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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 14th SEPTEMBER 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 14th September 2015 at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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Dated this 9th September 2015

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365. Presentation Planning Application 3389/15 Blackberry Fair Site, Rathmines.

366. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2015 (pages 7 - 37).

367. Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 60 - 69).

368. Environment & Transportation Matters

i. Minutes of TAG meeting held on 14/09/2015 (enclosed).

ii. Report on the operation of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) (pages 38 - 41).

369. Planning, Property, Enterprise & Economic Development Department Matters

i. Proposed disposal of Dublin City Council's Fee Simple interest in No. 6 Protestant Row to Merit Holdings Ltd. (pages 42 – 43 and enclosed).

ii. Further information on the proposed disposal of Dublin City Council's Fee Simple interest in No. 6 Protestant Row to Merit Holdings Ltd. (page 44).

iii. Proposed variation of a Lease in respect of the former City Assembly Building, 58 South William Street, Dublin 2 (pages 45 – 46 and enclosed).

iv. Proposed deletion of 2 Waterloo Road, Dublin 4 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (pages 47 – 49 and enclosed).

v. Proposed grant of a lease of the Dawson Street Multi Storey Car Park, Dublin 2 to Q Park Management Ltd. (pages 50 – 51 and enclosed).

370. Culture, Recreation, Amenity & Community Department Matters

Report on Dublin's Bid for City of Culture, 2020 (pages 52 - 53).

371. South East Area Matters

i. Area Manager's Report (pages 54 – 58).

ii. Proposed Taking in Charge of Purser Gardens (page 59 and enclosed).

Motions

372. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

This committee agrees to establish a joint working committee with the Health Service Executive to assess the requirement for land use zoning of various sites in the Rathmines area. The purpose of this group would be to identify sites for Primary Care Health Centre for Rathmines, examine lack of juvenile recreation space and needs of high concentration of older people in the area. This is in keeping with the Development Plans Sustainable Communities and Neighbourhoods objectives.

373. Motion from Councillor Sonya Stapleton

That this committee supports the residents of Pearse Square in their request to have extra bins placed in Pearse Square Park due to the high volume of visitors to the park on a daily basis.

374. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a work programme be developed to paint lamp posts in the South East area. Many of our posts date back to the early 1900's; it is important to protect them by painting them regularly.

375. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the Traffic Dept to remove all button operated pedestrian crossings from residential streets which are not near major junctions (E.g. Bushy Park Road) and replace them (or convert them back into) with Zebra Crossings.

376. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests an update on the Flood Protection works along the River Dodder.

377. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a report on what action has been taken on foot of the motion requiring the removal of fifty poles a year from the area that was previously agreed.

378. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That bearing in mind the increasing number of older people in the New Houses in Ringsend the Area Manager carries out a report on the need for and cost of dipping the footpaths in the estate in order to facilitate mobility of older and disabled residents

379. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That cyclists should be requested to dismount while crossing Grand Canal Square. It would result in their journey taking about 30 seconds longer, but would reduce the likelihood of accidents.

380. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee acknowledges the unique character of Highfield Grove and that we oppose any proposals to open up this area and that the planners outline the measures residents need to take in order to protect the integrity of this small group of homes.

381. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department investigates with the Health Service Executive (HSE), the activity of NCPS management of Terenure Car Park. This car park was jointly owned by Dublin City Council (DCC) and HSE. Currently DCC is in the process of

selling their ground to HSE. On numerous occasions Traffic Dept cited Terenure Car Park as being an adequate parking facility for shoppers in Terenure, so must now take action on the following case.

On 6th May 2015 an 82 year old man came to Terenure for physiotherapy treatment. He parked in the HSE car park on Terenure Road North and found the ticket machine out of order. He then went to the footpath and got a parking ticket from the nearby DCC ticket machine on the public footpath, unaware that a different agent operated the off street car park. When he returned to his car it was clamped and had to pay €120. He appealed his case to NCPS and explained his case but it was not allowed. I have the DCC ticket and the NCPS enforcement notice and can produce it, if needed. The DCC ticket shows parking for one hour from 12.25 to 13.25 and NCPS clamped at 13.01, both notices are dated 6th May. Ticket notice no. EN27053449 stated contravention: ID – P/D Ticket Invalid. The action by NCPS is seriously unacceptable and high handed. This committee agrees that DCC and HSE challenge their behaviour and not only ensure that this man's appeal is upheld but also insist on appropriate standards of business in the interest of future customers of this car park.

382. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Area Manager to respond to the issues raised in the documentation supplied with the motion relating to traffic at Leeson Street Bridge and to also seek the views of the CEO of Dublin Bus and the National Transportation Authority on same and further calls for the removal of the surplus poles at this location as previously called for.

383. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee agrees that the buses using Merrion Square as a parking lot should be moved from there. This is a heritage square and it is not appropriate that it be used as a parking lot for buses. Please see DIT report on parking of tour buses in Dublin.

384. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This committee calls on the City Manager to outline who is responsible for the removal of graffiti on and in the vicinity of the Luas tracks going through the South East Area.

385. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

The area committee expresses its concern at the deteriorating situation at Baggot Lane off Northumberland Road. There is now parking chaos on the lane as the low-cost diesel filling station on Northumberland Rd is attracting dozens of taxis 24 hours a day. They park anywhere on the lane consuming free coffee provided by the filling station and throwing litter in the lane.

Number 116 Baggot Lane has been rebuilt and is for sale. This means that the buildings stretching from Northumberland Road to Pembroke Gardens are all residential. The only way to bring order to the situation is to bring in pay parking, because at least this will limit the time parkers stay and of course residents can pay for their permit.

386. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

The area committee requires an urgent update on the Dodder flood alleviation works on Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge-Donnybrook, specifically at the embankment at the LVA and the cricket club bank. Reports that protected species, i.e. badgers have been found on the embankments are now leading to extra delays. 29 years after

Hurricane Charlie devastated the homes of the residents of Anglesea Road there is huge concern with winter approaching that these specific areas are now more vulnerable than ever. If there is another flood event how will DCC justify prioritising badgers over local residents?

387. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Following representations from a great many local residents, the area office shall ensure that immediate action be taken to investigate the severe traffic problems arising from the current parking situation on Strand Road, Dublin 4. The committee concludes that this problem gives rise to the serious risk of an accident and that urgent action is required. Given that the position of Area Engineer is vacant, the committee calls on the area office and Dublin City Council to borrow the services of an engineer from another area of the council to address this issue in light of the gravity and urgency.

388. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This area committee requests a full update on all measures which have been taken by Dublin City Council in respect of the dispute concerning the bells at St. Bartholomew's, Clyde Road, since Cllr. Binchy and Mc Cartan's motion in February 2015 where it was agreed that "Dublin City Council carry out its function and take whatever action is necessary to bring the issue to a satisfactory conclusion for both residents and the rectory".

389. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This area committee calls on the relevant officials in Dublin City Council to respond to the proposals contained in the attached report concerning bus stop No. 847 at Leeson Street Upper, and this Area Committee shall write to Mr. Mike Flannery, Chief Operating Officer of CIE and to the NTA to reiterate its dissatisfaction with the current location of bus stop No. 847. Reports and maps distributed separately.

390. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the Area Manager to put measures in place to protect the fire station on Rathmines Road Lower, Dublin 6 such as placing it on the Record of Protected Structures, and to work to ensure that the creative collective Mart that currently occupy the building are also supported and protected in any development proposals that are planned for the site.

391. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the Area Manager to put in place measures that will protect artists and creative collectives, who are in residing in studios in temporary accommodation, to ensure that they are given due notice by their landlord should the property no longer be provided for such use, and that they are assisted in by Dublin City Council in finding suitable alternative premises.

392. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the Area Manager to replace the trees and hedgerows that were removed from the south east corner of Merrion Square as a matter of urgency.

393. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the Area Manager to provide a Christmas tree for Portobello Harbour for the Christmas period 2015.

394. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee rejects any proposal to re zone 'Bald Mans Park' at the bottom of Georges Street to Z5 or any zoning that would allow for development on this site unless it is to provide bike parking infrastructure or an urban park.

395. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on Temple Bar Cultural Trust to reserve one of its commercial buildings for sole use as a community centre for the residents in the Temple Bar Area. At present there are very little amenities for the thousands of residents within the Temple Bar Area. Crampton Buildings and Smock Alley do not have a community facility. If the community wishes to meet to discuss the many issues in the area or even have a social gathering they have to rely on outside resources. It would be greatly valued and indeed it would be the proper ethical thing to do – to hand over one of the buildings for community use given the enormous commercialization and change that has taken place in the area and the many negative impacts this has had on the residential community.

396. Motion from Councillor Patrick Costello

To include 190a, the Rathmines Fire Station on the list of protected buildings. Number 190 is a protected structure, but the firehouse which is an important landmark in the village is not included in this.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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- 334.** Election of South East Area Committee Chairperson.
Order: Cllr. Paddy McCartan nominated by Cllr. Dermot Lacey and seconded by Cllr. Ruairí McGinley. Cllr. Paddy McCartan elected as Chairperson.
- 335.** Election of South East Area Committee Vice Chairperson.
Order: Cllr. Frank Kennedy nominated by Cllr. Mannix Flynn and seconded by Cllr. Dermot Lacey. Cllr. Frank Kennedy elected as Vice Chairperson.
- 336.** Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2015.
Order: Agreed.
- 337.** Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
- 338. Environment & Transportation Matters**
- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held 23 June 2015.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Select a representative for the Waste to Energy Community Liaison Committee to replace Cllr. Claire Byrne.
Order: Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan nominated by Cllr. Frank Kennedy and seconded by Cllr. Dermot Lacey. Cllr. O'Callaghan selected by the committee to serve until April 2017.
- 339. Housing & Residential Services Matters**
- i. Report on Part VIII. Proposed amalgamation of 80 no. bedsits, into 40 no. 1-bed apartments at the Senior Citizens Complex, Verschoyle Court, (Blocks 1-6), Verschoyle Place, Dublin 2 .
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on Housing Allocations.
Order: Noted.
- 340. Planning & Development Department Matters**
- i. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Proposed disposal of the council's fee simple interest in No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 to Merit Holdings Ltd.
Order: Deferred.
 - iii. Proposed grant of a lease of 1 – 12 Hogan Court, Wilson's Place, Dublin 2 to Peter McVerry Trust.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council, subject to an onsite meeting taking place with the local community before the September City Council Meeting.

341. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Proposal to name and number a development at Mount Argus, Harold's Cross Dublin 6W.
Order: Agreed.
- iii. Proposal to name and number a development at 17 - 19 Hatch Street Lower and 15 - 18 Earlsfort Terrace.
Order: Agreed.
- iv. Proposal to name a laneway and number a development to the rear of 74 Eglinton Road.
Order: Agreed.

Addendum

- (v) Nomination of one elected member to fill a vacancy on the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council the nomination of Cllr. Sonya Stapleton to fill the vacancy on the East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force.

Motions

342. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to erect one of the new Dublin City Council Commemorative Plaques in the vicinity of O'Carroll Villas to mark the association with former Councillor Richard O'Carroll – the only elected representative to have been killed during the Easter Rising.

Order: Report to Councillor.

343. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees that an integrated plan be presented to members outlining the combined proposals for the Dodder Flood Relief Works and the Dodder Greenway Cycle route to enable a coherent debate on the impact of the combined works and to, if necessary, then arrange a more detailed separate meeting on same.

Order: Report to Councillor.

344. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee asks the Area Manager to in general respond to recent concerns concerning lead in water and to ask in particular if the Area Manager is satisfied that the lead pipes in the Pembroke Cottages area of Donnybrook are safe and the water supply is similarly so. If necessary to ask the Manager if she will arrange for a representative of Irish Water to attend this meeting and address the issues.

Order: Report to Councillor.

345. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee requests that the Traffic Department, the Events Team and Beta Projects team assess the feasibility of introducing a Ciclovía event (prohibiting traffic from certain streets in a defined area) in the South East area to allow cyclist, walkers, joggers and those in wheelchairs to use the traffic-free streets on the morning of a Sunday or Bank Holiday next summer.

This type of event has being a huge success in Bogota since its introduction in the 1970's and has being adopted in numerous cities around the world.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ciclov%C3%ADa>

A potential route, which is accessible via existing cycle infrastructure would be **Grand Canal Dock-Sir John Rogerson's Quay-Lombard Street East-Westland Row-Merrion Square-Mount Street Upper-Grand Canal Greenway.**

To limit disruption, such an event might be held the morning of next June's Bank Holiday Monday prior to the Women's Mini-Marathon that afternoon, as many of the street surrounding Merrion Square will be closed off to traffic anyway.

Order: Report to Councillor.

346. Motion from Councillor Ruairi McGinley

That this committee agrees that the proposed children's playground in Ranelagh Gardens be relocated away from senior citizen's complex towards the far side of Ranelagh Gardens away from current central mound proposed location. Current proposed location will interfere with senior citizen's residential amenity.

Order: Falls.

347. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the Area Manager initiates the installation of a playground in Conway Court flats and meets with residents to start this process.

Order: Report to Councillor.

- 348. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That the grass and footpaths be cleared of the weeds and dirt on the footpaths at City Quay and Dowlings Court.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 349. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That the Area Manager has the tree close to 1 Leukos Road in Ringsend (pictures attached) removed and replaced with a tree where the roots will not damage the pavement and boundary wall as this one has clearly done and then fix the pavement so that no one else will fall over the cracks in the pavement again.
Order: Report to Councillor. Cllr. Andrews that the Parks and Landscapes Services Division revisit the matter as the tree continues to damage the pavement.
- 350. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That the council arranges to erect metal "No Dog Litter" signs (the same as exists in Donnybrook) in the areas of Moyne Road, Dunville Avenue, Oakley Road and Annesley Park, Ranelagh. Also if the Council would focus on any other action to encourage dog walkers to pick up dog faeces.
Order: Moved by Cllr. Dermot Lacey. Report to Councillor.
- 351. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy**
This Committee thanks the South East Area Office for its correspondence with various agencies in respect of the proposals from the Leeson Bridge Residents' Association (LBRA) for the relocation of the bus stops at Leeson Street Upper and to prevent the location of a BRT bus stop at this site. This Committee also reiterates its support for the proposal by the Leeson Bridge Residents' Association (LBRA) for the relocation of the bus stops at Leeson Street Upper and its opposition to the location of any BRT / Swiftway bus stop at this site, and requests that the Area Manager write again to Dublin Bus, CIE, Wexford Bus and the NTA calling on these entities to move the bus stops and containing all material assembled to date on both issues including:
- i. The original submission from the LBRA on the relocation of bus stops;
 - ii. The letter from An Garda Síochána in response to a letter from the Area Office on the proposed relocation; and
 - iii. The recent safety footage recorded by the LBRA.
- Order: Report to Councillor.**
- 352. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth**
Given the fact that it is becoming increasingly difficult for some residents in the south east area to find parking on their own streets, the practice of giving out multiple parking permits per household be abolished; i.e. there should be a maximum of two permits per household.
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 353. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager if a "Welcome to Ringsend / Irishtown" sign could be placed at some point on Bridge Street, Ringsend (South Lotts Road side of the bridge), and another similar sign saying "Welcome to Irishtown / Ringsend" could be placed near Irishtown Garda Station?
Order: Report to Councillor.
- 354. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager if directional signage could be arranged for the Great South Wall and Poolbeg Lighthouse at the following locations:

- At the junction of Sean Moore Road and Beach Road.
- At the Sean Moore Roundabout.
- At the turn from South Bank Road onto Whitebank Road.

