

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
19th June 2019

Q1 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to conduct a review of the street lighting in the Maryland Estate in Dublin 8, with a view to installing more lamps and brighter bulbs. Residents on almost every road in the estate report difficulties in visibility at night.

Reply

We will examine the area in question and if additional lighting is deemed necessary, it will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future lighting project, subject to available finances. There is no public lighting minor works improvement programme for 2019.

Contact: Dale Donnelly, Assistant Engineer, Public Lighting

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Q2 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to request the relevant department to repair the footpath outside of (*details supplied*), so that it no longer presents a hazard to pedestrians, especially our elderly or mobility compromised residents.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services has notified Irish Water of the defective temporary reinstatement and requested the repair of same at the address specified.

Contact: Finan Dooley, Executive Engineer, Roads and Traffic Dept

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Q3 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to consider turning the camera at Tyrone place flats to face into Vincent St. West as there have been a number of break ins along that street. If this is not possible, what is the feasibility of installing a second camera to cover this location?

Reply

The camera's in Tyrone Place cannot be moved as they are strategically positioned within Tyrone Place. However, a large portion of Vincent St West is "caught" by the cameras in Tyrone Place and is available to view by AGS.

Contact: John Paul Mc Cabe, A/Area Housing Manager

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Q4 Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh

To ask the Area Manager what the status is of (*details supplied 1*) in his application for a downstairs shower. He has health issues, (*details supplied 2*) and moving around is difficult for him. His situation at home is exasperated by the fact that his house is 3 stories. He urgently needs a shower downstairs. His OT has sent in supporting documentation. He also needs handrails to help him move around safely. A back door and downstairs kitchen windows were installed but the back door is actually a hall door, with the handle on the outside, which makes it difficult to open

and close the door from the inside. The windows installed downstairs are frosted, which was not requested, and blocks their view of the back garden. Can this please be followed up on?

Reply

An application for a downstairs shower under Housing Maintenance Accessibility/Mobility Programme was received from this tenant in early June this year. Our Surveyor will contact this tenant and arrange a suitable time to survey the dwelling in relation to the feasibility of the works requested. The tenant will be notified in writing of the outcome of his application. Additional handrails were installed in the past 2 weeks. A new back door and kitchen window were installed in this dwelling recently. On inspection it was identified there was an error with these units. New replacement back door and kitchen window are currently being installed.

Contact: Frank Darcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section.

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Q5 **Councillor Daithi Doolan**

To ask to Area Manager will the Council prune the trees along Kylemore Road? Some of the branches are interfering with the view from resident's cars as they drive out on to Kylemore Road.

Reply

The lower branches on these trees will be removed over the next 2 weeks.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q6 **Councillor Daithi Doolan**

To ask the Area Manager when will builders be on site on the Cornamona site and how long until completion?

Reply

The contractor took possession of the site in May and is due to commence construction works on 24th of June. Work is scheduled for completion January 2021.

Contact: Dymphna Farrell, SEO, Housing Development

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Q7 **Councillor Daithi Doolan**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the Chapelizod site and when will work commence?

Reply

Stage 4 approval for award of contract on Springvale was received from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government on Friday 8th June. Based on typical construction timeframes we would anticipate construction being completed during quarter 1 in 2021

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Q8 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the construction of the affordable homes planned for Cherry Orchard?

Reply

Funding approval under the “Service Sites Fund – Calls for Proposals” was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on 12th December 2018, to provide enabling infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes on City Council’s lands at Cherry Orchard.

The City Council have since received several expressions of interest for the Cherry Orchard site and is currently preparing responses to a number of queries raised.

The City Council awaits associated regulations and guidelines from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the development of the site.

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Q9 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager to outline any plans the council have to introduce traffic calming on roads in Ballyfermot or Cherry Orchard?

Reply

The new speed limit bye-laws undergoing public consultation this summer will include Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard. The 30km/h speed limit will be implemented in three phases. The areas in question are part of phase 3 which will be completed by June 30th 2020

If there is any specific roads or specific types of traffic calming you would like to know about please let me know

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Q10 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager have the owners of De La Salle lands agreed to meet with local councillors.

Reply

The developers of the De La Salle lands have not finalised their proposals for this site as yet and are not in a position to discuss them until a later stage.

*Contact: Kay Noonan Cork, Ballyfermot Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office
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Q11 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager how many applicants are waiting to have housing extensions built based on overcrowding or medical grounds in areas J, K & L?

