

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st November 2018

Q1 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Area Manager, regarding the Family hub in Ballyfermot:

- How many families have gone into the hub?
- How many got a house?
- If housed, how many were permanent and how many were HAP?
- What's the maximum duration of stay?
- Who's providing onsite services?
- What's the terms of reference for tenants for their duration of their stay?

Reply

Family hubs are an important first response to families who become homeless and who have no alternative other than commercial hotels for emergency accommodation. The utilisation of family hubs provides more appropriate and suitable accommodation for families, with range of support services including cooking facilities, meals on site, play space, cooking and laundry facilities, communal recreation space, key-working and homework clubs.

There have been 14 families accommodated in the family hub, Sarsfield House, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Three families have exited the family hub to tenancy. One to a Local Authority tenancy and two to HAP tenancies.

There is no specific turnaround time, this is interim accommodation for families, who will move into more permanent housing provided under social housing supports, once supply becomes available.

The Sons of Divine Providence (SOVP) provide onsite facility management at the Family Hub and Focus Ireland provide the families with case management support. Residents receive a resident induction to the facility and a resident's handbook containing expectations on service delivery.

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Q2 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for footpath repairs outside the Star Bingo, a lot of senior citizens use this footpath and it is in a danger to them.

Reply

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath outside the Star Bingo and added all existing defects to our system for repair. Due to the location we have to organise a site specific traffic management plan and co-ordinate the traffic light switch off. These applications have a lead in period of 6 weeks and we are hoping to carry out the works at this time.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

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Q3 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to supply this councillor with the following information. With overcrowding (*details supplied*) this tenant has requested an extension to the house to ease the overcrowding situation. Is there any date of when this can commence?

Reply

The tenants residing at this property are currently in (*details supplied*) place on the Overcrowding Extension Waiting list. We confirmed our position in relation to the provision of extension on the grounds of overcrowding earlier this year with this applicant and considering their position on the current list, it is unlikely an extension will be provided in the medium term. All other housing options should be examined and taken into consideration by applicants whilst on the this waiting list.

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Q4 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for Parks Department to plant daffodil bulbs on the green area of (*details supplied*) to bloom this coming spring.

Reply

There is no allocation of bulbs ear-marked for this area in 2018, however planting can be considered for this area in next year's works programme.

*Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
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Q5 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager for the plastering of the windows at (*details supplied*). Dublin City Council have replaced the windows but left them unfinished.

Reply

Plastering works will be completed in the next 3/5 working days.

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Q6 **Councillor Ray McHugh**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for window replacement at (*details supplied*).

Reply

There are PVC D/glazed units in this property which have been serviced recently and are in good working order. A recent inspection identified the windows as being a Category B non-urgent. No further action is required at present.

*Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section
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Q7 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to supply this councillor with the following information. With the planned cycleway from Portobello to the Black Horse. What are the plans for the area from Sally's Bridge to Dolphins Barn Bridge?

Reply

The Grand Canal Cycle route is currently at preliminary design stage. No plans for the scheme have been finalised at this stage. The project has been suspended during 2018 pending a resolution to issues around Harold's Cross Bridge. However, if the Councillor wishes to contact this office we can arrange to outline what proposals have been considered to date between Sally's Bridge and Dolphin's Barn.

Contact: Alec Dundon, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Management & Control

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Q8 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the street cleaning and clearing of rubbish on Kildare Road, Crumlin, between the Clogher Road junction and the Four Roads (Floods Pub) and inform this Councillor how often this area is cleaned.

Reply

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned area cleaned once a day, five days a week, Monday to Friday. We will continue to do all we can to keep this area as clean as possible.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,

Tel: 222 4240.

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Q9 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the possible installation of CCTV cameras at (details supplied).