Signage, which is poor / non-existent at present, would encourage people to visit this gem of an area on the city's doorstep.

Order: Report to Councillor.

355. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee requests the Area Manager to arrange a briefing meeting with the residents of the Nutley estates, Donnybrook, regarding the plans for the relocation of the National Maternity Hospital in the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Order: Report to Councillor.

356. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager to address the issue of an infestation of rats in St. Vincent Street flats as a matter of urgency.

Order: Report to Councillor.

357. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

That the Area Manager provides a detailed report on the decision to cut down street trees on Arnott Street and Curzon Street, Portobello, including details of what consultation took place with residents and councillors, and including details on what replacement street trees will be planted. The report provided at the May meeting was completely unsatisfactory, and no further report has been received despite the reply promising same.

Order: Report to Councillor.

358. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager if she will consider installing a dedicated cycle lane across Grand Canal Square from Pearse Street as a measure to allow a safe mix use of the square for both pedestrians and cyclists.

Order: Report to Councillor.

359. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to request that Greyhound review their system of requiring a prepaid Greyhound card for purchasing refuse bags and to ask them to make the purchasing of their bags more flexible, in particular for elderly people and those who may not have the facilities to purchase a prepaid card and use the online system for top ups.

Order: Report to Councillor.

360. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this Area Committee supports the installation of a flagpole in Donnybrook by Donnybrook Tidy Towns Group at the same site where the Christmas tree is sited and recognises the commitment of the group to adhere to protocol in strict accordance with "The Guidance for use of the National Flag" as per issue by the Protocol Section, Department of the Taoiseach.

Order: Report to Councillor.

361. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls on the Chief Executive to clarify the basis upon which locations are chosen for the installation of electronic vehicle points and, in particular, believes

that the electronic vehicle point on Eaton Road, Terenure, Dublin 6, is inappropriate because of its residential location and the pressure of parking on that particular road.

Moved by Cllr. Kennedy. Order: Report to Councillor.

362. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls upon the City Council to invest funds in maintaining and up-keeping the old fire station in Rathmines which, notwithstanding the excellent work of MART, needs further investment and protection.

Moved by Cllr. Kennedy. Order: Report to Councillor.

363. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls upon the City Council to ensure that the bins in Mercer House, Dublin 2 are properly hidden away from view and cordoned off if possible.

Moved by Cllr. Kennedy. Order: Report to Councillor.

364. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to invite Mr. Harry Crosbie and Mr. Gay Byrne to meet with it to discuss their ideas in relation to the Great South Wall of Dublin Port.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Chairperson

Dated 13th July 2015

Attendance

Apologies

Councillor M. Freehill.

Members

Councillor P. McCartan (in the chair).

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

Officials

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

M. Flynn, Administrative Officer, Allocations & Transfers Section, Housing Dept.

C. Lopez-Naughton, Senior Executive Architect, City Architect's Dept.

H. McNamara, Administrative Officer, Environment & Transportation Dept.

D. Keating, Clerical Officer, Allocations & Transfers Section, Housing Dept.

Non-officials

Lindsay Chaffin

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the following matters *details supplied.

Reply:

1. Arrangements will be made to carry out an inspection of the road sign at this location and a report will be issued to the Councillor.
2. Arrangements have been made to put in place a number of anti-dog fouling signs on *details supplied.
3. Arrangements will be made to carry out an inspection of the road sign at this location and a report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to have dog wardens pay particular attention to severe issues with dog fouling in Dartmouth Square both in open space and adjoining streets. The manager should advise if there is sufficient dog fouling signage in the park.

Reply:

Parks and Landscapes consider that there is sufficient dog fouling signage in the park, however we are currently in discussions with park users to examine possible means of improving the situation.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to carry out the following works in connection with Dartmouth Square Park:

- Renew path surfaces which have fallen into disrepair.
- Complete gazebo repair.
- Install no cycling, no ball games and no dogs not on a lead sign.
- Install a feature sign giving history of Dartmouth Square Park.
- Install a notice board to highlight yoga class times among other park events.
- Relocate the bin location and renew bin.
- Remove recent weed growth.
- Carry out flower planting / shrub planting to regain control over some dog runs that have become destructive to park plant life.

Reply:

The following works have been undertaken in Dartmouth Square Park:

- The footpaths within the park have been resurfaced with a hoggan based water bound surface in keeping with the heritage style of the square.
- The gazebo has been replaced with a new steel structure. The old timber beams will be removed over the coming weeks
- The History of Dartmouth Square Park is available on the Parks Website including a concise leaflet which can be downloaded in both Irish & English. It is not considered that additional signage on the history of the park is required at this time.
- Events in the Park are promoted via the very active local and area residents' associations and through social media by the organisers of events.

- The bin has been removed from the park on a trial basis and in consultation with local residents.
- Weed growth has been removed off site.
- The Parks and Landscape Services Division is in discussion with local residents regarding additional means of enhancing the square. Local residents have agreed to volunteer to assist with the maintenance of such planting.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to take steps to ensure that dogs are properly controlled at Dartmouth Square Park - there are reports of dog breeds that require to be muzzled at all times being let loose in the park with consequent dangers for young children and other park users. There have been reports of a number of near misses in terms of serious safety incidents, which indicates that it is only a matter of time before a serious episode arises. Large dogs are being let loose in park in the 5pm to 6.30pm time slot in particular. These dogs are emerging from large SUV's and are not dogs belonging to local residents. Other park users are being deterred from using the park at present arising from safety concerns when these large dogs of varying breed are roaming the park. The extent of dog traffic is evident in dog runs along park boundary and also the number of holes that are being dug by dogs.

There are also issues with out of control dog fouling that require attention.

Reply:

The Manager of the Dog Pound has been requested to arrange for wardens to patrol the Dartmouth Park area. It should be noted that the warden service is limited to three wardens who work 9.00am to 5.00pm. An on-call service is available outside normal hours but only for emergencies.

Specific dog bins are not provided in parks as dog faeces is toxic, it is not compostable and it is disposed of in the normal waste bins.

All dog owners are expected to behave responsibly in relation to the disposal of dog faeces. Owners are encouraged to use the closest bin available, be it inside or outside the park, or, if necessary, to dispose of it at home.

Parks and Landscapes consider that there is sufficient dog fouling signage in the park, however we are currently in discussions with park users to examine possible means of improving the situation.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to fix public light on laneway between Prince Arthur Terrace and Seville Place in Rathmines and to arrange for laneway to be swept and debris removed.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 24th June 2015.

The overhead supply feeding the light in the laneway has been lost and cannot be restored. A new public lighting scheme including the installation of two new public lighting columns with an underground supply will be installed in the lane to replace the existing lighting here. We anticipate that these works will commence in the coming weeks.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to install additional gullies at two junctions at Terenure Road West, the first being the junction with Parkmore Drive and the second being the junction with Glenavy Park. Parts of these junctions are impassable for pedestrians at times of heavy rain. Pavement flooding also reported outside No 50 Terenure Road West.

Reply:

The matter will be examined and a report issued to the councillor.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to give a definite date for road renewal and footpath renewal on Terenure Road West in front of shops at junction with Templeogue Road.

Reply:

Contract documents are currently being prepared for the Terenure Road West Road Resurfacing Contract and it is anticipated that works will be carried out later this year.

There are currently no plans to renew the footpaths at this location.

Q.8 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to outline steps being taken to safety concerns outlined below *details supplied.

Reply:

The above matters regarding details supplied 1 and details supplied 2 have been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager if she will arrange for the boundary wall at the location *details supplied to be replaced.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the tenant fitted timber panels to the wall. These panels caught a strong wind and the wall was destabilised, therefore it was removed by the depot as dangerous. The responsibility for replacing the wall lies with the tenant, as stated in tenant responsibilities.

Q.10 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the double yellow lines on Elmpark, Ranelagh be reinstated (following resurfacing) as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

The Traffic Officer has advised that the location Elmpark, Ranelagh, will be inspected in the coming days with a view to tasking and listing the Double Yellow Lines for repainting at the earliest opportunity, weather permitting.

Q.11 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to relay double yellow lines (DYLs) on *details supplied urgently.

Reply:

The Traffic Officer has advised that the location *details supplied, will be inspected in the coming days with a view to tasking and listing the double yellow lines for repainting at the earliest opportunity, weather permitting.

Q.12 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to repair potholes in laneway at rear of Morehampton Terrace, in particular at rear of No 17 and No 19. The laneway also needs a "children at play" sign to make any motor vehicles, motor bikes in particular aware of presence of young children.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to carry out an inspection of the road at this location and a report will be issued to the Councillor through the Area Office.

The request for a '**Children Crossing**' sign has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will report on when the lampposts in Gilford Park, Sandymount (particularly outside number 32) will be painted.

Reply:

The public lighting columns here are currently included on a list of columns to be painted. We anticipate that they will be painted later this year as part of our 2015 painting programme, subject to available finances.

Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager how she would respond to the email regarding parking and clamping submitted with this question - see below:

As you know I do monitor parking control compliance in order to determine if our city is getting a proper enforcement service from DSPS.

My understanding is that revenue surplus from the pay-n-display fees is ring-fenced for cycling provision so hence my keen interest that revenue be maximised.

Time and time again I come across contractors' vans and trucks parked in pay-n-display zones with no ticket displayed.

The attached images were taken early this afternoon outside a property under construction on Nutley Road, Dublin 4. Not one of about six vans has a valid ticket displayed.

Just what is going on with the DSPS service? Avoidance like this is rampant from my own simple surveys.

Is someone in DSPS 'protecting' construction activity or is it city policy to leave construction 'alone'?

Revenue foregone in this manner is not helping cycling promotion.

Reply:

The following reply issued directly to the complainant on 24th June;

“Please note that Nutley Lane is regularly patrolled but is not a top priority for enforcement as precedence is given to the City Centre and enforcing traffic offences such as parking in clearways / bus lanes, dangerous parking, parking causing obstruction, parking on cycle lanes and other traffic related offences. Notwithstanding this I attach three photos* of vehicles recently enforced on Nutley Road, showing two building contractor vehicles (in the immediate vicinity of the area shown in your photos) and a taxi. No preference is given to any type of vehicle or any sector when it comes to parking enforcement.

While we cannot have a presence at all times on all streets I can assure you that the performance of our parking control contractors is closely monitored and Dublin City Council is satisfied with the current performance levels. You might also note that 35% of all parking transactions are now accounted for by our cashless mobile phone parking service, Parking Tag. Users of this service do not have to display a ticket as enforcement is carried out by way of ANPR (automatic number plate recognition).

Thank you for bringing this location to our attention and I will instruct our enforcement contractors to patrol the location more frequently.”

It should be noted that only a portion of parking income is spent on cycling related issues.

*Photographs have been supplied directly to the complainant.

Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report with regards the ongoing antisocial behaviour in Peter’s Row that is associated with the emergency accommodation unit at the YMCA in Aungier Street?

Reply:

Discussions have been held with the provider of support services located at the YMCA. Depaul Ireland have confirmed that they are not aware of “on-going” antisocial behaviour in Peter’s Row and that they are implementing the good neighbour policies as per our service level agreement. Depaul Ireland has also confirmed that they attend local community policing meetings. We have asked that Depaul make contact directly in order to discuss the detail of the referred to anti-social behaviour. Dublin City Council Homeless Services are also more than happy to further intervene also.

Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager furnish a report with regards the effectiveness of the recent new traffic arrangements in the George’s Street / Aungier Street / Redmond’s Hill / Bishop Street / Wexford Street and Camden Street areas?

Reply:

Vehicles egress from Bishop Street onto Aungier Street was closed at the beginning of February 2015. Initially there was some confusion with motorists, but additional delineation assisted the situation. Vehicles now exit via Peter’s Row to the surrounding streets network.

An initial discussion with Dublin Bus showed the closure had not improved bus speeds, however, pedestrians and cyclists have benefitted from the closure, reducing the number of conflicts at the junction.

The next steps are to discuss with the National Transport Authority (NTA) the possibility of making the closure permanent.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager ensure that the Boyne Street Cumberland Street area is given urgent attention with regards the infestation of rats in this area? This issue has greatly concerned the residents in this area since April and there are many accusations that Dublin City Council has not responded to residents' requests for assistance in this matter.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Southside Mobile Crew attended these units last week and laid bait. They will be monitored over the coming weeks.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full and comprehensive report with regards planning applications in the docklands area under the Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) scheme? This report to include all works to date and all planning variations or new planning applications and also figures with regard to residential housing units both social and private, and public amenities and facilities that are planned for the area. This report should be comprehensive and capture the progress of the Docklands Development.

Reply:

It will take time to compile the comprehensive report requested which will then be forwarded to the Councillor. It should be noted that the City Council will monitor progress on the implementation of the strategic development zone (SDZ) and will prepare an Annual Progress Report detailing planning permissions granted, development commenced and / or completed, progress on objectives and progress on sustainability indicators. The Progress Report shall also provide annual updates on the monitoring programme set out in Section 9 of the Environmental Report, as well as on other requirements including the community audit (CD21), the education audit (CD6) and the design briefs required for the public realm, campshires, and public open spaces. The Report will be submitted to Dublin City Council, its relevant Area Committees and to any other formal consultative structure put in place to oversee regeneration in the wider Docklands Area.

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards the success of the Sunday openings and attendance at the City Hall for the month of June? This report to include what promotions and advertisements for the opening took place and also will the City Hall remain open from here on in on Sundays?

Reply:

The average number of visitors was 120 on each Sunday. To enhance the visitor experience there were talks twice a day in the Rotunda on the history of the building. The average number of visitors who attended these talks was 10. As access on Sundays was free there was no income generated.