Reply

There are currently 134 applications on Housing Maintenance waiting list for extensions on overcrowding grounds in these areas. There are currently 23 applications for extensions on medical grounds.

There is a very significant demand for extensions on both overcrowding and medical grounds and a limited budget to meet this. Every effort is made to meet the demand on this budget with the pressing needs applicants have. Eleven extensions were provided in 2018 and six so far in 2019.

Contact: Frank Darcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section.

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Q12 Councillor Daithi Doolan

To ask the Area Manager for a breakdown, in tabular form, of how many people are waiting for new windows and doors to be fitted in Dublin South Central in years since 2014 and when they expect to be fitted?

Reply

The following figures outline window/door replacement in City Council dwellings in the South Central Area awaiting and complete.

Completed since 2014	155	
Requested and approved	34	Estimated completion date is end 2019
Requested, not yet approved	114	Inspections to be carried out before approval for replacement is awarded. Approval is based on condition of current windows/doors. No timeframes can be outlined until assessed.

Contact: Frank Darcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section.

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Q13 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to request our Parks Department to prune the tree and maintain the plot opposite number (*details supplied*).

Reply

This area is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. Parks will not prune trees or maintain land that is not in our ownership. Previous attempts to ascertain ownership were inconclusive. The trees do not constitute a traffic hazard so no action is deemed necessary.

Contact: Mary Taylor, Executive Manager, South Central Area

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Q14 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager to have a Dog Waste bin installed at the green space on Hannover St. West/Park Terrace and to supply this councillor with an estimated date for completion.

Reply

Waste Management Services are no longer installing dog litter specific bins as a regular litter bin can accept both dog litter and general litter. The above mentioned residential location is not considered suitable for a litter bin as the footpaths there are too narrow.

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

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Q15 Councillor Tina MacVeigh

To ask the Area Manager whether the contractors who completed the refurbishment of (*details supplied*) to return to complete a number of items which are necessary to enable ease of living in the unit for our very elderly tenant, including access to the kitchen window over the sink, holes in the walls (internal and external) and uneven flooring, adequacy and access of kitchen storage, wide gaps between counter tops and cooker.

Reply

This property was refurbished to letting standards under the Framework in 2018. The Area Maintenance Officer assisted the tenant move in at the time. Arrangements are being made to have the property inspected and any required actions will be taken.

Contact: Frank d'Arcy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Maintenance Section

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Q16 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please ensure the large damaged section of footpath outside (*details supplied*), is repaired without delay?

Reply

Road Maintenance currently has a massive backlog of over 1,300 defects due to recent numerous requests. This defect has been logged and will be addressed when we have a crew available in the area.

Contact: Carl Ryan-Operations & South Central Area Engineer, Road Maintenance

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Q17 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please ensure that the large portions of tree branches falling from the tree adjoining (*details supplied*), is cut back as the branches will take the eye out of someone.

Reply

Pruning will be carried out on these trees over the next week.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

Tel: 222 3435

Email: sean.redmond@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that sewerage be once again a service provided by Dublin City Council. It is impossible to have control over this service when one buys their home. You have no control over what is put down the sewers by others; hence you can be very unlucky to have a manhole located in your garden. This service could be provided in-house at a far lower cost than private operators.

Reply

The Foul and the Combined Drainage network is owned and controlled by Irish Water. Dublin City Council manages this network on behalf of Irish Water via a Service Level Agreement.

Irish Water, and previously Dublin City Council is responsible for the public foul and combined network. This is mainly the sewers under the public roads. Any other connections or drains are deemed private, that is anything inside public property or the connections from the property to the main sewer.

Irish Water, and previously Dublin City Council, do not carry out any work on private drains or connections. It is the responsibility of the individual householders to remedy any problems that arise. I would not envisage Irish Water agreeing to what is requested by the Councillor.

Contact: Colm Fitzpatrick, Senior Engineer, Drainage Services Division

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Q19 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that DCC do a full traffic count along Ballyfermot Road over a 24 hour period in the coming months i.e. September to compare with a similar traffic count in 2017. The Air Quality in Ballyfermot is one of the worst in the City and I firmly believe the constant car traffic is not helping the situation.

Reply

A 24 hour traffic count will be arranged for September when the schools have reopened and a report will be sent to the Councillor when completed

Contact: Niall O'Neill, South Central Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control

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Q20 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that the masterplan for the Lawns Park, Ballyfermot, from 10 years ago be put back on the table to ensure that, as the Park improves, the history of Ballyfermot, the Graveyard, the Church and Castle are all important parts to be remembered.