Reply

Before installing CCTV Dublin City Council are required to undertake a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) and meet other requirements under GDPR. The initial part of drawing up a PIA includes seeking a report from the Gardaí to confirm that the complex is suffering from anti-social or criminal incidents, which cannot be addressed through normal policing methods. We will seek a report from An Garda Síochana and depending on the information contained in this report, progress this matter further, in line with GDPR requirements. However, it should be noted that there is no funding currently available to install CCTV at this location.

Contact: Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office

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Q10 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to write to NAMA, the owners of the Player Wills site requesting that they secure the building, as it is attracting anti-social behaviour. In the past NAMA has boarded some windows up but left plenty of windows, which attract kids throwing rocks at them and the houses close by. The site is also fast becoming a dumping ground for rubbish and it needs to be maintained.

Reply

We will make contact with NAMA and its receivers with a view to resolving these particular issues.

Contact: Bruce Phillips, A/Area Manager, South Central Area

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Q11 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager when there will be further units available through the Choice Based Letting Scheme in the Dublin South Central Area.

Reply

There will be no further Units available under the Choice Based Lettings Scheme this year in the South Central. All Councillors will be made aware of these lettings as soon as they become available early next year.

Contact: Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, South Central Area

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Q12 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager whether the area of waste land located between the end of the terrace of Reuben Street and Earls Court is to be developed by Dublin City Council to provide a 3-bed dwelling for the Traveller community.

Reply

Dublin City Councils Traveller Accommodation Unit is currently assessing the vacant plot of land adjacent to Earls Court known as 57a Reuben Street with a view to developing a three bedroomed dwelling to accommodate a Traveller family with identified housing needs under the Scheme of Lettings 2018.

Contact: Patrick Teehan, Administrative Officer, Traveller Accommodation Unit

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Q13 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for (*details supplied*) to be resurfaced.

Reply

After inspection, it was noted unravelling and various potholes along this stretch of road. Unfortunately, there is no scope to add this road to our 2019 resurfacing contract, however, it will be considered for our 2020 resurfacing contract. In the meantime I have scheduled temporary repairs to the damaged areas.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer.

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Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

That a pedestrian crossing be installed where Rialto Cottages meets the Luas line as this is a dangerous intersection with a turn. Residents feel unsafe crossing here.

Reply

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

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
Tel: 222 2528
Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to inform this councillor when will (*details supplied*) be housed. She informs me she was promised housing in Cherry Orchard for August. However, nobody has been in contact with her in relation to delays or when it will be confirmed she can move in.

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) has been made an offer of accommodation at Cherry orchard in phase two of the development. It is hoped that the applicant will move into their new dwelling early in the New Year.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
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Q16 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the following sites, (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on this matter was sent to the Councillor.

Q17 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on recent commitments to improve lighting along the park on Benbulbin Road.

Reply

Public Lighting Services have no record of any requests for improvements to the lighting on Benbulbin Road along the park here.

The existing lighting on Benbulbin Road was changed to LED in 2016 and it is considered to be to an acceptable standard. We have no plans to carry out further improvements to the lighting here.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting & Electrical Services
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Q18 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager how much bonfire material was gathered in Dublin South Central this year and in 2016 & 2017?

Reply

The tonnage figures for the collection of Bonfire Materials during the Halloween period in the South Central Area are outlined below.

150 tonnes of bonfire material in 2016.

103 tonnes of bonfire material in 2017.

175 tonnes of bonfire material in 2018

Please note that a further 22 tonnes in weight was removed by our Housing Maintenance section in the South Central during the Halloween period this year.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area

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Q19 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager has the Department of Housing responded to DCC's application for infrastructural funding to allow affordable housing to proceed on the former HSE land in Cherry Orchard?

Reply

The City Council is still awaiting a response on funding to this submission. We are also awaiting guidelines and regulations to issue regarding the implementation of an Affordable Housing Scheme.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Development

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Q20 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager have the contracts for Cornamona site been signed and when can we expect work to commence?

Reply

The closing date for completed tenders for this project was 15th October and a tender analysis and recommendation for acceptance of the winning tender is due shortly from the cost consultants for this scheme. At that stage DCC will submit a Stage 4 application to the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government for approval to award the contract. We would therefore anticipate that work will commence on site early 2019.

