to the collapsed river bank at Orwell Park. The work will be undertaken as soon as practicable following receipt of quotes.

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.

Reply:

The Environment and Transportation Department has appointed a consultant for the design of the Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre Cycle Route. The consultants are developing the scheme concept and preparing route options for the scheme. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by end April. Public consultation on the scheme is expected to start in September 2015.

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?

Report:

Electrical faults are repaired in Dublin City Council dwellings as they are reported by tenants. Electrical improvement works in accordance with Electro Technical Council of Ireland, the body who publish the National Rules for Electrical Installations in Ireland; (ETCI) standards are carried out on dwellings when they become void.

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.

Report:

Applications for an inter transfer are considered under the Allocations Scheme where two tenants wish to be considered for a mutual transfer into each other's dwelling.

The applicants (details supplied) are not seeking an inter transfer but are currently on band two of the transfer list for two bed accommodation. They are currently in 60th position for two bed accommodation. On occasion, it is possible to consider tenants or housing applicants already residing within a specific flat complex for vacancies that do become available, however, applicants are still selected based on their length of time on the waiting list.

The applicant's interest in being considered for arising vacancies in the complex has been noted.

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.

Report:

Harold's Cross Road is a main access road of significant importance. A primary function of the road is to provide a through route for general traffic, buses, ambulances and other emergency vehicles. It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to provide speed ramps on these types of roads.

Enforcement of the speed limit by the Gardaí is recommended as the most effective method of traffic calming on this type of road. The matter of speeding at this location will be forwarded to the Gardaí for attention.

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.

Report:

An examination of the records show that the total cost of the development at York Street was €20.5m. An amount of €12m was received from the Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) in respect of part of the site at York St that was sold to the College. It was agreed that €500,000 from the €12m sale proceeds would be set aside for the supply of a community facility in the York St/Mercer St area. The 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.

In particular the all-in cost for the provision of the community facility was €454,170. The net cost of the pitch in Digges Street was €160,591.71 – a total of €614,761.71. This cost was €114,761.71 in excess of the €500,000 received from the RCSI.

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.

Report:

In relation to the solar panels, 3 of the 5 solar panel systems are in working order with the other 2 requiring some maintenance work. The solar panels are for hot water only and do not heat the apartments. The benefit of the solar panels in the winter months is negligible, therefore the works will be carried out as the weather improves and the benefit for the financial spend is justified. Notwithstanding this the solar panels will always require a back-up from the gas powered boilers to heat water during periods of poor sunlight and bad weather.

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.

Reply:

The heating system is operational in these apartments for a number of years. The Area Housing Manager will arrange for a refresher course for the residents.

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?

Report:

The replacement of the bollard on the footpath at No. 1 Pembroke Cottages has been added to our works programme. This work will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

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?

Report:

NABCO was invited to consider the refurbishment or demolition of this building back in 2012. Given the lack of resources for social housing at the time a design team was not engaged by them until 2014. There has been on-going engagement between the Planning and City Architects Departments of the Council and NABCO since then.

There are major difficulties with refurbishment of the existing building apart from the cost. We are awaiting the submission of a further detailed report by NABCO next week and there will be a further meeting with them to discuss their preferred option. NABCO commissioned the structural report. We will consult with NABCO on the release of the report.

Q.63 Councillor Chris Andrews

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

Reply:

It is currently the case that maintenance requests for windows, window frames, front doors, panels and doorframes are investigated by the local depot. If the repair can be carried out by the local depot, i.e. minor repairs, repairs to handles/hinges, seal repairs etc it will be carried out locally and within a short timeframe (weeks). In the past, if the repair was deemed to be more substantial, and new windows and/or doors were required the works were placed on a waiting list irrespective of condition or priority by our Joinery Workshop.

A more targeted approach is now being adopted which includes an inspection and a categorisation, as follows:

Category	Description	Estimated Timeframe
A	Windows are extensively rotten. Urgent replacement required.	0 to 3 months (approximately, depending on demand)
B	Partial rot. Senior Citizens. Reduced integrity.	3 to 12 months (approximately, depending on demand)
C	Windows in acceptable condition. No immediate repairs evident. Single to Double glazed needed.	Re-inspect within 24 months.
D	Windows in good condition. No future repairs.	Re-inspect within 36 months or on request

This system will ensure that those windows in greatest need of replacement will be dealt with firstly and in the shortest timeframe.