The opening of City Hall on Sundays for the month of June 2015 was advertised through Fáilte Ireland Networks, Twitter, Facebook, through tour guides who pass through City Hall on a daily basis and e-mails to local hotels. Signage was also placed around City Hall, to ensure that members of the public passing through were aware that the exhibition is open and access was free of charge.

The staffing costs associated with Sunday openings were €2,436 each Sunday (total for 4 Sunday openings €9,744).

Due to the costs associated with the Sunday openings and the low visitor numbers City Hall will not continue to open on Sunday.

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of placing bollards on the northern side of Camden Place in order to stop vehicles parking on the footpath and blocking residents in their homes for hours at this location? There is a family living on Camden Row which has a very narrow footpath. Almost every day delivery vans, trucks and cars park right up onto the footpath making it impossible for the family here to exit or enter their home. It has now become intolerable. While there are double yellow lines here and traffic enforcement has been informed on many occasions it has not changed the situation one bit and bollards would seem to be the only solution at this particular location.

Reply:

The above matter regarding parking on Camden Place has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. An alternative parking solution including the possibility of bollards will be examined. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards the effectiveness of the new busking byelaws in the South East Area? This report to include any warnings issued, list of complaints received and list of permits issued, the type of performances and acts and an evaluation of crowd control etc.

Reply:

The Street Performers Bye-Laws came into effect on 7th April and the number of permits issued as of 7th July is as follows:

Street Performers Permits	308
Amplification Permits	147

Of the 308 permits issued 239 are musicians, the remainder comprises of circus acts, dancers, street artists and human statues.

One officer is working full-time on enforcement including after working hours and at weekends. She is assisted by other staff as necessary. Authorised staff members visit the popular performance locations routinely each day and more often in response to complaints received. Staff members are equipped with digital sound meters for the purpose of measuring sound levels.

The majority of complaints received relate to the Grafton Street area with over 100 complaints recorded to date. Many of these are repeat complaints from the same individuals. The principal causes for complaint are excessive noise, overstaying the 2 hour performance limit and non-display of permits. 22 warning notices and 5 fines have been issued in respect of breaches of the bye-laws in this area. One permit has been revoked but this was not in the South East Area.

It is felt that while there are regular complaints the majority of street performers are now aware of the bye-laws and have adjusted their behaviour accordingly. Complaints regarding poor crowd control are few and we consider that most

performers are making an effort to ensure that their audiences do not block the thoroughfare.

The bye-laws will be fully reviewed in October after a period of six months in operation.

Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the most recent meetings that were held by the Mercer House residents in relation to the security arrangements in the flat complex and also what efforts have been made to erect secure gates at this location?

Reply:

A meeting took place with the residents of Mercer House on the 11th June at 7pm in the Whitefriar Community Centre, Aungier Street, Dublin 2. All residents were invited, as were all elected representatives in the area. The residents were seeking to have the vehicle entrance gates and the pedestrian gate to the complex automated and also to install security gates to each of the four entrances to the complex. I agreed at the meeting that I would meet three residents in the flat complex on the Wednesday the 17th June to discuss their security concerns. I agreed to have security gates installed on the entrance to each of the four apartment blocks and these gates were installed on the Tuesday the 30th June.

The issue of the automation of the main gates to the complex is being examined and will be subject to funds being available.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager initiate an inspection of the Brazil Grill in Golden Lane with regards kitchen expel air which pours out large amounts of smoke into the buildings, gallery and hotel rooms nearby which gives off noxious fumes?

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will make contact with the proprietor of Buenos Aires Grill, Golden Lane to discuss the issue raised by Councillor Flynn. Further contact will be made with the Councillor to ascertain who is most affected by the kitchen emissions so an assessment under the Air Pollution Act 1987 can be made from their property.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the delay in removing the phone boxes on Georges Street area? These phone boxes are a hot spot for anti social behaviour and outrageous displays of intravenous drug taking as well as being regularly used as a lavatory. The company in charge of these phone boxes are alleging that there is a delay from Dublin City Council in issuing them with a license to break the ground at this location. This issue is of grave public concern and has also a detrimental impact on the business in the area. It is also one of the busiest tourist locations. The removal of the phone boxes in this area have been on the agenda for almost six years now along with the clutter from the seats nearby and bicycle parking facility. These all add to a hotspot of theft, public drinking and drugging and regular criminality. It is really unacceptable that Dublin City Council would continue to ignore public safety concerns at this location.

Reply:

The payphones in question are the property of Eircom. Dublin City Council cannot force Eircom to remove any of them.

However, in accordance with the removal criteria set out in Section 4.1 of Provision of Public Payphones Universal Service: Scope and Designation (Comreg 14/69) July 2014, Dublin City may request Eircom to remove payphones.

Under this provision Dublin City Council submitted a request to Eircom to remove forty-one kiosks at various locations throughout the city, including South Great Georges Street, on 8th September 2014.

Currently Eircom are in the process of carrying out the above work and have road opening permits (T2s) from Dublin City Council to remove payphones at twenty-one locations, including the two double payphones on South Great Georges Street. According to Eircom, this work is due to start at the end of week commencing 29th June 2015.

Q.25 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the Area Manager clarify the current situation with regard to parking outside McGovern's Metals on Price's Place in Ranelagh? Mr. McGovern is extremely dissatisfied with the current arrangement with regard to the use of his land for pay and display parking and would rather see a footpath in this place instead. He feels parked cars are not only limiting his ability to enter and exit his own premises, but also limiting the ability of the emergency services to access the lane.

Reply:

This matter is being examined and a report will issue to the Councillor as soon as possible.

Q.26 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Chief Executive if under the parking regulations a permit parking bay can block a secondary pedestrian gate?

Reply:

If the pedestrian gate opens directly onto the roadway a parking bay cannot obstruct same. However if the pedestrian gate opens onto the footpath and the footpath is not dished at the location a parking bay can be located outside the gate.

Q.27 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager to respond positively to this request. I am repeatedly told by both residents and a local TD that this is not a private drain on a private road.

Reply:

The manhole in question is a private outfall manhole and not the responsibility of either Dublin City Council or Irish Water.

It is the responsibility of the householder(s) who connect to the private drain to have the cover replaced.

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager have gates place on each end of the lane to the rear of 5 Leukos Road?

Reply:

This is a public lane linking Leukos Road and Isolda Road and giving access to four other properties so gates will not be placed at this location.

Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager place a bicycle rack at the entrance to Harty Place?

Reply:

The Traffic Area Engineer reports that a similar request was examined in September 2013. Public cycle parking stands are provided by the City Council however residential cycle parking stands are not. The Sheffield type cycle parking stand is not suitable for long stay cycle parking where the cyclists tends to seek a higher level of security. Also, public cycle parking should be easily accessible to regular commuters as well as shoppers, visitors and passing trade because cyclists prefer locations where their bicycles are in regular view of local shops or passers-by.

Upon examination of the Daniel Street/Harty Place area the provision of Sheffield type cycle parking was not recommended in September 2013 and remains not recommended because the type and suitable location of such stands would not meet the needs of the residents that live in the area.

Dublin City Council is currently trialling on-street bicycle lockers or “bike hangars” for residential areas as a Beta Project. The trial is set to look at how rental of the lockers could work and deal with the question of are the lockers even a desirable option? If successful this bicycle parking solution could become a common sight on the residential streets of Dublin City. For more information email betaprojects@dublincity.ie

Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews

When will there be a Dublin Bike station placed in and around Vincent Street area?

Reply:

The long-term dublinbikes expansion strategy consists of a 14 Phase development programme. The most recently completed extension was Phase 2 - Heuston to Dublin Docklands. The scheme is now comprised of 101 stations and 1,500 bikes. The area of South Circular Road including Vincent Street forms part of Phase 3 of the planned expansion strategy. There are no immediate plans to expand the scheme beyond Phase 2 at this time as future expansion is subject to securing the necessary levels of funding for both capital and annual operational costs over the life of the scheme. Dublin City Council is investigating measures by which future expansion phases can be advanced and all feasible potential funding sources are being explored.

Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager have the blocked drain out on the back balcony which is causing it to flood cleared at *details supplied?

Reply:

The balcony choke at this location has been cleared.

Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager have the wall which is in Mercer House where it is on the boundary with the Royal College of Surgeons inspected by an engineer and have that report circulated to councillors and ensure that the wall be made visually appealing to residents as opposed to looking derelict as it is now?

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer has inspected this wall. It is structurally sound; therefore there is no requirement for further investigation. There are no plans currently to enhance this wall.

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager look at costing and putting in place a playground in Mercer House?

Reply:

The immediate priorities for playgrounds in flat complexes in the South East Area are the development of two playgrounds at York Street and Bishop Street.

Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager arrange to have Harty Place and Daniel Street cleaned manually as there are so many cars that sending a sweeper in there doesn't work?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Harty Place and Daniel Street manually cleaned on the 29th June 2015.

Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to address and correct the dip / uneven surface on the footpath on Beech Road which is situated on that portion of the footpath at the point where No. 43 meets No. 44 Beech Road. This dip is deceptive and dangerous. Pedestrians are particularly at risk in frost and wet weather.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to examine the footpath at this location and a report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.36 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to the recent report circulated to members of the South East Area Committee about markets in south east area parks, could the Area Manager:

- a. Give a precise explanation (with verifying facts) as to how it can be said that the "pilot market in Merrion Square Park on Thursday lunchtimes... proved very successful in terms of feedback from... local business" in circumstances where there was a campaign run and supported by local traders against it and where any rate paying local trader I have spoken to opposes it;
- b. Set out the precise proposed operating hours (day of the week and times) for the market; and
- c. List the produce for which tenders would be sought at Merrion Square Park only (as opposed to listing for Herbert Park and Merrion Square together).

Reply:

Dublin City Council commenced a pilot project to provide food markets in two parks in 2014. The purpose of this was to assess the feasibility of developing greater usage of our parks through the attraction of market stalls. Expressions of interest were requested by open tender. One of the markets was a lunchtime food market in Merrion Square. The operator selected to operate this market had eighteen stalls, one of which served coffee.

This market was very successful and received widespread support from the public and it brought animation and considerable footfall into Merrion Square.

Existing businesses were not excluded from being part of the Market. The income received by Dublin City Council from the market promoter is ring fenced for the organisation of events and festivals in the city, particularly during the summer months.

We are very conscious of the views from the business sector on this issue and we have met and discussed it with the Restaurants Association. We certainly do not want to damage existing local businesses but like other cities throughout Europe we are keen to provide attractions for workers and tourists as well as promoting our wonderful city parks, it is not always easy to achieve this balance.

In light of this and the growing popularity of pop up markets we have commissioned a study on the issue and we will be reporting back in the coming months to the relevant SPC with the aim of formulating a new strategy, set of procedures and protocols around markets (including markets in parks).

Q.37 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to consider the attached proposal for a nine-hole public golf course on the glass bottle site (see attachment). The attached document explains the proposal and the reasoning behind it, as well as addressing some of the points made by Dublin City Council in response to a different proposal some years ago.

Reply:

The matter will be considered and a report issued to the councillor in due course.

Q.38 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager in relation to *details supplied:

- a. To facilitate the resident in moving from a ground floor apartment in Leo Fitzgerald House (which is three bedroom) to a ground floor apartment in Boyne Street (which is two bedroom) in order to avoid the anti-social behaviour which she is currently subject to on the ground floor in Leo Fitzgerald House. This arrangement would free up one additional bedroom for use by Dublin City Council at no additional cost; and
- b. To take action to address anti-social behaviour in Leo Fitzgerald House which is adversely affecting all residents, but especially those on the ground floor.

Reply:

The applicant *details supplied is registered on the Transfer List since January 2015 in Band 3 with a position of 218 for Area M (Ringsend, City Quay, Pearse Street). Currently there are many applicants on the transfer list seeking similar accommodation but with a higher position. Therefore it may be some time yet before the applicant is reached with an offer of accommodation.

The South East Area Management Team is working closely with the community in Leo Fitzgerald House and the Gardaí from Pearse Street to address the anti-social issues. A meeting was held with residents, public representatives and the Gardaí and a number of suggestions were put forward and are currently being examined.

Q.39 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to:

- a. Address the security hazard at the site of the former car park (now boarded up) which is located opposite Little Ship Street in circumstances where there is a lot of drug injecting taking place, and lewd acts have taken place on an old mattress situated on the site – all of these acts are visible to the residents of Little Ship Street, including children; and
- b. To confirm whether Dublin City Council owns this site.

Reply:

The enclosed site at the junction of Werburgh Street and Little Ship Street has been inspected by the Law Department and ownership details have been sought from the Law Department.

Q.40 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to introduce the following changes in Herbert Park:

- a. Arrange for the pond to be cleaned;
- b. To place additional bins beside the football pitches;
- c. To provide lighting for the bowling club's all-weather pitch; and
- d. To explain whether it would be possible to bring back park rangers.

Reply:

In response to the above:

- a. The pond in Herbert Park was emptied and cleaned some months ago and does not require additional cleaning at this time.
- b. There is no requirement for additional rubbish bins at this location as football clubs and the public are encouraged to take their litter home with them. The existing bin at this side of the park is found to be frequently filled with domestic waste. Should the bin continue to be filled with domestic waste it is proposed that it will be removed from the park?
- c. There is no proposal in the current works programme to install floodlighting at the bowling pitch nor has the bowling club requested this division to install floodlighting at this location.
- d. There is currently a full time park ranger operating in Herbert Park.

Q.41 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to relocate (details supplied a) to the two bedroom apartment which is currently vacant at (details supplied b) in circumstances where Ms. (details supplied a) resides in a one bedroom apartment with her daughter and where the resident in the adjacent apartment to her current location is alleged by Ms. (details supplied a) to be extremely disruptive and also mentally ill.

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on the Transfer List since March 2015 in Band 2 with a position of 48 for Area M (Ringsend, City Quay, Pearse Street). As

there are a number of other applicants on the Transfer List seeking accommodation but with a higher position it will be a considerable length of time before the applicant is reached with an offer of accommodation.

Q.42 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to serious traffic issues on Strand Road, to ask the Area Manager:

- a. To address the very serious problem that cars now park entirely on the road on Strand Road between the stretch of Strand Road from the Merrion gates to the junction with Sydney Parade Avenue, by either placing yellow lines along this stretch of Strand Road, or, alternatively, a continuous white line. A continuous white line would also have the benefit of preventing overtaking on this narrow and heavily used road;
- b. To introduce measures to prevent the extremely dangerous practice of cyclists cycling on the footpath on this stretch of Strand Road;
- c. To provide an update as to the implementation of the traffic calming measures on Strand Road generally, and, specifically, when they will be introduced; and
- d. To place more 30km speed limit signs on Strand Road in circumstances where this limit is invariably flouted and where motorists are unaware of the fact that the standard limit of 30km applies.