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Q21 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for a detailed progress report on the current rapid build homes being constructed in Elmdale, Cherry Orchard, and please confirm when the homes will be ready for allocation?

Reply

Building works commenced on the Elmdale site in November 2017, of fifty-three units with an expected delivery date for the first phase in November/December 2018. The original fifty-three units consisted of a mixture of two bed and three bed units only. During the course of developing the units at Elmdale, it became evident that the inclusion of a row of a further nineteen units would not only provide homes for an additional 19 families in need but would also serve to rationalise the estate layout, and to secure the exposed boundary to the adjoining football club and existing adjoining housing. Furthermore, it allowed for the inclusion of three universal design units to accommodate three families with medical needs. The total number of units

now being constructed is seventy-two, to comprise of 35 three bedroom units, 34 two bed units and 3 three bedroom units fully accessible for medical priorities. The additional nineteen units commenced work in October with an expected completion date of March 2019. The original phase 1 of the build will be nearing completion early December 2018.

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Q22 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the Cherry Orchard LAP and when can Councillors expect to see the plan?

Reply

Work is progressing on drafting the Cherry Orchard LAP. It is acknowledged that the intention was to have a Draft plan available after the summer but staff changes together with the analysis of the submissions received and the collating of background information have unfortunately pushed this time scale out. The Plan remains a priority of the Planning Department and it is hoped to have it near completion and available for discussion purposes by the end of the year.

Contact: John O'Hara, Deputy City Planning Officer, Planning Department
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Q23 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on plans for both the Scoil Eanna site and the adjacent site, and can the Area Manager confirm if there are plans to include a library on this site?

Reply

Libraries, in consultation with Housing, propose to locate a new library on the old Scoil Éanna site, incorporating the existing protected structure. City Architects are drafting indicative plans.

Contact: Brendan Teeling, A/City Librarian, Dublin Public Libraries
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A meeting shall be organised shortly to discuss indicative plans for the site with local elected members.

Contact: Darach O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Services
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Q24 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Manager what is the status of the Drimnagh Integrated Action Plan and can a review and update of the plan be carried out for December meeting?

Reply

The Drimnagh Integrated Area Plan (IAP) was ratified at the February 2009 Area Committee meeting.

The ratification of the IAP coincided with the economic downturn which has resulted in a low level of economic activity and development proposals since 2009. The IAP created guidelines for the redevelopment of key identified sites in Drimnagh including the former Lyons Tea/Unilever site at Davitt Road which is now owned by the HSE and is to be used as a compound whilst the National Paediatric Hospital is under construction.

It should be noted that the Drimnagh IAP is an extant document and that any review would be subject to a lengthy statutory process. The preparation of an IAP/Local Area Plan is also a major undertaking in terms of staffing and financial resources. The Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022 contains proposals to carry out a number of such plans including the ongoing Local Area Plan for Park West/Cherry Orchard.

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The 2009 Drimnagh IAP is a non-statutory framework plan that is used to inform Dublin City Council actions and decisions. During the preparation of the current development plan, having regard to guidelines from the DHPLG, it was decided to focus on statutory LAPs for major regeneration areas and to consider non-statutory LEIPs (Local Environmental Improvement Plans) for established urban villages and environs. Drimnagh is one of the areas identified for an LEIP. The current emphasis is to prioritise plans that can deliver significant new housing numbers e.g. the Park West-Cherry Orchard LAP, the Housing Land Initiative, St. Teresa's Gardens, Poolbeg West SDZ, as set out in the Development Plan.

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Q25 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what action is going to be taken against the student accommodation developer at Mill Street regarding the unsatisfactory public realm being provided here. It seems nothing is being done to enhance the street. Why is the developer not landscaping this area in accordance with an approved landscaping plan submitted with the planning application? He has erected ugly pedestrian barriers on the street which has raised concerns among local residents. He is also trying to block access to the court Yard to the public.