The windows in this dwelling were inspected and deemed in need of replacement. They have been categorised as 'Category A'.

It should be noted that there is a high demand in the 'Category A' list as a result of a backlog due to the change over in categorisation which will require the '0-3 months approximately depending on demand' to be extended for a period until the backlog is cleared.

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.

Report:

The City Council's Development Department has advised that the Council's land records do not show any interest in any part of this laneway.

The area which on which the ESB substation is situated was acquired by Dublin Corporation in 1961 and sold to the ESB in 1972.

Road Department's records indicate that, while some maintenance works to the lane were carried out prior to the 1960s when there were a number of small cottages within the lane, the site was cleared and unused during the 1960s and 1970s.

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.

Report:

The trees at this location were removed as a result of ongoing requests by residents. We have not received any requests from residents for any replacement trees or hedges.

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.

Reply:

Parks and Landscapes Services have no plans for the provision of a playground at details supplied.

Planning permission was granted to The Rehab Group Ref: Plan No.2254/12 for change of use from residential and shop use to a first floor residential unit and ground floor community facility use. The community use was limited by condition to three years.

The Planning Department has not received any formal proposal in relation to the lands adjoining the Enable Ireland site. The main zoning on the site is Z12 – To ensure the existing environmental amenities are protected in any future use of these lands. This zoning objective requires a minimum of 20% public open space provision.

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.

Report:

We will ensure that Hanover Street East is cleaned on a more regular basis, paying particular attention to dog foul and broken glass.

Arrangements have been made to put in place immediately, anti-dog fouling signs at Hanover Street East, outside the crèche.

The Traffic Officer reports that in relation to double yellow lines on Hanover Street, these have been tasked for reinstatement and are on a works list. However, due to inclement weather and a backlog of similar works it is not possible to give an indication as to when the reinstatement will take place.

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.

Reply:

Plan No. 3266/14, the permission for significant works is currently on appeal and therefore the conditions of that permission are not relevant. There are 2 other recent permissions: 3645/13 and 3437/12 for relatively minor works – signage, new access door etc. The current works are being carried out on foot of a Section 5 Exempt Development Order (ref 0337/14 Order no.P0017) which issued in January 2015. This order states that the repatination of the existing bronze facades (including ground floor glazing and columns) of the former Bank of Ireland HQ, Protected Structure (Ref. 370) to the original intended bronze patina, including the removal of asbestos containing materials, is exempted development. As the current works are not tied to a planning permission, any complaint in relation to noise nuisance should be reported to the Air Monitoring and Noise Control Unit, Dublin City Council.

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 to minimise the amount of rubbish in the canal.

Report:

Responsibility for the canal lies with Waterways Ireland. Dublin City Council and canal users such as Inland Waterways Association of Ireland and Friends of the Grand Canal, work with Waterways Ireland through the Grand Canal Sub-Committee to improve the amenity of the canal. Regular clean ups are carried out by volunteer groups along the canal and support is provided by Waterways Ireland and Dublin City Council. The Grand Canal Sub-Committee is currently preparing for the Dublin City Canals Action Day which will be held during An Taisce's National Spring Clean month on Saturday 25th April 2015 on both canals in the city.

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.

Report:

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at details supplied.

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.

Report:

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

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.

Reply:

There were one hundred and sixty five maintenance requests in relation to dampness or mould from tenants of flats in the South East Area within the past year. There are approximately 2,800 flats units in the South East Area.

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:

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- 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 the responsibility of the tenant.

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.

Reply:

The Traffic Officer reports that the location will be inspected. Where reinstatement is required it will be tasked and listed for renewal.

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Recommendation:

- Deletion of *RPS Ref 5023: 109a Marlborough Road* in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 &
 - Amendment of the existing entry for *RPS Ref 5022: 109/109a Marlborough Road, House* to read *RPS Ref 5022: 109 Marlborough Road, House*
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Introduction

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Request for Deletion

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

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Deletion

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Site Location & Zoning Map

See enclosed.

Zone 1: *To protect, provide and improve residential amenities.*

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

<i>RPS Ref</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Description</i>
5022	109/109a Marlborough Road, Dublin 4	House
5023	109a Marlborough Road, Dublin 4	House

Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning & Development Act 2000

None as building does not exist.

Significance / NIAH Rating:

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

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Aerial Map:

See enclosed.

Paraic Fallon
Senior Planner

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

Derelict Sites Quarterly Report

I attach details of sites in the South East Area which are currently under review, together with a list of sites in the Area which are currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register.