Reply:

- a. A request for double yellow lines or continuous white line 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.
- b. The above request -part (b), regarding Strand Road has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.
- c. An existing request for traffic calming measures on Strand Road is still listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.
- d. The speed limit on Strand Road is 50km/h. Speed limit signs are provided only at the points of entry to a speed limit zone and at the points of change from one speed limit to another. Repeater signs are not provided along roads where there is no change in the speed limit as this would lead to a proliferation of signs throughout the city.

Q.43 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager:

- a. How is it the case that each house on Merrion View Avenue is allocated three parking permits per house?
- b. How is the decision taken as to how many parking permits should be allocated to each house on those roads where a Residents' Parking Scheme is in operation;
- c. Is it possible for this to be changed, and if so, how; and
- d. When is the next review of Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws due to take place?

Reply:

There are currently 25 parking spaces available on Merrion View Avenue and 18 permits issued to residents. Each property is eligible for a maximum of three permits. Of the 14 properties in total that have availed of permits one has obtained the full quota of 3 permits available to the property.

- a. & b. The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2014 regulate entitlement and eligibility for parking permits in all residential parking schemes and, amongst other matters, set out the quota of permits available to different dwellings.
- c. The bye-laws are reviewed on a regular basis, most recently in 2014, with the current bye-laws coming into effect in December 2014. That revision reduced permit eligibility to two permits per house for all new residential parking schemes. The bye-laws have never been amended to retrospectively reduce eligibility. Such a proposal would be unlikely to receive significant support due to the severe negative impact on a considerable number of existing resident permit holders.
- d. The next review of the bye-laws is expected to commence early in 2016.

Q.44 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the stretch of footpath on Ringsend Road outside Boland's Mills (at the Barrow Street end) which is directly opposite The Camden, Charlotte Quay Dock. This stretch of footpath is in a state of very bad disrepair.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to examine the footpath in question and a report will be issued to the councillor.

Q.45 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager if she will respond positively to the request contained in the email submitted with this question:

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to examine the footpaths at this location and a report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.46 Councillor Paddy Smyth

At the end of the last Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting, the transport manager agreed to commission a report on my proposal to introduce a cycle 'green wave' to suitable routes in the city and on future major cycle projects and to look at trialling same on an existing route. Can the Area Manager let me know what the likely timelines are on this process?

Reply:

The Environment & Transportation Department will prepare a proposal for consideration under the 2016 Sustainable Transport Measures Grants Programme. Further development of the proposal will be subject to the availability of resources.

Q.47 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could issue a response to the letter submitted with this letter:

Firstly, residents are very concerned about the high speed of traffic on Claremont

Road. Local children walk and play along the stretch, and there is considerable worry about potential accidents given the lack of protection between the footpaths and the road. I would be grateful if you could let me know what measures are being considered to manage the situation and slow down traffic.

Secondly, elderly residents discussed with me the condition of the footpaths on Claremont Road between Claremont Park and Sandymount Village (particularly outside 20 Claremont Road). Certain sections are very uneven, which makes it difficult for them to navigate. I attach photographs. If at all possible, I would appreciate if work could be carried out on the area in 2015 due to the potential hazards the situation presents. Failing this, I would be grateful if you could put it on the work programme for 2016.

Reply:

1. This request has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for inspection. The report will be sent to the Councillor in due course.
2. Arrangements will be made to examine the footpaths in question and a report will be issued to the Councillor through the Area Office.

Q.48 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Area Manager when double yellow lines will be replaced outside the main (middle) gate of Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount. This issue has been raised in the past and the work was never done. A tarmac strip was surfaced there and the yellow lines were never laid down again.

Reply:

The Traffic Officer has advised that this location will be inspected at the earliest opportunity with a view to tasking and listing the double yellow lines for re-installation.

Q.49 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have examined the junction of Strand Road, Sandymount and St. Alban's Park, Sandymount as vehicles exiting from St. Alban's Park find their view impeded, which is a serious safety issue.

Reply:

The above matter regarding visibility for vehicles exiting St. Alban's Park onto Strand Road has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.50 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager what steps can be taken to monitor the walkway on Sandymount Strand as cyclists persist in causing obstruction despite all no cycling and skating signs.

Reply:

There are plans for a cycle path which will be separate from the promenade and are currently being considered as part of the Sandymount - Merrion to Blackrock Cycle Route Feasibility Study. It is considered that this cycleway when implemented will resolve the problem in question.

Park Services do not have a staff presence on the promenade and are therefore unable to monitor pedestrian or cyclists behaviour.

Q.51 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue: footballs and other missiles are being fired from the playground adjacent to O'Rahilly House, Ringsend causing disturbance and annoyance to the residents of Fisherman's Wharf complex across the road.

Reply:

It is unclear from initial enquiries whether the problem is in fact coming from the playground or who may be responsible. The Community Garda is on leave until next week; when he returns Estate Management staff will liaise with him and take the appropriate action.

Q.52 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues regarding a tree opposite 73 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge: the pavement has buckled due to the tree roots, creating a hazard for pedestrians.

The tree itself is old and manifestly sick. The council has been contacted on this matter on several occasions over the past few years but does not seem regard it as a priority. This is an accident waiting to happen. To prevent physical injury, which would be costly to the patient, to the health services and to the legal budget of the council it is vital this issue is addressed.

Reply:

The tree in question was surveyed in 2013 by a qualified arborist and a copy of the report can be viewed on the Park Service's homepage under 'Trees in the City' section (tree number 202). While certain works are recommended to be undertaken on this large tree they are a priority 4 (priority 1 being the most urgent) and the tree is not considered to be 'manifestly sick' as you have stated. The tree will be monitored and works undertaken as deemed necessary subject to available resources.

Q.53 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager can the council do anything for provision of Christmas lighting on the main thoroughfares through Ringsend / Irishtown? If so the Traders' Association could be liaised with as regards setting up such lighting.

Report:

A meeting will be arranged with the Ringsend / Irishtown Traders' Association and the South East Area Office during which the above matter and others can be discussed.

Q.54 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could the Manager arrange for more visible anti-dog fouling signage and more rigorous enforcement of the law around dog fouling in the Ringsend area, particularly in Ringsend Park?

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signage in the Ringsend area.

Specific dog bins are not provided in parks as dog faeces is toxic, it is not compostable and it is disposed of in the normal waste bins.

All dog owners are expected to behave responsibly in relation to the disposal of dog faeces. Owners are encouraged to use the closest bin available, be it inside or outside the park, or, if necessary, to dispose of it at home.

Q.55 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to look into the provision of more bins in the Ringsend / Irishtown area, especially close to the take-aways on Irishtown Road near Simpson's Lane. Discarded cartons, wrappers, etc. are blown from here up the small adjacent side streets.

Reply:

Waste Management Services Division is satisfied that there is an adequate amount of litter bins in the Ringsend / Irishtown area at this time. However a Litter Warden will call to the takeaways on Irishtown Road and remind them of their responsibility to keep the area around their premises as free of litter as possible.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress of measurements of the impact of the implementation of the Street Performers Bye-Laws, in particular the issue of amplification.

Reply:

The Street Performance Bye-Laws became operational on the 7th April 2015 and an intensive monitoring and enforcement process is in place since then. One officer works fulltime on this (including after normal hours working and weekends) and she is assisted by a number of other authorised officers as necessary. The Gardaí are also of course now empowered under the bye-laws to take action on enforcement.

In the early stages of bye-law implementation we took a common sense approach and engaged positively with street performers, an approach that we feel is working relatively well and one that has been generally welcomed by the business sector.

As general awareness of the bye-laws and the permit system has grown a more rigid approach to enforcement has been taken in recent weeks.

308 permits have been issued as of 7th July 2015. Warning notices have been issued to 35 performers and one permit has been revoked for repeated breaches of the bye-laws.

147 permits to use amplification have been issued. During the public consultation phase before the introduction of the bye-laws amplification was the issue raised most. The bye-laws provide for a maximum limit of 80db and it is felt that most performers are making an effort to stay within the permitted range. Authorised staff members are equipped with digital sound meters and take readings at a range of distances from the performers to determine their levels. Performers who are found to be above 80db are requested to lower their volume and are issued with a warning notice for repeated offences.

This is the first time such bye-laws have been introduced in Dublin and we are committed to reviewing them after a period of six months in operation. This will be undertaken in October.

Once the whole permit system and general awareness of the bye-laws become fully embedded it would be intended to take a more rigid approach to enforcement.

Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what grants or supports are available to local businesses to apply for solar thermal power systems and other renewable energy systems and by what process they may apply for such support.

Reply:

This is a matter for the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and they can be contacted at www.seai.ie and tel.: 8082 100.

Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when grass cutting and weed spraying will take place on Nutley Lane and if this can be prioritised.

Reply:

The area was inspected in recent days and found to be maintained to a satisfactory standard. The area, which is maintained under contract, will continue to be monitored over the coming weeks.

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she will explore the possibility of placing resin or mulch along the bottom of trees on public roads, in particular in the Nutley Lane area, as a means to keep the tree bases tidy. Such systems have been successful in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Area and should be considered for Dublin City also.

Reply:

A resin bound stone based material is also used as a surface treatment for tree pits in various high profile locations in the city and other locations where space and budget allows. However, this treatment is normally used when planting larger trees and includes an irrigation system, 'rooting cells' and most importantly a special soil mix to prevent differential settlement of the soil sub-base. This treatment adds substantially to the cost of planting the tree and would be cost prohibitive for tree planting on the average city street.

It is not feasible for this division to apply a bark mulch to the large numbers of street trees in the area. However, many residents do take 'ownership' of the trees outside their home or business by watering newly planted trees, planting the base of the tree, removing weeds and even applying mulch. Such initiatives are to be encouraged and very welcome and appreciated by the division.

Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can please fix the pothole on Nutley Lane outside the German Embassy.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to examine the road at this location and a report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can please introduce enforcement measures to address the on-going issue of drivers breaking red lights at the bottom of Nutley Lane at the junction outside St. Vincent's Hospital.

Reply:

The above issue regarding the illegal breaking of red lights at the bottom of Nutley Lane is a matter for An Garda Síochána to enforce. Information regarding this issue

will be forwarded to the Gardaí. The Councillor will be advised of any outcome in due course.

Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed redevelopment of Dartmouth Square.

Reply:

The following works have been undertaken in Dartmouth Square Park:

- The footpaths within the park have been resurfaced with a hoggan based water bound surface in keeping with the heritage style of the square.
- The gazebo has been replaced with a new steel structure. The old timber beams will be removed over the coming weeks
- Events in the Park are promoted via the very active local and area residents' associations and through social media by the organisers of events.
- The bin has been removed from the park on a trial basis and in consultation with local residents.
- Weed growth has been removed off site
- The Parks and Landscape Services Division is in discussions with local residents regarding additional means of enhancing the square. Local residents have agreed to volunteer to assist with the maintenance of such planting.

Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Area Manager what was the intended purpose on the pole on the corner of Bushy Park Road and Wasdale Park that has been without any road sign on it for at least a year if not longer, and to request the pole be removed as if it has been without a road sign for so long it is surely surplus to requirements.

Q.64 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to have the footpath on Dartry Road levelled out where it meets Orwell Park. Recently an elderly woman sustained a very bad fall here because of the uneven footpath.

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to examine the footpath at this location and a report will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.65 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce a sign for the traffic coming up and down Heytesbury Street indicating that they can't turn left or right onto Pleasants Street. Motorists are unaware of that because there is no prominent signage in place.

Reply:

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

Q.66 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to have the tree at 5 Isolda Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4 cut back as it is blocking the light going into the houses there.

Reply:

This tree has been included in our tree works programme and undertaken over the coming weeks.

Q.67 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive when Rathgar Residents' Association can expect to see the standard bollards on Orwell Road and wherever else they need to be provided in Rathgar?

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has no plan to replace the existing bollards on Orwell Road. There are double yellow lines on Orwell Road to prevent illegal parking. There are no plans at present to install additional bollards.

Q.68 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive what was the outcome of a pilot scheme which was undertaken in 2014 to move cars and clean gullies on Kenilworth Square East and if it was successful, if it could be adopted in Rathgar?

Reply:

There was no such pilot scheme put in place for the cleaning of gullies.

There have been two interactions with the residents in the Rathgar Area which I shall document below:

1. It was arranged through the Senior Executive Engineer over the South Side that Drainage would meet residents in Rathgar and show them how teams clean gullies and also demonstrate all of the equipment to them. Drainage provided the resources and also the man power to show the residents everything that teams had and no one showed up. No resident arrived at the designated time and no resident contacted the Senior Executive Engineer to say that they could not make it. After some time an Executive Engineer who was also on site called into a known resident that was on the committee and they came out and oversaw our crew cleaning a gully and some of the techniques were explained to this person.
2. The second interaction was when it was agreed with the residents association that we as a crew would clean a sample number of roads and then the residents would monitor these roads and report back to us as to when they were in need of cleaning as a means of isolating the problem gullies and reacting to specific gullies rather than blanket cleaning which we had been forced to do as a reaction to letters and e-mails coming in with requests for cleaning. Drainage upheld its part of the bargain and cleaned the sample roads and reported back to a number of people on the residents' association when these gullies were cleaned. There was no contact from anyone in the residents' association for a number of months and then we again received a blanket request to clean gullies from the same residents association as if our pilot scheme had been completely forgotten. When this was pointed out to the member of the residents' association that had penned the e-mail, he / she simply said that all of the same gullies were dirty again. Contrary to this information the Gully Manager had a selection of the gullies on each of the roads investigated by members of the crew and the actual reality was very different to the information received in this mail.

Drainage has tried to accommodate the residents and create new systems of work, as can be seen from both instances above, but alas it seems to be futile as there seems to be an almost generic e-mail that gets sent in requesting large

numbers of roads to be cleaned even if they have already been done or are in fact clean.

Q.69 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to have the streets off Camden Street which suffer from the litter generated on a nightly basis on Camden Street cleaned on a more frequent basis.

Reply:

All streets off Camden Street are cleaned on a daily basis. Waste Management Services Division will request a Litter Warden to visit all premises along Camden Street to remind them of their obligations under the Litter Act and failure to comply may result in an on-the-spot fine being issued.