Reply

Public Realm

Planning Permission was granted under DCC Reg. Ref. 3475/14 and An Bord Pleanála (Ref. PL.29S.244805) for a mixed use student accommodation, office, retail and restaurant/ event space including the restoration of No. 10 Mill Street.

All works completed on the public footpath/ road require the agreement of Roads and Traffic Department, Dublin City Council, who are currently dealing with issues of compliance with the contractor. The pedestrian rail meets the requirements of Dublin City Council's 'Construction Standards for Road and Street Works in Dublin City Council'.

Courtyard

It is noted there is a current planning application (Reg. Ref. 3984/18) to omit Condition 20(b) of An Bord Pleanála Reg. Ref. PL29S.244805 (Dublin City Council Reg. Ref. 3475/14). Condition 20(b) requires the internal courtyard within the permitted Student Accommodation development to be publicly accessible during daylight hours. Reg. Ref. 3984/18 is due for decision on 15th November 2018. The planning decision will be available on the public file.

Contact: Laura Dowdall, Executive Engineer, Transportation Planning Division.
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Q26 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why it is taking so long to erect a Fáilte/Welcome to the Liberties sign. This has been requested on quite a few occasions and for some time now but it seems to be the only area that does not have one.

Reply

The Area Office had undertaken some preliminary design work in 2017 for a series of distinctive totem signs, intended to mark various boundary points around The Liberties. The intention was to install signage that would have been appropriate to a city centre area and that would be visually striking and representative of The Liberties. The locations for the signs would have been subject to site investigations and dependent on services etc. as well as cost and tendering. These phases of work have yet to take place due to resource constraints. It is envisaged to revisit the area signs in 2019 as part of ongoing public realm improvements.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Programme Manager, Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative
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Q27 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager to consider a 3 tonne ban for Earl Street. Residents have raised their concerns at the volume of such vehicles coming down the street and trying to turn onto Meath Street.

Reply

A request for a 3.5 tonne restriction at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
Tel: 222 2528
Email: traffic@dublincity.ie

Q28 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what measures are being taken to make St. Catherine's Graveyard Park safer for public use? It's a lovely park and could be used by far more people if it were made safer. Can a crime prevention officer be asked to assess the park and see what can be done to make it safer? Locals tried to organise an event there recently and it took them hours to clean up the discarded needles and broken bottles/cans before it could be safely used.

Reply

The Area Office and local Parks Department team have been working on a number of fronts to enhance St Catherine's Park and improve its usability and attractiveness to local residents and address antisocial behaviour in the park.

Security

Representatives of SCAO and Parks met with local Gardaí in September to outline concerns around antisocial behaviour and press for more assistance from An Garda Síochána to monitor the park (as part of the Merchant's Quay 'beat') and to respond to calls from local residents and businesses about antisocial behaviour in the park and adjoining lane. The Gardaí are being regularly called to address problem individuals and use of the park by drug taking. The matter was also raised with An Garda Síochána at the recent Community Policing Forum. The request for a crime prevention officer to assess the park and see what can be done to make it safer will be discussed at our JPC meeting of the 26th of November

Management

The Area Office is also pursuing other improvements to the park including: tree pruning and management of plants in the park (work undertaken this week) conservation of the eastern boundary wall (ongoing) resetting and improving the main entrance to the park (work slated for 2019) connecting the lighting scheme in the park to the mains (this is complicated by the condition of the main entrance).

Community Buy-in

The Parks Department was recently approached by a newly-formed residents group (St Catherine's Residents Association) and it is hoped this will stimulate greater community ownership of the park and allow for other improvements, such as improved opening times and use and animation of the park.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Programme Manager, Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative

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Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q29 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager why the upgrade to our flat complexes in the south west inner city have not taken place? Money from the discretionary fund was set aside last year for this.