**P. Clegg
Executive Manager**

Sites on Derelict Sites Register (DSR) in South East Area

Location	Owner	Position
7 Adelaide Road	David Grant, 61 Haddington Road.	Entered on DSR 20/1/09
30 Merlyn Road	Eamonn Hassett / Blaithin Murphy, 10 Brooklands, Clane, Co. Kildare.	Entered on DSR 05/04/11
36 Harcourt Street	Paul Tiernan, 3 Belleville Avenue, Dublin 6.	Entered on DSR 19/04/11
Wharton Hall, Wharton Terrace	R. Hyde.	Entered on DSR 01/04/14
Site adj. 44 Parnell Road	G. Tinnelly.	Entered on DSR 25/04/14
5 Chapel Avenue	Cathcart / Rojack / Boland / Boland.	Entered on DSR 10/07/14
Site at rear 63 Highfield Road	B. Daly.	Entered on DSR 14/07/14
50 Lower Beechwood Avenue	J. & R. Horan	Entered on DSR 05/08/14
37 Harcourt Street	James Meagher (Receiver), c/o Knight Frank, 20-21 Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin 2.	Entered on DSR 30/10/2014

**DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT
SOUTH EAST AREA**

Location	Current Position
Dublin 4	
Ailesbury Park 27	No action warranted – under review.
Eglinton Road 1/3	Further work carried out as requested – under review.
Shelbourne Road 58	Owner requested to clear garden and remove car.
Donnybrook Road 36-40	Ownership details requested from Law Department.
Dublin 6	
Rathmines Road Lower 2	Sold – under review.
Harold's Cross Road 199/199A/201/201A	Owner's son requested to carry out remedial works on roof and overgrowth.
Harold's Cross Road rear 199/201A	Ownership details requested from Law Department.
Palmerston Road 68	Gardens areas tidy – under review.
Palmerston Road 69	Gardens areas tidy – under review.
Rathmines Road Lower 207/209 (former Stella Cinema)	Owner requested to remove graffiti and repair paintwork
Dublin 6W	
Mount Argus Grove, adj. 33 & 34	Overgrowth completely cut back.
Dublin 8	
Richmond Street South 42B	Undertaking from owner to repair shop front.
Portobello Road 4	House repainted – under review.
Stephen Street Upper 8-14	Overgrowth cut back – under review.

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

With reference to the proposed grant of licences in respect of the Rathmines Square Car Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6.

By way of successive licences, three City Council tenants in the Rathmines Square Development (Juliet Fitzgerald, Marie Mahon, and Sean Kinsella) were granted use of three car park spaces i.e. Nos. 59, 60 & 61 respectively in the Rathmines Square Car Park for successive periods of 11 months at a time subject to a licence fee of €1.00 (if demanded).

Name of Licensee	Address	Car Space No.	Map Index No.
Juliet Fitzgerald	Apt. 7, Rathmines Sq., Dublin 6.	59	SM2012-1253
Marie Connolly (nee Mahon)	Apt. 15, Rathmines Sq., Dublin 6.	60	SM2012-1251
Sean Kinsella	Apt. 6, Rathmines Sq., Dublin 6.	61	SM2012-1252

Their current licences are due to expire on the 21st May 2015 and in agreement with the Area Office and the Housing Department and in an effort to avoid additional costs associated with the renewal of short term licences by both parties it is proposed to grant a longer term licence of 10 years to each tenant as per the schedule above subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the licence shall be for a period of ten years, commencing on 22nd May 2015.
2. The licensed area shall be used by the licensee as a car parking space only.
3. The licences shall be subject to a licence fee of €1.00 (if demanded).
4. The licensees shall have reasonable access over the common areas for access and egress purpose only.
5. Each licence can be terminated by either party on giving the other one months notice in writing and each licence shall automatically terminate if the licensee ceases to be a Council tenant in occupation of the apartment indicated above.
6. The Council reserves the right to change the location of the space to any other space within the car park as the need arises.

7. The Council is not responsible for any damage to or loss of vehicles parked in the car park or their contents.
8. Each licensee shall pay any rates, taxes, charges or outgoings which may be due in respect of the licensed area during the licence term.
9. Each licence shall be personal to the licensee and they shall not be permitted to sub-let, sub-divide, alienate or part with possession of the subject property.
10. Each licensee shall be required to complete a Deed of Renunciation renouncing all rights which may accrue under Landlord & Tenant legislation.
11. The licensees shall keep their licensed area tidy during the term of their licence and shall not be permitted to make any material changes to it.
12. On termination of the licence each licensee shall leave the premises clear and tidy and return the access key/fob to the licensor.
13. The licences will be subject to any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Council's Law Agent in agreements of this type.