Q.70 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to have the laneways at the backs of houses on Pine Road and Isolda Road, Ringsend cleared of debris, pistils and weeds.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneways cleaned at the end of June 2015. These lanes are currently being sprayed for weeds and the weeds will be cleared once they have died.

Q.71 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that refurbishment and renovation works take place at Costello House on the South Wall so that families can continue to use this area for picnicking etc.

Reply:

The matter is being investigated and a report will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q.72 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the Traffic Manager to provide an update on the planned feasibility study on my proposal for a cycle "neighbourhood greenway"/"Bicycle boulevard" from Goldenbridge to Ballsbridge? A report was to be provided on same by the end of June.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is currently in discussions with the National Transport Authority with regard to funding a report on this scheme. We note a delay in the timeframe as stated on the previous answer to this proposal.

Q.73 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the Traffic Manager please look at introducing pay and display parking on Herbert Green in Sandymount? The free parking here has led to a number of cars being stored here by non-residents.

Reply:

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

Q.74 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to examine the possibility of installing street lighting at the following location: The laneway between Warrington Place and Powerscourt. Numbers 53 - 57 Powerscourt are vulnerable as there have been recent burglary attempts from the laneway.

Reply:

It is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to provide lighting in laneways which serve as rear access only.

Q.75 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to remove the following public litter bin as it is being used almost exclusively for illegal dumping.

Reply:

There is a process involved for the removal of a public litter bin. Firstly we have to monitor the usage of the litter bin over a period of time, usually a month. If we are satisfied then that the litter bin is being used mostly for the dumping of domestic refuse, we then inform the local councillors of our intention to remove the litter bin. We have now started to monitor the usage of the litter bin at 82 Heytesbury Street.

Q.76 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager for an update on my request for double yellow lines or other parking restrictions on Avenue Road off Bloomfield Avenue in Portobello.

Reply:

A request to extend double yellow lines on Avenue Road was examined in January 2015. A recommendation to extend the double yellow lines by 8 metres on both sides was carried out in April 2015. This prohibited vehicles from parking opposite a physical pinch point created by the buildings. No additional permanent parking restrictions are recommended on the perpendicular stretch of Avenue Road coming from Bloomfield Road as the one sided parking observed is not causing an issue which cannot be resolved quickly by contacting Dublin Street Parking Services.

Q.77 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager for updates on previously provided commitments on tree pruning on Sydney Parade Avenue, around the Dublin 4 area generally.

Reply:

Tree pruning works at this location will commence over the coming weeks.

Q.78 Councillor Kieran Binchy

There is a tree directly in front of Donnybrook Church which has so engulfed the street light that the light is now permanently switched on. Can the Area Manager please organise for the tree to be cut back by whoever has responsibility for it?

Reply:

The tree at this location forms part of our contracted tree works for the area. An order will be issued to a contractor to undertake the work over the coming weeks and it is anticipated that the pruning work will be undertaken shortly thereafter.

Q.79 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to address the following parking issue in Temple Bar (details supplied):

Reply:

The above matter regarding illegal parking on *details supplied has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.80 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to address the issue of dog dirt on Cambridge Road, Ringsend, and in Ringsend Park, through proper bins, street cleaning, and increased posters.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signage at Cambridge Road, Ringsend. Having discussed the matter with the local Waste Management Services Inspector I am satisfied that the three litter bins on Cambridge Road is more than adequate. There are also a number of litter bins on the adjoining roads. The Inspector has also informed me that the litter bins are serviced once per day in general and twice per day when there is an event at the Aviva Stadium. Cambridge Road is also cleaned on a regular basis, approximately once per week using a Mad Vac Hoover machine which removes all dog foul.

Specific dog bins are not provided in parks as dog faeces is toxic, it is not compostable and it is disposed of in the normal waste bins.

All dog owners are expected to behave responsibly in relation to the disposal of dog faeces. Owners are encouraged to use the closest bin available, be it inside or outside the park, or, if necessary, to dispose of it at home.

Q.81 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to investigate the right turn traffic light on Harold's Cross Bridge as one is travelling towards the city as it is seriously holding up the right traffic lane, in order to see if it is possible to add a filter light or other mechanism to prevent it backing up the traffic.

Reply:

This matter will be investigated by the Intelligent Transportation Services Section and a response will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q.82 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to address the following traffic and parking issues on Merrion View Avenue, off Merrion Road in Dublin 4 (details supplied):

Reply:

The above matter regarding Parking arrangements on Merrion View Avenue has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Parking Enforcement report that there are currently twenty-five parking spaces available on Merrion View Avenue and eighteen permits issued to residents. Each property is eligible for a maximum of three permits. Of the fourteen properties in total that have availed of permits one has obtained the full quota of three permits available to the property. The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2014 regulate entitlement and eligibility for parking permits in all residential parking schemes and, amongst other matters, set out the quota of permits available to different dwellings.

The bye-laws are reviewed on a regular basis, most recently in 2014, with the current bye-laws coming into effect in December 2014. That revision reduced permit eligibility to two permits per house for all new residential parking schemes. The bye-laws have never been amended to retrospectively reduce eligibility. Such a proposal would be unlikely to receive significant support due to the severe negative impact on a considerable number of existing resident permit holders.

The next review of the bye-laws is expected to commence early in 2016.

Q.83 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to address the issue of illegal dumping outside *details supplied. There is an unmarked bin that is being continuously left outside this house along with a number of other unmarked domestic waste bags. There has also been a problem with broken glass in the same area that is left un-cleaned for a number of weeks. Can the manager please rectify this as a matter of urgency?

Reply:

Waste Management Services had this unmarked bin removed and the broken glass cleared up in the middle of June 2015. We will monitor this location for any further illegal dumping.

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

Report on the Operation of the Traffic Advisory Group

In recent months the members have expressed dissatisfaction with the delays in the completion of Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) items for the South East Area. I have examined the current situation in relation to service requests, TAG items, staff resources etc. for the entire city. I attach an appendix showing the progress in relation to the overall numbers of TAG items outstanding city wide as of the 31st August, 2015. A number of factors have contributed to the build up of TAG items on the agendas over the past couple of years.

1. The number of service requests has increased by 50% since 2010 increasing from 4,238 annually to 6,151 in 2014. Already in 2015 it looks like we will substantially exceed the 2014 figure.
2. The available staff resources to deal with this have been depleted over the years due to the ban on recruitment and due to staff being diverted to the construction programme in relation to traffic installations in general i.e. cycle ways, bus lanes, traffic lights, traffic calming etc.
3. A number of additional statutory functions have been added to the section including dealing with bus stop approvals and relocations, speed limits in housing estates and review of taxi byelaws.
4. Some of the available staff resources have either left or been transferred on promotion and we are awaiting sanction for the filling of these posts which is causing a build-up in the short term.

I am keen that the Councillors should have an awareness of the level of work that is generated by every request for a traffic item to be addressed as part of the TAG process.

When a service request that requires TAG approval is received, it generates a huge amount of background work and research e.g. a request to put in ramps involves numerous inspections by the Traffic Engineer, the taking of traffic counts and traffic speeds etc.; and, in many cases following this work, traffic volumes on the road do not meet the criteria necessary to warrant the installation of ramps.

In terms of work programming, engineering staff have to deal with the ongoing competing demands of dealing with queries and organising works on the ground. When a situation is reached where the majority of an engineer's time is taken up dealing with queries it becomes totally counterproductive and does not help in providing the level of public service required.

I do not feel it would be wise to increase staff resources with the sole purpose of dealing with queries in a timely manner. I do however agree that staff resources do need to be bolstered and should be deployed in a manner that ensures the competing needs outlined above are met, financial resources permitting. We are still in a situation where resources both financial and staff are limited so therefore any increase in workload has an impact on the speed with which the service is delivered.

The work of the Traffic Management Section is divided into three phases:

- A. Dealing with service requests and examination of TAG requests
- B. Recommending items from TAG for placing on works programme
- C. Overseeing the implementation of the works programme

The budget for the works programme citywide is relatively modest at €150,000 with most of the larger items being funded through separate additional National Transport Authority (NTA) funding, for example pedestrian crossings and traffic signals. The number of items on the TAG approved list is quite extensive and will take several years to implement. Urgent approved items are prioritised for installation. While the TAG system has its shortcomings it is probably the most efficient method of dealing with traffic management functions.

The current delays should be short lived and I propose the following actions to address delays in the short and medium term:

- The engineering resource allocated to this section is one per area i.e. five. Currently the staff complement is down to three. It is proposed to immediately allocate a further person to the section and the fifth vacancy will be filled following interviews scheduled over the next few weeks.
- A review will take place to establish the most appropriate staff resource to deal with the backlog that has built up and a further report will issue when that is complete.
- In the medium term the new Transport Asset Management System (TAMS) currently being rolled out will help deliver a greatly enhanced and responsive needs based service. The new system by its nature requires a period of intensive data capture before it can deliver to its full potential. The data capture in this section will commence next year and the benefits should become apparent towards the end of 2016.

I hope the above clarifies some of the issues that have emerged over recent months.

Declan Wallace
Executive Manager

Top 12 topics for live site items					
	Topic	Number	Recommended	Not recommended	Pending
1	Double yellow lines	243	64	54	125
	Double yellow lines extend	56	15	15	26
	Double yellow lines rescind	24	6	10	8
		323	85	79	159
2	Pedestrian crossing	199	34	24	141
	pedestrian crossing (rescind)	2	1	0	1
	pedestrian phase	6	4	0	2
	pedestrian refuge	8	6	0	2
		215	45	24	146
3	Pay and display and permit parking	71	13	3	55
	Pay and display and permit parking (change of hours)	18	6	4	8
	pay and display and permit parking (extension of area)	11	5	1	5
	Pay and display and permit parking (rescind)	13	6	1	6
	Pay and display	11	6	2	3
	pay and display (change of hours)	8	2	1	5
	pay and display (rescind)	16	14	0	2
		148	52	12	84
4	Traffic calming	132	19	31	82
5	Speed Ramps	114	24	37	53
	Speed Cushions	5	3	1	1
		119	27	38	54
6	Disabled parking bay (General)	36	10	7	19
	Disabled parking bay (General rescind)	2	2	0	0
	Disabled parking bay (residential)	72	28	2	42

	Topic	Number	Recommended	Not Recommended	Pending
	Disabled parking bay (residential rescind)	6	3	0	3
		116	43	9	64
7	Yellow box	79	17	26	36
	Yellow box extend	27	7	6	14
	yellow box rescind	3	3	0	0
		109	27	32	50
8	Children Crossing/Caution Children	64	16	19	29
9	Loading bay/extend/amend/rescind	30	5	6	19
10	Stop sign	18	4	7	7
11	Yield sign	10	4	2	4
12	Single yellow lines	9	2	0	7

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

**With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in No. 6
Protestant Row, Dublin 2.**

Under Indenture of Lease dated the 14th December 1940, the property known as No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 was demised by Dublin City Council to the Ancient Guild of Incorporated Brick and Stone layers Trade Union for a term of 150 years from the 25th March 1939, subject to an annual rent of €11.43 (£9.00).

Merit Holdings Limited, the current lessee has applied to Dublin City Council to acquire the council's fee simple interest therein. The council's Law Agent advises that as there are no buildings on site at present there is no statutory entitlement to acquire the council's fee simple interest and the council's Chief Valuer was instructed to open negotiations on this basis.

Terms and conditions have now been agreed and accordingly it is proposed to dispose of the council's fee simple interest in No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 to Merit Holdings Limited, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That under Indenture of Lease dated the 14th December 1940, the property known as No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 was demised by Dublin City Council to the Ancient Guild of Incorporated Brick and Stone layers Trade Union for a term of 150 years from the 25th March 1939, subject to an annual rent of €11.43 (£9.00 Sterling).
2. That Merit Holdings Limited currently hold the property under Deed of Assignment dated 14th December 2005.
3. That the subject property has an area of 86 square metres or thereabouts and is more particularly delineated on Map Index No. SM2015-0686.
4. That the disposal price for the council's interest shall be the sum of €25,000 (twenty five thousand euro).
5. That Dublin City Council holds the fee simple interest therein.
6. That the applicant shall be prepared to pay all outstanding rent, rates and other charges on the property such as derelict site levy, vacant site levy etc., if applicable.
7. That the applicant shall pay Dublin City Council's Valuer's fee of €1,500 plus VAT.
8. That the applicant shall pay Dublin City Council's legal costs of €1,500 plus VAT.
9. That this proposal is subject to the necessary council approvals and consents being obtained.

Paul Clegg
Executive Manager

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

Further information on the proposed disposal of Dublin City Council's Fee Simple Interest in No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 to Merit Holdings Ltd.

I refer to the above mentioned matter which was referred to the South East Area Committee Meeting on 13th July which I understand was deferred to the South East Area Committee's September meeting pending further information from the Development Department - Agenda Item No. 340 (ii) refers and I would like to advise as follows:

Firstly the site proposed to be disposed is No. 6 Protestant Row and was not the original premises of the Ancient Guild of Incorporated Brick and Stonelayers Trade Union (the Union) which was located at No. 49 Cuffe Street.

As per the Report, No. 6 Protestant Row was demised to the Union for a term of 150 years from 25th March 1939, subject to an annual rent of €11.43 (£9.00) and appears to have been used by them as a rear yard and garage. The majority of this site together with the premises at No. 49 Cuffe Street was demolished by the Union in or around the mid 1980s when Dublin City Council acquired part of the front of No. 49 Cuffe Street by way of compulsory purchase for road widening purposes.

The current lessee of No. 6 Protestant Row is Merit Holdings Limited who is the successor in title to the Union. Merit Holdings Limited also owns a number of adjoining properties including Nos. 48-50 Cuffe Street and No. 7 Protestant Row and it intends redeveloping the entire site including No. 6. In this regard it is the preference of Merit Holdings Limited to acquire Dublin City Council's freehold interest in No. 6 Protestant Row prior to redevelopment.

It should be noted that the original lease granted was for a term of 150 years and that there are still just over 70 years remaining and that Dublin City Council only has a reversionary interest. The net rent for this period amounts to just over €800 approximately. Dublin City Council entered into negotiations with Merit Holdings Limited on a non entitlement basis as there are no buildings on the site and therefore a statutory entitlement could not exist. However it was acknowledged by both parties that if re-development were to proceed and new buildings were to be built on No. 6 Protestant Row as a result thereof, then the lessee would acquire a statutory entitlement to acquire Dublin City Council's fee simple interest. In this scenario the value of the site would be substantially less than the €25,000 which was negotiated by Dublin City Council's Chief Valuer's Office.