Reply

€60,000 was allocated from the 2017 Discretionary Fund to upgrade playgrounds in the DCC flat complexes in the Liberties. This work has taken longer than anticipated but I can now confirm that work in Mary Aikenhead House is now complete whilst resurfacing and repairs in Emmet Buildings are ongoing. New equipment is due to be installed in Basin Street very shortly with a complete refit of the playground in Marrowbone Lane scheduled to take place at the same time.

Contact: Brian Lyons, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area

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Q30 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager regarding the trees for Reuben Street/Haroldville Avenue can the residents be involved in choosing the location for the trees. Is there sufficient funding available or will additional funding be necessary?

Reply

An 'Order of Magnitude' has been requested from the Consultant which will give a more accurate assessment of what the total cost of the project would be. This report is due shortly and a decision in relation to adequate funding will be made at that stage. The residents will be consulted prior to any works.

Contact: John Paul McCabe, A/Administrative Officer, South Central Area

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Q31 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager the status of the vacant site at the corner of SCR and Dolphins Barn Street. I was informed some time ago that it was going through legal. How long will it take for legal issues to be resolved?

Reply

The legal process in this matter is ongoing but unfortunately it is not yet possible to indicate a timescale for its completion.

Contact: Oliver Hickey, Administrative Officer, Property Disposal

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Q32 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

Can the Area Manager state the time frame for the Dolphins Barn Village Improvement Scheme? Is it true that it won't start for another 2 years (after Francis Street designs are completed)? If this is the case can some work be done earlier on a phased basis?

Reply

Resources will be needed from our Environment and Transportation Department to proceed with the Dolphin's Barn Project. This resource is currently fully occupied with bringing Francis Street to a more detailed design and Part 8. It is not proposed to do further detailed work on Dolphin's Barn on a phased basis.

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Q33 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

Can the Area Manager please report on what stage are DCC plans to 'green' Cork Street?

Reply

The trees on Cork Street are due to be planted in the next couple of weeks. Contractors have been engaged to do the work. Discussions are in process with the traffic management section in order to get permission to plant the trees on a Saturday and expedite the project.

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Q34 Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what, if any, traffic calming measures are proposed for Reuben Street/ Haroldville Avenue? Traffic and rat runs are an ongoing serious problem and if there any plans to resurface Reuben Street? Area looks very run-down. Residents had been promised by DCC that the street would be resurfaced after the Herberton apartments were built 15 years ago (due to damage by trucks and machinery during the works).

Reply

Road Maintenance have recently resurfaced St. James Walk-Grand Canal Bank and Haroldville Avenue. Road Maintenance has been monitoring the condition of Reuben Street and I regret that it has not been selected in our 2019 resurfacing contract. However, it will be strongly considered for the 2020 resurfacing contract.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance
Tel: 222 8812

Email: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 30th January, 2018, recommended an additional speed ramp on Reuben Street, located at Flanagan's Field Community Garden. This measure will be considered for inclusion on a Future Works Programme subject to the availability of funding.

The request for additional traffic calming on Haroldville Avenue will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

It is noted that Reuben Street and Haroldville Avenue are part of a 30 km/h speed limit zone which came into effect in 2017.

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
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Q35 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that Dublin City Council takes action to address the serious on-going infringement of the 3 tonne ban on vehicles using Ballyfermot Road / Sarsfield Road and the general scheme. Residents have noticed a large amount of trucks / waste trucks cutting through the scheme without any checks etc. This practice will continue until residents stop all traffic in order to get An Garda Síochána / DCC to enforce the ban.

Reply

Enforcement of existing 3.5 tonne bans in the city is a matter for An Garda Síochána. The request for enforcement should be referred to the Gardaí for their attention.

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
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This issue has been listed on the Agenda for the 26th of November South Central JPC Meeting.