Paul Clegg
Executive Manager

**Parks and Landscape Services Division
Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department**

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

Pre-Part 8 Notification for information purposes only re: New floodlights and synthetic surface to existing tennis courts in Bushy Park, Off Rathdown Avenue, Terenure, Dublin 6.

As part of a refurbishment programme involving works to the existing Tennis Pavilion in Bushy Park, 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 9 No. tennis courts with sand filled artificial turf to meet the requirements of full size tennis courts for doubles play. This will include perforating the existing tarmac surface for drainage and the provision of new kerbing to the exterior perimeter of the courts in select places.

An Isolux plots will be provided showing light spill off the court area. It will highlight light spill and its affect on the immediate area of influence around the floodlight columns. In general the lux levels achieved **off** courts diminish very quickly to light levels which are negligible within 20m of the courts to less than 20lux. There are no properties (residencies), which abound the zone of influence of the floodlights, however specific values for the light intensity around the courts will be provided.

The courts are to be illuminated to a constant average lux level of 500 lux. The light distribution over the courts will be provided by eight static permanent columns. Each column is 12.2m high from ground level and will be fitted with between 2 and 4 luminaries in metal halide units

The scope of works necessitates rectification works to the existing court bases, surfacing of the courts with sand filled artificial turf and foundation works for floodlights.

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

Bernard Brady
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Area Manager's Report

Sandymount Baths

A study of the baths is currently being undertaken by a conservation expert on behalf of Dublin City Council. It is anticipated that this study will be completed in the next four to six months and will inform future works on the structure.

Charlemont, Tom Kelly, Ffrench Mullen.

The next Regeneration Board meeting is scheduled to be held the 23rd of April. The Regeneration Board has organised a workshop on Local Employment on Monday 13th of April at 7pm in the Charlemont Community Resource Centre for the local community and a trip to the F2 Centre has also been organised. The Dublin City Council Project Office continues to serve the community from 40 Tom Kelly. Negotiations continue on the final stages of the tender process.

Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme

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

Grand Canal Sub Group

The Group last met on 11th March 2015 and are due to meet again on 1st April 2015. Councillors have been invited to the meeting. Two large projects are underway at present: Rathmines / Portobello Music and Culture Festival- CANALAPHONIC (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, 12th February and 12th March 2015 with representatives from both canal groups, Waterways Ireland and DCC in attendance. The Canals Action Day group are due to meet again in early April 2015.

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

Meetings were held on 12th November 2014, 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, local businesses and Abner Brown's Barbershop. Local residents have been notified and preliminary event brief and programme have been circulated. The Event Management Plan is currently being compiled and a formal launch is planned for 11th April 2015 at The Sugar Club.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

Pre-part 8 proposals were brought to the Area Committee in February 2015. Parks Services formally lodged the Part 8 application on 6th March 2015 (Reg. Ref. 2326/15). Plans and particulars of the proposal are available for inspection until Wednesday 22nd April 2015.

Submissions and observations may be made until close of business on Thursday 7th May 2015.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January South East Area Committee. Areas to be addressed in the short-term (2015) include Public Lighting, Village Notice Board, replacement of bollards in village, clean out of woodlands at Herzog Park and creation of plan for park and surrounding lands. Clean out of woodland area is complete and Biodiversity Officer is engaging with Stratford College to initiate a biodiversity project in this area. Landscape architect has been appointed to carry our plan for Herzog Park. 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 carry out legal searches and commence drafting a formal licence to be signed by representatives of all parties prior to works commencing on the garden.

Grafton Street Quarter

The repaving, public lighting and other improvement works on Grafton Street are complete. The public realm improvement works on Wicklow Street (from Grafton Street to Clarendon Street) commenced in early April and works at Johnson's Court will commence in May. A meeting was held with affected businesses to update them on the work proposals and further discussions will take place on a local level as required. These improvement works are due for completion in September. Councillors will be kept informed of progress.