In respect of using the site for amenity use it must be reiterated that Dublin City Council has not had possession of this site since 1939 as the site has been leased out to a third party for 150 years, nearly half of which still remain.

Accordingly, and in the interest of seeing a long term redevelopment of this and adjoining sites, the Development Department feels that this proposal is a good deal for Dublin City Council.

**Darren McClean
For Executive Manager**

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

With reference to the proposed variation of a Lease in respect of the former City Assembly Building, 58 South William Street, Dublin 2.

By way of Lease dated 4th February 2011 the former City Assembly Building, No. 58 South William Street, Dublin 2 (excluding basement portion) which is more particularly delineated on Map Index No. SMSM2010-0401 was demised to the Irish Georgian Foundation for a period of 30 years from 4th February 2011 and subject to an initial annual rent of €87,000 per annum but abated to €1,000 per annum so long as the premises is used for cultural and educational use.

The Irish Georgian Foundation has requested that the basement area also be leased to them to facilitate further development of the premises. Accordingly it is proposed to vary the existing Lease dated 4th February 2011 between Dublin City Council and the Irish Georgian Foundation subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The area demised under Indenture of Lease dated 4th February 2011 and made between Dublin City Council and the Irish Georgian Foundation shall be varied to include the existing basement area not already conveyed. The additional demised area is shown outlined in red on the attached site plan which is for identification purposes only. A formal drawing shall be prepared by the Council's Survey & Mapping Section. Accordingly the new demised area shall be the entire building on South William Street together with the rear lower ground floor level fronting Coppinger Row hereafter called the property.
2. The purpose in varying the lease and increasing the demised area is to facilitate universal access to the City Assembly House. It will also facilitate the provision of a fire escape and a commercial / retail unit on Coppinger Row (subject to planning) which will serve to animate and activate this street frontage.
3. The permitted use shall continue to be for cultural and educational uses save in respect of the lower ground floor area fronting Coppinger Row shown hatched on the attached site plan where the permitted use shall be commercial / retail (subject to planning).
4. The property, apart from the Coppinger Row level, shall be used by the lessee for the permitted use (i.e. cultural and educational) on the understanding that the lessee shall be permitted to use the property in association with other cultural organisations involved in activities connected with architectural conservation, decorative studies, fine arts, archaeology, cultural or social history and any activity embraced by the remit of the Heritage and Arts Office of the Council. In addition, the lessee shall make the property available apart from the Coppinger Row level, to the Council for at least one Council event during each year of the term. Any income derived from any of these activities shall be used solely for the purposes of the restoration, furnishing, decoration, conservation, maintenance and management of the property demised

(including the costs associated with any event held there i.e. outside catering, event management or outside contracting costs associated with such activities) save with the consent of the Council. In the event that the property ceases to be used for the permitted use, the property shall revert free of charge to the City Council and the lease will be fully surrendered to the Council or the property will immediately revert to the full open market rental value.

5. The Coppinger Row level may be sublet by the lessee (subject to Council's consent) and all net income (gross income from the sublease of the commercial unit less agents expenses in the letting of the demised commercial space) derived from such a subletting shall be used exclusively for the purpose of restoration, decoration, conservation and maintenance of the property. This income may also be used to fund activities in the premises that are embraced by the remit of the Heritage and Arts Office of the City Council but only with the Arts or Heritage Officer's prior consent. The Council shall have the right to ask for detailed audited accounts associated with the letting agreement of the commercial / retail unit. All subletting agreements must first be approved by the Council's Law Agent and all such agreements shall incorporate renunciation clauses to safeguard the Council's long term interest in the property. The Irish Georgian Foundation shall not be permitted to assign or underlet any other part of the demised premises without the prior written consent of the Council. Such consent may not be unreasonably withheld. In the event that any part of the demised premises (with the exception of the Coppinger Row commercial unit) is assigned or sublet by Irish Georgian Foundation (IGF) then the abated rent shall no longer apply in respect of the portion so assigned or sublet and the apportioned full rent shall apply to that part of the property that is sublet for the duration of the subletting.
6. The IGF shall at their own costs and expense apply for planning permission for the proposed works to the Coppinger Row Level within three months of receipt of requisite approvals. In the event of planning permission being granted for such works, these works shall commence at no cost to the Council within six months of receipt of full planning permission for the proposed works and complete same within 18 months of commencement.
7. The lessee shall be responsible to fully maintain and repair the entire demised property (including the roof) but excluding all structural parts and the appurtenances thereto, fair wear and tear accepted provided always that the lessee shall not be liable to put the property into any better state of repair than it was prior to the approved works having been carried out as evidenced by the Conservation Plan 2011 which shall be attached to the lease.
8. This proposal shall be subject to any other terms and conditions that the Law Agent in his discretion may deem appropriate.
9. All other terms and conditions of the lease dated 4th February 2011 shall continue to pertain unless such terms conflict with the above terms and conditions.

Jim Keogan
Assistant Chief Executive

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

The following report is due to be presented to the October City Council Meeting. In advance of that meeting, it is being circulated to the Local Area Committee as a matter of courtesy. It has already been before the Area Committee prior to being publicly advertised.

Recommendation: Deletion of the 2 Waterloo Road, Dublin 4 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

PHOTOS OF STRUCTURE

See enclosed.

Procedure Followed:

In accordance with the procedures set out in Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Dublin City Council indicated its intention to delete 2, Waterloo Road, Dublin 4 from the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The proposed deletion was advertised in the Irish Times on 16th June, 2015. The public display period was from 16th June, 2015 to 28th July, 2015, inclusive.

Request for Deletion:

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

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Deletion:

As part of the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) of the Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, this building was identified as being modern in date. This structure had been previously omitted from the 1999 Development Plan but was included in error in the 2005 Development Plan. The original building was demolished with a new apartment building constructed in its place in 1979/1980 (planning ref 2469/80 & 4389/80) and nothing remains of the original structure.

Site Location & Zoning Map:

See enclosed.

The area is zoned Z2: To protect and/or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas.

2011-2017 RPS Ref & Description:

RPS Ref	Address	Description
8247	2 Waterloo Road, Dublin 4	House

Planning History:

Planning Ref: 2469/80: Alterations and three-storey extension to front and 4-storey extension to rear.

Planning Ref: 4389/80: Reconstruction of front wall.

Summary Description & Historical Background:

The present 5-bay, 3-storey over garden level apartment building occupies the site of an early Victorian 3-bay, 3-storey over garden level dwelling. The original house was constructed in the mid-19th century and demolished in the early 1980's, with a new apartment building constructed in its place. The modern front façade, east gable and boundary elements were reconstructed in a pastiche Victorian style somewhat similar to the proportions of the original, but on a larger scale and using modern materials. No original elements to the exterior were retained, apart from two granite gate piers at the entrance.

Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning & Development Act 2000:

Nothing remains of the original building following its demolition and the construction of the modern apartment development undertaken in the early 1980's. Within the curtilage, only the two gate piers survive. The modern apartment building on the site is not considered to be of any special interest as defined under the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Significance / NIAH Rating:

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for the South Dublin area, however, its categories of special interest (architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and its rating system has been used to assess the building in question. 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.

Nothing remains of the original building following its demolition and the construction of the current modern apartment building on the site in the early 1980's. Using the NIAH criteria, the building at 2 Waterloo Road is considered to be of Record Only significance. These are structures or sites that are not deemed to have sufficient presence or inherent architectural or other importance at the time of recording.

Submissions / Objections Received:

Five written objections to the proposed deletion were received (one of which was late) from Residents of Apartments Nos. 1, 5, 12, 14 and 19 at 2 Waterloo Road, the Pembroke Road Residents Association, First Editions Bookshop and the Resident of 5 Pembroke Road. The grounds of objection may be summarised as follows:

- Original building at 2 Waterloo Road was allowed to be demolished by poor planning decision and inadequate planning laws at the time.
- Waterloo Road forms part of the gracious and elegant urban design of Pembroke Estate; important architectural character of the streetscape should be protected.
- The reproduction façade (Victorian) simulates the building line, proportions and volume of terrace.
- Quality of the gardens of the property. / Importance of corner position of building; concern that deletion of building from RPS would facilitate infill development in green boundary space of the property.
- Deletion would lead to unsympathetic alterations to the building; such as non-timber framed windows / negative impact of potential alterations on adjacent protected structures.
- Although 'fake' the building blends into the area. / Importance of No. 2 Waterloo to the character of the area, including Pembroke Lane; importance to 'conservation area'. / No benefit to the conservation of the area served by 'delisting' the building.

The late submission refers to a separate and earlier submission; offering its authors support for the submission of the residents of Apartments 1, 5, 12, 14 and 19 above.

Response to Submissions / Observations:

A number of the written objections acknowledge that the original building at this location was demolished in the 1980's; the merits or otherwise of the planning decision are not a material issue in this instance.

It is accepted that the enlarged and modern pastiche Victorian front façade of the building, generally fits in with the height, building line and solid to void ratios of the (actual) Victorian houses on Waterloo Road. The subject site and building, together with the surrounding streets and buildings are zoned Objective Z2 "To protect residential conservation areas" in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017. In the opinion of the Planning Authority, this zoning confers significant protection of the residential nature of the property and of its amenities, together with the amenities of adjacent properties, many of which are Protected Structures.

As part of the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) of the Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, this building was identified as being modern in date. The structure had been previously omitted from the 1999 Development Plan but was included in error in the 2005 Development Plan. The original building was demolished with a new apartment building constructed in its place in 1979/1980 (planning ref 2469/80 & 4389/80) and nothing remains of the original structure.

The subject building at 2 Waterloo Road is a modern apartment block constructed in the 1980's, with its front elevation to Waterloo Road, and front, east gable end to Pembroke Lane, constructed using modern materials in a pastiche Victorian, or as referred to in a submission, a 'fake' style, with an enlarged 5-bay width, rather than the 2-bay plus entrance hall of the original building.

Conclusion

The protected structure, 2 Waterloo Road, Dublin 4 is a modern apartment building, dating from the 1980's, and is not considered to be of any significance or special interest within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Meeting of the Area Committee:

The proposed deletion of the structure was brought forward to the South-East Area Committee on 13th October, 2014 where it was agreed by the elected members to initiate the procedure to delete it from the RPS.

Recommendation to the City Council:

The protected structure, 2 Waterloo Road, Dublin 4 is a modern apartment building, dating from the 1980's, and is not considered to be of significance or special interest within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Therefore, it is recommended that the building be removed from the Record of Protected Structures.

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

Paraic Fallon
Senior Planner

Photograph of Original House at 2 Waterloo Road

See enclosed.

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

With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of the Dawson Street Multi Storey Car Park, Dublin 2 to Q Park Management Ltd.

The Dawson Street Multi Storey Car Park, Schoolhouse Lane, Dublin 2, as outlined in Map Index SM-2014-0259 is a major multi-storey car park situated in the heart of the city centre and serves a large retail shopping area. It has parking capacity for 360 cars on split levels.

Currently the car park is managed by a car park operator on a contract basis for the City Council in return for an agreed management fee. Under the existing arrangement all the running costs including the operator's salary costs are paid initially by the operator and then recouped from the City Council, all income going to the City Council. The drawback with this model however is that there is no formal incentive for the car park operator to either increase income or reduce expenditure.

A new leasing model has been devised and has already been introduced successfully in the Ilac Multi Storey Car Park which has resulted in greater levels of income and investment for the City Council. Under this new model the car park is leased to the operator for a five year period. The lessee will have full control of the car park business for the duration of the lease.

Following public advertisement in the national newspapers, applicants were invited to submit proposals and were given four options and invited to submit financial offers as follows; Option A: annual rent payment to the City Council, Option B: minimum guaranteed rent plus profit share proposal, Option C: % of Gross Annual Turnover and Option D: optional proposal the applicant may wish to make to the City Council.

Three valid applications were received and following an evaluation process it is proposed to grant a 5 year lease of the Dawson Street Multi Storey Car Park, Schoolhouse Lane, Dublin 2 to Q Park Management Ltd. under Option C which is 77% of Gross Annual Turnover and they have further committed to invest a sum on capital works.

1. The proposed lease will run for five years commencing in October, 2015 and terminating in September 2020. At the expiration of the first two and a half years of the term of this lease, the lessee may opt out of the agreement by giving the lessor nine months notice in writing. The lessor may also opt out of the agreement by giving the lessee nine months notice in writing. The notice period must expire at the latest at the end of the said two and a half year period.
2. The proposed rent shall be 77% of the gross annual turnover payable in each year quarterly in arrears by direct debit.
3. Special conditions shall prevail in the event of any conflict between them and the general conditions.
4. The lease shall be on a full repair & insurance basis.

5. The parking rates to be charged to members of the public using the car park shall be as approved by the City Council. Proposals by the lessee for rate changes upwards or downwards, will require City Council agreement.
6. Prior to entry onto the premises the lessee shall obtain a high level of public liability insurance and employer's liability insurance which shall indemnify Dublin City Council against any and all claims arising from its use of the premises. The council will have an absolute right to set a minimum level of public liability and employer's liability insurance and to review the figures on a yearly basis.
7. The lease shall include any reasonable amendments and / or other conditions as are deemed appropriate by Dublin City Council's Law Agent.
8. Each party shall be responsible for their own legal fees.

Jim Keogan
Assistant Chief Executive

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

Report on Dublin's Bid for European Capital of Culture 2020

What is Dublin2020?

The European Capital of Culture for the year 2020 will be hosted by Ireland and Croatia. Four Irish Cities are taking part in the national competition to win the designation for Ireland (they are Dublin, Galway, Limerick and the South East)

Dublin 2020 is Dublin's campaign to make sure our city wins the designation.

While 2020 may seem like a long time away, the judging is happening sooner. By mid-November of this year, a panel of European judges will arrive to assess the Bid book proposal and shortlist their favourite cities into a second round of the competition

The reason Dublin is competing for the European Capital of Culture 2020 is to build a new story for Dublin, based on shared ideas, inclusion and confidence. Dublin can be a leading city in Europe; we can take advantage of our talented young population, our informed older population and everyone in between to initiate major progress in communities and neighborhoods. Many people will naturally assume that a Capital of Culture will be about 'supersizing' what we already do in Culture but in fact it is about **addressing major social issues through cultural programming**. We need everyone in Dublin to join in. If you are part of Dublin you are part of Dublin2020 (#TeamDublin)

Dublin's Bid for European Capital of Culture - Objectives & Legacy of the Bid Process

- To implement a bidding process that will leave Dublin with a legacy of consultation and a vision for the future.
- Engage with the citizens of Dublin about their wishes for Dublin (via workshops, focus groups and large and small meetings and events).
- An advisory group has been established to guide the processes and ideas. On an ongoing basis this group will continue to expand to include more diversified representation.
- Cultural strategy of the city will be rewritten.
- Dublin will engage with cultural partners & European partners.
- Dublin2020 will prepare a bid book proposal which we hope all of Dublin will be proud of and all stand behind.
- Dublin's strategy is that a legacy is left from every part of the bid process: Application. Short listing. Designation. This will impress the judges that we already understand the social, economic and tourism value of culture and bring us closer to winning.