Contact: John Mac Evilly, Acting Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area.
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Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to ask that the Traffic Department take measures to address the serious rat running from Le Fanu Road / Blackditch Road, Ballyfermot Dublin 10, which is resulting in hundreds of extra cars using the housing scheme in order to avoid the serious traffic congestion on Ballyfermot Road. On an average evening, these cars / vans etc. can travel up Blackditch/ Clifden Road, Claddagh Road etc. in order to exit onto Ballyfermot at Blackditch Drive / Clifden Road. I am looking for attention to be given to address same.

Reply

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

Contact: Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer, Administration/Traffic Advisory Group
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Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to ask the Parks Department to please address the serious on-going issues with drainage at the Longmeadow's Pitch & Putt facility at Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. This wonderful facility is regularly closed for long periods due to water logging and problems with the greens etc. Can I ask a budget be provided to address these issues and emerging problems?

Reply

Parks and Landscape Services are presently seeking quotes for costs to improve the course at this location. Works can then be considered for inclusion on our 2019 Works Programme.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3435
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Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to look at upgrading their section of the Tesco car park, Ballyfermot Road. Due to wear and tear, the surface is in a very poor state with potential accidents waiting to happen. It is a number of years since this area was given any attention. When the work is eventually done, can I ask that a small raised area be provided at the Ballyfermot Road end of this facility, to allow the hosting of community events etc.

Reply

The condition of the car park was raised last year with Road Maintenance. Road Maintenance surveyed and carried out repairs within the car park late last year. I will request that the Area Inspector visit the car park and log any defects that he finds to our works list for repair.

Road Maintenance are responsible for the upkeep of existing footways and carriageways but are unable to change an existing feature. Your request for a small raised area be provided at the Ballyfermot Road end of this facility, to allow the hosting of community events etc. In relation to the provision of a small plaza with a

power supply, this would not be recommended by our traffic department as it would cause a health and safety and an anti-social concern. This would also take away some parking spaces in an already high demand area.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance
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Contact: Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Traffic Department
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Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that consideration be given to the following family for a transfer (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations
Tel: 222 2061
Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can I be given an update on efforts to secure the Bluebell Cemetery and the efforts to repair the damaged head stones due to a group of mindless thugs who have obviously little respect for anyone.

Reply

A stone mason has been engaged to repair the headstones at Bluebell and this work is ongoing. At least 3 have already been fully restored. Some badly damaged headstones will need to be replaced. A fence has been erected where there was a breach in the boundary and the business next to the cemetery has installed CCTV at the laneway. There is no plan to lock the area as it has been open for many years without any previous issues and many families have expressed concern regarding the restriction on visiting times.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

This issue has been listed on the Agenda for the 26th of November South Central JPC Meeting.

Contact: John Mac Evilly, Acting Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area.
Tel: 222 5112
Email: john.macevilly@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager could I be given an update on the following (*details supplied*).

Reply

The applicant (*details supplied*) commenced a tenancy in the above address through the Homeless HAP scheme on 23/01/17. Homeless HAP is a payment for those who

are residing in emergency accommodation or facing imminent homelessness to access alternative accommodation through the Private Rented market. In this instance the applicant is now in a tenancy, set up through Homeless HAP and does not qualify for another payment in a new property.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Homeless Services.

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q42 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager can I be given an update on the following (*details supplied*).

Reply

A report on the matter was sent to the Councillor.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

Tel: 222 2061

Email: mary.hayes@dublincity.ie

Q43 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager to confirm that Drimnagh and Bluebell will be receiving planters next year as agreed at the Area Committee through my motion.

Reply

The Area has no objection to providing planters subject to funding and agreement with Parks on suitability of locations.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q44 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the repairs to the graves in Bluebell Cemetery and the updating of security for it.

Reply

A stone mason has been engaged to repair the headstones at Bluebell and this work is ongoing. At least 3 have already been fully restored. Some badly damaged headstones will need to be replaced. A fence has been erected where there was a breach in the boundary and the business next to the cemetery has installed CCTV at the laneway. There is no plan to lock the area as it has been open for many years without any previous issues and many families have expressed concern regarding the restriction on visiting times.