Crampton Buildings

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

Events

- Samsung Night Run 26th April
- Trinity Ball 17th – 18th April
- Music Town 10th to 19th April

Dodder Bank Improvement

Phase 5 (continuation from O'Shea's to Milltown) completed – existing footpath widened and reinstated with 14mm tarmacadam.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager if there are any plans for the open space where there had been a cottage at top of Rutland Avenue at entrance to Rutland Grove.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager, in view of impending closure of Rathmines Partnership, whether she is satisfied that local community projects will be able to continue and whether any supporting actions from Dublin City Council's local area office are required.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to repair sewage leak in manhole at tenancy property (details supplied).

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to, as a matter of urgency, ensure that the numerous and dangerous for cyclists and damaging for cars potholes on Beaver Row, particularly the short stretch of Beaver Row from the entrance to Riverview to the entrance to the Beech Hill Industrial Estate, are in filled as soon as possible.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the graffiti on the walls along Brookvale Road between Eglinton Road and the convent to be removed.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager what response she has to the issues raised regarding the constant breach of the three tonne limit on Newbridge Avenue as conveyed to the Traffic Department on the 10th March and acknowledged on the 13th March by the Staff Officer in the Department.

Q.7 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could arrange for the request in details supplied in relation to sandbags on Strand Road, Sandymount, to be acceded to.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could consider positively the request contained in the email relating to the crossing at Canal Bridge / Warrington Place contained in the email submitted with this question and report to this Councillor.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will examine the issues contained in the email submitted with the question relating to the McMahon Bridge.

Q.10 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to advise on housing case (details supplied).

Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for road resurfacing on James Street East (the section of it between Baggot Street and Mount Street Upper), and also Merrion Square South? Big holes in both which are lethal for cyclists.

- Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if the trees adjacent to 19 Bremen Avenue, Ringsend can be given a massive pruning to enable natural light get into the area and if, in general, the planter boxes in the area of those adjoining roads be cleaned out as a matter of some immediacy.
- Q.13 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to consider installing wider footpaths on Mount Pleasant Place, Dublin 6 to facilitate wheelchair users and people with buggies to manoeuvre the footpaths safely without having to go onto the road.
- Q.14 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to consider installing another speed ramp before the Chester Road and Rugby Road (Ranelagh) T junction to prevent cars from trying to access Oxford Road at high speeds from Rugby Road and Chester Road and to make improvements to the 3 ineffective ramps on Oxford Road .
- Q.15 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to have the footpath outside Nos. 1, 3 and 5 Oxford Road, Ranelagh improved/repared as the footpath has little or no kerb and vehicles are prone to mounting it on a regular basis.
- Q.16 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to have anti dog fouling signs erected around Glenayr Road, Rathgar to try and deter dog owners from allowing their dogs to foul the footpaths.
- Q.17 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to consider introducing traffic calming measures such as speed ramps on Price's Lane, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.
- Q.18 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to have Eaton Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W resurfaced as it is in a very poor condition, particularly at the end beside Terenure Park.
- Q.19 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether the footpaths at Terenure Park and on Mayfield Road (particularly up at Terenure Road West) can be resurfaced as older people are tripping on it.
- Q.20 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether anything can be done about the cars illegally parked on a daily basis on both sides of South Richmond Street and Charlemont Street (up to 6pm) which are hindering blind people in particular and pedestrians from accessing the footpaths.
- Q.21 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether the footpaths on Ashdale Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W can be resurfaced as they are a trip hazard for pedestrians.
- Q.22 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive whether the paths in the park at Eaton Square, Terenure can be resurfaced.

- Q.23 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the manager if the additional drainage information required for proposed housing development in the grounds of Harold's Cross hospice has yet been provided.
- Q.24 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the Area Manager to advise when a Part 8 planning application is anticipated in support of Dodder Greenway project.
- Q.25 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the Area Manager ensure that *details supplied is adapted for the tenant and particularly the bathroom before he has to move in?
- Q.26 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the Area Manager repair the raw sewage pipe that is leaking out between *details supplied?
- Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the Area Manager arrange to have a system put in place so that the residents of York Street are able to use the community meeting rooms in York Street as it is very difficult for them to organise meetings in this community facility?
- Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Will the Area Manager have the windows at details supplied* replaced as they are in extremely poor condition and also 4 of them are locked closed because there are no spare parts and so are creating health and safety concerns.
- Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Will the Area Manager have the serious leak in details supplied repaired as a matter of urgency?
- Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Will the Area Manager arrange to have the planning application for the hotel on the old Myra Glass site planning ref 2246/15 presented to this area committee?
- Q.31 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
Can this resident of Chelmsford Avenue be accommodated in any way?
- Q.32 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
To ask the Area Manager to investigate the feasibility of the below proposals to improve the safety of pedestrians on Oxford Road.
- Q.33 Councillor Mary Freehill**
In regard to the question on Wharton Terrace last month, would the Area Manager state for how much the ESB purchased this lane and furnish a map of the area purchased? Furthermore if the council sells a public lane and therefore privatises it why do you leave the green Dublin Corporation Notice in both Irish and English on the wall which gives the impression that it is in charge of the Council?
- Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager initiate regular clean-ups and graffiti removal in the Grantham Street / Pleasant Street / Camden Street area? This request also to include complete wash down of the neighbourhood and a monitoring programme for illegal dumping. Also to ensure that waste collection firms are picking up the rubbish on