Reply

Following on from the major improvements planned for the park and the addition of a new skate park, it is the intention to work with local residents to gather information and photographs of the area to help interpret the history of the site. This issue can be

raised and discussed at our next Parks Management Meeting, with a view to eventually creating a sign for the park.

Contact: Sean Redmond, Executive Parks Superintendent

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Q21 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can the Area Manager please ensure that main routes in Cherry Orchard like Cherry Orchard Ave are subject to daily cleansing, environmental improvements like flower and tree planting in order to improve the visual impact in the area.

Reply

The Public Domain Officer has planned to survey the area for environmental improvements and will be working with the Area Office, Irish Rail and The Cherry Orchard Project Manager and any new environmental / residents groups in the Cherry Orchard Area, with a view to engaging with residents on education and awareness, improvement works and reduction / abatement of illegal dumping to visually and environmentally enhance the area. There are a number of improvements already planned for the entrance to Cherry Orchard from the Park West Junction i.e. planting, painting etc.

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

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Waste Management Services clean the Cherry Orchard area, including Cherry Orchard Avenue, every Tuesday. We had extra cleaning carried out there on the 10th June 2019. We will monitor this area and have extra cleaning carried out there when necessary. Only main arterial routes into the city such as the Ballyfermot Road or shop fronts receive daily cleaning.

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

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Q22 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that Dublin City Council and the OPW ensure that the footpaths along the Liffey on the Southern Bank are cleaned and maintained to a high standard. All too often glass waste etc. is left along the Liffey for days / weeks on end. The OPW need to do more to encourage more usage with the location of the Memorial Park etc. to the adjoining Ballyfermot Community.

Reply

The cleaning of the footpaths along the banks of the Liffey is a matter for the OPW. The OPW can be contacted at 1890 213414 or email info@opw.ie.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management

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Q23 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager that Dublin City Council Housing Department please give me a list on the numbers of single people awaiting accommodation and the years

these people are waiting. It is almost impossible for single people now to get accommodation.

Reply

Please see table below for figures relating to single persons awaiting accommodation and years they are waiting -

Family Size	Years	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Single	0 to 1 year	535	118	268	228	155	166	142	95	111	39	1857
	1 to 5 years	1077	170	575	532	354	302	320	225	243	47	3845
	5 to 10 years	644	109	387	296	214	196	208	177	227	45	2503
	over 10 years	218	42	171	177	73	78	135	103	165	39	1201
Grand Total		2474	439	1401	1233	796	742	805	600	746	170	9406

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list, it is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Contact: Mary Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Allocations

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Q24 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask that Area Manager that Dublin City Council please indicate to me ownership of (details supplied). Who owns this area? I must say it is kept very well.

Reply

This property is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. If the title or ownership of the property is registered in the Land Registry, all relevant details about the property and its ownership are entered on documents known as *folios* and maintained in the Land Registry. You can search for a folio or title plan on landdirect.ie, or you can inspect a plain copy of a folio in the Property Registration Authority's public offices, which costs €5 or request a certified copy, which costs €40. The Property Registration Authority's address and contact details are as follows: -

Chancery Street

Dublin 7

Ireland

Tel: 0761 00 1610

Contact: Mary Taylor, Executive Manager, South City

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Q25 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council please ensure when new use is sought for the now closed Lloyds Pharmacy on Ballyfermot Road that retail mix is encouraged rather than the saturation of similar businesses.

Reply

The Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 is the key document that guides the future growth and development of the city, including key retail areas. Ballyfermot is one of the key shopping districts within the City and is identified as a Key District Centre in

the Development Plan. It is the aim of DCC to strive to enhance the vitality and viability of Key District Centres such as Ballyfermot. The commercial areas in Ballyfermot are predominately zoned Z3 and Z4. The Development Plan contains robust policies in Chapter 16 to ensure that an appropriate mix of uses is maintained in retail areas such as Ballyfermot and that night-time amenities are protected.

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Q26 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Area Manager to request that Dublin City Council please ensure that efforts are made to see the relocation of the Kilmainham Garda Station as part of the Inchicore Village Improvement Scheme.

Reply

The provision of a new Garda station is entirely a matter for the Department of Justice and/or the OPW. Dublin City Council will play a facilitative role where possible.

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