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Q45 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager for a breakdown of how many families and individuals have used the Hubs in Ballyfermot, Crumlin and Walkinstown. If he could provide the number of units in each hub, how many have entered them and how many have now been housed since they opened.

Reply

There are two family hubs in the Ballyfermot, Crumlin and Walkinstown area, Sarsfield House in Ballyfermot and Clonard Road in Crumlin. There are no family hubs in the Walkinstown area. The family hubs provide accommodation for families and are currently operating at full capacity.

Location	Units	Operator
Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12	25	Salvation Army
Sarsfield House, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10	12	Sons of Divine Providence/Focus Ireland
Total	40	

The Salvation Army manage the Family Hub on the Clonard Road, Crumlin which was opened in December 2017. The number of families accommodated and how many have been exited to tenancy is shown in the table below.

Family Breakdown	No. of families	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Families accommodated to October 2018	37	52	56
Families moved to Tenancy	11	15	15

The Sons of Divine Providence (SODP) provide onsite facility management at the family hub Sarsfield House, Ballyfermot and Focus Ireland provide the families with case management support. The family hub opened in January 2018. The number of families accommodated and how many have been moved to tenancy is shown in the table below.

Family Breakdown	No. of families	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Families accommodated to October 2018	14	17	19
Families moved to Tenancy	3	3	4

Contact: Eileen Gleeson, Executive Manager, Dublin Region Homeless Executive

Tel: 222 5296

Email: eileen.gleeson@dublincity.ie

Q46 Councillor Greg Kelly

To ask the Area Manager the cost for the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward to reintroduce the bulk waste collection service. The cost for Dublin as a whole is €500,000 but if we could have the cost for just Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward as of the new boundary changes.

Reply

The estimated costs for the provision of the free service was approximately €500,000.00 per year. However, these costs were estimated based on a three year collection cycle and therefor the overall estimated costs for the provision of the service city wide was €1,500,000.00 over this three year period

It is not possible to give exact costs for the reintroduction of a free household bulky waste collection service for any specific areas. Such costs are determined by the number of men who would have to be assigned to an area, the number of vehicles required to be rented, the frequency of scheduled collections as well as the actual volume of waste that would be presented for collection. Waste Management would not be in favour of such a service being introduced in one area and not another as this would be very difficult to justify.

*Contact: John Tuohy, Administrative Officer, Waste Management
Tel: 222 4521
Email: john.tuohy@dublincity.ie*

Q47 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if grass seeds can be planted on the green area at the top of Rafters Road. There was a bonfire here and it would be good if the scorch mark could be repaired.

Reply

This area has been cleaned and can have some seed sown on it over the next couple of weeks.

*Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent
Tel: 222 3435
Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie*

Q48 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans by WALK to install CCTV cameras at Rafters Lane. The development here is a good opportunity to reduce and tackle the persistent illegal dumping at this location.

Reply

I have been informed that WALK have indicated they no plans to install CCTV in the Rafters Lane complex.

*Contact: Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office
Tel: 222 5512
Email: chris.butler@dublincity.ie*

Q49 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager how many housing acquisitions have taken place this year?

Reply

To date, the Housing Acquisition Programme has acquired 140 properties on the private market. 47 of these units were acquired in the South Central area. Approved Housing Bodies have also delivered 138 units with 39 of those units acquired in the South Central Area. There is a number of properties currently with our Law Department due to close and the above figures should increase by the year end.

*Contact: Gwen Perry, Administrative Officer, Housing & Residential Services
Tel: 222 6530
Email: gwen.perry@dublincity.ie*

Q50 Councillor Paul Hand

To ask the Area Manager if the paths on Mourne Road between Sperrin Road and Benbulbin Road could be replaced? Residents have informed me of some defects there.

Reply

Road Maintenance has surveyed the footpaths on Mourne Road between Sperrin Road and Benbulbin Road and has added all defects to our works list for repair.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Executive Engineer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 8812

Email: carl.ryan@dublincity.ie

Q51 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to supply this Councillor with a date for the agreed planting of a large tree at the cul-de-sac green area on Clogher Road as funding was put aside in this year's discretionary fund for this. Also can we plant daffodils at this site?