time. Further, what steps, if any, have been taken in this area regarding litter enforcement and when was the last time the area was cleaned and graffiti removed?

Q.35 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding the ongoing works on the protected structure of Fogarty's lock smith building on Dame Street? This report to include what site visits, if any, have taken place on this premises by planning enforcement and conservation officers? What is the status of this building at the present moment?

Q.36 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report regarding the advertising placed on utility boxes in the South East Area (SEA) to advertise the DublinTown brand. What permissions were sought, if any, for this advertisement campaign? The Dublin City Council (DCC) development plan clearly states a policy within DCC of decluttering and also a curtailment of adverts that are deemed to be a visual pollutant. While there may be exemptions in certain areas for charitable organisations and endeavours such as the banners on Liberty Hall, there does not seem to be any other exemptions other than this.

Q.37 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give an update on my motion regarding order of protected structure on the Central Bank and Plaza?

Q.38 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report as to how many cash in transit vans have been prosecuted or fined for illegally parking on footpaths in the South East Area (SEA)? Also can the Manager issue a request that parking enforcement write to cash in transit vans companies informing them that it is illegal to mount and park on the footpaths and that they are indeed damaging the historic pavement. Equally, in certain areas and certain streets it is impossible for wheelchair users and people with buggies to get past the vans and they have to get onto the road to get past.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager investigate the felling of a number of pear trees at the junction of Haddington Road and Percy Place? The trees in question were at least twenty years old and it would appear they were on Dublin City Council (DCC) land in front of the Asador Restaurant. I enclose correspondence and photos. Also can it be established if this area is indeed private land or DCC owned land. Also, is a permit required for the felling of trees in a public place or on private property?

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate the procedure to remove a wooden telegraph pole from Grantham Place off Grantham Street? This pole gives cover for those engaged in anti social behaviour such as using it as a lavatory and intravenous drug taking.

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate a programme for the removal of sandwich boards on footpaths owned by Dublin City Council (DCC) in the South East Area (SEA)? With particular reference to the Temple Bar Area, the George's Street, Aungier Street, Wexford Street, Camden Street and Wicklow Street areas. Certain footpaths are now becoming impassable with the amount of objects, sandwich boards and goods being placed on the footpath. There is an even greater need now as the summer months come in for DCC public domain and street furniture sections to be pro-active. Also, can the Manager issue a full report as to the how many Enforcement Notices have

been executed or issued in the SEA with regards to illegal sandwich boards and unlicensed street furniture?

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate the procedure whereby traffic bollards to be placed on the North side of Camden Place to stop cars and vans illegally parking on the footpaths. This illegal parking is very dangerous in this area and has resulted in the residents of nearby houses to be unable to get out of their houses. Some of these vans, trucks, cars can be left for up to an hour on these footpaths. The residents here have called parking enforcement and made many complaints to no avail. By the time parking enforcement respond, it is usually too late and the residents have now requested much more robust preventative measures like bollards. This is a very very narrow street and is now more and more in use as it services the many hotels and premises in Harcourt Street.

Q.43 Councillor Mary Freehill

On so many occasions I requested that the Airbus stop notice be removed from outside 21 Templeogue Road. Replies indicated that the bus company that no longer operate this route have been requested to so do but nothing has been done. In regard to these bus stops, would the Area Manager state what permission was granted by the council in the first instance. Airbus signs are much bigger than Dublin Bus and having both of them outside a small family home is a blight on the landscape.

Q.44 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Area Manager state why the traffic lights on Templeogue Road (bus light on outside and private motorist light on inside) have not been corrected? This has been pointed out on so many occasions, especially at meetings with residents' association, councillors and Traffic Department. It is very dangerous and needs to be urgently corrected.

Q.45 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide assistance to *details supplied.

Q.46 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager *details provided.

Q.47 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to examine the traffic speeds on Price's Place and to consider a one way system or other circulation changes for the benefit of local residents in Price's Place, Mountpleasant Terrace and Mountpleasant Parade, as currently people continue to use this as a rat run to the detriment of local residents.

Q.48 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager the number of times the roadway on Harcourt Street and the cycle lane on Camden Street and Wicklow Street have been swept in each of January, February and March. I am continuing to get complaints from local constituents who cycle these routes and get repeated flat tyres due to glass in the road from the night before from the numerous pubs and clubs on these streets.

Q.49 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager for an update on the planned redevelopment of the park at Mountpleasant Square.

Q.50 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to explain why the trees were cut down at the front of O'Callaghan's hotel and at the front of O'Carroll Villas that connect with the hotel on Cuffe Street? To my knowledge these trees were meant to be pruned and not cut down.

Q.51 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to remove old coal bunker from flat in O'Carroll Villas, the flat is very cold in the winter months due to draught from outside.

Q.52 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to replace broken taps in kitchen of flat.

Q.53 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Manager to paint over graffiti in O'Carroll Villas flats. (Small area located at front gate).

Q.54 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to put up signs to deal with the ever increasing amount of dog fouling in York Street and at the back of O'Carroll Villas flats.

Q.55 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the amount of traffic going through Digges Street flats and see if there is another alternative as to diverting traffic.

Q.56 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to clean the top of sheds in Digges Street flats. Please investigate as it is an eyesore to residents.

Q.57 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager if any plans have been made to deal with the old Aungier Street derelict pub / building. I'm aware that this is a listed building, however I feel that this area should be utilised for community gain.

Q.58 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager if there is a fund for residents in the SEAC to have flower baskets/planters placed on the exterior of complexes. How may these residents go about getting this funding?

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager how many 'litter enforcement blitz' campaigns, as outlined in the Litter Management Plan 2008 to 2011, have taken place in the South East Area since 2008 and if she can provide any details of the success and outcomes of such campaigns.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to please provide a Pedestrian Operated Signal at the top of Winetavern Street at Christ Church Place to provide safer pedestrian crossing at this junction.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager whether she could arrange for a one-off intensive clean-up of the waste inside the Grand Canal Basin halting site.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what can be done to address the increase in rat infestations in both households and businesses in the Dublin 8 area.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is the status of the former Post Office building on Clanbrassil Street, and the floors above this premises, which appear to have been vacant for some time and could provide an opportunity for the 'living above the shop' scheme.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can explore the possibility of housing *details supplied.

Q.65 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to urgently address long standing issues at *details supplied.

Q.66 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Following road resurfacing at St. Alban's Park, Sandymount, to ask the Manager when road markings for parking bays in the cul-de-sac between 6--46 will be completed.

Q.67 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to provide extra waste bins at the causeway adjacent to the benches leading to Irishtown Nature Park. Indiscriminate disposal of cans in particular is having a very detrimental effect on what is regarded as a superb amenity.

Q.68 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following; there have been relatively few complaints of foul odours emanating from the sewage treatment plant at Ringsend over the last two years. Walkers in the vicinity of the Irishtown Nature Park have recently reported very strong unpleasant odours which need to be investigated.

Q.69 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to provide an update on issues that have arisen at Beggar's Bush Court, Shelbourne Road, *details supplied. Recently Fire Services, Gardaí, and Ambulance were called to the apartment which residents fear could constitute a health hazard and fire risk.

Q.70 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to indicate whether there are any proposals to have the old swimming pool on Sandymount Strand cleaned and if consideration could be given to creating a nature island by filling it with rock and soil as it continues to be an eyesore.

Q.71 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the lamp standards on Wilfield Park, Sandymount repainted. As many of them were erected in the mid 1930s, residents would be very appreciative to have this restoration work done.

Q.72 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager for an update on closing the Tangier Lane Right of Way in the interests of security and safety.

Q.73 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to address the issues raised in the letter sent from *details supplied.

Q.74 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager, in light of the serious health issues involved, to expedite the application already submitted to the traffic section for a disabled parking space across the road from 6B Richmond Row, Portobello.

Q.75 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager to investigate possible solutions to the parking issues on Airfield Road, Rathgar, which resulted from the recent construction of three new properties in an already densely populated part of the city.

Q.76 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager to follow up on the request for real time information at bus stop 1166 (Wesley / Winton Avenue) as it is a very busy stop and could benefit from such an improvement.

Q.77 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager to address the ongoing problem with temporary footpath repairs on Cowper Gardens. It has been several months and the road still has dangerously uneven, unsightly, temporary tarmacadam in parts in lieu of a proper concrete footpath. Please contact me for more details if the crew is unable to identify the location, as has been said in the past.

Q.78 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager for a full update on the current status of the Palmerston Gardens traffic situation.

Q.79 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager for a full update on the current status of the Kenilworth Lane traffic situation.

Q.80 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager for a full update on the current status of the requested works on Orwell Road outside 'Hillsend'.

Q.81 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the problem of noise on Mount Street Lower arising from the preponderance of ineffective and / or defective manhole covers as explained in the letter from a resident of Mount Street Lower to Dublin City Council, together with photographs enclosed therein.

Q.82 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the broken and uneven footpath outside No. 69 Beech Hill Drive, Donnybrook, and adjacent properties in circumstances where both children and elderly persons have recently fallen and/or lost footing on this stretch of footpath, which is now dangerous. The roots of the tree have now elevated the footpath from the road. Resolution of this problem may also require removing and replacing the tree.

Q.83 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Traffic Engineer, when considering the issues being examined on Hanover Street East further to Question 37 at the South East Area Committee meeting of January 2015 and Question 60 of the Dublin City Council meeting of

January 2015 to include in his assessment the fact that on the evening of Thursday 26 March 2015 an accident took place at the junction of Hanover Street East and Lime Street where a man was thrown off his motor cycle and where the motor cycle fell within a meter of a child leaving a crèche on Hanover Street East, and, in light of the manifest health and safety issues arising from the status quo, to report and recommend appropriate measures to address the many traffic problems arising at this location at the earliest opportunity.

Q.84 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager if it would be feasible to allocate up to ten parking permits to St. Conleth's College, Clyde Road, Dublin 4 to park on either Clyde Road, Clyde Lane or Wellington Road (the precise remit of the permits and/or the precise location where such cars are to be parked to be determined as considered appropriate by Dublin City Council) in circumstances where to do so would enable St. Conleth's to convert an area currently used for parking into a children's playground, and where very few cars now park on Clyde Road and Wellington Road during business hours. In addition to promoting the work of an institution in the community as well as outdoor activity for children this would generate revenue for Dublin City Council given that the paid parking on the streets at issue is totally undersubscribed at present.

Q.85 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager for the cleaning schedule of the park at Ringsend Park.

Q.86 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to carry out street cleaning on Portobello Road and St. Kevin's Road, Portobello and the surrounding streets.

Q.87 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Having regard to the responses to Question 38 at the South East Area Committee meeting of September 2014 and, in particular, to Question 39 at the South East Area Committee meeting of January 2015 to ask the Area Manager as provide a report on the condition survey and in particular (a) to identify the suitably qualified Conservation Architect appointed to undertake the study on the structure and (b) to indicate when the study will be completed. (Sandymount Baths)

Q.88 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Having regard to the response to Question 39 at the South East Area Committee meeting of September 2014 to ask the Area Manager to indicate whether Dublin City Council has finalised the issue of the ownership of the wall in question, and, if so, what steps it has taken on ascertaining this information.

Sydney Parade Avenue which connects the Merrion Court complex with the side wall on the road.

Q.89 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Having regard to Motion 127 at the South East Area Committee meeting of December 2014 to ask the Area Manager whether any response has been received from An Garda Síochána to the letter sent by the Area Manager arising from this motion, and, if not, to write again to the Gardaí on this issue enclosing the earlier letter.

Letter to Department of Justice re former Kevin Street Garda Station

Q.90 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager whether, having regard to earlier representations made in respect of this case, it has been possible to arrange for an inter-house transfer of details supplied from a one-bedroom apartment to a two-bedroom apartment in the same complex within six-eight weeks of 21 January 2015 as was indicated to me by Dublin City Council on 21 January 2015 as being the desired outcome.

Q.91 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what is being done to address the on-going noise issues associated with *details supplied and whether investigations have been carried out as to whether the premises are in breach of planning conditions as it is currently in operation 24 hours a day.