Dublin2020 Activity so far: Workshops & Meetings

Over the past few months we've been holding workshops on a wide range of topics relevant to life in Dublin. These workshops are ongoing and will run all the way into November. In order to plan the proposed programme for 2020, we have been talking to Dubliners, about their visions of Dublin now, as well as their hopes and wishes for Dublin in the future. By

including as many people, businesses and organisations in the conversation as possible, we will ensure that the Dublin2020 programme will include projects designed by many, for many. So far over 3,000 people have taken part in workshops alone. Here are some key insights that have become apparent:

- We have learned how creative Dublin people are, and how much they care about their city.
- There is a strong identity in individual neighbourhoods, but there is a lack of social connection between them.
- There is a need for more initiatives between younger and older people for learning, support and connection.
- There is a tolerance for different cultures in Dublin, but there is a need to encourage more integration and engagement.
- We are struggling with any connection to Europe; Dublin is more connected with Boston than Berlin.

If Dublin2020 is successful in this competition, Dublin will have the chance to address, together, some of these issues and more through unique, large-scale cultural events and programmes. Dublin2020 will aim to make Dublin a better place for all, attempting to bring our city to its next stage of development; essentially, achieving social change, through culture.

Other Capitals of Culture

There are many examples of the successes of the accolade. Liverpool won the title in 2008 and brought up to a billion pounds in new investment in tourism into the city that year, and more importantly, changed attitudes towards living in the city, improved the quality of life for its people and showed the true potential of what a European Capital of Culture title can achieve.

Marketing & Communications

The aim is that the judging panel can walk the streets of Dublin and ask people passing by if they know about the bid. This is the target. Lots more activity is required to be achieved in this area. We are continually working with digital media and traditional media on further coverage of the Dublin2020 events and objectives to increase coverage and awareness of the campaign for Dublin to become European Capital of Culture.

Social Media reach: Facebook 600,000; Twitter 450,000, YouTube 25,000.

Newspaper print and online coverage received include: Gazette / Herald / LeCool / Daily Express / Hot Press / Irish Times / Irish Independent / The Journal / Dublin Event Guide / NewsTalk / Entertainment.ie / Nialler9 / Dublin Bloggers / Dublin Town / Visit Dublin / The Herald / 98FM / Lovin' Dublin / Irish Mirror / The Star.

Radio coverage received includes: 98fm / Phoenix FM / Dublin City FM / Fm104 / Near FM / Today FM / Newstalk.

The bid book deadline is October 17 and the judging panel will visit at the end of November. A short list of two or three cities will occur immediately thereafter. If shortlisted the competition continues until September 2016.

Ray Yeates
Arts Officer

14th September 2015

To the Chairperson and Members of
The South East Area Committee

Area Manager's Report

Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. 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 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 latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 3rd September 2015. Work is being done on drafting a document regarding the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy for the Grand Canal and it is planned to launch the CSR on 17th September 2015 at Mespil Road to coincide with the installation of two new benches sponsored by Inland Waterways Association of Ireland and The Irish Ship and Barge Fabrication Company. A successful pilot market was held on Saturday 15/8/15 at Portobello. A further market will be held on 19/9/15. There has been no meeting of the Waterways Ireland Operation Liaison Group (OLG) since September 2014. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 7th October 2015.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

Part 8 planning report was brought to the Area Committee on 8th June 2015 where an order was agreed to recommend the Part 8 to City Council and that the operation of the playground be reviewed six months following completion of construction. The Part 8 was approved at the City Council meeting on Monday 6th July 2015.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January South East Area Committee. Areas to be addressed in the short-term (2015) include Public Lighting, Village Notice Board, replacement of bollards in village, clean out of woodlands at Herzog Park and creation of plan for park and surrounding lands. Clean out of woodland area is complete and Biodiversity Officer is engaging with Stratford College to initiate a biodiversity project in this area. REDscape, Landscape Architects, has been appointed to carry out plan for Herzog Park and public consultation meeting was held on Wednesday 13th May 2015. A further meeting will be held in late September / early October to finalise the redesign. A report on VIP implementation for 2015, including costings, will be circulated before the end of the year.

London Bridge Slí na Sláinte

The Irish Heart Foundation (IHF) has completed art work for the brochure and map board in conjunction with the Bath Avenue and District Residents' Association (BADRA) and arrangements are being made to procure the required signage. BADRA has now secured

funding from the Aviva Stadium for the project and the Slí na Sláinte will be launched in autumn 2015.

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. The final report was brought to the May South East Area Committee. Parks Services presented the plan to local residents/groups in Sandymount on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at Sandymount Hotel. Traffic issues raised at the meeting have been referred to the Roads and Traffic Department for consideration.

Community Garden O'Carroll Villas

A draft licence has been agreed with Care After Prison (CAP) by Development Department and insurance indemnity has been provided by CAP. Development Department will finalise the licence. Project will be supported by Community Section. In the interim initial works have commenced on the garden.

South East Area Community Development Events

August to September 2015

Community Grants:

Awaiting 2016 form to be sent and all groups will be informed by end of September.

Village Greening projects & Tidy Towns:

Work on all areas is continuing and Tidy Towns and City Neighbourhood awards are due soon.

Vibrant Villages Walking Trails and Maps:

Sandymount Walking Trail & Map: Launching Saturday 5th September, 2pm.

Ranelagh Walking Trail & Map: Launching Saturday 19th September, 2pm

Rathgar Walking Trail & Map: Launching Saturday 26th September, 2pm.

Age Friendly Cities:

An awareness afternoon was held in Ringsend/Irishtown with the older community on Tuesday 25th to promote 'The 'Message in a Bottle' campaign in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade. These will also run throughout winter across the South East Area.

Market:

Terenure Village Market continuing every Saturday. Excellent and successful Family Fun day took place on 15th August with large attendance.

Next markets September 12th, 19th and 26th.

Allotments:

Allotments Awards Evening took place on August 27th with great turnout and engagement by local community. The winner of the overall best allotment was Ann Cummins who is specialising in a bio organic gardening style.

September Events:

Sept. 8th: City Neighbourhood Awards ceremony at Wood Quay Venue at 5.45pm

- Sept. 12th:** Terenure Village Market at Bushy Park from 11 - 4pm
- Sept. 13th:** Sandymount Dog Show at Sandymount Green at 11am
Milltown Parish Centre Open Day 12 - 3pm
'Art for All' at Merrion Square from 12 - 4pm
Bath Avenue Harvest Festival from 2 - 5pm
- Sept. 17th:** Ringsend Clean Up (Our Town Project) in the Village 11 - 2pm
- Sept. 17th – 27th:** Ranelagh Arts Festival including DCC's supported 'Canvas Project' (Art on Traffic Boxes)
- Sept. 19th:** Terenure Village Market at Bushy Park from 11 - 4pm
Ranelagh Walking Trail at Ranelagh Triangle at 2pm
- Sept. 20th:** Ranelagh Dog Show at Mountpleasant Square Park at 11am
- Sept. 21st:** O'Carroll Villas Planting Project TBC
- Sept. 26th – 27th:** Ranelagh Garden Party at Ranelagh Gardens from 3 - 9pm
- Sept. 25th:** Terenure Tea Dance at the Evergreen Centre from 2 - 4pm
- Sept. 26th:** Launch of the Rathgar Walking Trail & Map from Herzog Park at 2pm

Sports Report

- Two astro pitches in Irishtown being resurfaced.
- Tag rugby with primary (4 – 6 schools), secondary (3 – 4 schools) and women's groups.
- Eight week relaxation and stretching class with Rehab Care Centre, Westland Row.
- Eight week basketball programme at St. Louis Primary School.
- Eight week induction programme to Markievicz Sports and Fitness Centre with North Strand Mental Health Group.
- Recommencement of schools cricket programmes.
- Schools boxing programmes in 3 secondary schools (Marion College, Presentation College and Ringsend College) and 3 primary schools (Scoil Bhríde, City Quay and Harold's Cross) along with groups from Roslyn College and the Spellman Centre.
- Introduction to sports with Roslyn College.
- CBS Westland Row, After Schools Sports Programme.
- Leaving Certificate Applied Sports Programme.
- DCC / Leinster Rugby Youth Mentoring Programme **Every Tuesday from 8 – 9pm:** Walking group @ Irishtown Stadium.

- **12th September:** Sports & Fitness Markievicz participating in the Hell & Back Challenge to raise money for the Samaritans.
- **15th September: Men on the Move** is a partnership with the HSE, DCC Sports and Recreation Officer and Waterford IT to give men a free health check will take place in The Evergreen Centre in Terenure from 09:30 – 11:30am (**please note change of date**).
- **1st October:** Sports & Fitness Markievicz will close for refurbishment works and will reopen 7th December.

Events

- Tiger Dublin Fringe 7th to 20th September
- Ranelagh Arts Festival 15th to 27th September
- Culture Night 18th September
- Dublin City Liffey Swim 19th September
- Dublin Theatre Festival 24th September to 11th October

City Neighbourhoods Competition 2015

Winners in the various categories for the Dublin City Neighbourhoods competition for the South East Area 2015 were announced at a local awards ceremony on 8th September. The citywide awards ceremony will be held in Croke Park on Thursday 24th September.

Intensive Village Cleaning Programme

The programme of gum removal / intensive washing of high footfall commercial areas throughout villages in the South East Area is continuing. This work involves using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, stains and dog foul and the cleaning of street furniture. It also includes the application of disinfectant on areas where needed, including around bins and the removal of waste. This additional cleaning work has been carried out on two occasions since April and a third clean has now commenced.

Work is being carried out over approximately a three week period and commenced on 31st August and is being carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant. The order for this clean is as follows:

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

Weed-spraying

A second round of weed-spraying on all public footpaths and laneways throughout the South East Area is currently being carried out.

Traffic Light Boxes initiative

An initiative through Beta Projects has been trialled in the South East Area. This involved the placement of art on 15 traffic light boxes in the Rathmines / Baggot Street and Camden

Street areas. A further 5 will be completed as part of the Ranelagh Arts Festival this month and it is hoped to include further examples in each of the following villages:

- Terenure
- Ringsend
- Donnybrook and
- Sandymount

This work will be kept under review as regards public perception, general appearance and particularly as regards the expected reduction of graffiti.

Grafton Street Quarter

The public realm improvement works on Wicklow Street (from Grafton Street to Clarendon Street) and at Johnson's Court are progressing well and are due to be completed by the end of September.

Crampton Buildings

The refurbishment works are ongoing with an expected completion date in December 2015. An information meeting was held recently with local councillors and residents.

Charlemont / Tom Kelly / Ffrench Mullen

Section 183 agreed at the Council meeting on July 6th this is subject to contract and the contract cannot be signed until the due diligence process has been completed by Dublin City Council and the National Treasury Management Agency. This process is due to conclude in the near future.

A Summer Project was organised over a 2 week period in the months of July and August it was well attended and a great success.

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

**Update in relation to a proposal to have the development known as No. 9 to 13 Purser
Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6 taken in charge by Dublin City Council**

Four representations were received in relation to this proposal by the closing date.

Issues in relation to the additional portion of Purser Gardens, not included in the original taking in charge proposal application to Dublin City Council, were raised on behalf of property owners in the area in relation to the proposal. Three representations appealed to have the entire road taken in charge. Having examined the issues involved it is considered that

- 1) The original proposal above be withdrawn and
- 2) The relevant parties along the full extent of the road be advised that the Council are willing to consider initiating a new taking in charge proposal over the full extent of the road if the property owners abutting the road can satisfy the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010.

The relevant parties will be notified.

This report is presented to the Area Committee for noting.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to check on a long standing grant amount due in relation to initial construction of Merrick House in Terenure, a private social housing complex, where a grant application of €30,000 was submitted to Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government but never emerged.

Q.2 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the Manager re-instate the double yellow lines (DYLs) on the laneway behind (North side) York Road, Rathmines?

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to take steps to ensure that cycling is encouraged through Orwell Park and that signage instead of cycling being 'prohibited - by order' surely 'Orwell Park Welcomes Cyclists - Please Cycle Responsibly' would be signage that would be more fitting of a European capital in 2015.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to prune tree at *details supplied.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to rectify a rent account *details supplied.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to contact *details supplied to make arrangements to assist residents in clearing a laneway.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to consider a priority homeless person for accommodation in a currently boarded up flat *details supplied.

Q.8 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to fix the footpath at *details supplied.

Q.9 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for wooden seats in Bushy Park to be repainted and to arrange for works to be done to fix potholes and uneven surfaces on roadways in the park as they are in dangerous condition.

Q.10 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to arrange the following in relation to Spireview in Rathgar:

- a. Install double yellow lines (DYL) from 7 - 9 Spireview to ensure parking on one side of road only – traffic cannot move if parking both sides.
- b. Extend the DYL at left corner of laneway to allow rear garages nos. 59 & 60 be used by residents - at present garage access can be blocked by legally parked cars.
- c. Place Cul de Sac sign at entrance to Spireview to ensure that drivers are aware of no through road.

Q.11 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager in relation to Rathgar Place to:

- a. Renew road sign at entrance - is illegible.
- b. Repair laneway surface which is used by pedestrians.
- c. Install double yellow lines (DYL) at one rear garage on lane to rear of 21 York Road - access in Rathgar Place is currently frequently blocked - there is little pressure on parking, a small DYL would be effective in keeping garage entrance clear as motorists can park elsewhere on laneway.

Q.12 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the Manager to arrange for following repairs *details supplied.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the lampposts on Castlewood Park be prioritised for painting?

Q.14 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to paint the disability road marking sign on the ground at the back of O'Carroll Villas car park. Unfortunately it has faded and the gentleman is in a wheel chair and cannot get out of his back door if someone parks in his disability parking spot * details supplied.

Q.15 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to fix back the door for resident * details supplied, as it does not close properly.

Q.16 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to place disability parking spot to the far side of the road on *details supplied. The constituent has a disability parking permit to park outside the house but unfortunately this also blocks another entrance. The solution would be to place disability parking spot to the far side of the road.

Q.17 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to remove the graffiti at the entrance to the stairs of O'Carroll Villas flat complex in the block beside O'Callaghan's Hotel on Cuffe Street. I was told this had been removed but unfortunately it has not been.

Q.18 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to remove the bike that is attached to the bike stand outside Lynsays Hair and Beauty Salon on Bridge Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4. It is rusted with no wheels and taking up space that could be used by other cyclists and is also an eyesore to residents in houses facing it.

Q.19 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to support an application from *details supplied for an inter transfer. The constituent has passed 10 out of 11 criteria requirements apart from:

"The relative demand for the respective units of accommodation"

*Approval will not be granted to an applicant which would result in an applicant getting the tenancy of a high demand dwelling they would otherwise not be entitled to under this allocation scheme **save in exceptional circumstances.***

A 3 bed house in Irishtown has currently a much higher demand than a 2 bed apartment in Townsend street, the units of accommodation are therefore not of equal demand.

Please review this application again as from what you will see this case is an exceptional circumstance.

Q.20 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to use her influence to have the serious traffic breaches on Newbridge Avenue, as detailed in the email attached to this Question, dealt with once and for all.

Q.21 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager that a review of the previous decision be made and that double yellow lines (DYL) are put in place at the corners of Gilford Drive, Sandymount, Dublin 4.

Q.22 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to examine the possibility of widening the footpath on Bloomfield Avenue – the approach road to the Royal Hospital Donnybrook and removing the various impediments for wheelchair users who use that path to access the village.

Q.23 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the Area Manager to implement a plan for the gardens at the back of O'Carroll Villas flat complex adjacent to car park. The grass is left over grown at all times and needs some attention. Possible solution is to resurface / plaster over it or have it maintained on a regular basis. There are elderly people living at the adjacent gardens and this is causing infestation of insects in their homes, and they cannot leave their back doors or windows open or use the gardens in question.

Q.24 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Can the Manager please address below issues (which I received via email from a resident) on Church Lane, Rathmines?

Q.25 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the Area Manager clarify the current situation regarding permission to cycle through Dartry & Orwell Parks?

There is a sign in Dartry Park requesting that cyclists cycle responsibly, but then a hundred yards later there is sign on the underpass stating that cycling is prohibited.

Q.26 Councillor Chris Andrews

Given the dangerous nature on the footpaths on Lombard Street East outside 3A, 5A and 7A in particular can the Area Manager outline what caused this damage and why they have been left in this condition and when is it going to be fixed?

Q.27 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager indicate why, given the flood relief works carried out, need remains for flood prevention measures in Stella Gardens every time there is high tides or heavy rain and when will the issue be resolved?

Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews

When is Boyne Street due for painting and can it be added to next year's works.

Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews

Given the long term extensive building works being undertaken on Hanover Street East, can the Area Manager contact the owners and developers of the site with the view to having, as a matter of urgency, a pedestrian crossing placed on Hanover Street close to the Euro Spar entrance across from Pearse House flats?

Q.30 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the Area Manager to install a ramp at the junction of Pine Road and Kyle Clare Road in Ringsend, in order to protect the young children who run over to the fountain area to play.

Q.31 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the Area Manager if the footpath on the north side of Charleville Road, which has broken up due to tree roots will be repaired without delay as it's a safety hazard for pedestrians, especially in oncoming dark evenings.

Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager give an update progress on the Ross Road playground and outline what steps need to be completed for the area on Ross Road to be made a playground and in the meantime have the surface made even and clean until the playground is installed?

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager resurface Barrow Street as the footpaths and road surface are unsafe and in particularly bad condition given the huge amount of development on the buildings along this road?

Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Neagh Road Park railings be replaced as a matter of urgency as they look particularly unsafe?

Q.35 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether residents in close proximity to Bushy Park can be notified in advance of when the parks are going to be used for village markets and dog shows etc. so as to enable residents to plan their day to day activities around such events.

Q.36 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the attic of a house (details below) can be insulated as the house is extremely cold in winter and two young children are residing there.

Q.37 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the house (details below) can be insulated as the resident living there does not have the means to insulate her home and it is extremely cold in winter.

Q.38 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the problem of rats in the area detailed below can be dealt with as soon as possible.

Q.39 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether contact can be made with the gentleman [details below] who takes care of the green area at Clarence Place, Dublin 2 so that he can

continue to be provided with materials such as top soil etc., in order to keep the end of the terrace as a green space for residents to enjoy.

Q.40 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether anything can be done to assist the person whose details are attached below and who is experiencing anti-social behaviour in the area where she lives.

Q.41 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether overgrown trees on Terenure Road East, Rathgar, Dublin 6 can be pruned back.

Q.42 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the gully outside 10-12 Nutley Park can be cleared as it is overflowing during heavy rain.

Q.43 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the traffic lights at the top of Nutley Lane (at intersection with N11) can be upgraded to include a filter light to allow cyclists to turn left.

Q.44 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive where are city council allotments in the south east area for residents who wish to avail of same, and how those residents can apply.

Q.45 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have graffiti removed from two utility boxes located on the Stillorgan Road at its junction with Nutley Lane.

Q.46 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue: Currently a large lime tree's roots are cracking through the pavement and making the path uneven and dangerous adjacent to the entrance to the Beggar's Bush complex on Haddington Road.

Q.47 Councillor Paddy McCartan

As part of planning permission for the Poolbeg incinerator there is a requirement for a local office for information purposes. When will this facility be operational?

Q.48 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to give an update on coastal flood defences in Sandymount. A survey to determine the structural stability of the sea wall at Beach Road and Strand Road, Sandymount was to have been carried out. Some residents are concerned about the implications of raising the flood wall at these locations.

Q.49 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue at Powerscourt off Lower Mount Street *details supplied.

Q.50 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with pruning of trees at the following location, *details supplied.

- Q.51 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
Residents on Bremen Avenue, Ringsend have managed and maintained "Our Lady's Grotto" for over thirty years. Four trees originally planted by Dublin Corporation are now cracking the pavement inside and outside the railing. Could the Manager arrange to have this problem dealt with?
- Q.52 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
A disabled parking bay on Milltown Road, adjacent to Milltown Parish Pastoral Centre, was agreed in June. Could the Manager give residents a date for the implementation of this measure?
- Q.53 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager to review and comply with my earlier request for serious pruning of the following tree *details supplied.
- Q.54 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager to sweep Carlisle Street, Emorville Avenue and other streets in Portobello with fruit-bearing trees on a regular basis in the coming month as the fallen fruit is a danger to pedestrians and a health hazard.
- Q.55 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager for an update on the status of the Sandymount coastal flood protection works.
- Q.56 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager for a detailed report on what action has been or is being taken in relation to derelict sites, dangerous buildings, pest control and other environmental problems in relation to the following building *details supplied and what further action can be taken to address this public health and safety issue.
- Q.57 Councillor Frank Kennedy**
To ask the Area Manager to repair the footpath outside Nos. 9 and 11 Richelieu Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4.
- Q.58 Councillor Frank Kennedy**
To ask the Area Manager to accommodate Ms [Details supplied] to have an in-house allocation in Conway Court. This individual lives with her mother and two children aged nine months and four and has priority on the housing list. She grew up in Conway Court and had been told that priority would be given to persons who had grown up there.
- Q.59 Councillor Frank Kennedy**
To ask the Area Manager to write to An Garda Síochána and the relevant Superintendent thereof to note that the HGV ban on Newbridge Avenue, Sandymount is being flagrantly ignored on a daily basis, and to ask that period check points be established to catch violators of the ban and to disincentivise others.
- Q.60 Councillor Frank Kennedy**
To ask the Area Manager to repaint the continuous white line on the stretch of road on Gilford Road in the environs of and alongside the entrance to Gilford Park. At present, due to faded paint, cars are parking alongside a continuous white line. This does not require the services of an Area Engineer or TAG as it is simply restoring faded lines. Please see photo attached.

Q.61 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to rescind the Pay & Display parking space outside the entrance to No. 168 Stillorgan Road. It is impossible for the residents to reverse their cars from their home when this space is occupied. Please see photo attached (in which the space is not occupied by a car).

Q.62 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager for the condition survey of the baths on Sandymount Strand which has been repeatedly promised on several occasions to have been completed prior to now.

Q.63 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to accommodate Ms. [Details supplied] in a three bedroom property in Ringsend. This individual has three children, one with special needs who attends the Enable Ireland School – it is for this reason that she should be housed in Ringsend. She is No. 2 for a 3 bed for Area M and No. 11 for a 2 bed, but has been told that she will be offered a 3 bed first. This makes no sense as if she is given a 2 bed, she will then be seeking a 3 bed.

Q.64 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the traffic issues concerning Burlington Road, Dublin 4 set out in the attached letter from ULSARA by the implementation of the proposed solutions set out in the letter. Please see attached letter.

Q.65 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the Area Manager clarify the current situation regarding permission to cycle through Dartry and Orwell Parks?

There is a sign in Dartry Park request cyclist cycle responsibly, but then a hundred yards later there is sign on the underpass stating that cycling is prohibited.

Q.66 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report and update with regards the sales of the mews buildings on Dawson Street? This report to include – who won the tender and when the final disposal will come to City Council?

Q.67 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager initiate the process to erect anti-parking bollards on the footpath at Camden Place? This location is a narrow street at the back of Harcourt Street and Camden Street – it has a number of elderly residents who are constantly hemmed into their houses as a result of illegal parking on the footpaths. Parking enforcement takes far too long to get to these locations and when they do it is either a ticket or clamping – the vehicles are never removed. There are double yellow lines (recently installed) at this location, but bollards would be the definitive solution, particularly for the health and safety of the footpath users and also the residents who on occasion have to be taken by ambulance for specialist treatment. Also a clear sign needs to be erected – No Parking at any time.

Q.68 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager liaise with the residents and business in Harcourt Street with the view to advancing their desire to have Stable Lane rescinded to public right of way? This laneway is constantly in use for very serious anti-social behaviour. There is a high level of night club activity in the area and the laneway is used as a drug taking site and public lavatory. There are a group of elderly nuns who reside in this

laneway, as well as many businesses, including hotels whose patrons are constantly being disturbed by the various anti-social activities.

Q.69 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report with regards the erection of gates on Tangiers Lane in breach of the planning regulations? This report also to include what discretionary powers, if any, Dublin City Council senior staff and planning enforcement officers have regarding the permission to allow the owners of this gate to keep it in situ.

Q.70 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager initiate the pedestrianisation process for Crampton Court, off Dame Street? This small laneway and courtyard runs along the side of the Olympia and comes out on Essex Street. There are a number of businesses in the court area and the Olympia theatre uses this as an entrance and exit point – it is almost impossible to stop cars illegally parking here and the area is subject to serious anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. It would be far better to enhance and improve and pedestrianise this area and make it a safe oasis that connects directly into Dame Street to Essex Street, the heart of Temple Bar and the heart of City Hall area. Many businesses in the area and residents are in agreement with this idea.

Q.71 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the removal of street furniture in the Wicklow Street / Exchange Street area this report also to include how much furniture and what premises was illegal furniture removed from in the past year in the South East Area? What penalties were issued? What premises received their furniture back?

Q.72 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards electricity charges at the York Street apartments and what legal right Dublin City Council has to put those electricity charges on rent receipts? There have been many complaints from residents that the electricity bills have been included in their rent and deducted from salaries. Can this matter be cleared up?

Q.73 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager instruct the environmental section noise pollution unit, to visit the premises of Russell Court Hotel and other premises in Harcourt Street and Camden Street to ascertain the noise levels? Many residents in O Carroll Villas, Mercer Street etc. are being impacted upon from the loud levels of noise from late night venues, night clubs etc. in the area which use the open plan back yards as smoking areas and the playing of loud music. Can this similar examination be carried out in the South King Street/Georges Street/Wexford Street area as more and more public houses and café/bars are placing speakers outside and have little regard for the residential nature of the neighbourhoods.

Q.74 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full detailed report regarding the removal of the trees, shrubbery and railings at Smock Alley? Many residents and indeed citizens of the city were dismayed and appalled at the manner in which these trees and shrubbery were removed. Many local residents seriously objected to the removal of the greenery. The protocol for these matters as agreed at previous South East Area meetings as a result of similar actions (Synge Street / Lombard Street) was that there would be a consultation with local residents and businesses and a gradual removal or pruning and an agreement reached around timeframes and also around the type

of replacement plants and shrubs. This report also to include all evidence of anti-social behaviour in that particular area, any arrests that have taken place in the area and all records of reporting of anti-social behaviour in that particular area.

Q.75 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager bring a full detailed report with regards the proposed sale of Temple Bar Cultural trusts commercials buildings? This report to include the full list of occupants of the buildings, the valuation of the buildings, the desired financial outcome of the sale of these buildings and also where this money is to be deployed.

Q.76 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the Manager to provide in tabular form a list of all vacancies within the south east area, when the positions became vacant, if the post has been advertised internally, if the post has been advertised externally and when it is likely to be filled by.

Q.77 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the City Manager for a list of all major planning applications that have been submitted to the Grand Canal Dock Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) in the last 15 months.

Q.78 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager will explore the possibility of providing an 'off the leash' area in Merrion Square or to consider allowing dogs off the leash in the park in the mornings until 11am.

Q.79 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to please fix the cycling counter on Bike Totem on Grove Road, along the canal, which has not been working for some time and has been covered in graffiti, but provides important data on cycling in the city.

Q.80 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to introduce measures to address the issue of cars illegally driving through Cumberland Street, which is a one way street and is clearly signed and marked as no entry/one-way, and using it as a rat run to access Pearse Street.

Q.81 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what are the barriers to long term residential berthing in Grand Canal Dock, what is the situation regarding people berthing in the outer dock and what is the scope for providing additional facilities and expanding the residential boating culture in Grand Canal Dock.

Q.82 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to read the report provided by the Leeson Bridge Residents Association regarding the need to move the bus stops located on the south side of Leeson Street Bridge for health and safety reasons and to write to Mike Flannery CEO of CIE and the NTA asking them to assess the situation with a view to moving the bus stops.

Q.83 Councillor Patrick Costello

Further to Motion 224 at the March meeting of the South East Area Committee, can the manager state when the agreed report on vacant lands in the South East Area will be made available.

Q.84 Councillor Patrick Costello

Further to the report on Motion 255 from the April 2015 meeting, can the manager give an indication what stage the improvement works for Harold's Cross Bridge are at and when the Part 8 will be ready, given that the report stated it would be ready by the end of the summer.