Reply

The Discretionary Fund was specifically used to order trees for the site rather than bulbs, however the site can be considered for bulb planting in the context of next year's work programme. Three large trees will be planted on the open space over the next 2 months.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q52 Councillor Ray McHugh

To ask the Area Manager to confirm a date as to when the walls at the Transport Club Crumlin will be painted and the general clean-up of this area. The painting of the wall was agreed in a previous question of mine.

Reply

This will be completed by the end of November.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area

Tel: 222 5117

Email: anna.mcdermott@dublincity.ie

Q53 Councillor Pat Dunne

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Traffic Lights Section to examine the traffic lights at the KCR Junction, from the point of view of improving pedestrian safety. The current configuration is not safe for pedestrians. An example, a pedestrian trying to cross from one side of the corner of Lower Kimmage Road to the other has to navigate from the pathway at the corner of Kimmage Road West onto the traffic island without a traffic signal. They then cross from one traffic island to the other and once again have to navigate to the opposite footpath without a traffic signal. Can you report your findings and recommendations back to me?

Reply

The Intelligent Transportation Systems section will carry out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at this junction and will issue a follow up response when this review is completed.

Contact: *Liam O'Brien, Executive ITS Officer.*
Tel: 222 3836
Email: liam.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q54 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to cut back the overgrown and overhanging vegetation that is coming across the wall in our tenants (*details supplied*) side and back garden. Can we also make contact with the Management Company of the apartment complex in which the vegetation is growing? Part of this investigation should also try and establish who owns this wall.

Reply

Tenants are responsible for keeping their gardens tidy which includes the pruning and tidying of trees and shrubbery. Housing Maintenance will not be attending to this matter.

Contact: *Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section*
Phone: 222 3517
Email: frankg.darcy@dublincity.ie

The Area Office will contact the tenant to make arrangements to visit the dwelling. Once we can establish which management company is responsible for maintenance of the apartment complex we will contact them and request they cut back the vegetation.

Contact: *Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office*
Phone: 222 5512
Email: chris.butler@dublincity.ie

Q55 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Derelict Sites Section and to the sections responsible for the Repair and Leasing Scheme and the Buy and Renew Scheme, to investigate the vacant site at (*details supplied*). Local residents report that this house has been left empty for the past 20 years. They also report that the back garden is completely overgrown with vegetation and has attracted rats.

Reply

The City Council has recorded this property and will investigate its status as regards being derelict and or vacant and if it is deemed derelict or long term vacant will contact the registered owner informing them of the need to return the property to use in a timely manner.

Contact: *John Ryan, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services*
Tel: 222 5367.
Email: john.ryan@dublincity.ie

It is assumed the Councillor is referring to (*details supplied*). This site was inspected by the Derelict Sites Section on 7th November, 2018 and it is not considered to be a derelict site within the meaning of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

Contact: *Bernie Mills, Senior Staff Officer, Derelict Sites*
Tel: 222 2330
Email: bernie.mills@dublincity.ie

Q56 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask our Parks Section to arrange as a matter of urgency to cut back the hedging on the green on Cashel Road.

Reply

This work is now complete.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q57 **Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager ask our Roads Maintenance Section to examine and investigate reports from house holders on (*details supplied*) regarding the uneven road surface? The reports are that there is excessive vibration at this stretch of the road.

Reply

Road Maintenance recently investigated an earlier complaint on this stretch of road and carried out the reconstruction of the carriageway over a number of bays. Yesterday I was contacted by the same gentleman to say that the noise is still there. This noise is coming from (*details supplied*).

Road Maintenance will again investigate and schedule a second repair at this location to try and eliminate this noise. Please note that after these works are carried out it may not eliminate the noise completely.

Contact: Carl Ryan, Operations, South Central Area Engineer.

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E-mail: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie